



Shady Hollow
Home Owners Association

Shady Hollow Highlights

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Spotlight on the Stried Family

Bio By, Dr. Ron Stried



Have you seen the beautiful home that looks like a story-book cottage across from the pool? The exquisite yard brightening up the corner of Capistrano and Silmarillion with the smiling faces of Ron and Jan Stried waving back at you. This special couple have been residents and gracious volunteers in the Shady Hollow community since 1985. We have asked them to share their story of how they came to find and love our special neighborhood.

...After graduating from Texas A&M Veterinary school in 1971, we moved to Austin to begin our next chapter in life. My first job was at the Austin Cat & Dog Hospital which was the oldest veterinary clinic in Austin established in 1928. In 1985 we opened the Tanglewood Pet Hospital at the corner of Manchaca and Slaughter. That day I owned the oldest and the youngest veterinary hospital in Austin.

In the mid 1980's the economy was booming, and we decided to upsize our house. I gave the responsibility of finding a new home to Jan. She looked at many homes and settled on Shady Hollow where we currently live. The lot our house occupies, was at one time destined to be the location for the

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**Next Board Meeting
scheduled for April 16th
has been cancelled**

Easter Sunday - April 11



“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”

The President's Corner

By Board President, Joan Allen



It's been a challenging few weeks with more challenges ahead. While we all are faced with many things that we miss in our normal, everyday life, it's difficult to see good things that can come from this period of social distancing.

How can we find joy and contentment?

First and foremost, look around you. When was the last time that you spent uninterrupted time with your loved ones in your house? Families are so busy with work, school, activities, and of course the internet. We don't often spend time just being together, having meals, doing activities, and hanging out. This time can be a blessing to parents, who, as I can attest, will see their young ones fly out the door to their futures in the blink of eye.

For empty nesters, this is an opportunity to spend quality time with your significant other and family members in the house. Make plans for the future - a trip, or a visit to someone special, or to family members out of town. Use the internet to take virtual visits to beautiful destinations or to learn something new. Reach out to old friends via email, texting, or even Zoom, a more robust program similar to Face Time. There's even a new fangled invention called the telephone that can be used to talk to friends old and new!

For all of us in Shady Hollow, see if you can try to bring joy, compassion, or caring to other residents - hold a happy hour by each family setting up in their individual driveways to visit. Check in on neighbors who live alone to make sure they are safe and well. Offer to pick up needed items for others when you're shopping.

HEB is offering a shopping program for senior citizens through the app Favor. You can call 1-833-397-0080 or log on at <https://favor-delivery.com/easyorder> to place a 25 item order for delivery, which is available for a \$10 fee. Your order will be dropped off at your door.

These times are tough, but we are tougher. Stay home, wash your hands, and avoid unnecessary contact, and we will come through this stronger and kinder than before.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joan Allen

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TODAY YOU
~~HAVE TO~~
GET TO
WORK OUT



MUD News

By MUD Board Vice President, Cindy Nettles

The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 3, 2020 at the David C. Ellis Community Center, 3303 Doe Run. All directors were present.

Deputy Rush presented the monthly Constable's report. He reported that the Capistrano basketball courts were attracting a large number of youths in the evening, some of whom were causing problems. The patrols will focus on the area.

The Board adopted a resolution declaring the strategic partnership agreement (the SPA) annexation date and other provisions to be unenforceable and void as a result of the passage of SB 1468. A copy of the resolution and an amendment to the SPA will be sent to the city for review.

The Board discussed the election scheduled for May 2, 2020. Because of the current uncertainty as to how SB 1468 will ultimately affect the District, the Board agreed that it would be prudent to present a 12-cent maximum O&M tax to the voters. [12 cents per \$100 of property valuation] in order to provide for long-term operations and maintenance. The Board agreed that, while 12 cents was the maximum that could be levied if the proposition passed, that was not necessarily the tax rate the District would levy during any given tax year. The Board then approved an election agreement with Travis County to conduct the May election. In addition to the O&M tax, 3 positions on the Board were up for re-election.

Ms. Wheeler reported the bond payment had been made as scheduled.

**** On March 30, 2020, the MUD Board held a SPECIAL meeting directly outside the David C. Ellis Community Center, 3303 Doe Run, as the building was closed because of COVID-19 protocols. All directors were present and maintained appropriate social distancing throughout the meeting. The Board adopted an Order Postponing the District's May 2, 2020, Directors and Operations and Maintenance Tax Election as requested by the Office of the Governor. The next regular meeting will be held by video conference on April 7, 2020.



Welcome New Residents

Zack Bailey-Whitley
Sarah Bailey-Whitley
3212 Festus Drive

Andrew Albright
Lindsay Givens
11425 Carnelian Drive

Brandon Klassen
Rebecca Anzalone
3001 Shoot Out Court

Jen Miller
4115 Tecate Trail

Peter O'Brien Cook
Jessica O'Brien Cook
11425 Sabinal Mesa Drive

Ben Thomas
Sara Thomas
4108 Aldama Drive

Paige Webster
3101 Sesbania Drive

The Constable's report for March:

- Worst of the speeders: 50/30 (Sesbania);
- Traffic stops (various locations); tagged expired vehicles (Esperanza); RV parked too close to fire hydrant (Reynosa);
- Suspicious vehicle: kids "parking" (Capistrano Park 6:30 a.m.);
- Assist TCSO: suspicious person (Edwards Hollow - worker went into wrong residence); suspicious vehicle (Cotulla); attempted burglary (Tecate).



The Poor Man's Orchid

Have you been thinking about some plants along that back fence or driveway, ones that stay green year round, require little maintenance, drought tolerant, self-propagate and DEER WON'T EAT? Well, maybe you haven't but read on, you might change your mind. I'm writing about bearded iris plants, sometimes called the poor man's orchids. They bloom in spring with large frilly flowers in a rainbow spectrum of colors. Their only downside is the flowers don't last near long enough.

Now is the time to start thinking about planting iris – just thinking, not doing – making mental notes about where to get them. While you are out and about, keep your eyes open for

neighbors with iris because iris are best when shared – not purchased at the big box store up the road. The iris in my yard came from all sorts of places, I kind of collect them. When our San Antonio relatives passed, I dug about 10 plants for sentimental reasons. They have multiplied into hundreds scattered around our yard and neighbor's yards. I found some in an old cemetery and the white ones in my front yard were dug from under that big oak tree just west of the old Manchaca Railroad Barbeque joint.



I prefer to have iris beds all of one color because the size of the plants vary with color and color determines when they bloom. The whites bloom first while the darker colors bloom last, or at least in my yard. When I find new ones and they finally bloom I tag them by color so I can later separate them. I make tags from a soda can cut it into strips about an inch wide and 2 inches long. Drive a hole (using a nail) at the top and tie it to the base of the iris using some fish line. You can write on the metal with a sharpie and it will be there in the fall at transplanting time.



October is best, ask your neighbor if he/she will share some of those iris. I bet he/she will say "How many do you want?" Iris grow as a family, a mother that bloomed surrounded by pups. You can pull up the family using a small shovel or potato fork. Dig 4 or 5 inches below the mother rhizome to preserve the roots. Shake off the dirt and separate the pups from the mother. She's done and goes to the compost pile (done only to iris moms). Cut the tops off the pups, leaving about 6 inches of leaf. You can plant them in just about any soil but for best results mix it about 50/50 with compost or potting soil in a sunny location. Dig a hole about 6 inches deep and put the rhizome horizontally at the bottom.

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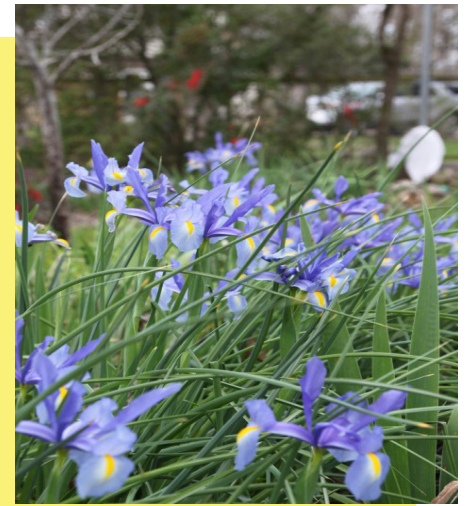
SHHOA. We are glad that didn't happen. Our son was a tennis player and spent countless hours playing at the courts across the street. The July 4th celebration had a tennis tournament and one year he played over 100 games to win the tournament. In 1985, Shady Hollow wasn't completely built out. We watched as many homes were completed and the community grew. During this time, Jan installed flower beds and filled them with plants to feed the Hummingbirds and deer. At nurseries she would purchase a plant and I would

ask "where are you going to put it?" She would always find a spot. She has a very green thumb and can grow anything. She is involved in two garden clubs and enjoys the friendship of many other gardeners.

I have always been involved volunteering. In the veterinary community I served on local, state, and regional associations and held numerous offices. Another volunteering opportunity caught my eye when the Shady Hollow MUD published a request for board opening in the early Nineties. I applied and have served as a board member and the SHMUD President for several years. I feel that my service on the SHMUD board has made a difference in the community.



We have lived in Shady Hollow for 34 years. Shady Hollow is a mixture of families young and old. Many individuals talk to Jan about her plants and the 300 # Staghorn fern hanging from the oak tree in the front yard. July 4th is a special time for the community. Along the parade route people are sitting in lawn chairs enjoying the floats, cars, and children riding the bicycles. Shady Hollow is a wonderful community and the people that live in it are the reason.



Shady Hollow Gardening

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As you fill the hole gently tug the rhizome up keeping it horizontal so its body is about half buried. Tap the soil while keeping the rhizome half buried. This will insure that the roots are dangling below the rhizome and free to rapidly grow in the space freshly filled with soil. I like to alternate the leaf end and plant them 6 to 8 inches apart. Water but do not make mud. If you are lucky, they will bloom the following spring or almost certainly a year later. They multiply so you need to thin the bed every 3 or 4 years. Otherwise they will stop blooming. I will be thinning several of my beds this fall and I share! ~Jim

While you shelter in place, enjoy the unexpected family time and spring weather--take a walk, ride a bike, try a skateboard—work in the garden— visit with your neighbor across the street (it's wider than 6 feet)--count the fireflies after dark— listen to the birds—SMILE at your family, a neighbor, a stranger passing by—keep our Shady Hollow community going strong!

Keep Safe Shady Hollow

Travis County Constable, Ken Rush



With recent world events involving COVID-19 there has been a small uptick in attempted car burglaries. These incidents are happening throughout Shady Hollow, the surrounding neighborhoods and various neighborhoods in central and northern Travis County. Ring cameras abroad have mainly captured images of “youth” committing these acts.

One thing thieves do not like is light. Landscape lighting and porch lighting (front and rear) kept on is a good deterrent. I have noticed on a near daily basis during my pre-dawn patrols garage doors left open and vehicles with inside lights illuminating. These are an unwelcome invitation for theft. Many of you are vigilant in your reporting activity

amongst each other. Particularly with the crime information provided on Nextdoor which is shared with multiple law enforcement agencies in Travis and Hays County. Thanks for all your support.

“Stay Home - Work Safe” order issued by Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt, effective March 24 thru April 13, 2020

Both the city of Austin and Travis County have announced a shelter in place order for the health and safety of our community. In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all Shady Hollow parks, playgrounds, and water fountains have been closed.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The playground equipment and any hard surfaces in any HOA amenity (parks, etc.) are CLOSED until further notice. We have wrapped the playground equipment in warning tape - please do not remove. This equipment is NOT SAFE for your children.

TENNIS COURTS

All tennis courts are CLOSED until further notice due to the county order.

BASKETBALL COURTS

All basketball courts are CLOSED until further notice due to the county order.

POOL

The Shady Hollow pool remains closed and will not be opened for Adult Swim. Failure to comply with this closure may result in the loss of pool privileges for all residents residing at the address of the key holder. Residents should be prepared for a lengthy closure that may extend through the traditional opening of the pool at the end of May.

OFFICE/COMMUNITY CENTER

The HOA office is closed to visitors; however, the staff can be reached via telephone, (512) 280-6623 or e-mail at shadyhollow@shadyhollow.org during regular business hours. The community center is closed to reservations for the month of April.

Thank you everyone and please stay safe!

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APRIL 2020

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 happy easter shady hollow!
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

MAY 2020

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
					1 yoga 9.00 a	2
3	4 tai chi 9:30 a	5 yoga 7:00 p	6	7 tai chi 10:30 a yoga 7p	8 yoga 9.00 a	9
10	11 tai chi 9:30 a	12 yoga 7:00 p	13	14 tai chi 10:30 a yoga 7p	15 yoga 9.00 a	16
17	18 tai chi 9:30 a	19 yoga 7:00 p	20	21 tai chi 10:30 a yoga 7p hoa board meeting 7p	22 yoga 9.00 a	23
24	25 tai chi 9:30 a	26	27	28 tai chi 10:30 a yoga 7p	29 yoga 9.00 a	30

all events are held at the community center unless otherwise noted