

Shadows Community Newsletter

December 2017



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Dear Neighbors,

With the calendar moving quickly, we want to wish you happy holidays and a great New Year.

The annual meeting was held in September, and although it was a very light turnout, the new board was elected along with the chairman of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). We would still like to see additional members volunteer for the ACC, but at least we have a functioning committee (see members on left). We also have revived the welcoming committee and the tennis court committee. Any other volunteers are welcomed.

We would like to thank the previous board for their hard work in all the restoration activities after the flood last year. We have just about completed the cleanup of all the lakes, the repair of the lake fountains, the entrance flower beds and the walking trails. We have added a hand rail to the steep slope on the walking trail on the east end of lake 2 and hope to add additional gravel to the walking trails where it is most needed. During this past year the board approved the joining of the Baton Rouge Federation of Civic Associations, and we have participated in several meetings about drainage in the parish and future growth in the area.

As you go through the neighborhood, it is evident that there are several homes that are still in the process of recovery. We hope for the best for these individuals in a speedy recovery and a return to their homes. As in the past, the board will do whatever it can to help move the recovery process along with minimal hindrance. We would therefore encourage you to communicate with the board any issues you think may need to be addressed. We may not be able to address all things, but we do want to hear from you; after all, it is your neighborhood.

Again we hope you have a happy holidays and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

Shadows Community HOA

Your HOA at Work



LAKE 4 HAS FINALLY BEEN CLEANED OUT

After the flood, a lot of debris was deposited in lake 4. It has taken several attempts with large equipment to remove the debris and islands of hyacinth and trees. It was an arduous job. The contractor had to bring in larger equipment with a longer arm to reach out into the lake. They have removed all debris. As you can see, our lake has returned to its original beauty.

NUTRIA NUISANCE

The little critters are back! This is a much more intelligent crop than before because the “nutria hunter” has yet to catch them. They seem to move around the lake, because after having their fill on one yard, they move on to another in a different area. Five were sighted, but after we put out cages to catch them, evidently they are wise to our efforts and moved to the opposite end of the lake. Efforts are continuing...



TRAILS HAVE NEW GRAVEL

The trails have been in need of new gravel after the flood, and we are glad to say they were finally overlaid.

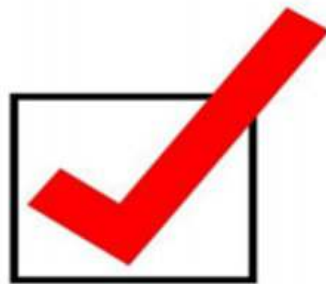


NEW HANDRAIL ON LAKE 2

Homeowners were saying the new trail by lake 2 is hard to navigate after the contractor couldn't grade it as previously expected. A new handrail has been installed to ease the downhill grade from being so steep. We hope this will help those that enjoy walking the trails.

BETTER COVERAGE ***BETTER RATES***

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Neighborhood News

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR "YARD OF THE MONTH" WINNERS...

March: The Carlsons on Shadow Creek

August: The Frolovs on Shadow Hill

April: The Khalid-Abasis on Martin Lake

September: The Jarreaus on Harrells Lane

May: The Welborns on Shady Path

October: The Ganleys on Shady Elm

June: The Passmans on Oak Lane

November: The Oneals on Shady Elm



SECURITY

The board has received many various suggestions concerning security. In the interest of keeping costs down, we are open to all suggestions. One suggestion was presented that wouldn't cost the HOA anything. It would involve homeowners with security cameras agreeing to give access to their camera's video in the event of a security problem. There would need to be a subdivision list of homeowners with cameras. Only the Sheriff's department would contact the homeowner with the camera. This wouldn't involve any cost to the HOA. Of course, it would involve cooperation of the homeowners with home security cameras. We would like to hear from our homeowners concerning their opinion. This is an issue that affects all of us. We are open to presentations.

Our social committees would not exist without the volunteers that so graciously give of their time. We want to sincerely thank them!

To **Ann Dartez** for reviving our welcoming committee. We haven't had a welcoming committee for years, and it's such an integral part of bringing a subdivision together. If you have a new neighbor, please let us know so we may welcome them! **THANK YOU, ANN!**

To **Ann Richardson** for the beautiful Christmas decorations at our entrances. Ann is also a new board member. **THANK YOU, ANN!**

To **Angelle Fontenot** for volunteering to pick our Yard of the Month. **THANK YOU, ANGELLE!**

To **Steve Maggio** for changing our marquees each month. **THANK YOU, STEVE!**

To **Jason Lachney** for volunteering to chair our Architectural Control Committee.

THANK YOU, JASON!

To the Gilberts for repairing the tennis court nets and fence so that all may enjoy the courts.

THANK YOU, GILBERT FAMILY!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



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EASY RIDER TRAVEL



WELCOME YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS!



We'd like to welcome our new neighbors to our wonderful subdivision. If you recently moved to the Shadows Community and are not listed below, please contact the HOA with your contact information so that we may update our records. Again, welcome!

The Wells 17511 Martin Lake

The Greens 18404 Ferry Lane

The Dongs 17544 W. Purple Martin

CALLS FOR HELP

The board has received calls about street lights that are out, strange cars, teenagers in the park at night, parking on the street, etc. Please understand, when you contact the board about these issues you are just calling another neighbor. These issues do not fall under the jurisdiction of the HOA restrictions or bylaws; they fall under the Sheriff's dept. If the street light is out, call Demco at 261-1221. If there are teenagers in the park at night, call the Sheriff (389-5073) right then; don't wait until the next day to email the board wanting them to do something. Board members are not going to approach anyone at night or at any time during the day. The board members are not deputies; they're just neighbors volunteering to help the neighborhood.. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our subdivision is run by volunteers who want to maintain the current level of quality to support optimal property values. Without these volunteers, repairs wouldn't be made, grounds wouldn't be maintained, and after the recent flood, can you imagine the conditions we would be living in? These volunteers not only had to rebuild their own homes, they also had to rebuild YOUR neighborhood. We constantly ask for help from approximately 400 lot owners, and we may get one new volunteer a year. You don't have to be a board member, but just volunteering to help in any capacity takes a load off of the 6-8 people who are constantly working to protect your values. Please consider volunteering; we would greatly appreciate it.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have special news, know something exciting or just want to mention someone that did a good deed, please let us know. This is your newsletter and we welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send them to shadlake@yahoo.com. We may include them in our next newsletter.



Real Estate News

Address	SqFt Living	Sold Price	Days On
17684 MARTIN LAKE DR	3,145	\$225,000	143
17743 SHADY CREEK AVE	2,036	\$250,000	39
17623 MARTIN LAKE DR	2,164	\$280,000	9
18311 FERRY LANE AVE	2,275	\$289,900	113
17511 MARTIN LAKE DR	2,414	\$299,900	6
18403 FERRY LANE AVE	2,360	\$311,000	68
18403 SHADOW CREEK AVE	2,412	\$319,000	7
17544 W PURPLE MARTIN CT	2,496	\$321,250	81

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EASY PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE. Yummy!

Ingredients:

2 cups sugar

1/2 cup milk

1 cup peanut butter

1 tsp. vanilla extract

Grease an 8x8 inch baking pan. In a medium saucepan, bring sugar and milk to a boil. Allow to boil for about 2 1/2 minutes, stirring regularly, and then remove from heat. Add the peanut butter and vanilla and stir until smooth. Pour the mixture into the pan and allow to cool until set. Slice into 1 inch squares.

Enjoy!!!



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Your Newsletter

from the

Shadows Community Homeowners Association

