



Shady Hollow HOA

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Shady Hollow Highlights

September 2015

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

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Association Crime Stoppers

Everyone wants to consider their home a safe place, and our association strives to make all residents feel secure. While we're diligent in our efforts to reduce possible dangers in our community, we can't do it alone. It's up to everyone to pitch in to keep crime rates down. Thankfully, taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping theft, vandalism and other criminal activities out of the association.

Know Your Neighbors. And not just the neighbors on your block, but also the neighbors from all parts of the association. At the very least, you'll get a better idea of who actually lives (and in turn, who belongs) here. Talking with your neighbors will also give you the chance to find out if they have noticed any crimes or suspicious activity in the association recently so that you can be on the lookout as well. Consider creating and distributing a list with everyone's contact information so that you and your neighbors can alert each other of any problems that arise. Of course, be sure to get your neighbors' permission first to put their information on the list.

Leave The Light On. A good way to deter criminals from breaking into your home is to make sure your front porch light stays on all night or is on a motion sensor, even when you're out of town. Not only does it signal that someone is home, it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows. If you're worried that you'll either forget to turn the light on at night or off in the morning, you can purchase an inexpensive timer that will automatically do that for you every day.

Lock Up. If you want to keep unwanted guests out, don't make your home inviting. Even

when you're around, it's best to keep all gates, doors and garages locked at all times. It's also a good idea to keep your windows closed and locked when possible, especially if they're on the ground floor. This also goes for your vehicles. We all know that opportunity makes a thief – if we all diligently lock our vehicles, we can drastically reduce the number of unlawful car entries in SHHOA.

Put On Your Walking Shoes. Taking a stroll around the association isn't just good exercise. You can casually patrol the community for anything suspicious or unusual, as well as swap notes about criminal activity in the area with other neighbors who are out and about. Also, when more residents regularly walk around the association, it could discourage those who are afraid of getting caught doing something illegal.

Clean It Up. Picking up litter, removing graffiti and keeping trees, bushes and lawns trimmed not only makes the association look better, but also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live. This can help discourage troublemakers from hanging around our community and encourage responsible and involved people to move to the association.

See Something, Say Something. If you notice a crime or any suspicious activity, regardless

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Have Unwanted Plants in Your Yard?

Bailey Middle School is looking for:

- ▶ **Nandina**
- ▶ **Cactus pups**
- ▶ **Lantana**
- ▶ **Rose bushes**
- ▶ **Liriope**

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

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.

Classified Ads

Babysitter
Caylah Moore, 16
11508 Gatling Gun Ln.
CPR certified
282-2696

Payton McIntyre: available to babysit Fridays from 5-11 & Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-11pm. Certified in infant and child CPR. Soon to be certified in babysitting. Cooks meals & changes diapers.
H: 280-9037 C: 293-1684

DRAFT August 20 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Russ Downey, Gregg Sales, Rebecca Shaw, Mike Cain, Geoff Lawson, Laura Kennedy & Aaron Vollmer

Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuent

Board Members Absent

Ryan Merriman, Pam Baggett

Others in Attendance

None

Meeting start

7:01 pm

Current Agenda

- *Motion to approve - Geoff Lawson, 2nd Russ, approval unanimous.*

Previous Minutes

- *Motion to approve as amended - Russ Downey, 2nd Geoff Lawson, approval unanimous*

Citizen Communication

None

General Manager's Report - Darin Laracuent

Reviewed the following:

1. Newsletter went out on time.
2. Farmers market was a success. Estimated attendance: 200. Might plan for once a month.
3. Finance: \$656 over budget for the month. \$4178 under budget for the year.
4. Deed restrictions violations: 72 residents were contacted.
5. Capistrano basketball and tennis courts have been resurfaced. New stairs are completed.
6. Parks: working on gravel at Gatling Gun Park. Have estimate for broken slide at GG. Entry light has been replaced with an LED. Testing of new light to happen this week. Final three lights to be replaced soon.

Treasurers Report - Geoff Lawson

1. Would like to revamp monthly reports to make the easier to digest. Along with the normal data people would like to see graphs that show trends in our spending. Better reporting on MMR expenditures needed.
2. Beginning balance \$24,094.35. After expenses and collections the ending balance was \$132,205.82 on July 31, 2015.

Committee Report

1. Executive - No meeting.
2. Finance - No meeting.
3. Recreation - No meeting.
4. Community Center - Meeting July 30th. Toured the CC for improvement discussion. Committee will make final recommendations to the board after more investigation on needs and price.
5. Welcome - No report.
6. Traffic - No report.

New Business

Gatling Gun Park had a slide vandalized. The cost to replace the slide that works with the existing equipment is \$2,762.00.

- *Motion to approve slide replacement - Laura Kennedy, 2nd Russ Downey, approval unanimous*

Old Business

None

Standing Agenda

- ANC - No one attended.
- OHAN - No information.
- SANA - No information.
- SoBro - No information.

Meeting Adjournment

Buffalo Fitness Trail

The Baranoff PTA is proud to announce the addition of a walking trail and fitness stations located at Baranoff Elementary. The PTA organization was awarded a \$5000 grant from Lowe's Toolbox for Education®. Lowe's® Charitable and Educa-



tional Foundation awards scholarships to parent/teacher groups that would like to enhance or expand a designated area of their school. With the student population continuing to increase, the PTA wanted to take advantage of an area not being used by students. With the help of 2 Eagle Scout Candidates from Troop 256, the project came to life this summer.



Connor Hobza assembled and installed the 4 exercise stations that align the trail. The stations include a sit up bench, balance beam, exercise bars, and push up bar. He had 37 volunteers and worked on the project for a total of 458 hours. Hobza states, "It was a lot of sweat and hard work for a great cause." Jeremy Spotts,

life scout and Venture Crew 82 member, designed and constructed a walking trail for students and community members with the help of 50 people and 356 man hours.

The students definitely enjoyed the new



addition to the playground area during the first week back to school. Having the Buffalo Fitness Trail will help increase fitness opportunities for students and families in the Shady Hollow/Baranoff community. Interim principal Megan Counihan expresses enthusiasm over the new fitness trail by saying, "At Baranoff we teach the



whole child which includes intellectual, social and emotional, and physical learning. The Buffalo Fitness Trail helps add to the physical learning component for the students. It is a great addition for our school."



SHHOA Calendar

SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)
7pm Thursday, Sept 17

Tailgate Party (Capistrano Pool)
Time TBD
Saturday, Sept 26

National Night Out (Doe Run Park)
5:30-8pm Tuesday, Oct 6

SHHOA HALLOWEEN PARTY (Doe Run Park)
7:00-10pm Saturday, Oct 31

Hayride begins at nightfall! No activities inside Community Center.

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

Board of Directors

President

Mike Cain

Vice President

Russell Downey

Treasurer

Geoff Lawson

Secretary

Gregg Sales

Members

Laura Kennedy

Pam Baggett

Ryan Merriman

Rebecca Shaw

Aaron Vollmer

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of how small the incident may seem, notify the HOA Office and/or the police immediately. Of course, only call 911 when it is an emergency; otherwise, contact the sheriff on their non-emergency line. **512-974-0845**.

We all have a responsibility to our community to help keep it safe, and incorporating even a few of these tips can go a long way. Do your part to make our association a place you're happy to call home.



Attention Renters: Welcome to the Neighborhood

If you rent a home in our community, you're part of our community association, and we welcome you. We'd like to meet you at our community events, meetings, and social gatherings. Sometimes we can't reach you to announce a party or meeting, especially if you're leasing from an out-of-state owner or a corporation. If this is you, please contact our office and tell us your name, address, and email—and we'll include you on our mailing list. In case your landlord hasn't passed along this information, here are a few tips to make living in our community enjoyable and stress free:

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New Blood Donation Center Location

SOUTH LOCATION – Coming Soon!

Attention Shady Hollow... there is no need to cross the river. We repeat, NO NEED to cross the river. We'll hold for cheers. The Blood Center of Central Texas is back in South Austin starting early October. Stay tuned for more details on our grand opening celebration (i.e. the party we're throwing for YOU, our new neighbors). But in the meantime, start marking your calendars because in early October our new center will be open:

**Sunday 10:00am – 3:00pm and
Wednesday through Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm**

Did we mention you can find us just across the street at **3100 W Slaughter Ln Austin, TX 78748**

Register to donate at www.inyourhands.org or call 512-206-1266 with questions.

The South Center will take appointments for Whole Blood, Double Red Cell donations.



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The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 4, 2015, at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. Directors Tomme and Linville were absent.

Deputy Agiewich presented the Constables Report, and informed the Board of several vehicle burglaries from unlocked vehicles. He suggested residents keep cars locked and garage doors closed to discourage thefts.

Ms. Wheeler presented the draft budget for fiscal year ending September 2016, and noted the city still had not approved new water and wastewater rates. She stated that if the city increased the rates, the District would likely need to increase its rates as well. The Board approved the budget as presented.

Ms. McCalla reported that due to the late certification of assessed values by the appraisal district, the deadline to submit the District's adopted tax rate to the Travis County Tax Office was extended to October 28, 2015. The Board will take up the matter at the September meeting.

Mr. Haag updated the Board regarding the water rate case brought against the city by several utility districts. The Administrative Law Judge who heard the case had determined the city failed to show its rates were just and reasonable, and the ALJ was recommending the Public Utility Commission lower those rates. Mr. Haag pointed out the case was limited to the four districts involved, but added it was likely the city's other wholesale customers would attend the city's next water rate meeting scheduled for August 11, to determine if they would receive lower rates also. Mr. Haag said someone from his office would attend the meeting.

Mr. Haag reviewed with the Board a letter from the Austin Fire Dept. regarding the construction it had done at the fire station without the proper permits. AFD plans to return the property to its original condition.

The Constable's report for August included the following:



- ▶ citations issued: speeding/no license (Hobbiton, Onion Hollow Run, Green Emerald); speeding (Green Emerald, Onion Hollow, Gatling Gun, Lost Oasis, Brodie, Saddle Mtn, Hobbiton, Baggins Cove);
- ▶ found dog, returned to owner (Reynosa); suspicious vehicles (parked for several days – Cotulla) (parked-belongs to resident-Silmarillion) (2 teens parked in the dark-Capistrano Park);
- ▶ **assist TCSO:** suspicious persons (at someone's front door-unable to locate-Gatling Gun) (2 guys selling items-Sesbania/Gatling Gun, Spotted Horse, Whiskey River-connected with the guys & told them to tone down their aggressive sales pitch) (inside a residence – checked ok-Spotted Horse); vehicle burglary (Ft Worth Tr); dead deer in ditch-TNR will remove (Brodie/Shady Valley); woman thrown from car-lying in roadway-suspect vehicle not found (Bliss Spillar); welfare check (someone behind old fire hall on FM1626).



About 8 percent of in-home water use takes place in the kitchen. To save water, follow these tips:

- ◆ Don't rinse dishes before loading dishwasher. Wash only full loads in the dishwasher.
- ◆ Install a low-flow faucet aerator, which can cut water use in half.
- ◆ When buying a new dishwasher, consider purchasing a water-saving model. (New models use up to 25 percent less water than older ones.)

Please limit outdoor watering to your scheduled day & time.

Information regarding the city's drought contingency plan and Stage 2 restrictions is available on the city's website at <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/stage-2-watering-restrictions>.

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, 280-6404, or jlinville@austin.rr.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 play-groups 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 or email Angela Hughes at angelnear01@gmail.com.

Classified Ads

College Student babysits

and dog sits

Toney Cuellar
2915 Shotgun Lane
512-294-6603

toneycuellar@gmail.com

Neighborhood Pet Sitter

\$10.00 1st animal, \$2.50 each additional animal per visit. 10 years of caring for Shady Hollow pets with loving care.

lindalaterl@mac.com
or text to 809-4280

Babysitter

Sarah Ralston
Call: 292-8803

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.](#)

SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

Geoff Lawson, SHHOA Treasurer

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS					
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
7/31/15	\$106,146	\$83,497	(\$47,729)	\$141,913	\$35,768
Y-T-D	\$23,971	\$521,003	(\$403,061)	\$141,913	\$117,942

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS					
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
7/31/15	\$186,932	\$19,610	(\$26,197)	\$180,345	(\$6,587)
Chase MRR 6610	\$36,605	\$4,586	(\$15,000)	\$26,191	(\$10,414)
Chase MRR Checking 2895	\$9,587	\$15,000	(\$11,197)	\$13,390	\$3,803
Compass MRR 2471	\$137,741	\$23	\$0	\$137,764	\$23
Compass MRR Checking 1947	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Y-T-D	\$226,765	\$131,907	(\$178,327)	\$180,345	(\$46,420)

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS					
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
7/31/15	\$293,078	\$103,107	(\$73,926)	\$322,259	\$29,180
Y-T-D	\$250,736	\$652,911	(\$581,388)	\$322,258	\$71,522

2015 VARSITY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/28	Pflugerville	Burger Stadium	7:30pm
9/4	Madison	Commalander Stadium	7:30pm
9/11	Lehman	Shelton Stadium	7:30pm
9/18	Anderson	Burger Stadium	7:30pm
9/25	Austin High School	House Park	7:30pm
10/2	Westlake	Burger Stadium	7:30pm
10/16	Akins	Burger Stadium	7:30pm
10/23	Hays	Burger Stadium	7:30pm
10/30	Lake Travis	Cavalier Stadium	7:30pm
11/5	Del Valle	Burger Stadium	7:30pm

*Lines in Red are Home Games



BOWIE FOOTBALL

President's Letter

By Mike Cain

Your Amenities...

If you may have noticed work at the pool is complete for this year. Plumbing, drains,



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lights, and steps from the pavilion area to the deck

have all been fixed – under budget and in line with the long term plan to maintain the facility. During the next round of pool expenditures, the concrete deck will get some much needed attention.

The tennis courts and basketball courts at Capistrano Park have been refinished. Another case of below budget and scheduled work.

Our community center is now scheduled to get some much needed updating. The Community Center Committee is considering updating the finishes (floors/walls/blinds) and the board will solicit bids on the work. The



board will strive to get the best “bang for the buck” and keep the project under budget.

As it stands our MRR (Maintenance, Replacement, and Repair) account and expenditures

are in good standing. There is no plan to be lavish in taking care of and updating all of our amenities. Each decision is carefully considered and



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input from com-

munity is always welcome. I would ask that if you have an interest in a particular amenity get with the committee and lend a hand.



A fun-filled Halloween Party is being scheduled for the evening of Saturday, October 31st, at 7:00 at Doe Run Park located beside and behind the Community Center. We are planning movies in the park, candy, monsters, music and a scary hayride, as well as an array of food trailers at the bottom of the parking lot!

The hayride will start after it gets dark!

We will need volunteers to help out at the party, scare people along the haunted hayride, and to help decorate the Community Center outside grounds on Friday, Oct. 30, and help taking everything down on Saturday, Oct. 31 after the fun!

Party starts at 7:00pm on Saturday, Oct. 31. We need your ideas and help!

Let's Celebrate Halloween in Style!

Welcome New Members!

Gladys & Justo Avila
4020 Tecate Tr.

John & Karen Lavey
4006 Reynosa Dr.

Alexander & Kathryn Olmos
3712 Indian Point Dr.

Laura Bolang
11801 Silmarillion Tr.

Robert Corley
11412 Esperanza 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!

SHHOA POOL HOURS

General Swim Days & Hours for September
(days & times permitting we have enough lifeguards)

Sa & Su 11am-9pm
Sept. 27 Pool Season ends for General Swim

Adult Swim Hours Unchanged
Oct. 31 Pool Season ends for Adult Swim

Please return all Pool Keys by Nov. 16!

National Night Out October 6



It's that time again Shady Hollow! Tuesday, October 6 is National Night Out. Since we had such an awesome time (and turnout) last year, we are planning to have a band, Food Trailers, and all sorts of fun stuff for children at the Community Center from 5:30-8:00pm.

If you're not having a block party of your own, grab your neighbors and come party with us! We look forward to seeing you!

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- ▶ All residents—owners and renters—must comply with association rules and regulations. They're reasonable rules protect property values, preserve the nature of our community, and make more life enjoyable for everyone. If you need a copy of our rules, please contact the office. The association has the legal authority to enforce all rules, which we do—equitably and consistently. We don't like to take action against those who may not have received this important information, but it's our obligation to do so.
- ▶ Renters are entitled to all the privileges of association membership except voting. We can't extend those privileges to you if we don't know who you are. Contact our manager and let us know how to reach you. That gives you the advantage of knowing what's going on in the community.
- ▶ You don't have to own your home to be interested in your community. If you'd like to volunteer for a committee or other type of service to the association, we can't wait to meet you. Responsible, service-minded residents are the backbone of our association regardless of their ownership status.
- ▶ If your lease is about up, and you're moving away, we're sorry to see you go; but, please contact the office and let them know.

So, welcome to our community. We want you to enjoy your experience here—perhaps enough to become an owner some day.