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## A Note from the Woods of Shavano President

*By John Haines, President, Woods of Shavano Community Association*



*Happy New Year!*

**WE ARE EXCITED AS CAN BE TO WELCOME IN 2023!**

What will 2023 bring us this new year? I'm not sure, but I sure am excited about the hope and possibilities of a new year. I have lived here in the Woods of Shavano for 33 years and each year our community gets better and better. We will soon begin preparing for activities and events for the coming year such as swim season, swim team, pickleball, tennis, Memorial Day, Pancakes in the Park, holiday events, food & blood drives, and children's activities. Each of these activities/events requires volunteers and I encourage you to become involved. We need your help in making our community amazing, fun, and a wonderful place to live.

One of my personal goals for 2023 is to rebuild the pool deck by the lifeguard stand. Please consider lending a helping hand if you are good with a hammer or make a donation to help ease the financial burden. This is a great project that will add value to and improve safety at the WOS pool.

What do *you* think will help improve our community? Please take a moment to let us know – email us at [woodsofshavano@yahoo.com](mailto:woodsofshavano@yahoo.com). We are here to serve you and need your insight and feedback to help us make the Woods of Shavano an amazing community to live in.

Wishing you an amazing and wonderful year!

## Contact Us

*For membership information to general WOS information or to contact a WOSCA Board Member, call or email:*

☎ 210-492-9809

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## Stay Connected



In addition to this monthly newsletter, you can stay connected with the Woods of Shavano Community Association through multiple platforms – email, Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and the WOSCA website.

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(Non-Emergency):  
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## Holiday Decorating Contest Winners



The Woods of Shavano has never been more brightly lit for the holiday season. Blinking lights, manger scenes, snowflakes, snowmen, and many fanciful holiday decorations graced the neighborhood. The contest was open to all members of the neighborhood. While our judges found declaring winners a difficult task, they ultimately awarded the following:

**First Place**

**Second Place**

**Third Place**

Not available online.

We want to thank all residents who decorated their homes, making our neighborhood festive for the holidays.



## Woods of Shavano

- January 11 .....WOSCA Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- January 18.....Meet and Greet at the Dooryard, 5–8 PM
- February 8 .....WOSCA Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- February 23..... WOSCA Annual Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM



## Cheerful Pics

Photos with Santa created plenty of holiday cheer in the Woods of Shavano this year. Many children were in awe of the bearded man in his bright red suit and bushy white beard. After Santa's favorite elf (Barbara Haines) merrily greeted guests, the jolly fella visited with children and listened closely as they whispered their Christmas wishes in his ear while photographer Megan Haines captured many joyful smiles.

THANK YOU Santa for making this special stop and for donating all photo proceeds to the WOSCA!



## Dashing Through the Woods (of Shavano) In a One-(450-) Horse (-powered) Open (Texas) Sleigh

Shortly after his photo op, Santa returned to the WOS on December 18, 2022, greeting children throughout the neighborhood with holiday music and jolly Ho, Ho, Ho's. In typical Texas style, Santa rode on a festively decorated trailer pulled by a pickup truck. Santa's elves greeted children and handed out candy canes to the girls and boys. This was just one stop on his busy schedule, but he returned to Texas on Christmas Eve, flying through the skies in his sleigh pulled by his reindeer!



## IS THIS YOU?

Do you like creating interesting and informative articles? Do you have experience in preparing newsletters, informational flyers, and/or brochures? The WOSCA Board is looking for a **Newsletter Editor**, ready to start in **March 2023** (training provided). The editor collects information (from the Board and other sources) and creates fun, interesting and informative articles. The editor then coordinates with/submits these articles to our newsletter partner, Neighborhood News, who handles the typesetting, layout, and graphics design to transform the collective articles into an eye-catching newsletter. If you are interested in being Newsletter Editor for the WOSCA, please contact [newsletter.woodsofshavano@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.woodsofshavano@gmail.com).



Do you have accounting or bookkeeping skills along with some human resources experience?

The WOSCA Board is searching for a Resident Manager, ready to start in February 2023 (training provided). This PAID, part-time position handles the Association's finances and membership, as well as hires and manages the Shavano Sharks swim team coach and lifeguards.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact [woodsofshavano@yahoo.com](mailto:woodsofshavano@yahoo.com).

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## LET'S RODEO, SAN ANTONIO!



Dust off those boots and grab your hat! The 74th annual San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo will be held **February 9-26, 2023**. There is plenty to do and there's something for everyone with the rodeo, livestock, concerts, and fair. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com).

Approximately 1.3 million visitors enter the fairgrounds each year. The success of the event is attributed to over 6,000 volunteers who give countless hours to the organization. Through scholarships, grants, endowments, junior livestock auctions, calf scramble program and show premiums the event impacts over 21,000 youth in Texas annually, helping to fulfill the organization's mission to promote agriculture and education to develop the youth of Texas.

# HELP NEEDED

## Help Lead the Way

On **February 23, 2023**, the WOSCA will hold its Annual Meeting to review its accomplishments in 2022, set goals for 2023, approve a new budget, review by-laws, and elect Board members.

If you would like to make a **positive impact** in the WOS, be involved in **making policies** for the community, serve the Association through **good stewardship** of its funds, and help **complete new projects**, PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR AN OPEN POSITION ON THE BOARD.

Attend the Annual Meeting and place your name in the running. There will be a few positions open. If you are interested, requirements are:

- Be a current WOSCA **full** member willing to serve a two-year term. (If you aren't currently a member, you can join.)
- Attend monthly meetings from 6:30-8:15PM on the second Wednesday of each month.
- Be willing to volunteer for/coordinate special projects and events that benefit WOS residents and association members.

Only one person per residence is allowed to run for office. Another member of the Association can nominate you at the Annual Meeting, or you can nominate yourself.

If you are interested and would like additional input, contact one of the current Board members or inquire by email at [woodsofshavano@yahoo.com](mailto:woodsofshavano@yahoo.com).

## WOSCA Annual Meeting Proxy

If you cannot attend this important meeting, we still want your input. By completing the proxy below, you give your voting rights to another Association member. Any proxy may be reclaimed on the night of the meeting if the owner decides to attend. Return the signed and completed Proxy to the WOSCA Clubhouse mailbox or mail it to WOSCA, 13838 Parkside Woods, San Antonio, TX 78249 prior to **February 18, 2023**.

I/We, Full or Supporting (Circle One) members of the Woods of Shavano Community Association hereby give my/our proxy to:

- The Board of Directors, and direct that my vote be cast in the manner as they would vote.  
(If this box is checked, do NOT check any other box.)
- Another member (please print name)

Unless revoked, this proxy will remain in effect until the adjournment of the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

San Antonio, TX 78249



## Cold Weather Threatens Man's Best Friend

Taking a walk or run on a brisk morning or evening is enjoyable, but it's equally wonderful to go inside and enjoy a warm fire or a nice cup of hot chocolate. Animals, like people, need shelter in cold weather. Animal Control Services state that they will have zero-tolerance for weather related violations. They offer the following advice:

- The best option is to bring animals indoors. If that isn't an option, purchase an insulated doghouse or build a protective enclosure that shelters your pets from the elements, giving them a safe, warm place to rest.
- No pets should be left outside in a storm.
- Protect pets from harmful chemicals, paints, and especially antifreeze (which is deadly) if you keep them in a garage.
- Some pets should never be left outside: very young animals, short-haired dogs, older pets, no cats
- Always provide clean water and food for pets. Check it daily.

Animals are vulnerable and depend on us to protect them. Violators of city ordinances can receive fines for their negligence. If you see an animal you believe is not being properly cared for, call 311 to report an animal ordinance violation.

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### Need a Nice Place to Invite Your Friends for a Party, Shower, or Small Business Meeting?

The Woods of Shavano Clubhouse is available to rent for members and non-members. All **full** members are eligible for one free rental, plus a \$60 use fee, **after renewing their initial membership**. Support and non-members can also rent the clubhouse for a fee.

The Clubhouse holds up to 52 people. We have eight six-foot tables, two three-foot tables, and 52 chairs available for use.

A \$100 **refundable** security deposit is required for all events.

**Avoid the stress of cleaning your home for your get together. Call Ruby McDonald today at \_\_\_\_\_ to reserve your date!**

## Monthly Meet and Greet

A time to relax and hang out with fellow WOS neighbors. Won't You Please Join Us?

January 18, 2023  
5PM – 8PM

at THE DOORYARD  
4503 DeZavala Road, Suite 108  
San Antonio, TX 78249

(across from the Woods of Shavano Clubhouse and Pool)

## Monthly Woods of Shavano Board Meetings

You are Welcome to Attend!

The Woods of Shavano Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:15 PM at the Woods of Shavano Clubhouse. All Woods of Shavano Community residents are welcome to attend the meeting. The first 15 minutes of each meeting is reserved for resident input. If you are a resident of the Woods of Shavano community and would like to attend – please join us!

Our next meeting is scheduled for  
January 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

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# Brush Pick-up Scheduled for January 2023

Trees provide beauty and curb appeal to homes, increasing property values. In hot Texas summers they also provide much-needed shade. To maintain their beauty and value, pruning (removing dead or overgrown branches) is necessary. The preferred time to trim or prune trees is when they are in their dormant state, especially the winter months of January and February. Those that flower in the spring, such as redbuds and mountain laurel, are best trimmed right after they bloom, not in winter. Areas from which branches have been trimmed should be covered with a sealant or paint, lessening the possibility of infection such as oak wilt.

The Woods of Shavano is scheduled for brush pick-up in January. Flyers will be distributed at least a week in advance with specific dates and information.

Some important guidelines to keep in mind:

**Piles SHOULD BE:**

- Left at the curb by 7:00 AM on the Monday of collection week.
- No more than eight cubic yards and placed within eight feet of the curb.

**Piles should NOT be:**

- Obstructed, in front of parked cars, near fences, or mailboxes.
- Under low-hanging tree limbs or overhanging wires.
- Placed on top of water meters.
- Placed on vacant lots.

NOTE: Collections can take up to a week to complete.

Make plans now to engage the services of a qualified tree trimming company if your trees need pruning. Well-maintained trees increase the curb appeal and beauty of homes and contribute to a home's value.

## Leaves ... They Clog Drains

Recently, some residents have asked if blowing leaves and grass clippings into the street is a code compliance issue. The City of San Antonio discourages the practice, but the code (34-703) refers to bulk discharges of grass clippings and leaves, not incidental discharges created through lawn maintenance. The code was written because leaves and grass blown into the street eventually end up in storm drains on municipal streets, clogging pipes, resulting in street flooding. Please help keep our storm drains clear. If you have concerns about illegal dumping of leaves and grass clippings into the street, contact 311.

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# Oak Wilt

Source: [texasoakwilt.org](http://texasoakwilt.org)

Oak wilt is an infectious disease caused by a fungus, affecting all types of oak trees and damaging thousands of acres of Central Texas oaks. Oak Wilt impacts entire communities if it infects just a few trees, spreading through interconnected root systems and by beetles feeding on diseased trees. It can spread as rapidly as 75 feet per year and has infected many trees in neighboring communities.

As you trim trees for Brush Pick-Up in January, there are important facts to keep in mind to protect your trees and those of your neighbors:

- Avoid pruning oak trees from February through June.
- Make proper pruning cuts and immediately paint all oak wounds/cuts with sealant or any type of paint.
- Sterilize tools with a 10% bleach solution between each tree you trim.
- Consult a trained and licensed arborist if you are concerned about oak wilt having invaded your trees.

Protect these beautiful assets to our community by taking precautionary steps.

## Good Practices for Safe Walking at Night

Many residents of the Woods of Shavano are health conscious, and walking is a popular method of exercise. Darkness, however, comes earlier in the winter, and some people don't get home from work until later in the day. Their evening walks don't begin until after sunset. Concerned residents have reported seeing people dressed in dark, non-reflective clothing walking in the streets after dark. This can be dangerous. Motorists cannot see walkers wearing dark clothing until it may be too late to prevent an accident.

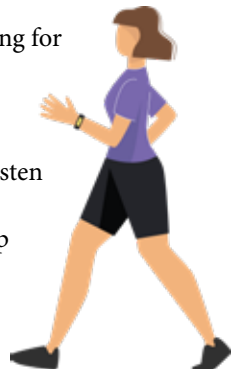
### PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

**Wear Light-Colored/Reflective Clothing and/or Carry and Use a Flashlight!**

**If walking with a pet, put reflective gear or lighting on your pet as well.**

Additional guidelines for safe walking, day or night:

- If there is a sidewalk, use it.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk as close to the curb as possible, facing oncoming traffic.
- Walk no more than two abreast. If the roadway is narrow, walk single file.
- Cross at corners or after carefully checking for traffic.
- Be aware of bikers and joggers.
- Keep your cell phones and earbuds in your pocket. Concentrate on walking. Listen for oncoming cars. Talk later.
- Be aware of stranger danger. Always keep alert and aware by using well-lit routes frequented by other walkers.



Enjoy your evening walks and stay safe!

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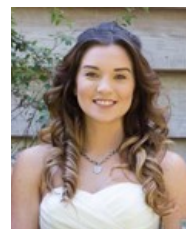
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