

# Shady Hollow Highlights

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# Save the Trees from Oak Wilt

# **Shady Hollow Tree News**

Editorial By Resident, Gwen Kamper



One of the unique and wonderful features of Shady Hollow is the large number of trees. Many of them are live oaks and red oaks. Along with adding value to our properties, they provide enjoyment. I spend many hours enjoying the oak trees from my patio. Recently, as I was sitting outside, I noticed that one of my live oaks was failing! Leaves were flying off the tree at an alarming rate. Some of the fallen leaves displayed vein necrosis, a yellowing of the veins on the leaf. This is a sure sign of Oak Wilt! Knowing that the oak wilt fungus is contagious, I immediately got online to find oak wilt professionals to help. I found this website very helpful. https://texasoak-wilt.org/

Oak Wilt Specialists of Texas came to my rescue. There was good news and bad news. My sick tree with oak wilt was too far gone, but my other 8 oak trees, 30 to 40 feet

away from the sick one, looked healthy and could receive a preventative treatment. According to the Texas Forestry Service, trees that show no symptoms but are at risk for infection have an excellent chance to

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# Next Board Meeting

September 19, 2019 at 7pm Community Center

# Monday, September 2nd HOA Office Closed



In a world where you can be anything... be kind, be happy, be thankful

# The President's Corner

By Board President, Joan Allen



On the first Monday in September, we celebrate Labor Day, which is a recognition of workers and their achievements and which is the traditional end of summer. This Labor Day has a special significance – it is the 125th anniversary of the first Labor Day. I hope that everyone enjoys this little respite during the hectic first weeks of school.

Here in Texas, it feels like summer well into October. We were able to keep the pool open in the evenings during the last couple of weeks in August as well as our usual weekends thanks to the lifeguards, so swimmers were able to cool off with a dip in the pool. Your board of directors is focused on improving the pool through several projects. This maintenance and upkeep will continue through the rest of the year. But as we say good bye to pool season, I want to personally thank Dave Anderson, Pool Committee Chair, Geoff Lawson, HOA treasurer and Stingray president, and Amy Loughrey, General Manager, who have spent numerous hours at the pool, troubleshooting and making sure that the pool is safe for our residents. The lifeguards have had to suffer through blistering heat and humidity this year but stayed safe. We thank them for their service.

One of Shady Hollow's successes, the approval and completion of SH 45SW, seems to be reducing traffic on Brodie Lane in the mornings and evenings. The first day of school was traffic as usual, but the rest of the first week saw a marked decrease in traffic volumes. Let's hope it stays that way. Just remember to help your neighbors and let them out onto Brodie Lane when it's safe to do so.

As of this writing, we still do not know what the City of Austin will do with regard to the requirements of S.B. 1468, which gave all residents the right to vote on the issue of annexation. Despite the uncertainty, your board is watching any developments closely and are strategizing responses to the many "what if..." scenarios. You can be assured that the HOA will do everything in its power to protect our hard-earned right to vote before annexation. We appreciated being able to celebrate summer and S.H.A.V.E.'s success as well as dedicating the new Community Center sign with our neighbors on August 10. Stop by and admire the sign, which was overseen by HOA Secretary Gregg Sales.

Looking forward to fall weather!



# Current Board Members

PRESIDENT Joan Allen

VICE PRESIDENT Russell Downey

TREASURER Geoff Lawson

SECRETARY Gregg Sales

Dave Anderson

Jim Bateman

Laura Kennedy

Mary Ellen Mathis

Jamie Rygg

Clay Zelisko

Jason Zirkle

# Shady Hollow

# Highlights

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resist the disease with a macro infusion of Alamo, a general fungicide. At the cost of \$1,327, Oak Wilt Special-

ists of Texas brought 8 beer kegs full of Alamo fungicide to treat each tree. They exposed the roots and created several injection sites. It looked like my trees were having a keg party!

I was still upset that I couldn't save my sick tree. A friend later told me about BioGreen Tree Care of Texas. This oak wilt remedy is completely different from the fungicide treatment. Designed by a microbiologist, the formula contains microorganisms that starve and kill the fungus. The treatment is noninvasive and is sprayed around the tree roots. Although, they couldn't guarantee that my sick tree could be saved, Biogreen has been very successful in treating severely damaged trees and fully guarantees that oak wilt can be prevented in healthy trees. They have been in business for over 10 years and



have many happy customers. Since the cost was less than half of the other treatment, I decided to try BioGreen on my sick tree and all my other oak trees. Spending money on two treatments may seem excessive, but I love my trees!

# Welcome New Residents

**Rebecca Stout and Tim Fields** 3126 Festus Drive

**Estelle Wong and Nestor Rodriguez** 3201Festus Drive

Nolan and Maryanne Wetterling 3606 Indian Point Drive

**Hank and Kelley South** 11300 Esperanza Drive

**Carlos and Michelle Galvan** 11307 Deputy Drive

Cory and Jessica Tolar 11404 Silmarillion Trail

Starting in September, General Swim will only be weekends 11 am - 9 pm Looking for a new workout program that you will actually love, stick with, and see results? You can get 4 weeks for \$30 with no long term commitment. You can't beat that cost!

Register here: http://bit.ly/ 2YVvZsG# SSI Jour-Week FITNESS PROGRAM

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For more information contact: <u>brookeherr@campgladiator.com</u> (737) 414-2161

# **MUD News**

By MUD Board Vice President, Cindy Nettles

- The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 6, 2019 at the David C. Ellis Community Center, 3303 Doe Run. All directors were present.
- SHHOA Board President Joan Allen invited all present to attend the HOA's celebration scheduled for August 10th, which would include a ceremony to honor all who worked with the HOA, including Sen. Campbell and Rep. Goodwin, to ensure the passage of SB 1468 during the 86th Legislative Session.
- Deputy Rush reported no significant issues in the neighborhood and noted the July 4th parade was a success.
- Mr. Evans updated the Board on the status of implementation by the City of SB 1468. He stated he had taken steps to meet with personnel from the City and a meeting was scheduled for the following week
- The Board discussed a proposal from Maxwell, Locke & Ritter, LLP, the District's current Auditor, for audit services for the current year. The Board noted the proposed costs seemed high given that the City had taken over the water and wastewater facilities. The Board directed the attorney to solicit additional proposals for review at the September meeting.
- Ms. McCalla will set up separate email accounts for each Director, to ensure the Board's compliance with SB 944.
- The Board reviewed the 2019 tax rate summary prepared by the District's financial advisor Chris Lane that reflected the values provided by TCAD. The District's estimated taxable value for 2019 was \$401,106,398, an increase from the 2018 certified taxable value of \$373,663,672. The Board discussed the recommended tax rate at length. After further consideration and discussion, the Board voted to (1) approve a proposed tax rate of \$0.0500/\$100 valuation for maintenance and operations expenses; (2) approve a proposed tax rate of \$0.0600/\$100 valuation for debt service; and (3) call a public hearing on the tax rate and authorize publication of the proposed rate.
- Ms. Wheeler reviewed the draft budget with the Board. No action was taken.
- The Board considered the proposed contract renewal with Environmental Survey Consulting ("ESC") to provide ecological preserve management services at the SHW nature preserve / drainage area. The Board discussed possibly reducing the scope of work provided by ESC, in order to reduce costs. The Board directed the attorney to contact ESC regarding options for limiting the scope of the contract, for discussion at the next meeting.

# The Constable's report for June included the following:



- Worst of the speeders: 52/30, 46/30, 45/30 (all Green Emerald/Silmarillion);
- Red-tagged vehicles (Reynosa, Ft Worth); seized plates & bad registration certificate (Green Emerald); vehicle with no plates (Gunfight);
- Community contacts; walking patrols of common areas & parks; film crew setting up for movie (Lost Oasis-Bailey); found front door of Community Center unlocked (5:20 am); asked owner to move vehicle blocking fire hydrant (Perennial Ct); reported missing street signs to Travis County TNR for replacement (Lost Oasis, Reynosa, Eveningstar); checked on person sleeping in car-asked him to leave (Gatling Gun);
- Assist TCSO: report of reckless driver (Knipp Cv); head-on collision-no injuries (FM1626/Bliss Spillar).

Check the city's website for the current watering schedule: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/stage-2-watering-restrictions.



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Waiting excitely for cake!



Thank you S.H.A.V.E.!



Representative Vikki Goodwin and HOA President Joan Allen



Realtor Jennifer Odom and Brooke Herr



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**Domian Pest Control Winners** 



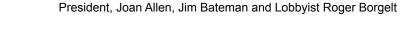
Board Member Russell Downey and Guest Diane



The Shady Hollow HOA also dedicated the new front entry sign at the community center, designed by board member, Gregg Sales. A plaque was dedicated on the sign to the residents of Shady Hollow and also in honor of Senator Donna Campbell and Representative Vikki Goodwin for the extended efforts to pass SB 1468 allowing Texans the right to vote on annexation. Volunteers and the SHAVE board were recognized for all of their hard work too.

To beat the heat Jennifer Odom Realty served up refreshing cocktails, Steve with Two Wheel Brewing hosted a free microbrew tasting featuring 3 tasty summer microbrews and Austin Scoops had cold treats for purchase. Kids could be found bouncing on a trampoline provided by Springfree Trampoline and then cooling down on a gigantic waterslide. Both kids and adults participated in a water balloon fight where the winner won free pest control services from Domain Pest Control. Everyone enjoyed listening to the cool beats of Durawa Trio while sitting under the generous shade of the trees. It was so much fun that residents continued the party well into the evening!





SHAVE Board Members, Geoff Lawson, Jamie Rygg, Shady Hollow HOA



SHAVE Volunteers Gwen Kamper, Joan Allen and Chris Braun

# **Shady Hollow Tree News**

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From this experience, I want to share a few important things. Oak wilt disease is transmitted in two ways: above ground by bark beetles and below ground through interconnected roots. To avoid above ground infection, we are incessantly told to not prune oaks between February and June. Strangely, this is not how most oaks get infected. Oak trees and live oaks, in particular, graft their roots together. They share nutrients and disease through the root system. If there is an oak wilt fungus infected tree within 100 feet of any of your other oak trees, and your trees did not receive a preventative treatment, it highly likely one or more of your



Oak Wilt infusion treatment in progress

trees will become infected within a year. Cutting down an oak wilt infected tree does not stop oak wilt. The fungus continues to live within the roots for as long as 4 years!

If you discover oak wilt on your property, please contact a professional to provide a treatment plan and CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBORS. Your neighbors deserve to know and should be given the opportunity to save their trees. I contacted my neighbors in the danger zone and it was a very good thing. Through this communication, my neighbor learned that she also had oak wilt and now her trees received fungicide treatment. The best way to stop oak wilt is PREVENTION. Let's all work together to stop oak wilt and save our precious trees in Shady Hollow.

# **Shady Hollow Clubs**

# SHADY HOLLOW GENEALOGY CLUB

You've received your DNA results from Ancestry or 23 & Me – what do you do with them? Connecting with all those new cousins can be fun, but there are other uses for DNA data. Join us at our September meeting to discuss some of the websites that will upload your data and do . . . what?

The Shady Hollow Genealogy Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, etc.). The next meeting is scheduled for September 17th at the Downing home, 11132 Shady Hollow. For more info, contact Jim jim@jadowning.com or Cindy dragonfire@austin.rr.com. Hope to see you Sept 17th!

# Yoqa

Classes of focused stretches that help you find your inner peace. Adults meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. and Friday morning at 9 a.m. in the Community Center.

# 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

# Tai Chi

This group meets every Monday at 9:30 am and Thursday at 10:30 am at the Community Center. Come and enjoy some "moving meditation" that involves strengthening the core and enhancing your balance. Contact Peggy Rudd, 512-925-7697, or peggy.rudd@gmail.com

# Genealogy Club

For more info, contact JimDowning: jim@jadowning. com or Cindy Nettles: dragonfire@austin.rr.com. The club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of odd numbered months.

# YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

# Gordon A. Bailey Middle School



# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL H O M E C O M I N G B O N F I R E & P E P R A L L Y

FRI. OCT. 4, 2019

Gates open at 5:30PM Pep Rally begins at 6:00PM

Bailey Middle School

4020 Lost Oasis Hollow, Austin, TX

The Bonfire is under the supervision and discretion of the Austin Fire Department.

There will be a crew and fire truck on-site for the entire event and a clear safety perimeter will be set. If cancelled due to environmental conditions, all other events will continue as planned.

Gates open at 5:30PM

Pep Rally & Bonfire
Program Begins
6:00PM

Concessions
Available
Let us do the cooking!

Silent Auction & Raffle

**Bouncy House** 

Spiritwear Sales

Recognition of Our Volleyball and Football Teams

Performances by
Bailey Choir, Band,
Cheer, Star Strutters
and additional
performances by our
feeder schools

Bonfire Lighting 7:05PM

Homecoming Dance for Current Bailey Students 7:30-9:30 PM

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# **Shady Hollow Board Meeting Minutes**

# By Board Secretary, Gregg Sales

**Shady Hollow Home Owners Association** 

August 15, 2019 —DRAFT—

#### **Board Members Present**

Joan Allen, David Anderson, Jim Bateman, Russell Downey, Laura Kennedy, Geoff Lawson, Mary Ellen Mathis, Jamie Rygg, Gregg Sales, & Clay Zelisko

Staff in Attendance: Amy Loughrey & Jennifer Monroe

**Board Members Absent**: Jason Zirkle

Others in Attendance: Bruce Kennedy, Mike Vazquez, Zeke Sanchez, Allen Barr, Julianne Von Aken & Anne Claire Von Aken

Legend

CC - Community Center CD - Certificate of Deposit GM - General Manager HOA - Home Owners Association MUD - Municipal Utility District

Meeting start: 7:01 pm

#### **Current Agenda**

MOTION to approve the current agenda by Geoff Lawson seconded by Clay Zelisko. Approval unanimous.

# Previous Minutes

- MOTION to approve the July 18, 2019 minutes by David Anderson, seconded by Mary Ellen Mathis. Approval unanimo

#### **Citizen Communication**

- Mike Vasquez Discussed a business opportunity to clean homes for cancer patients
- Bruce Kennedy Thanks to the SHAVE committee. Commended Jim Bateman for his contributions to Scouts.
- Zeke Sanchez Concerned about speeding in the neighborhood
- Julieanne Van Aken Discussed a new library project for the neighborhood

# General Managers Report - Amy Loughrey

### Administration

- 30 day HOA Assessment invoice mailed as collections continue
- No response yet on Wind and Hail insurance quotes
- Compliance report 271 violations cited with the following offenses highlighted:
- 70% Trash cans were visible
- 17% RV or trailers were stored improperly
- 7% Yard maintenance issues were noted
- $\bullet \quad \ \ \, 4 \ \hbox{- Architectural permits submitted and completed} \\$
- 5 Resale packets for home sales were completed
- Fence repairs completed by STAY LIT for Shady Hollow neighbor
- · Reviewing upgrade of HOA software that would combine current accounting/database software and violations software into one program

# Parks and Common Areas

- SHWest Install of dog waste stations completed
- Gatling Gun Fence needs review regarding staining and painting
- Doe Run Pickleball is being utilized by several residents, new tennis court reader boards have been ordered and pending install, front entry sign landscaping and lettering installed
- Scouts Awaiting repair and maintenance of park benches being provided as an Eagle Scout project, Troop 448 conducted a service project for Shady Hollow HOA
- Girl Scouts Received request in the office for Gold Award project on reading library pending submission by individual Girl Scout and review by Parks Committee.

# Capistrano Pool

- New lifeguard umbrellas ordered and in place
- We have received a total of 12 incident reports through out the swim season
- Continue to obtain estimates for deck repairs and repainting of deck stairs
- Pool maintenance contract awarded to Crystal Clear
- Continued chemistry issues with low and high chlorine with baby pool
- Large pool will remain open weekday evenings starting Tuesday, August 20th from 5-9 pm through August. Starting after Labor Day weekend the pool will only be open on the weekends for General Swim from 11 am 9 pm

## **Community Center**

- · Reservations made at the new rental rate have been received well with the majority agreeing the reservation system is fair and just.
- The air conditioning unit in the West side that regulates front entry hall, administrative office and committee meeting room is under repair.

# **Shady Hollow Board Meeting Minutes**

#### Events

- HelloNabr and HOA staff are prepared for SHAVE Annexation celebration on August 10th
- National Night Out, October 1st CC
- Halloween Fest October 26th CC
- Holiday Celebration December 7th CC

# Treasurers Report - Geoff Lawson

#### Bank accounts

- Our register balance in our operating account as of 7/31/19 was \$153,144.18
- Our reserve accounts as of 7/31/19 had \$96,717.50 at Chase and \$203,432.17 in our CD at BBVA bringing total reserve accounts to \$300,149.67
- We transferred \$7,958.33 from our operating account to our reserve account in accordance with the funding plan detailed in our Feb 2017 reserve study. Our reserve accounts are fully funded.
- Interest earned on our CD for the month of June was \$442.59.
- Our current assets are largely composed of cash in operating and reserve accounts in the amount of \$453,293.85. In total, current assets amount to \$469,068.68
- Our only liabilities are for prepaid assessments and key deposits for pool and tennis keys.
- Current ratio = Current Assets/Current Liabilities is a very healthy 14.18

#### Revenue

• Line 1- Assessments for July 2019 were \$151,196.86 versus \$172,591.80 for 2018. This was the result of delaying a large deposit until after 8/1 in order to avoid bank fees.

- Line 39 Legal expenses were \$3,010.50 versus budgeted amount of \$2,000.00 which was the most significant deviation from our administrative expense budget.
- Line 85 The total cost of administration for July 2019 was \$25,680.38 versus a budgeted amount of \$24,457.82. The bulk of the variance is explained by the additional cost of legal expenses related to collection of past due assessments.
- Line 113 Lifeguard salaries were \$17,164.60 for the period ending July 31st, versus an expected amount of \$15,675. Principally this variance is explained by the 90 extra hours a month we pay for in service training for the guards that was not previously budgeted.
- Line 151 Our overall budget for parks was \$5,776,63 versus a budgeted amount of \$7,031.13. This is primarily related to a continued reduction in our actual cost of utilities at the pool versus our budget.

#### MRI Expenditures

- Line 162 July MRI expense at Capistrano park/pool in the amount of \$5,107.87 included the final payment on our cameral system and the final payment on our shade structures that were previously approved.
- Line 163 July MRI expense at Doe Run in the amount of \$1,401.84 was for finishing the entrance sign at the community center that was previously approved at our June 2019 Meeting.

# Committee Report

- 1. Executive, Joan Allen Did not meet.
- 2. Finance, Geoff Lawson Did not meet.
- 3. Recreation, Laura Kennedy Did not meet.
- 4. Pool Committee David Anderson Did not meet. Noted issues with chemical control. Noted issues with pool closing procedures. Will review the diving board ladder to add non-skid surface
- 5. Community Center, Gregg Sales Did not meet.
- 6. Welcome, Mary Ellen Mathis Did not meet. There is a long list of residents to visit
- 7. Annexation, Jim Bateman Did not meet.
- 8. Ad-hoc Policy Committee, Russell Downey Did not meet. Work is progressing.
- 9. Architectural Control Committee Jason Zirkle Did not meet.

### **New Business**

- Discuss and consider action on fence replacement for 4401 Lost Oasis Hollow
- MOTION to agree to pay half the cost minus the gate for the fence at 4401 Lost Oasis Hollow by Russell Downey, seconded by Clay Zelisko. Voice vote 1 Yea and 9 Nay. Motion fails.

### Old Business

- Discuss and consider action regarding any annexation action/response from the City of Austin
- Discuss and consider approval of pool maintenance contract
- Discuss and consider action to rescind policy amendments regarding time slots and fees for resident use of the CC
- MOTION to rescind the policy amendment regarding time slots and fees for resident use of the CC by Jamie Rygg, seconded by Laura Kennedy. Voice vote 7 Yea,
- 3 Nay. Motion passes.
- · Discuss and consider action to approve policy amendments regarding time slots and fees for resident use of the CC
- MOTION to agree to an initial \$25 fee for the first three hours then \$25 for each additional two hour block, with clean up taking place in the block of time reserved by Mary Ellen, seconded by Jamie Rygg. Voice vote 9 Yea and 0 Nay, 1 Abstain. Motion passes.

Executive Session - Discuss pending litigation, no decisions were made

### Meeting Adjournment

- MOTION to adjourn by Jamie Rygg seconded by Mary Ellen Mathis. Approval unanimous.

Meeting ended 8:55 p.m.

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| September                                      |                         |                      |    | October  |                      |   |   |    |                         |  |    |  |                      |    |
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| 1<br>pool open<br>general<br>swim<br>11a - 9p  | 2                       | 3<br>yoga<br>7:00 p  | 4  | 5<br>tai chi<br>10:30 a<br>yoga 7p                       | 6<br>yoga<br>9.00 a  | 7<br>pool open<br>general<br>swim<br>11a - 9p     | - |    |                         | 1<br>yoga<br>7:00 p<br>National<br>Night Out | 2  | 3<br>tai chi<br>10:30 a<br>yoga 7p                       | 4<br>yoga<br>9.00 a  | 5  |
| 8<br>pool open<br>general<br>swim<br>11a - 9p  | 9<br>tai chi<br>9:30 a  | 10<br>yoga<br>7:00 p | 11 | tai chi<br>10:30 a<br>yoga 7p                            | 13<br>yoga<br>9.00 a | pool<br>open<br>general<br>swim<br>11a - 9p       |   | 6  | 7<br>tai chi<br>9:30 a  | 8<br>yoga<br>7:00 p                          | 9  | 10<br>tai chi<br>10:30 a<br>yoga 7p                      | 11<br>yoga<br>9.00 a | 12 |
| 15<br>pool open<br>general<br>swim<br>11a - 9p | 16<br>tai chi<br>9:30 a | 17<br>yoga<br>7:00 p | 18 | tai chi<br>10:30 a<br>yoga 7p<br>hoa board<br>meeting 7p | 20<br>yoga<br>9.00 a | 21<br>pool<br>open<br>general<br>swim<br>11a - 9p | - | 13 | 14<br>tai chi<br>9:30 a | 15<br>yoga<br>7:00 p                         | 16 | tai chi<br>10:30 a<br>yoga 7p<br>hoa board<br>meeting 7p | 18<br>yoga<br>9.00 a | 19 |
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| pool open<br>general<br>swim<br>11a - 9p       | 30<br>tai chi<br>9:30 a |                      |    |  |                      |   | - | 27 | 28<br>tai chi<br>9:30 a | 29<br>yoga<br>9:00 a                         | 30 | 31<br>tai chi<br>10:30 a<br>yoga 7p                      |                      |    |

all events are held at the community center unless otherwise noted