



# Shady Hollow Highlights

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May 2016

## Board Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday

May 19

Community Center

Members encouraged to attend.

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## Troop 256 Camps & Trains New Scouts at Doe Run Park

By Bruce Kennedy

Troop 256 camped out at the creek below Doe Run Park on the weekend of 22-24 2016 with a couple of days filled with Scout training and fun. Our "Tenderfoot Weekend" started Friday night with the boys learning about maps, mapping, and a little flag etiquette. While the learning experience was a hit, snack time is always the highlight of any evening!



The next morning the Scouts cooked breakfast and set up camp below Doe Run Park. The boys practiced their lashing skills by building a flag pole. They also practiced their first aid and fire building skills before participating in a 5 mile hike up the greenbelt and along the creek. That night the boys were treated to BBQ ribs, pork loin, chicken, and sausage, which was prepared on site! After dinner it was skits and songs around the campfire. Needless to say, they all slept well!

The next morning the boys conducted a litter clean-up conservation project as they scoured the park and creek areas for garbage. They filled several bags with waste. After this fun-filled weekend, they all headed home with fond memories of their campout at Shady Hollow!

Troop 256 would like to thank the membership of Shady Hollow for allowing us to camp and use your fine facilities. Your generosity has benefitted many of our youth.

## Troop 448 Mulches at the Shady Hollow Community Center

By Bruce Kennedy

On Monday, April 11, Troop 448 mulched the trees and beds around the Shady Hollow Community Center. This was done prior to their meeting, to say thank you to the Homeowners of Shady Hollow for the use of their Community Center. Shady Hollow sponsors boys and girls of several Scout Troops and Venture Crews in our area.



Our scouting programs teach our youth to give back and be good friends and citizens. If you have a son or daughter that is interested in what scouting has to offer, feel free to contact:

Luis Rodriguez, Sr. District Executive  
Office: (512) 617-8619 cell: (512) 944-7681  
[luis.rodriquez@scouting.org](mailto:luis.rodriquez@scouting.org)

and he can help you find a unit to fit your needs. Troop 256 would like to thank the membership of Shady Hollow for allowing us to camp and use your fine facilities. Your generosity has benefitted many of our youth.

## Have Unwanted Plants in Your Yard?

Bailey Middle School is looking for:

- ▶ Nandina
- ▶ Cactus Pups
- ▶ Lantana
- ▶ Rose Bushes
- ▶ Liriope

Please call Mike Berryman 512.914.0069 and we can make arrangements to dig it out.

Please feel free to donate Crape Myrtles, Desert Willow, Retama, Citrus or any other tree you would like to see when driving by Bailey. We use air pruning these develop a thick fibrous root system before planting in the ground.

## Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

Even though we use water every day, it's easy to take it for granted. Just imagine how you would function without clean water. It's everyone's responsibility to conserve and protect water resources. The decisions and actions you make today truly affect our water resources for the future. The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water in the great outdoors:

- ▶ Get a rain gauge to measure rainfall. One inch of rain per week is generally sufficient for lawns and gardens. Supplement only when rainfall is inadequate.
- ▶ Use mulch around landscape plantings. Mulch will help eliminate weeds and hold moisture in the soil.
- ▶ Select hardy plants that don't need much water. Native plants that are well adapted to your climate and soils will survive well without supplemental watering.
- ▶ Water during the cool part of the day to avoid rapid evaporation.
- ▶ Raise the mowing heights on your lawn mower. This promotes healthier grass that can better survive dry periods.
- ▶ When watering is necessary, water slowly and thoroughly. If you notice puddles or runoff, turn water

off and wait for water to soak in. Also be sure your sprinkler puts water where you need it—not on driveways or sidewalks.

- ▶ Wash cars efficiently. First give the car a quick rinse, and then turn the water off. Wash one section of the car at a time and rinse that section quickly. Turn the water off each time.

Visit [www.auduboninternational.org](http://www.auduboninternational.org) for more conservation tips.



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**SHHOA Calendar**

**SHHOA Board Meeting**  
7 p.m. Thursday, May 19 CC

**Stingrays Fun Meet**  
9:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14

**Stingrays Home Meet**  
7:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 21

**Memorial Day**  
**SHHOA Office Closed**  
**Pool OPEN**  
Monday, May 30

**POOL CLOSED**  
Tuesday, May 31

**SHHOA 2016 Pool Season BEGINS**  
Will be decided once we have hired enough lifeguards

Check the [online calendar](#) for updates.



**Come on Shady Hollow! Get on board and be good neighbors!**  
**PUT AWAY YOUR TRASH CANS**



**TROOP 256 enjoying their Tender-foot Weekend at Doe Run Park!**



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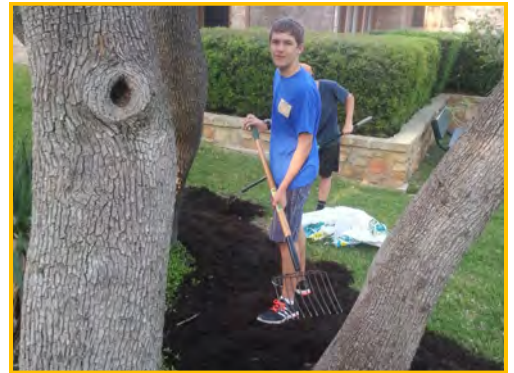


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**TROOP 448 hard at work at the Shady Hollow Community Center!**

**SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot**

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
4/30/16	\$97,803.01	\$17,629.29	(\$45,217.71)	(\$10,240.00)	\$59,974.59	(\$37,828.42)
Y-T-D	\$19,087.30	\$17,629.29	(\$45,217.71)	(\$10,240.00)	(\$18,741.12)	(\$37,828.42)

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
4/30/16	\$226,765.00	\$26.11	\$0.00	\$10,240.00	\$216,309.60	\$10,266.11
Y-T-D	\$226,765.00	\$26.11	\$0.00	\$10,240.00	\$237,031.11	\$10,266.11

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
4/30/16	\$324,568.01	\$17,655.40	(\$45,217.71)	\$0.00	\$276,284.19	(\$27,562.31)
Y-T-D	\$245,852.30	\$17,655.40	(\$45,217.71)	\$0.00	\$218,289.99	(\$27,562.31)

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The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 4, 2016 at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present.

Deputy Agiewich reported there had been several vehicles burglarized throughout the District, and he emphasized that vehicles should be kept locked at all times. He said he had followed up on a call about a vehicle on Capistrano with expired license plates, and he would contact the owner of the vehicle to have the owner update the car's registration or move the vehicle. Deputy Agiewich informed the Board that he was retiring from the Constable's Office as of April 7. He stated that the Constable's Office would provide a replacement deputy or deputies, but that no one had been selected to date. He said he had enjoyed working with the residents of the District. The Board expressed their appreciation of Deputy Agiewich's service to the District and wished him well in all his future endeavors.

The Board approved an update to its Ethics Policy to account for recent legislative changes.

The Board next reviewed a draft Delegation Policy, which had been revised to include the provisions requested by the Board at the March 1, 2016, meeting. Ms. Johnson (the District's attorney) explained that the purpose of the Delegation Policy was to institute adequate controls for the safekeeping of the District's funds while allowing for the timely payment of bills and conduct of District business by the District's General Manager. Ms. Wheeler (the District's General Manager) told the Board that she had reviewed the Delegation Policy and that it was her belief that the policy encompassed all her current responsibilities. After discussion, the Board approved the Delegation Policy as presented.

Ms. Johnson then updated the Board on the status of the Austin Fire Department's intent to occupy the Brodie Lane fire station. She recalled that the AFD had sent a letter notifying the District of the AFD's intent to occupy and locate AFD staff and equipment at the District's Fire Station beginning on June 12, 2016. Ms. Johnson stated her understanding that the AFD was working with the Emergency Services District No. 5 (the "ESD") to prepare an addendum to the lease between the District and the ESD. Ms. Wheeler noted that the AFD was delinquent in its payment to the District for its lease payment for use of the fire station. Ms. Johnson stated that her office would contact the AFD regarding the delinquent payment.

In response to concerns from a District resident regarding the possibility of wildfire in the SHW nature preserve, the Board agreed that Environmental Survey Consulting ("ESC"), which provides ecological preserve management services for the District, should be contacted regarding an assessment and possible reprioritization of its scheduled work for fire suppression efforts and wildfire brush management.

Ms. Wheeler reported that two of the three replacement manholes on El Dorado had been installed and that the third was in the process of completion. She also noted that three fire hydrants in the District would be repaired and/or replaced.

Next, Ms. Johnson discussed with the Board the District's request that the City consider rolling back its wholesale water and sewer rates to the District to the rates that the Public Utility Commission (the "PUC") has determined are fair and equitable and to refund the District for the overcharges the District has paid since the City enacted its 2012 Rate Ordinance. She reminded the Board that the City had responded by generally denying the District's request, and she reviewed various options with the Board, including filing a water rate case against the City. President Stried noted that a coalition of municipal utility districts would likely be more effective than action from a single district, and the Board concurred. After further discussion, Ms. Johnson told the Board she should have additional information at the May meeting.

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## Clubs & Activities

Shady Hollow has clubs and interest groups for many ages and interests. See the [full list](#) online.

### Garden Club

Join this fun group for interesting programs, garden tours, nursery visits, plant exchanges and more. Meetings are in the mornings the second Wednesday of each month. The time varies with activities. Contact Anne Linville, 512-280-6404, or [jalinville@gmail.com](mailto:jalinville@gmail.com).

### Shady Hollow Moms and Kids Club (SHMAK)

The Shady Hollow Moms and Kids Club (SHMAK) is a small group of no more than 45 moms in the South Austin area. Our group invites moms in our area with kids ranging in ages from infant through preschool to join us in events and play dates. We have age-based playgroups which offer more opportunities for your child(ren) to socialize with peers as well as whole group events that include several age groups.

We currently have openings and keep a waiting list for those interested in joining if our roster becomes full.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.meetup.com/SHMAKmeetupgroup/>. If you have further questions, you can contact the group organizer through the website.

## Classified Ads

### Neighborhood Pet Sitter

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# DRAFT April 21 Board Meeting Minutes

### Board Members Present

Gregg Sales, Rebecca Shaw, Mike Cain, Laura Kennedy, Ryan Merriman, Geoff Lawson, Mary Ellen Mathis, Dave O'Rourke, Aaron Vollmer & Jim Bateman

### Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuente

### Board Members Absent

None

### Others in Attendance

Bruce Kennedy

### Legend

MRR – Major Repair & Replacement

### Pool

Company offered to spray for mosquitoes at Pool—free of charge.

Large amount of storm debris cracked pool pump. Temporary unit is in place.

2016 Pool Schedule is up in the air due to lack of life guards.

New security cameras on order.

### Tennis Court

Fixed broken pole and replacing one net and backstop at Capistrano.

Replacing lights, ballasts, and backstop at Doe Run.

Parks - debris from trees more prominent over the past two months

Scouts - held several clean-up projects in CC and park areas

### Treasurers Report - Geoff Lawson

Numbers from February and March show there are no large variances.

MRR currently at \$262,200.

Parks and Recreation to meet with Joe York to discuss pool projects this Saturday at 10 am

### Committee Reports

Executive - NA

Finance -NA

Recreation - NA

Community Center - NA

Welcome - NA

Traffic - NA

### New Business

Motion to leave Geoff Lawson as head of Finance Committee, Ryan Merriman, seconded by Geoff Lawson. Approval unanimous.

Motion to leave Laura Kennedy and Aaron Vollmer as head of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Jim Bateman, seconded by Geoff Lawson. Approval unanimous.

Motion to appoint Gregg Sales as head of

### Meeting start

7:08 pm

### Current Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, Laura Kennedy, second by Mary Ellen Mathis. Approval unanimous.

### Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the January minutes, Geoff Lawson, seconded by Laura Kennedy,. Approval unanimous.

### Citizen Communication

Bruce Kennedy - Boy Scout events coming events: (1) May 28th scout swim test 7-11 am. (2) Working with Troop 1953 to enter a float in July 4th parade. (3) Troop 256 will run concessions booth at parade.

### Managers' Report - Darin Laracuente

Review the following:

Newsletter - went out on the 10th

Adult swim keys - going out for the 2016 Season

Financials - March \$4,600 under budget for the year

Requested the yearly financial audit

Deed restriction violations - personally contacted over the past two month: 170, resolved as of today's meeting, 88.



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the Community Center Committee, Ryan Merriman, seconded by Geoff Lawson. Approval unanimous.

Motion to appoint Rebecca Shaw and Mary Ellen Mathis as co-heads of the Welcome Committee, Geoff Lawson, seconded by Ryan Merriman. Approval unanimous.

Motion to dissolve the Traffic committee, - Geoff Lawson, seconded by Ryan Merriman. Approval unanimous.

Motion to create an ad hoc Annexation Committee with Jim Bateman as the head, Geoff Lawson, seconded by Dave O'Rourke. Approval unanimous.

**Meeting moved to Executive session. Board meeting resumed 8:24 pm.**

Motion to fill vacancy of Ken Schrock with Russ Downey, Ryan Merriman, second by Aaron Vollmer, Approve, David O'Rourke, Laura Kennedy, Jim Bateman, Gregg Sales, Ryan Merriman. Opposed, Geoff Lawson. Abstain, Mary Ellen Mathis.

### Old Business

No old business

### Standing Agenda

- ANC - Nothing to report
- OHAN - Nothing to report
- SANA - Nothing to report
- SoBro - Nothing to report

### Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, Rebecca Shaw, Seconded by Geoff Lawson. Approval unanimous.

Meeting ended 8:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Gregg Sales.

# Why We Have a Design Review Process (ACC)

Like many community associations, we have a set of written design review standards and processes. Some homeowners mistakenly believe these standards restrict their freedom of individual expression; actually they provide a framework within which each homeowner can express individual tastes and preferences. The standards have been carefully developed to reflect a balance between individual rights and the good of the entire association—that is, property values.

OK, but why are do we need processes and guidelines to maintain architectural standards?

Perhaps most important, we need a basis for treating all homeowners fairly and reasonably. Written guidelines allow you and the design review committee to work from the same criteria.

Sometimes architectural requirements can be complex. The guidelines show you exactly what is required, and helps you design improvements that comply with the community's standards.

And then there's the application and approval part of the process. The review committee members assure you they want the paper work to be as simple as possible for everyone. The guidelines take the guesswork out of your application and their decision making.

In fact, they not only provide criteria for the current committee to make appropriate decisions, but for successive committee members to make consistent decisions in the future. Without the criteria in the guidelines, the application approved today may result in construction deemed unacceptable by new committee members upon completion.

One last purpose of the guidelines is to clarify the association's authority in this area. State statutes and our governing documents give the association a legal right to enact and enforce design review standards. The guidelines spell this out so everyone understands they must comply even if they don't agree.

# Newcomers

**Joseph & Courtney Sobocinski**  
11304 Saddle Mountain Trail

**Robert & Adrienne Oндarza**  
3301 Eldorado Trail

**Stephen & Sarah Tidmore**  
3002 Shoot Out Court

**Michael & Amanda Broccolo**  
3411 Eldorado Trail

**Robert & Kristen Williams**  
11542 Gun Fight Lane

**Mathieu & Michelle Flamant**  
11317 Stormy Ridge Road

**Nathan & Erica Owen**  
4107 Reynosa Drive

**Jason & Carolyn Kosmas**  
3305 Spotted Horse Trail

**Kimberly & Michael Kugler**  
4229 Lost Oasis Hollow

Please come to the office to pick up a directory, get your recreation cards, and update your information.

We look forward to meeting you!

**GOOD LUCK  
THIS YEAR  
STINGRAYS!  
SWIM HARD!**



## SHHOA POOL

### Guest Passes

### Members Wanting

**2016 SHHOA  
POOL GUEST  
PASSES**

**Must pick them  
up at the SHHOA  
Office located at  
3303 Doe Run**

## MUD NEWS

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**The Constable's report for April included the following:**



- ▶ worst speeders: 50/30, 49/30, 48/30 (Green Emerald);
- ▶ citations issued: speeding (Green Emerald x2), no driver's license (Green Emerald x2), expired registration (Green Emerald);
- ▶ respond to complaint re: vehicle parked at dead end for long period of time -plates expired 6 months ago-will meet with owner (Capistrano); minor 2-vehicle accident (Brodie); assist motorist (Brodie); provide traffic control-workers cutting tree limbs causing traffic hazard (Capistrano Park); checked damaged vehicle-flat tire, no plates-will contact owner (Capistrano); checked car parked at lift station-4 youths in vehicle with marijuana, paraphernalia (Onion Hollow);
- ▶ community contacts; routine foot patrols of parks; saw lots of walkers, joggers, dog walkers, people jogging with dogs, bike riders, kids in playgrounds, etc.;
- ▶ **suspicious person**: checked area (Baranoff x2);
- ▶ assist TCSO: report of loose dogs in street-not located (Brodie/Green Emerald); false alarm (Silmarillion, Shady Valley); 2 youths arrested (drug possession w/ intent to deliver), 2 others released to parents (Whiskey River); 5 youths w/drug paraphernalia (Wyldwood).



**Check the City of Austin's website for current watering restrictions. Remember to adjust your automatic sprinklers or manual watering times based on your address.**