



Shady Hollow Highlights

The Official Publication of Shady Hollow Homeowners Association

November 2016

Board Meeting
7 p.m. Thursday
November 17
Community Center
Members encouraged
to attend.

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SHMUD Files Petition

On Friday October 26, 2016, Shady Hollow Municipal Utility District (SHMUD) filed a Petition with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to appeal the improperly charged rates by the City of Austin for wholesale water and wastewater services supplied to SHMUD.

The excessive and unjust rates have resulted in an unreasonable economic hardship to the SHMUD and its customers. Further, the rates charged to SHMUD by the City of Austin are inconsistent with the rates approved by the PUC for other similarly situated wholesale customers.

SHHOA has posted a copy of the Petition of Shady Hollow Municipal Utility District for your information:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/550c4a12e4b0ff025111ba4/t/581b683a1b631b221e2b956c/147819117547/AP001%3DShady+Hollow+MU>

Did You Notice?

Fall is here! Okay, it was 90 degrees on November 1, but fall truly is here. The trees that drop leaves know it, the wildlife knows it, and the trick or treaters knew it. With the change of seasons, we get to ease up on watering and mowing, but the reward is leaves to manage. (That mower can tackle the leaves in the yard

and put the nutrients right back where they need to be).

This fall is definitely different from last years though. With a contentious Presidential race, the public has seen the worst of the worst in the media. Moreover, for some reason, the effects have overflowed into social media. Now, inexplicably, forums to share experiences and solutions have turned into places that do not always help the situation or the



person posting. While writing this, I saw that 9,468 people could potentially read a

post from me on Nextdoor. 20 years ago you would have had to write a letter to the local paper to get that kind of exposure, and had to wait for the next paper to view the response. I joined Nextdoor more out of curiosity than anything else, but after a year or so I can tell you there are nearby neighborhoods that I wouldn't want to live in, just based on what the residents wrote. My hope is that there isn't someone saying the same thing about Shady Hollow. 9,468 is a lot of opinions to influence (or people to help find a lost pet).

On a different subject – your HOA Community Center will be getting some much needed cosmetic attention soon. Bids are being taken for flooring, painting, and refreshing the Community Center. I'm personally looking forward to seeing the changes as they have been needed for some time.

Email Newsletters

Almost 1000 members receive their newsletter by email.

Why?

► You will receive your newsletter earlier.

► You can access the links in the newsletters.

Go to www.shadyhollow.org and request login access.



Clearing the path for 45SW

Long-Awaited 45SW Overcomes Obstacles Construction began Nov. 7!

Construction finally began Nov. 7 as surveyors moved in, marked off the route, and many brush-clearing vehicles moved into the south end of 45SW. Fortunately they are all “track” vehicles because the mud was formidable, but nothing compared to the obstacles overcome to get this far in our dream of redirecting traffic off Brodie Lane and keeping Brodie local.

More than 200 people showed up at the 45SW celebration Oct. 30 at the Old Manchaca Firehall. The building has a new name now, but the people who have worked the longest on 45SW remember the Friday fish fry nights with lots of music, kids running around, and friends visiting. So it was an appropriate location to honor those who have worked long and hard, those who have ever sent an email or attended a meeting, and

those who have taken some arrows in their britches for their pioneering work.

Thank you to a decade of Shady Hollow HOA board members, including

Former County Judge Bill Aleshire

Pam Baggett

Laureen Chernow

Russ Downey

Vikki Goodwin

Jim Mann

Carol Vance

Peter Varteressian

Betina Foreman

And all the people in the picture on the Keep

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Dear Neighbor,

As you may be aware, a hailstorm hit the area May 24, 2016. We were called recently to replace a community member's roof that was severely damaged by HAIL. As a result of the recent hailstorm, many incurred damage to their roofs based on our findings. I would like to perform a **FREE INSPECTION** to assess any damage your roof may have sustained.

To ensure repair of your roof by your insurance company, time is of the essence. Some insurance providers require a claim to be filed and proof of repair or replacement within 180 - 365 days of your loss. Additionally, any damage resulting at a later date could result in a denied claim by your insurance carrier. I would like to inspect your roof as soon as possible. If I feel the damage warrants a claim, I will help you with the process of repair or replacement. Please call today to set up your free inspection, estimate, or consultation.

4th Annual Shady Hollow 3 Mile Turkey Trot Fun Run!

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Shady Hollow 3 Mile Turkey Trot Fun Run! This is a family friendly 3 mile run/walk or 1 mile run/walk in the neighborhood. Kids and adults of all ages and fitness levels are welcome!

Date: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th

Time: 8:30am - arrive sometime before that to get your 5th grade or younger child(ren) a sticker (to ensure they receive a finisher medal).

What: 3 mile run/walk or 1 mile run/walk (The route consists of a series of loops, so don't be intimidated by the 3 miles. You can do as many or as few loops as you want!)

Who: Anyone of any age, of any place, of any fitness level!

Cost: Free! -- However, there will be a donation jar at the sign up table. All cash donated will go directly to a Shady Hollow area family in need (more info on this coming soon)

Where: Race will start and finish at the Gatling Gun Park (11403 Gatling Gun Lane, 78748)

RSVP: Helpful, but not required. If you are certainly coming, please email Sarah Lear at sarahalear@gmail.com with the number of kids and adults you are bringing. If you want to wait until the last minute to decide, then come anyways, even if you didn't RSVP! :-)

Post Race: There will be food, drinks and neighborly company afterwards!

Awards: All finishers 5th grade and younger will receive finisher medals. Special prizes will be given to overall 6th grade and older male and female winners in the 3 mile and 1 mile, as well as overall 5th grade and younger male and female winners for the 3 mile and 1 mile. Awards will be announced between 9:05 and 9:15 (depending on the number of runner/walkers still on the course).

Volunteers: Sign up here to bring snacks/drinks/items and/or to help volunteer before, during and after the race: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4da9a92a1-volunteers>

Why HOAs Consider Fee Increases?

It isn't news most homeowners want to hear: that assessments might be increased. But sometimes a fee increase is the best way to keep the association in good financial health -- and, sometimes, increases are unavoidable.

Here are some of the reactions homeowners typically have when they hear that their fees are about to increase, followed by the related rationales for an increase:

- ▶ *"I can't afford the increase."* When you live in an association, you need to be willing to share the costs, as described in the governing documents to which you agreed in escrow. Keep in mind that if the association does not maintain its property, real-estate values can decline.
- ▶ *"I probably won't be living here in 15 years when the streets need repaving. Why should I have to pay now?"* Senior citizens, as well as young people living in condos they consider to be starter homes, often pose this question. The problem with this "short-timer" logic is that these people are themselves benefiting from the use of the streets, pool, and other common assets paid for by members who lived there before. Members should pay for the incremental use of these items each year they live there.
- ▶ *"Why don't we just have a special assessment for a specific project?"* It can be difficult to collect money when you suddenly have a large expense. It's better to collect it gradually, so the funds are there when you need them. Also, a special assessment unfairly penalizes homeowners who happen to live in the association at the time.



SHHOA Calendar

Community Center Committee Meeting (CC)
7:00pm Tue, Nov 15

SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)
7:00pm Thu, Nov 17

Thanksgiving Office Closed
Noon Wed-Fri, Nov 23-25

SHHOA Christmas Party (CC)
4-6pm Sat, Dec 10

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

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DRAFT October 20 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Mike Cain, Russ Downey, Geoff Lawson,
Mary Ellen Mathis, Dave O'Rourke & Gregg
Sales

Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuate

Board Members Absent

Jim Bateman, Laura Kennedy, Ryan Merriman,
Rebecca Shaw & Aaron Vollmer

Others in Attendance

Steve Blakeney

Legend

CC - Community Center

CP - Capistrano Park

DRP - Doe Run Park

Meeting start

7:00 pm

Current Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda, Mary Ellen Mathis seconded by Russ Downey. Approval unanimous.

Previous Minutes

- Motion to approve the September minutes, David O'Rourke seconded by Russ Downey. Approval unanimous.

2015 Audit Presentation

- Presentation by Steve Franke of Reynolds and Franke

Citizen Communication

- None

Managers' Report - Darin Laracuate

Reviewed the following:

Finance

- We are \$3,066 over budget for the month and \$16,381 under budget for the year. Income is \$3,781 over what is expected. We are \$677 under our expected assessment collection.

Deed Restriction Violations

- Total violations contacted during the month - 45. Resolved as of today's meeting - 33

Entryway lights

- New lights have been installed and the rock wall signs were power washed.

Parks

- Lights at CP tennis court have been replaced
- Tennis court keys have arrived.

Events

- Both Adult Happy Hour and National Night Out were a success. The AVID Outdoor Expo was well attended
- Upcoming - Halloween Party Sat Oct 29
- Upcoming - BBQ Cook-off - There is a chance that the event might be moved back to the spring due to the fact that a lot of our teams are comprised of avid hunters!

Treasurers Report - Geoff Lawson

We contributed over \$5100 this month into the MMR, which has a balance of \$240,000. We are right on track for the year.

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By Cindy Nettles

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

Deputy Sumrall presented the Constables Report, and noted three (unlocked) vehicles in the neighborhood had been burglarized in the past month. He emphasized that all vehicles should be locked when not in use. Deputy Sumrall then reviewed an incident in which a mother approached a child to ask which bus her child should be riding to school. The child became alarmed and ran home - the deputy contacted the child's parents to explain the incident was not a case of "stranger danger".

Ms. Johnson reported that the attorney handling the District's rate complaint against the city has made several attempts to resolve the issue with the city, with no luck. The next step will be to file a petition with the PUC.

Ms. Wheeler informed the Board that the repairs to the lift station road had been completed. She also reported on the status of the scheduled mowing in the SHW drainage area.



The Constable's report for October included the following:

- ▶ worst of the speeders: 52/35, 50/35, 49/35, 47/35 (all on Brodie); 44/30 (Green Emerald); 42/30 (Capistrano); 41/30 (Sesbania);
- ▶ community contact – spoke with residents walking dogs, jogging, using park; assisted crossing guard (Baranoff); regular patrols of parks, schools, parking lots; dog running in & out of traffic – returned to owner (Brodie); resident found ammunition (Sesbania);
- ▶ pursued motorcycle with no lights, but lost it (Brodie/Saddle String); monitored traffic in response to complaints (Aloysia/Spotted Horse); 2-car collision (Brodie/Treadsoft); collision – street sweeper truck v. Nissan – no injuries (Brodie/Buck Race); ticket for running red light (Brodie);
- ▶ **assist TCSO:** caller spotted prowler in back yard-jumped fence (Six Gun); reckless driver (on bicycle) (Lost Oasis); suspicious vehicle (Green Emerald).

Tip for keeping your drains happy & draining - Oil and grease from roasting, frying and baking turkeys, chickens and other meats can clog your drains – and require an emergency visit from a plumber. Scrape the grease and oils into a plastic or glass container with a tight lid, freeze it and throw it away with the trash instead.

Happy Thanksgiving

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 jalinvil@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.

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SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
10/31/16	\$95,373	\$8,501	(\$52,930)	\$0	\$50,944	(\$44,429)
Y-T-D	\$19,087	\$564,396	(\$461,339)	(\$71,200)	\$50,944	\$31,857

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
10/31/16	\$239,136	\$27	\$0	\$0	\$239,163	\$27
Chase MRR 6610	\$95,350	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$95,354	\$4
Chase MRR Checking 2895	\$2,723	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,723	\$0
Compass MRR 2471	\$138,064	\$23	\$0	\$0	\$138,087	\$23
Compass MRR Checking 1947	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Y-T-D	\$170,608	\$2,757	(\$5,402)	\$71,200	\$239,163	\$68,555

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
10/31/16	\$334,509	\$8,528	(\$52,930)	\$0	\$290,107	(\$44,402)
Y-T-D	\$189,695	\$567,152	(\$466,741)	\$0	\$290,107	\$100,412

Bailey Middle School Makerspace

Bailey Middle School is excited to announce the opening of our new Makerspace! A Makerspace is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore, build, and learn.

The Bailey Makerspace was founded with seed money we won last spring by pitching our vision to AISD leaders. The \$2000 prize gave us a great start, and with it we were able to purchase everything from tools for making jewelry to components for setting up a student computer programming environment.

The Makerspace, housed in the former Bailey library workroom, has grown with donations such as a sewing machine and other supplies, and students are beginning to explore during their advisory period. Our dream is to grow into a community space that provides classes in technology, art, and all types of making, as well as free exploring and learning space for kids.



COME JOIN US FOR SHADY HOLLOW'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, December 10th, 4-6pm at the Community Center.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be hosting an evening filled with holiday cheer for community members of all ages. There will be hayrides with caroling, holiday crafts, refreshments, and more!

We will be collecting donations of money and unwrapped toys for Brown Santa at the door. Brown Santa gives toys to children who are less fortunate. The ages range from 0-16.

Board Minutes Cont.

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Committee Report

1. Executive - Met to discuss Darin Laracuate's review.
2. Finance - Met and discussed the draft 2017 budget.
3. Recreation - No meeting
4. Community Center - No meeting
5. Welcome - No meeting
6. Annexation - No meeting

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

- *Motion to proceed with bidding the CC renovation with a due date of Nov. 10th, Gregg Sales, seconded by Geoff Lawson. Approval unanimous.*

Meeting Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn, Mary Ellen Mathis, seconded by Russ Downey. Approval unanimous.*

Meeting ended 8:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gregg Sales, Secretary.

Long-Awaited 45SW...Cont.

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Brodie Local Facebook page.

Also, Brad Hagen of Hays County who has the best email list around.

And Jim Schissler with OHAN, the Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods. We owe him some reciprocal aid with their roadway issues.

A huge thank you and a plaque was given to the man who has worked so hard, has taken so many arrows, helped us keep the faith that 45SW will ultimately be constructed, and fortunately was just re-elected, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty.

We also thanked our Hays County commissioners Mark Jones and Will Conley, as well as Hays County Judge Bert Cobb and the entire court for supporting the road and pitching in



\$5 million although only a tiny portion is in Hays County. They are good neighbors who recognize their constituents need the road as much as we do.

Central Texas Regional Mobility Board Chairman Ray Wilkerson

received a plaque for herding the RMA board of directors, including the occasional maverick that had to be corralled as they made the long "drive" to the final go-ahead with contractors.

Another special thanks to all the drivers on Brodie who obey the speed limit and slow down to allow landlocked Shady Hollow residents to swim into the traffic stream.

Will there be any more obstacles to 45SW? Possibly. There's a rumor SOS will file an endangered species lawsuit, but their argument will be moot as the area will be cleared before it can make it to trial.

The past few months have been particularly active as SOS et al filed a lawsuit to stop the road, but with construction set to begin right away, they requested an injunction. After a day-long hearing, the injunction was denied. They then appealed to the 5th Circuit for an expedited hearing that lasted only a few hours, and that appeal was denied, upholding the district court's ruling.

Construction workers say people driving by are honking and giving them a thumbs up. Do the same, and be patient with the work going on. It'll mostly be out of sight, but some of it will be messy and possibly in our way. But so what?! This is the fruit of our longest-held hope!

Welcome New Members!

Laura & David Tolin
11429 Carnelian Dr.

William & Mackenzie Oakley
11522 Gun Fight Ln.

Jeong Ho Park
3003 Ammunition Dr.

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

We look forward to meeting you!



"You know the construction is real when the portapotties show up!"
45SW moving forward.



**SHHOA
POOL
Winter Closure**

**Adult Swim
HAS ENDED**

**Thank you for another
wonderful season!
See you all next
summer!**

**Please return all pool
keys by 8am Nov. 15!**



Shady Hollow 2016 Halloween Bash was a rousing success. From the costume parade, to the spooky dances, to the scary hayride, children of all ages had a night to remember!