

Shadows Community Newsletter

June 2020



A Note from your Board...

Dear Neighbors,

We hope that everyone is safe and well during this difficult time. It's hard to believe that just a few years ago we survived a flood and now we are surviving a deadly virus. Times like these bring out the true character of people. You can succumb to the devastation or you can see the blessings in them. We are strong and we will survive.

In this newsletter you will read about the state of our community and our current needs. Our community is over 25 years old, but still thriving. You can't help but smile when approaching our entrances! The beautiful flowers reflect the pride of the community and our lakes are home to beautiful egrets, ducks and wildlife that brighten any day.

As your board, we are always striving toward improvement. Let us know if you have suggestions. Please consider volunteering to help us maintain our values and the integrity of our community.

If we can be of service, Please contact us. We are here to serve you.

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WHAT'S NEW WITH SHADOWS REAL ESTATE

SOLD! Welcome back to
the neighborhood The
Hartzogs!



Beautiful and immaculate 4 bedroom 3 bath and bonus space home in Shadows at White Oak.

2480 Living Area. Watch for it!!!

I would like to offer some insight into how sellers and real estate agents are adapting to the COVID-19 outbreak. To make selling a home as safe as possible some sellers are taking their listings up a notch by offering a virtual tour of their homes to drive interest among buyers and provide a more in-depth glimpse of the property. I will also have delivered "showing kits" to our listings that contain sanitizer and gloves for people to use during the showing. This is not a time for looky-loos. We are limiting the showing to one person with the agent at a time in the home. They must have preapproval letters and be a serious buyer. No kids allowed. Once the showing is over clean and disinfect thoroughly.

Call me if you are thinking about selling. Our market is still very active because of realtors like myself that will help you through this process. I can be reached at (225) 229-3327 or visit my website at Lynell@jimtalbot.com

Active Listings in the Shadows Community

17514 W. Purple Martin Court

17711 Shady Path Court

18231 Oaklane Avenue

18118 Shadow Creek Avenue

3366 White Shadows Avenue

Sold Listings in the Shadows Community Since 01/01/2020

17754 Shady Creek Avenue

3312 Shady View Drive

18324 Oak Lane Avenue

3204 White Lane Drive

3138 Harrells Lane Avenue



(225) 927-2114

Topic at Annual Meeting

Our subdivisions are over 25 years old and we are witnessing the breakdown of equipment. Our electrical systems are corroded and not working, we just replaced our park equipment that was a liability, our trails have broken pipes below them and the area is beginning to collapse, which is dangerous for our residents. Our signs throughout the neighborhood are missing or rotten from the flood and are in dire need of replacement. The weir on lake one is broken and sinking, therefore, draining the lake and compromising the lots on the lake.

We want to address the most imminent issues first. Repair of the collapsing pipes beneath our trail near lake four will cost approximately \$15,000. To repair the weir in lake one will cost approximately \$25,000+. These two issues alone are \$40,000. The lighting on Shadows at White Oak Blvd. had to be replaced due to old wiring that is corroded and broken. We also had to replace the transformer. Now the lights on Shadows Lake blvd. are out.

There are numerous other issues that need addressing, as our subdivision ages, more repairs are needed. Our budget doesn't come close to accommodating the needed repairs. Therefore, we are proposing a \$100 increase in our dues at the annual meeting in Sept. Beginning January 2021, our dues would be \$400. This annual amount is still low considering the values of our homes. We are chancing the repairs will hold off until after the first of next year due to lack of funds.

We expect that this will be the last increase for a long time. Since the flood, we have had a tremendous amount of repairs. Last year, our budget was over by \$40,000 due to repairs.

Shadows Community exists of three subdivisions under one dues system. There are expansive grounds to be maintained in the three subdivisions and we are beginning to see more underground pipe issues arise in addition to other improvements we want to implement, such as a security system.

We are asking that you vote with us, for the increase, so we may continue to maintain the integrity of our community and protect our property values. We all have large investments to protect, so lets all do what we can to make sure this happens!

There will be a ballot asking for your vote in the next newsletter. If you are unable to attend the meeting (date and time TBD) please send in your vote so that your voice will be heard!

Thank you,

The Shadows Community HOA

Board of Directors



Neighborhood News

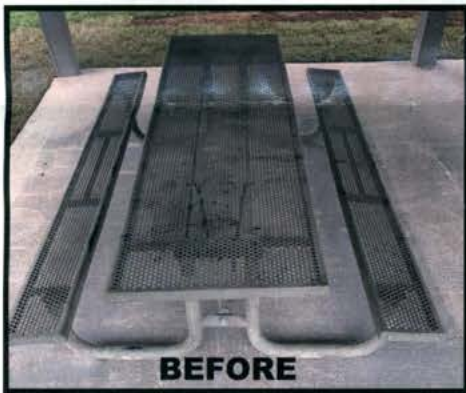


Shadows at White Oak Lighting

As many of you may have noticed, the up-lights on the Blvd. have been out for some time. After many years of constant repairs, we have accepted a bid from Keeling to replace the transformers and lights. The new lights should last 15 years. The new lights are warrantied so that anytime a fixture is in need of replacement, the manufacturer replaces it "no questions asked".

New Picnic Tables for the Park

We have replaced the old picnic tables in the park because the paint/finish was peeling and very sharp which made it a liability for anyone sitting on them. Special thanks to Mike and Ann Richardson for volunteering to put them together for us. Ann is also our board treasurer! Thanks for the team work!



Broken Pipes and Trail to be repaired

There are extensive repairs needed on lake 4 near the trail. It is likely from the aftermath of 2016 flood and the bringing in of heavy equipment to clean debris from our lakes. The broken pipes are threatening to wash out the trail and drain the lake. Without an increase in dues, it will erode further.



Recognizing Silver Linings

One thing is for certain, the effects that the current COVID-19 global pandemic have affected all of us in one way or another. When the news is all doom and gloom it's hard for even the most optimistic among us to stay positive. It might seem like an odd time to talk about being positive but staying positive is a core ingredient in the recipe of successful coping in a crisis. In such trying times it is important for us to acknowledge silver linings in the midst all the stress and negativity. Now, more than ever, is the time for us to be proactive about creating small moments of happiness in our days. We have noticed more residents enjoying the outdoors, working in their yards and more families out walking, biking and jogging in our community. It is a joy and privilege for us to have a wonderful neighborhood that everyone can enjoy.

A few really practical things you can do to foster positive emotions:

Savor & cherish small moments: The smell of coffee, the sights & sounds of nature, the laughter of children. When you stop to take in these moments, rather than let them rush by on automatic pilot, you are giving your brain a chance to actually process the pleasure.

Strengthen your connections: For those of us in family lockdown, now is the opportunity to spend quality time with our loved ones. Take the time to hug your kids or partner, have long conversations with them – all of these gestures promote closeness.

Look for the good in others: These types of crises can bring out both the worst and the best in human nature. It is best to focus on the positive side: I like to think that the best in human nature is rising to the coronavirus challenge – people are spending spare time making masks to donate, doctors and medical staff are working overtime to help sick patients, people are helping our local restaurants stay afloat by ordering takeout meals, teachers are being innovative to make sure our children are still learning, grocery store clerks are on the front lines to make sure we all continue to have access to necessities.

Other positive points to note:

Nature is thriving—Without us continually running around to many different places, nature is beginning to return to balance. For example, less air pollution and the return of wildlife in areas that haven't been seen for a long time.

We have more time for family—The forced isolation has served as a reminder of how much our loved ones mean to us.

We realized we are all equal with regard to the force of nature—Rich or poor, great or small, this virus has impacted all of us

We are starting to understand how much we depend on each other—Individually, realize how much we need friends and family. Without them life is just not the same. Societally, we realize we need to work together to stay safe - It's not enough that one or two people will follow the recommended health guidelines. We must all work together! Globally, countries are realizing how difficult it is to get by without external aid. We even see countries with previous rocky relationships now working together and sending medical supplies to help one another. Let's hope these relations will continue!

We have time to think—Before COVID-19 we used to run around with little time to stop and think. Now our lives have slowed down and we are starting to ask ourselves how do we move forward from here? *Is our previous lifestyle sustainable? How can we arrange our time to live our best life?*

When we tune into these positive aspects of the crisis, we are united in hope. Stay safe, neighbors! You are not alone. We are all in this together! This too shall pass!



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 Bartleys at 18453 Shadow Creek

Penny Nails LLC at 3010 White Shadows

The Barrios at 3214 White Lane

The Turks at 18453 Shadow Creek

The Jathos at 17713 Shady Creek

The Marriotts at 18322 Shadow Creek

Steven McCulloh at 3204 White Lane

The Hartzogs at 17754 Shady Creek



Congratulations to Our Spring Yard of the Month Winners!

April: The O'Neils at 17759 Shady Elm

May: The Howes at 3133 White Shadows



No Cast Fishing in Lakes!

We have received several complaints of people casting nets into our lakes in an effort to catch large amounts of fish. This is absolutely prohibited. We will enforce this restriction using the Sheriff's Dept. if necessary. Our lakes are for the enjoyment of our residents only. There has always been a catch and release policy in place, however, we do not mind residents keeping their catch as long as it is not excessive. If we continue to see excessive amounts of fish removed from our lakes, we will be forced to enforce the catch and release policy again. We recently had a report of several men fishing in Lake 2 that were not residents of our subdivision. These are private lakes for use of residents and their guests only. We will ask the Sheriff's Department to check with non-residents around our lakes and they will be asked to leave.



Celebrate Summer with a BBQ!

Grilled Pineapple Teriyaki Chicken



Prep: 10 min. Cook: 15 min. Serves: 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup pineapple juice
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 Tbsp water
- Garnish with green onions and sesame seeds

PREPARATION:

1. In a small saucepan, whisk together the brown sugar, soy sauce, pineapple juice, garlic, pepper, and salt. In a small bowl, whisk together the water and cornstarch. Slowly whisk into the mixture.
2. Bring to boil and boil about 1-3 minutes until the mixture just starts to thicken. Remove from heat and reserve 1/4 cup of the sauce for later.
3. Marinate the chicken in the sauce in the fridge for at least 30 minutes. Grill the chicken on each side for 6-7 minutes or until no longer pink. Put the chicken on the plate and brush with reserved sauce before serving. Garnish with green onion and sesame seeds if desired.

Source: <https://therecipecritic.com/grilled-pineapple-teriyaki-chicken/>

Moscato Slush

An easy summertime drink



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Cup ice
- 1/2 Cup Moscato Wine

PREPARATION:

1. Pour ice and moscato into a blender.
 2. Blend on high speed for about 30 seconds.
 3. Pour into your serving glass and garnish with a strawberry.
- Add fruit to the blender for added flavor!

Berry Cobbler on the Grill



INGREDIENTS FOR 10 SERVINGS:

- 2 cans biscuit dough
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups blueberry
- 1 1/2 cups strawberry
- 1 1/2 cups blackberry
- 1 1/2 cups raspberry
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp cornstarch
- ice cream, for topping

PREPARATION:

1. Cut biscuits into small even pieces (about 9 per biscuit) and place in a bowl.
2. Sprinkle sugar, flour, cinnamon, and salt over the dough bites. Mix well.
3. On the grill, using a disposable foil pan or grill proof pan, combine blueberries, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, sugar, and cornstarch. Stir well and let cook until fruit starts to release its juices.
4. Cover fruit with the cinnamon sugar-coated biscuit dough in as even a layer as possible.
5. Cover pan tightly with foil and close the grill. Keeping the temperature at 350°F (175°C) grill for 20 minutes.
6. Take the foil off pan and close grill again for 10 more minutes, or until dough is cooked through and golden brown. (Times and temperatures may vary based on grill).
7. Remove from the grill & serve with a scoop of ice cream.
8. Enjoy!

If you See Something, Say Something!



We have received reports of strange non-resident groups of people fishing in our lakes and loitering around our subdivision. A board member was at the park one Monday accepting delivery of new picnic tables and a young man came walking through the park and toward the creek. He remained back there walking back and forth, attempting to stay out of sight. The Sheriff's dept. was notified and asked to check it out. It was definitely suspicious. If you see something or someone suspicious, please call the Sheriff's dept. There could have been kids in the park by themselves. We need to be vigilant to protect our community. If you see something, say something!

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.

We have several committees for which we are looking for volunteers!

Do you have something special that you think you can bring to the table? Let us know!

We are currently looking for a Chair-Person to organize and form a new Master Plan Committee. The focus of this committee will be to create ideas to make future improvements for the enhancement of the Shadows Park, lakes and common grounds.

We are also looking for volunteers on all lakes to join a Lake Committee. We prefer that lake volunteers to be lake lot homeowners if possible.

Our community is also in need of volunteers for the Social Committee. Historically, our community has hosted two annual social events, Halloween and Easter. We would love to have someone volunteer to improve and expand this committee to coordinate fun events for our neighborhood.

Other committees that may be of interest are our Welcome Committee, Neighborhood Watch Committee, Yard of the Month Committee and Architectural Control Committee!

If interested in volunteering, please email shadlake@yahoo.com with the subject line containing which committee you'd like to volunteer for.



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Amending the Restrictions

Due to an excessive amount of restriction violations, an amendment to the restrictions will be on the Annual Meeting ballot. Unfortunately, there are residents who refuse to abide by the restrictions and our only recourse has been to file suit. Lawsuits are timely and costly. The cost for those lawsuits come out of the dues collected from all home-owners and are for the purpose of improving our community. We all knew when we bought into this subdivision that there were certain restrictions to follow and some have chosen to ignore those restrictions. Therefore, we will be voting on a new amendment that will allow the HOA to fine violators. After written notification to comply is sent, a deadline is given, if still to no avail, then a fine will be levied and if not paid, a lien will be placed on the violators home. Its unfortunate it has come to this but a few can ruin values for all of us by not complying with the restrictions. Restrictions are there to protect our values and the integrity of our community. We hope you will vote with us to protect our investments.

Neighborhood Dogs

The HOA has received complaints about dogs leaving their calling card in other neighbors' yards. Some residents are under the mistaken idea that the HOA has authority over this issue. The HOA does not! There is a city ordinance against dogs defecating in someone's yard. Animal Control has the authority to enforce the ordinance, not our HOA.

The HOA is made up of residents, just like you, that are willing to try to help the community. They are here to enforce the restrictions. They have no authority over loud parties, parking on the street, dogs barking, the color of someone's front door etc. Please understand, they are residents trying to help. They hold jobs, have families and calling them about the aforementioned issues is the equivalent of us calling you to do something about someone's dog, etc. The ACC and the HOA are volunteers only and are not responsible for neighbor to neighbor issues.

That said, let's remember that it is indeed the neighborly thing to do to pick up after your pet. Pet waste contains a variety of disease causing organism such as Salmonella, Giardia Lamblia and Fecal Coliform. These organisms can cause humans to become quite ill if they into contact with or with water that has been polluted by them. Pet waste that is not disposed of properly carries these contaminants into our waterways and can cause algae blooms. As they die, algae deplete water of oxygen, effectively suffocating plant and aquatic life.

School is Out!

Please remember that there are kids throughout the neighbor now since school is out! Please slow down, especially when turning into the subdivisions!



A VERY SPECIAL THANKS...

to those who unselfishly volunteer their time for you!

Thanks to **Steve Maggio** for always volunteering to help with posting one of our marquees, watching for needed repairs and always being available to take care of whatever is needed. Rarely, do we run across someone who cares about their subdivision as much as he does. Thank you **Steve!**

A special thanks to **Tonya Monette** for volunteering to take over the newsletter! Tonya is new to our subdivision and volunteered right away. Thank you **Tonya!**

A special thanks to **Debbie Maggio** for also volunteering to post another of our marquees. Thank you **Debbie!**

A special thanks to **Paulette Raiford** for volunteering to post another one of our three marquees. Thank you **Paulette!**



To **Louisiana Nursery** for giving us special pricing on our entrance flowers and providing the gift certificates for our Yard of the Month winners and our Christmas decoration winners! Thank you **LA Nursery!**

A Special Thanks to Marty Pousson

Our lakes had an abundance of weeds and Marty sprayed all four lakes in an attempt to kill the growth. Marty is a board member with the certification to spray the lakes as the chemicals are strong and require certification. The sun kills the growth fairly quickly. Thank you Marty!

