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We're Having It!
4th of July Parade

Where? Begin at WOSCA Indian Woods Park, located at 14322 Indian Woods. Turn right on Shavano Woods. Parade down Shavano Woods to Parksite Woods and turn left. Finish at WOSCA Clubhouse and Pool, located at 13838 Parksite Woods.

When? Saturday, July 4th, parade begins at 11:00 AM. Arrive early to get in line.

What? Celebrate the 4th of July with a Parade. Decorate your bicycles, strollers, walkers, wagons, well-behaved pets and "cool" vehicles with red, white, and blue and join the parade. If you own a classic car, come and join the fun!

Best Decorated – Panel of Judges will select "best decorated" in several categories and award trophies.

Join the fun! Wave as you go by!

Neighborhood Spotlights

Welcome New Woods of Shavano Community Association Members!

Recently, a neighborhood friend, Raymond Rodriguez, told me about welcoming his new neighbors to the community. In talking, the new residents revealed they had read President Andrew Denoncour's appeal for people to renew their memberships during this financially stressful time for The Woods of Shavano Community Association. They told him they had a pool in their own backyard but wanted to support the community nevertheless. Mr. Rodriguez went on to explain that membership fees support parts of the community other than the pool: the park, the tennis courts, the basketball courts, and the entrance to the community. Right on the spot they filled out the application and wrote a check. The Rodriguez family has been and continue to be long-time members of the Association. Like many other members, they don't use the pool, but they know the importance of supporting the community. Neighbors talking with neighbors helps our community remain a beautiful, well-maintained neighborhood for everyone to enjoy. We thank Mr. Rodriguez for reaching out and becoming a friend to his neighbor as well as a friend to the community.

Beautifying the Clubhouse for Pool Opening

With the opening of the pool quickly approaching, several residents of the Woods of Shavano decided to improve the looks of the Clubhouse and pool by planting some new flowers and greenery for the neighborhood to enjoy. They purchased plants, compost, and mulch and spent several hours beautifying the area. We especially want to thank Susan Keehn, long-time resident and member of the Association as well as Board members Michelle Scherer and Ruby McDonald for their donations and hard work.

*Show your pride in The Woods of Shavano Community
and become fully-involved members today!*

Pool Hours

Adult Lap Swim – Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 – 9:00 AM
(no lifeguards on duty)

Tuesday – Thursday and Sunday 1:00 – 8:00 PM

Friday and Saturday 1:00 – 9:00 PM

Closed Mondays



Children at Play

Children are out of school for the summer, so please be extra cautious while driving through the neighborhood and around town. Children pursuing a ball can pop out from behind or in front of cars parked on the street. Avoid a tragic accident by parking cars in the driveway and by driving slowly.

Run-off Election – July 14th

The runoff election originally scheduled for May has been rescheduled for July 14th. Unless we receive different information, Woods of Shavano residents can cast their ballots at the WOS Clubhouse from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Exercise your right, your responsibility, and your privilege and **VOTE**.

River City Produce Returns

Due to the overwhelming success of the first River City Produce market day at the Woods of Shavano Pool, Heather Pilkington, our Facebook manager, has booked their return on **July 15th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon**. Almost any kind of produce you normally buy (like carrots, beans, potatoes, onions, lettuce, and peppers) was available, plus some special items like mangoes, cherries, and watermelon. Preorders can be prepaid and picked up that day. Please check the “Events” section on the WOS Facebook page a few days prior to the event to get the current availability of items and to preorder.

Another event is scheduled on August 13th. Mark your calendars!



You've Got Mail!

We like to keep you informed of neighborhood activities and special notices. That's possible *only* if we have your latest email address. If you change yours, please let us know. Send the information to woodsoshavano@yahoo.com.



Keep Bike Lanes Clear for Bike Riders

Recently Woods of Shavano residents contacted the Association asking for our help in keeping bike lanes clear of parked cars. The WOSCA has no legal authority to force people to comply. We are asking your cooperation in making this a safer neighborhood. There are other places to park cars – driveways and garages. Many people in the neighborhood have been inside for quite some time and are enjoying being outside – walking, jogging, walking babies in strollers, and biking. If cars are parked in the bike lanes, pedestrians are forced into traffic lanes. Be respectful of your neighbors and park in unrestricted areas. Keep our community safe.

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About This Summer at the Pool

Board members have heard from several residents of the Woods of Shavano. Some have been supportive of the careful approach taken to protect the health and safety of the community. Some have not been as complimentary, questioning why we have taken such a conservative position about opening the pool.

The Board's **overriding concern** has been the **health and safety** of the community. Acknowledging that people are ready to break loose from the confines we have all experienced over the past several months, Board members have frequently met to decide how to safely open the pool.

Some people decided to join pools in other neighborhoods. While we would have preferred they wait until the Woods of Shavano Pool could safely open, we understand that children are ready for activity. We hope those who left will return in 2021.

We also had the ever-present issue of income for the Association. As you know, we are a voluntary Association that, unfortunately, has only about 1/3 of eligible residents join.

This year the Board voted to make a \$5,000 contribution to replacing the large pool deck. For the past several years, money was invested every summer just to replace rotted, splintered wood. That depleted much of our reserves for special projects. The deck was needed, and we had an opportunity to have the building completed through an Eagle Scout project and the able voluntary assistance of Board Vice-President John Haines.

Then the possibility of a key card system was raised. Bids ranging from \$1,000 - \$8,000 were obtained. Lack of funds as well as the lateness of securing bids were factors in the Board's decision not to move forward at this time. We will reconsider it next year.

To be fully informed, please consider the following:

- Other neighborhoods have key card systems that allow swimmers to come and go at their convenience. Most of those neighborhoods have mandatory Associations and much greater income than the Woods of Shavano.
- The Woods of Shavano is one of only a few pools that still has lifeguards on duty. We have taken pride in offering the safety

that lifeguards provide, and distressed young swimmers have been helped by them.

- Most pools with key card systems do not have lifeguards. They post signs saying "Swim at Your Own Risk". Woods of Shavano Board members feel a moral responsibility to our members. If anyone is hurt, we would feel some responsibility, even if we had a sign posted saying "Swim at Your Own Risk".
- Some assert that a key card system will pay for itself. It can. Members who use the pool would be charged \$25 for a key card. For it to pay for itself, 160 key cards at \$25 each would have to be purchased for even a medium-priced key card system of approximately \$4,000. In addition, the Association will have to pay a company to monitor and service it. We don't **currently** have the money in the budget.
- In 2020 membership fees were raised. A majority of Board members felt we could not add another \$25 to membership fees for key cards for people who use the pool this year.
- Currently some members have chosen to join other pools. They not only have joined other pools, but they have also chosen not to renew their yearly memberships. We've explained repeatedly that the pool is **not** the only community asset supported by membership fees. We also have a park, tennis courts, basketball courts, a clubhouse, and a community entrance. If you chose not to renew your membership, we hope you will make a contribution to the Association to support the other community assets.

Thank You

Thanks for Your Effort

We'd like to thank the members of the neighborhood who are mowing, edging, and trimming their yards. Yards have never looked better! In the hot Texas summers, it takes effort, and we commend those who have done a great job in making our neighborhood attractive. Watering once a week will help keep lawns alive until the next rain.

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We've Been Listening to Members of the Association

For some time members have asked for a certain time for Adult Lap Swim. Understanding that many would enjoy that exercise before going to work, we have scheduled an Adult Lap Swim for those 16 years of age and older from **8-9AM Tuesday through Saturday**. No lifeguards will be on duty, but the pool manager will be there to let swimmers in. If this is popular with members, we will continue it.



All current **Full** and **Outside** members of the WOSCA are eligible to use the Parkside Woods tennis courts or the resurfaced Indian Woods courts. Codes are needed for entry. If you are interested and eligible to play tennis on the courts, contact woodsofshavano@yahoo.com. Tennis lessons are also available on the Indian Woods courts. Contact the tennis pro at the email address listed below.

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- No alcohol permitted
- Tables are provided; please bring your own chairs
- Large Inflatable floats are NOT allowed
- Swimming assistance devices (water wings, puddle jumpers, etc.) are allowed
- Privately owned toys for personal use are allowed
- WOSCA community toys are NOT available
- Personal items left at the pool will NOT be collected/stored in "Lost and Found"
- Guests are asked to sanitize tables and other common surfaces after use
- WOSCA pool staff may ask guests to leave and/or close the pool for non-compliance of rules

(According to guidelines, pool capacity is limited to 50% at this time. As long as entrants do not exceed the capacity, they will be admitted. If the number exceeds capacity, members will be asked to return at a later time.)

For your health and safety, we have made the following changes:

1. Guests are encouraged to follow city, state and public health experts' recommendations.
2. Maintain a minimum of a 6 foot distance from non-household members
3. Wear a face mask when walking around the pool area, but NOT in the pool.
4. If you're sick, especially running a fever, you must not enter the pool area.

For Your Pleasure – A limited selection of concessions will be available. Credit cards will be accepted.

Get the Latest News

The Woods of Shavano has its own website and Facebook page. If you want to know what's happening in the neighborhood, check these out:

Website: www.woodsofshavano.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/woodsofshavano>

Thanks to Heather Pilkington and Michelle Scherer, who keep the neighborhood news and information up-to-date.

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For most people, the second largest financial investments they make are their cars. Yet, consider the fact that many people (Just look around the neighborhood.) leave their cars on the street or in their driveways exposed to rain, hail, sun, and the possibility of theft or a collision, and yet they have two-car garages. So, what takes up the space in the garage that makes it impossible to put that second most valuable asset in a protected area? Some people fill their garages with appliances that no longer work; boxes of books read long ago and not likely to be read again; furniture that's damaged or out of style; holiday decorations; and baby clothes and furniture that are no longer needed.

How can you make room for those important investments?

- Maybe it's time for a garage or yard sale!
- Consider renting a storage space for the valuable items you plan to keep.
- Have you thought of donating items that you no longer use to one of the local charities? You can even get a tax write-off for your donations.
- Some things may need to go in recycling bins.
- Books can be sold at used book stores or donated to your local library.

It takes effort, but if you truly value your cars and want to protect them from theft, damage, or the elements, this is a good time to do something about it. Garaging will also make room for vehicles to travel unimpeded on the streets of the Woods of Shavano. Your neighbors will thank you. *Make it happen!*

WOSCA Statement of Cash Flow May 31, 2020

Beginning Cash Balance	56,864.93
Revenue:	
Donations - Capital Improvement Fund	260.00
Full Memberships	3,740.38
Supporting Memberships	1,256.30
Outside Memberships	250.00
Interest Income	31.97
Total Revenue	5,538.65
Expenses:	
Administrative Supplies	60.13
Directors and Officers Insurance	778.00
General Liability Insurance	4,252.51
Landscaping	365.00
Pool Manager Payroll	366.67
Resident Manager Payroll	348.00
Payroll Taxes	61.18
Pool Chemicals	95.24
Utilities	848.31
Total Expenses	7,175.04
Ending Cash Balance	55,228.54

Capital Improvement Fund	
May 1, 2020 Balance	1,196.21
May Donations	290.00
Total Capital Improvement Fund	1,486.21

Read Any Good Books Recently?

Many people enjoy browsing through the stacks of a public library or the shelves of a book store looking for the perfect new book to read. That hasn't been easy recently, but the San Antonio Public Library may have an answer. There is a FREE public library app known as LIBBY. Using the app you can borrow from the thousands of titles of eBooks and digital audiobooks. You can also stream books with Wi-Fi or mobile data or download books for offline use and read them anytime, anywhere. All you need to get started is a San Antonio Public Library Card. Some compatible devices and/or programs are iOS, Android, and Windows 10.

Reading is such an enjoyable past time. You can be transported anywhere your imagination will take you. Check it out!



You're Invited

Woods of Shavano Community Association residents are invited to attend Board meetings to hear issues discussed and resolved. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are set aside for neighbors to discuss their concerns. If you are unable to attend, you may submit your questions and concerns by email by noon on the day prior to the meeting at woodsofshavano@yahoo.com

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM**. If COVID-19 conditions still exist, the meeting may be held on ZOOM. Contact the woodsofshavano@yahoo.com for an invitation to join the meeting.

Need a Job?

The Woods of Shavano Newsletter contains a Teen Service Directory each month that lists teenagers who are interested in babysitting, animal care, and lawn care for Woods of Shavano residents. If your family is a member of the Woods of Shavano Community Association and you would like to include your name on the directory, call 492-9809 to have you information listed. If your name is on the list but you want it deleted, please let us know that as well.

Woods of Shavano Community Association Teen Service Directory

Name	Phone Number	Child Care	Animal Care	Lawn Care
Taylor B.	493-7869 or 324-4044	Yes		
Colin E.	254-2942	Yes	Yes	
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