



SHADOW WOOD

2014

Homeowners Association Newsletter

New Board Member!

Please welcome our newest Board Member, Mike Zimmerman! We are excited to have him join the board as he has a financial and accounting background. Mike Johnson has been doing a great job for many, many years, and previously his wife too. He is looking to take some to himself and his increasingly busy career.

I can not emphasize enough how important it is for volunteers to join our Board and committees. We are currently in need of volunteers to help some of our committees. It is easy to think, "someone else will always help." Unfortunately, this isn't the case. As this community has been around for so long, many of you have already served on the board, so if you have not served our community, please do so. If you have, please join us. We, as homeowners, are responsible for the well-being of Shadow Wood. The Board members can not do it alone.

Most board members have full time jobs, and kids to raise, with not much free time. So there comes a time when a little extra effort is needed. If you have any interest, please contact us! (information on the back page)



Words to Live By

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

-J.F. Kennedy

Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men; but be sure you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude.

-E. P. Powell

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have; you will never, ever, have enough.

-Oprah Winfrey

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Parents, as you are getting this traditional feast prepared, have your kids put together a Thanksgiving Mural. It is easy to do, so much fun, and creates memories for a lifetime!

All you need: Poster board, glue, old magazines, pictures, and something to write and color with.



Directions:

1. Talk with your child about the things you're both thankful for. (You may have to explain what "thankful" means to younger children.) Some ideas could include: food, a home, friends, family, teachers or caregivers and school, your neighbors, your faith community, pets, favorite stuffed animals or toys, books and movies, etc. Be sure to include things that your child may not know you are thankful for, such as your education or your health. You can either write these ideas down or just talk about them.
2. Look through the magazines and cut out pictures of some of the things you're thankful for. You can also draw or write down your thoughts.
3. At the top of the poster board write in colorful letters, "We Are Thankful For..." and explain to your child that you're going to fill in the mural with your ideas.
4. Arrange the pictures on the poster board and glue them on. Add drawings and words where needed.
5. Decorate your poster board with glitter, fabric, sparkles, etc. Then, hang it up for your friends and family to see!

Neighborhood Updates

Pool Fence: The fence posts has a few more loose ones. Mike E arranged to have them fixed. If you are looking for a handyman, he has a recommendation.

Website: As our website is evolving, we have added the meeting minutes to it. Now you can see what happens in our monthly meeting if you can not join us.

WELCOME to our new board member, **Mike Zimmerman**. He has a skilled background in accounting and we know he will be a great addition to our Board.

Garbage Cans: There continue to be a few folks who leave their garbage containers out. It is preferred to keep these containers hidden from site.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

13: HOA Meeting

DECEMBER

06: Holiday Caroling

8: Fall Debris P/U

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11: HOA Meeting

13: Holiday Caroling

JANUARY

8: HOA Meeting

FEBRUARY

12: HOA Meeting

14: Valentine Cards

*HOA Meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Aloha Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to come.

If you have any ideas for activities in our neighborhood, please feel free to share with the Board.

PLANNING EVENTS



HAYRIDE:

Joy to the World!

There will not be a hayride this year. With less than 10% of the community voting, there is just not enough interest again this year.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING:

Last year this was a big hit and everyone who joined in have a wonderful time. To be sure we work the best around most schedules, there will be a poll on our website at www.swhoa.us. Please take the time to let us know which weekend works best for you. Please RSVP so we know how many treats to have.

We will be looking for volunteers to help coordinate this event. So please email moserdeni@gmail.com to volunteer!

HOLIDAY CARDS or SOUP KITCHEN:

Would you be interested in community service to help the less fortunate around the area? Please email your ideas!!



Dangerous Situation

The sidewalks are wet and many are littered with leaves. That alone makes a slippery situation. But if you have uneven sidewalks, it is downright dangerous! There are some folks who say they can't afford to fix sidewalks. It is a risk. If someone falls and gets hurt, the price will be much higher. The ARC urges you to keep your sidewalks clean at all times, for the safety of others.

Be on alert for Scams..

After talking with the Washington County Sheriffs office, they wanted to spread the news about a couple recent scams in the area.

THE GRANDMA SCAM

Criminals search obituary ads to find vulnerable elders to cheat them out of money. They typically pretend to be a grand child or niece asking for immediate help to either get out of jail, pay rent or will be evicted, or emergency payment of a hospital bill.

Anyone calling to get cash for any reason, even if you think you know them, is cause for hesitation. If you know anyone who may be living alone, please discuss this with them, as they are the most vulnerable. Especially if they just lost a loved one.

NIGERIA—COMPUTER AND BANK

I have recently talked to an elderly person who had someone calling to say they need to get money from them because they have an overdrawn checking account. They are looking for you to send cash to a PO box or get a credit card number. NO BANK will ever ask you for money. If you ever have a concern, drive down to your bank and discuss in person.

Another one reported to me was some type of computer scam. I wish this person could remember the website, but they downloaded something that had a virus and emptied out her checking account. Please be very careful about keeping personal information on your computer if you are connected to the internet. There are malicious programs that can “root” into your computer and upload information, without you even knowing about it.

I am no expert on this, so if you are a computer person, or IT, and you have access to more of these types of scams, please email me and I will forward to everyone on my email list

Are you on the email List??

If you are only getting this newsletter in a black and white copy on your door step, then I do not have an email address for you. Please submit your email to denise@swhoa.us and you will be included on information that is shared with all our neighbors in Shadow Wood AND get a color copy delivered to your email box! It helps save on printing costs too!



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