



## Shady Hollow HOA Community News



**Happy Cinco de Mayo Shady Hollow!**

### **Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4-8 #ThankATeacher**

The impact teachers have on each of our lives is being recognized this week as we acknowledge our appreciation and gratitude for their guidance and wisdom. Send your teachers a meaningful note or gift card letting them know you how grateful you are for their talents. We **LOVE** our Teachers!

### **Next Board Meeting of the Shady Hollow Board of Directors**

May 21, 2020 at 7pm - Community Center

### **MUD News**

-By MUD Vice President, Cindy Nettles

The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 7, 2019 by tele/video conference in compliance with an advisory issued by the Governor's Office. All directors were present.

Deputy Rush reported on several incidents and explained the new protocols in place for officers patrolling the District during the pandemic.

## **MUD News continued**

Director Stried reported he had provided an update to Rep. Vikki Goodwin regarding the District's efforts to work with the City of Austin to ensure that provisions detailed in SB 1468 were timely implemented. Dr. Stried also discussed with the Board the legal fees accruing to the District as a result of the Board's efforts to work with the city regarding SB 1468, which are close to exceeding the District's yearly budgeted amount of \$50,000. He asked the District's attorney to look into the District's options.

Mr. Swanks reported on various repairs and activities conducted during the past month. He recommended removal of a dead tree and trimming of dead branches in another tree, both located in the drainage area in Gatling Gun Park. The Board authorized the work at a cost of \$300. He will follow up on a report of drainpipes in need of repair and other work that may be needed in one of the District's drainage ponds.

### **The Constable's report for April included the following:**

Check on chicken coop (Lost Oasis); monitor traffic – stop sign compliance, speed; suspicious vehicle – locked, empty – checked ok (Capistrano Park); red-tagged vehicle (Whiskey River); checked on someone sleeping in car (Doe Run); abandoned truck complaint (Sesbania); assist TCSO: suspicious person call – AT&T worker, checked ok (Six Gun).

## **City of Austin COVID 19 Water Rates Clarification**

-By MUD Board President, Dr. Ron Stried

After receiving a letter from Austin Water last week SHMUD checked with the COA if this applied to Shady Hollow. Sadly, it does not apply to residents of Shady Hollow. The reply from COA follows.

*"The letter was distributed in mass to Austin Water customers about our COVID-19 response and City Council approval for tiered water and wastewater rate reduction through September 2020. As such, the letter was **not** intended to serve as an independent notice to the Shady Hollow residents indicating a new or different rate. The water service rates for Shady Hollow customers remain intact."*

**NOTE:** As the result of a previous rate settlement case against the COA, Shady Hollow Municipal Utility District receive a special lower water rate that will remain in effect until December 15, 2020.

## **Update on Governor's Executive Order - GA 18**

### **Outdoor Sports Participants**

Following the Governor's announcement that allows tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts to be reopened under certain conditions, the Shady Hollow Homeowners Association Board of Directors voted to reopen the courts in compliance with the Governor's guidelines.

The following motion was passed: **Motion 2. To permit the opening of the HOA's tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts under the following conditions:**

- 1) in compliance with the Governor's directive to limit the number of persons on the court to four or less;
- 2) to notify all residents through email, key assignment agreements, and signage that players are responsible for complying with conditions of play and for sanitizing all hard surfaces before and after play;
- 3) to notify all residents that the use of the courts is restricted to Shady Hollow residents ONLY; non-residents are not permitted to play on SHHOA courts; and
- 4) to require all key holders to waive any SHHOA liability for illness or injury through the use of the court.

It is important to note that only FOUR (4) persons can be on a court at one time, that residents are responsible for disinfecting all hard surfaces before and after use, and that use of the courts are limited to Shady Hollow residents ONLY at this time. With regard to the basketball courts, social distancing must be followed (six feet apart) and no contact between the four players is allowed. No non-resident guests are allowed on any of the courts.

Should a resident be found to be in violation of these conditions, the resident may be subject to having the ability to use the amenity suspended for a one-month period. These are serious times and public health demands that all users comply with these temporary requirements.

The Shady Hollow HOA has rekeyed the tennis court locks. **Members will need to obtain a new key, update their tennis key agreement and financial deposit with the HOA.** Please email the HOA at [shadyhollow@shadyhollow.org](mailto:shadyhollow@shadyhollow.org) to set an appointment for key pickup.

Please have the tennis key agreement form completed and deposit payment ready prior to coming and getting the new key. The new tennis key deposit amount is \$100.00. Please bring and return your existing tennis key for a \$25.00 credit toward the deposit amount. Checks only - No cash.

[Tennis Key Agreement Form](#)

## **Other Amenities**

The Shady Hollow Board of Directors and HOA staff continue to monitor all governmental entities - both state and county - regarding the opening and use of amenities. The pool remains closed under the Governor's order and currently, there are no plans to open the pool. The Community Center and playgrounds remain closed to visitors. We ask that all residents continue to do everything they can to protect each other from COVID-19 and practice diligent hand washing and social distancing. Stay safe.

## May Landscape Tips

-By Rich Caldwell, Ecosystems Landscape Services



**Mulch** Now that leaf and pollen drop season is done it is time to start mulching your plants if you have not done so already. Avoid piling mulch up the trunk of a tree. This will invite insect and disease damage. Just pull it away from the trunk a couple of inches.

**Irrigation** Trying to get your plants established before the heat of summer is important. Deep, infrequent watering will get that done. Be sure to do a full "walk-thru" of your irrigation system. Turn on each station from the clock and inspect each head individually. Check for clogged nozzles, geysers, misaligned heads, underground leaks, valves that do not fully shut down (slow leaks) and poor coverage. Using an empty tuna can, you can measure the "inches per hour" of your system. During the heat of summer, it is recommended that you apply 3/4 to 1 ½ inches of water per week for turf (depends on soil depth and quality). This can be next to impossible if you can only water one day per week. No matter what your days are, using the run-soak-run system is best and prevents run off. Instead of watering a station 1 time per night, run it 3 times for 1/3 of the time. This improves water penetration and deeper roots.

**Turf** As it gets warmer, remember that St. Augustine should be mowed no shorter than 3 inches. The longer the blades, the more shade is applied to the soil surface and the root structure is at or just below the soil surface. This acts as mulch in the sense that it keeps the right amount of moisture and allows the roots and rhizomes to be protected from direct sun. Bermuda and Zoysia can be successfully maintained at a lower height, but keep in mind that if the height is taken too low too soon, the turf could brown out and going into the summer it may be difficult to reestablish.

**Beds** Pay attention to water and light requirements, most native perennials require full sunlight and very little water once established. If you have not done so yet complete your cutbacks to get more blooms. Remember to plant according to shade and soils conditions.

**Fertilizer and Weed Control** If you have not already done so, finish up your post emergent weed control applications. Remember once it gets too hot the temperatures can cause the turf to stress and die back. Follow the label on all materials. Go ahead and apply a balanced fertilizer if you have not done so already. Get the grass, and shrubs, ready for the summer heat.

## Happy Memorial Day!

The HOA Office will be closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

