



Shady Hollow Highlights

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Board Meeting
7 p.m. Thursday
January 21
Community Center
Members encouraged
to attend.

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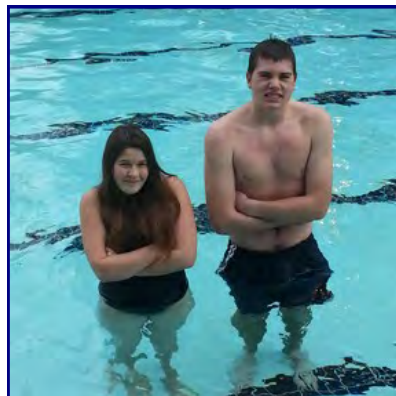
15TH ANNUAL POLAR BEAR SWIM

By Charlie Nettles

The new year dawned cold and gray. By 10:00 A.M., the temperature was 44 with a chilly wind blowing out of the North. Thirty nine brave souls jumped into the 42 degree water to start 2016 off with a boom and not a whimper.



The two most indefatigable jumpers were Steven Kennedy and Anwen Pope who both stayed in the water longer than they should have. Both emerged with their lips showing blue instead of their normal flush.



It wasn't a record cold nor was it a record crowd but the 17th Annual Polar Bear Swim was a rousing success. Happy New Year's to all participants.

A New Year Greet Us!!

By Mike Cain
SHHOA Board President

The past year has been quite a year for our residents and for me personally. We've had a record year for many things and for most of them I'm thankful. Mother Nature takes the blame for the things that didn't go well and we'll never be able to change that. We can however take steps to mitigate the damage during adverse weather. The City of Austin, the State Department of Emergency Management (TDEM), and FEMA all have useful links to help mitigate damages to your homes and property.

As we head into 2016 we have the HOA Board elections coming up and I expect we'll have a great showing of candidates and will end up with a HOA Board that will face some key issues in the coming year. Make plans to meet the candidates. My goal is to continue to serve the community for the remainder of my term in a forum that listens to its residents, takes care of our amenities, and are good stewards of our resources.

When you count the "roofs" Shady Hollow is not unlike many of the small towns in Texas. In those towns the residents take faith in those they elect and get involved when they feel the need. In the past year I've met many of our residents at our social events and am proud to be part of this community. My challenge to our residents is to communicate with the Shady Hollow Board members; they are your voice in decisions that affect all of us. Without that input the Board will function, but may not meet a majorities interests. This is critical on some of the upcoming issues.

Attend the "Meet the Candidates Forum"

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Have Unwanted Plants in Your Yard

Bailey Middle School is looking for:

- ▶ Nandina
- ▶ Cactus Pups
- ▶ Lantana
- ▶ Rose Bushes
- ▶ Liriod3

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Email Newsletters

Over 1000 members have access to the newsletter by email.

Why?

- ▶ You have access to the newsletter earlier.
- ▶ You can access the links in the newsletters.

Go to www.shadyhollow.org and [request login access.](#)

2016 Shady Hollow Board of Directors Election Candidates

Mary Ellen Mathis

My name is Mary Ellen Mathis. I have worked for Capitol Anesthesiology Association as a nurse anesthetist for over 20 years and prior to that, I worked at Seton Medical Center as an ICU nurse. I have been proud to call Shady Hollow home since 1994. My husband, Joe, and I have raised our two children in the neighborhood and they attended Menchaca, Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie. Though the kids, I've been involved in school activities, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Bowie band and the Stingrays swim team. I've met many of you through these activities; by organizing and recruiting volunteers for the swim team, by selling Girl Scout cookies with my daughter, by reading to the kids at Baranoff, through carpooling and feeding band members and even by walking my dog in the neighborhood. Shady Hollow is a beautiful place, filled with lovely people. This neighborhood has given me so much. Now I would like to give back to my community by serving on the board.

David Anderson

I have been an active resident of Shady Hollow for over 25 years; served on the SH Board for 4 years as Pool Committee Chair, 1 year as VP, 2 years as 4th of July Coordinator, 12 years as an Architectural Control Committee member, and involved with the Stingrays' Swim Team over 15 years, including 6 years on the Swim Team Board as Meet Director - I had 2 kids on the swim team up through last swim season.

For me it's plain and simple. Based on the MRI schedule, the pool is due to be re-plastered again in 2016 or 2017, the last time in 2007 I was the Pool Committee Chair. I am a Navy trained Nuclear Engineer (Submarines) with over 20 years in the Semi-

conductor/Hi-Tech Manufacturing Industry, currently a Project Management Consultant with over 18 years of experience and teach Project Management classes at ACC and own/operate multiple business.

I would like to have the opportunity to be involved with the next pool re-plastering efforts providing experience and leadership, and therefore, I am running for the Board to be the Pool Committee Chair for the next 2 years.

David O'Rourke

Dave O'Rourke has lived in Shady Hollow since 2010. He is employed as a water resources engineer for a national engineering consulting firm with an office here in Austin. He and his wife Melissa Wann have two children on the Sting Rays swimming team since 2011, and have been active as volunteers at meets over the years. Their son is a member in one of the local Boy Scout Troops. They enjoy living in Shady Hollow and staying active, and have been frequent attendees and participants in events such as the 4th of July parades, food trailer nights, and anniversary parties for the neighborhood.

Laura Kennedy

I am a daughter, a friend, a wife, a mother, a teacher and a leader. I've been married to my husband, Bruce, for 23 years and we have 2 amazing children, Stephen and Michael. Stephen is 18, a senior at Bowie High School, an Eagle Scout and just enlisted in the Air Force Reserves where he will be an aerospace medic. Michael is 13, attends Bailey Middle School, plays football and is working toward his Eagle Scout rank. They are my heart and soul!

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SoBro Sponsoring Candidate Forums

By Pam Baggett



It's that time again! Yup, there are elections other than for president.

The South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance

has scheduled candidate forums for Travis County Sheriff and for Precinct 3 County Commissioner. We may add the constable race as there are three declared candidates to replace the incumbent who is running for another office.

The forums include candidates for both political parties, so you can become informed not only for your party's primary election, but also for the general election.

Gold stars to anyone who can tell us when the primary election is. [Hint: it's sooner than you think!]

The Sheriff forum is 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. The County Commissioner forum is 7 p.m. Feb. 11.

All SoBro meetings are held at the Shady Hollow Community Center, 3303 Doe Run. Everyone is invited to attend.

You also are invited to send questions you would like asked during the forum to pam@pamelabaggett.com.



A New Year Greet Us!! Cont.

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on February 7. Come and visit with those who are running for the board, and vote for those who you feel will best represent you as a member of the board. In the simplest terms: if you compare brands of cars, insurance, or food before a purchase then perhaps you should be informed in voting for your Board members.

ACC Candidates

The following member is running unopposed for a spot on the Architectural Control Committee:

Randy Ericson Section 4

There are openings on the following ACC Committees:

- Shady Hollow West**
- Section 2/1**
- Section 2/A/1**
- Section 3/A/2 & 3**
- Section 5/1**
- Section 5/2**

If you would like to volunteer to help keep your neighborhood attractive, please consider signing up—**time requirement is minimal**. ACC members DO NOT need to have engineering, architectural, or construction backgrounds, just an eye for aesthetics and a knowledge of SHHOA Covenants and Restrictions.



SHHOA Calendar

JANUARY

SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)
7:00pm Thu, Jan 21

Martin Luther King Day
Office Closed
Mon, Jan 18

FEBRUARY

SHHOA Meet the Candidate Forum (CC)
1:00pm Sun, Feb 7

SHHOA Annual General Membership Meeting (CC)
7:00pm Thu, Feb 18

SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)
Thu, Feb 18
Immediately following AGM Meeting

Board of Directors

President

Mike Cain

Vice President

Russell Downey

Treasurer

Geoff Lawson

Secretary

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Members

Rebecca Shaw

Aaron Vollmer

Laura Kennedy

Pam Baggett

Ryan Merriman

**2015 Board
Candidates Cont.**

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I have been a teacher for 16 years and currently teach kindergarten at Baranoff Elementary. I am involved in PTA, Student Council, JROTC, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Swim Team and have served on the Shady Hollow Board for the last 2 years. I served on the Policy Committee and now I'm the chair of the Recreation Committee. I've learned so much about how the association operates, I would love the opportunity to serve on the board for another 2 years.

Russell Downey

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I am Russ Downey. My wife and I have been residents of Shady Hollow, Section 3B since 1994. I am a retired State employee and retired Army veteran.

I am currently serving on the Board of Directors as Vice President and would like to continue to do so. I currently chair the Community Center and Welcome Committees. I was the coordinator of last year's July 4th festivities. As a member of the Traffic Committee I will continue to work to reduce traffic on Brodie Lane and to have SH 45 constructed.

If I remain on the Board, I will continue to redevelop neighborhood spirit.

Ken Schrock

My wife Jennifer and I have lived in Shady Hollow with our four children Lauryn (13), Trevor (10), Dylan (8) and Logan (3) since May, 2010. Prior to that, we lived in north Austin. I graduated from the University of Houston with a BS in Civil Engineering. I am currently a Vice President at LJA Engineering, Inc. leading the Public Infrastructure Division and I managed municipal, County and State transportation projects and have a staff of about 20 folks working for me. In my role at LJA, I am very politically active and interact frequently with City Officials, County Commissioners and State officials throughout Central Texas.

I brought the National Program WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) to Baranoff Elementary in September 2010 and I have served as "Top Dog" in the WATCH DOG program for the past 5 school years. My position requires me to recruit fathers and father figures to volunteer their time at the school, as well as, being a participant several times each year himself. I am also the head coach for two youth football teams and have done so for the past 5 seasons. Previously I have coached lacrosse, softball and during the summers I volunteer every week for the Stingray's swim meets where three of my children participate.

I bring passion to everything I that I do and enjoy championing projects, taking ownership of them and seeing them through to completion. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the community!

Jim Bateman

I would like to serve on the Shady Hollow Homeowner's Association Board of Directors. I Have lived in Shady Hollow since 2001 and think that this is the best neighborhood in the Austin area. My wife and I and our three sons have enjoyed the excellent schools and

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By Cindy Nettles

The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 1, 2015, at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present.

Two District residents were present at the meeting to discuss their water bill, which they felt was significantly higher than their normal water usage for this time of year and possibly in error. They reviewed with the Board data they had compiled detailing their water usage over the past three years. After a lengthy discussion, the Board informed the residents that the matter would be reviewed in detail, and the Board deferred any action on the issue until the January 2016 meeting.

President Stried reported that he and Director Linville had attended the South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance meeting on November 12th to answer any possible questions regarding the annexation of the District by the City of Austin. He noted that they did not receive any questions regarding the annexation from persons in attendance at the meeting.

Ms. McCalla passed out copies of a letter sent by Phil Haag, the MUD's attorney, to Bart Jennings with the Austin Water Utility. In light of the PUC decision in the recent rate cases filed against Austin by four local water districts (the PUC determined that Austin must roll back its wholesale water and sewer rates for the four districts), the District asked the city to do the same for the Shady Hollow MUD.



The Constable's reports for November and December included the following:

- ▶ worst of the speeders: 54/30 (Green Emerald), 47/30 (Lost Oasis, Hobbiton, Onion Hollow), 44/30 (Ebony Hollow), 41/30 (Silmarillion);
- ▶ citations issued (multiple offenses at each location): speeding (Saddle Mtn, Silmarillion, Green Emerald, Accomac, Red Hawk Cv, El Dorado), driver's license (Saddle Mtn, Red Hawk Cv, Onion Hollow);
- ▶ vehicle left in Capistrano Park for several days with windows down – contacted owner, who said battery was dead & would move it; malfunctioning vehicle alarm (Esperanza); assist motorist – vehicle stuck in ditch (Frate Barker); check welfare – driver of trash truck parked at dumpster for long time (sleeping – Capistrano Pk); premises check of park after TCSO reported young male had been sleeping in park (SHV);
- ▶ suspicious person: "insurance adjuster trainee" wanted to get on roof after dark (Lost Oasis); delivering flyers (Lost Oasis);
- ▶ suspicious vehicle: FedEx truck (Ebony Hollow, Ammunition); parked at dead end (Tecate);
- ▶ assisted with Brown Santa; caught escaped dog & returned to owner (Gatling Gun); regular patrols of parks;
- ▶ assist TCSO: minor accident (Indian Pt); suspicious vehicle (Culberson); disturbance (Knipp Cv).

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 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 or email Jennifer Jensen at

jjensentx@gmail.com



Two Area Scout Troops Say Thanks to Shady Hollow

By Bruce Kennedy

Boy Scouts from Troop 448 and Troop 256



got together on January 2nd to say "Thank You" to the Shady Hollow Community for all of their support throughout the years.



Cub Scout Pack 82 will hold its **Annual Christmas Tree Recycling** event on January 16th from 9-11am @ the Shady Hollow Community Center Lower Parking Lot.

Please do not bring/leave any trees after January 16 at 12pm or bring trees in plastic bags.

The scouts braved cold temperatures and rain showers to complete two erosion control and beautification projects at Doe Run Park. Afterwards, the scouts enjoyed a nice hot lunch of BBQ chicken and black-eyed peas for the New Year!

SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
12/31/15	\$23,266.07	\$23,693	(\$48,699)	\$20,828	\$19,087	(\$4,179)
Y-T-D	\$23,971	\$569,431	(\$549,293)	(\$25,022)	\$19,086	(\$4,885)

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
12/31/15	\$191,413	\$23	\$0	(\$20,828)	\$170,608	(\$20,805)
Y-T-D	\$226,765	\$4,910	(\$86,089)	\$25,022	\$170,608	(\$56,157)

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
12/31/15	\$214,679	\$23,716	(\$48,699)	\$0	\$189,696	(\$24,983)
Y-T-D	\$250,736	\$574,341	(\$635,383)	\$0	\$189,694	(\$61,042)

Welcome New Members!

Maria & Lonnie Dunkin
11502 Gun Fight Ln.

Christian & Lisandra Braun
3107 Fort Worth Tr.

Mary Monsour
4309 Lost Oasis Hollow

Please come to the office to pick up a directory and update your information.

We look forward to meeting you!

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neighborhood facilities, and my sons have participated on the Shady Hollow Stingray Swim Team and Cub Scout Pack 82. I have volunteered my time for both of these organizations and am currently serving as the Committee Chair for Cub Scout Pack 82.

Originally from Lubbock, I came to Austin in 1989 to attend UT Law School. As an attorney for five different State of Texas agencies over the last 23 years, I have gained valuable experience dealing with municipalities regard-

ing neighborhood development, water and sewer utilities, gas utilities, and transportation issues. I am currently working for TxDOT, where I represent the agency in the financing of transportation facilities.

I would like to use my experience to keep Shady Hollow the best neighborhood to live in Austin. I am interested in protecting the interests of Shady Hollow residents as the neighborhood prepares to be annexed into the City of Austin. I also want Shady Hollow to be a cohesive force in maintaining the quality of the neighborhood schools as Austin continues to grow. Finally, I would like to continue the trend of the current Board of Directors in expanding neighborhood social events and maintaining neighborhood facilities.

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