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## *Thanksgiving Message from the WOSCA President*

This past year I experienced an unusually difficult challenge when my father became ill and almost died. I spent four months walking a journey I'd never anticipated. On my darkest day, I simply broke down, cried and slept. But, most days during that period, I practiced good self-care, relied on faithful family and friends, and tried to focus on what I could learn from the situation that might be useful and helpful to myself and others in my life.

Many are doing the same with challenges presented by the COVID-19 epidemic. It has placed unprecedented stress on individuals, families and communities. Yet, the human spirit is resilient! We hear and see examples personally, and in the news, of people engaging in more positive activities like gardening, reading and exercising. Healthcare workers, at risk to themselves, selflessly work to save lives. Teachers have accepted the challenge of teaching our kids with new tools and settings, and parents and students are adapting to distance learning, some while juggling work and homeschooling. Some folks, working from home for the first time, have experienced and appreciate a different work life balance. In many ways, the pandemic has created a new perspective and opportunities to reprioritize—common phenomena when something shakes our world.

Recent studies demonstrate wellbeing can be improved by practicing gratitude—possibly as a result of an increase in the “human connector” hormone, oxytocin, or a decrease in the stress hormone, cortisol, or both. But, as the Dalai Lama indicates, “In order to be happy we must possess inner contentment; and inner contentment doesn't come from all we want; but rather from wanting and appreciating being grateful for all we have.” To be grateful, we must aim to be content and satisfied with what we already have. So, this Thanksgiving, I hope we're able to identify for what and whom in our lives we are grateful—even and especially if this pandemic and other circumstances are feeling oppressive.

On behalf of the Woods of Shavano Board of Directors, I thank each of you for your generous contributions to our neighborhood. **We are grateful** for messages of encouragement when we, as community representatives, grapple with tough decisions. **We are grateful** for residents who volunteer their valuable time to assist with projects. **We are grateful** for individuals who support the Association by taking part in its sponsored activities. **We are grateful** for neighbors who care for one another when in need. **We are grateful** for members who pay dues to help maintain our community assets.

We wish you a Thanksgiving holiday filled with an awareness of all of your gifts—those obvious and not so obvious. We wish you well-being and good health. Stay safe!

**Michelle Scherer**



## Exercise Your Right and Responsibility to Vote

On **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**, Americans will vote for a number of candidates for local, state, and national offices. Several propositions are also on the ballot. Be an informed voter and acquaint yourself with these candidates and issues. For your convenience, polls will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM at the Woods of Shavano Clubhouse. Remember to bring an accepted form of identification and your Voter Registration card when you come to vote.

Exercise your right, your privilege, and your responsibility by casting your vote.

## Veteran's Day – November 11, 2020



Veteran's Day was originally named Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I – “the war to end all wars”. After US involvement in World War II and the Korean War, the day was renamed Veteran's Day to reflect the heroism and sacrifice of all who served in defense of our country. In 1978 President Gerald Ford designated November 11th as the official date. Veteran's Day is commemorated with parades and solemn observances at National Cemeteries. It is a day to reflect on the lives of those who have defended our freedom.



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## National Night Out!

CONGRATULATIONS to the **Mason family** for winning the National Night Out Scavenger Hunt on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. They answered the most questions correctly, including:

**What color is the Free Little Library at the Indian Woods Park?**  
Answer: White

**In what year did the first WOS residents move into their homes?**  
Answer: 1972

Second place went to the **Warzecha family**.

Many neighbors were out walking and driving around the neighborhood that night. A group of neighbors on Fig Tree Woods organized their own special – and socially distanced – block gathering. COVID-19 restrictions prevented us from organizing our usual block parties, so thanks to all who participated in our special, friendly National Night Out 2020 activity. A special thanks is extended to those who signed up for volunteer opportunities in the Woods of Shavano.

## Board Members Serving the Community

Board member **Heather Pilkington**, recognized early this summer that the neighborhood would be limited in social events due to COVID-19. She would not be deterred and began immediately to arrange other community activities. Most popular among these were the River City Produce truck that made several stops in the Woods of Shavano this summer and the extremely popular Wednesday night food trucks. Many have made Wednesday evenings regular dining events, a special treat when most have been limited in being able to eat out at favorite restaurants.

Friendly, outgoing Board members **Carla Munoz** and **Debbie Perez** have attended several Food Truck events, offering paletas for sale. Fruit-flavored paletas are an especially tasty treat on hot summer evenings. **Carla, Debbie, Anne Shevlin, and Patti Massey** have helped with these sales as well as offering buttons and refrigerator magnets with the WOSCA's new logo. If you haven't picked up yours, they are still available at the pool/clubhouse.

The enthusiasm of our Board members is a great asset to our community.

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# WOSCA Annual Community Wide Garage Sale



Many neighbors have expressed interest in participating in WOSCA's Annual Community Wide Garage Sale on **Saturday, November 7, 2020, from 8:00-4:00 PM**. Watch your email box for a registration form which will be emailed to all Association members next week. Form will be posted under Documents/Resources at <https://woodsofshavano.com/become-a-member>

Participants will need to:

- Purchase a permit (available at HEB)
- Send your address to [woodsofshavano@yahoo.com](mailto:woodsofshavano@yahoo.com) to have your home on the community Garage Sale Map
- Abide by COVID-19 Safety Guidelines (wear face masks, use social distancing, and wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer)
- Remove signs advertising your sale at the end of the day

## Google Fiber Project Complete

Clarissa Ramon, Community Affairs Manager for Google Fiber, thanks residents for their patience during the now completed installation project in the Woods of Shavano. Project completion was somewhat delayed because COVID-19 resulted in smaller work crews. If residents have any follow-up concerns regarding the project, call the company's construction hotline at 1-877-454-6959.

To subscribe to Google Fiber service, contact our neighborhood Internet representative Maeli Gonzalez at [maeli@google.com](mailto:maeli@google.com) or call 281-608-4458.

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## Holiday Packages Arriving Soon

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Again this year, a UPS POD will be located at the Woods of Shavano Clubhouse from the end of **October through January, 2021**. Packages for residents of the Woods of Shavano will be delivered by golf cart from the POD each day.



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## Winter's Coming – Is Your Home Ready?

Winter is just around the corner. Many people will be spending more time indoors. With the increased use of furnaces, heaters, and fireplaces, it's time to complete a safety inventory to make sure **your home** and **you** are ready.

- Have your heating system checked and cleaned by a qualified professional.
- Have a chimney sweep check to make sure your chimney is free of accumulated soot.
- Keep portable heaters out of traffic areas.
- Make sure portable heaters are kept at least 3 feet away from upholstered furniture, drapes, bedding, and combustible materials.
- Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home. Place them near bedrooms. Test them monthly to be sure they're working properly.
- Install new smoke alarm batteries twice a year (when Daylight Saving Time changes).
- Store flammable materials away from heat or fire.
- Make a family fire escape plan with at least two different escape routes and practice it at least twice a year.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in a convenient location.
- NEVER smoke in bed or where oxygen is in use.
- Don't leave cigarettes unattended. Do not empty ash trays into the garbage without checking to see if all embers are out.
- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves while cooking.



## WOS Facebook Page/ Website/Twitter

Have you checked the WOS Facebook page recently? Woods of Shavano Board member, Heather Pilkington, volunteered to make current postings on the site. You can get the latest information about events in the neighborhood by checking it out. Don't forget to LIKE the articles you enjoy.

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

Another source of neighborhood information can be found on the WOSCA website, currently maintained by Board President Michelle Scherer.

Website: [www.woodsofshavano.com](http://www.woodsofshavano.com)

The Woods of Shavano community is now on Twitter! Follow Woods of Shavano @WShavano for news and events. Feel free to add your own neighborhood updates by including @WShavano in your tweet.

Board member, Jeanne Gibson, volunteered to make postings on this site.



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## The Woods of Shavano Needs Your Help

You know that your house needs ongoing maintenance, and so does our WOSCA Clubhouse. The HVAC system has served us well for almost 40 years, but it won't last forever. It's old, and we will soon need to replace it with a more energy-efficient unit. The French doors in the Clubhouse need to be restored and weather-proofed; the kitchen is overdue for an update; and the clubhouse floor is wearing out.

Over a year ago the WOSCA Board members voted to establish a **Capital Improvements Fund** to fund some of these projects. When the pool needed to be resurfaced a few years ago, **many** residents helped and generously gave to the Pool Resurfacing Fund. Since the WOSCA is a voluntary association, not all homeowners choose to join and support the Community. This results in inadequate funds when extra projects need to be completed to maintain the Association's properties. We are asking for your help once again. When you renew your membership, when you feel especially generous, or when you're feeling the community spirit, please include a donation to the fund. Then we can all enjoy and appreciate the needed equipment and upkeep of the property in which we are invested and take pride.

Thanks to the generosity of donors who have already contributed, the Capital Improvements Fund has risen to \$1,616.17. We thank you for your investment in our community and invite others to make a contribution toward the future of our community.

## Dog Walkers – “Thanks” From Your Neighbors

We extend a huge THANKS to all Woods of Shavano residents who have made the extra effort to pick up after their animals in the Indian Woods Park and throughout the neighborhood! This not only keeps the park and streets clean, but it also makes the area a safer place for our neighborhood's children. When we have rain, it's especially important to remind ourselves that animal waste that isn't properly discarded is washed into streets and eventually into our water supply. **Help keep our community and the water we drink clean and free of contaminants by responsibly cleaning up after your pets.**



## Monthly Woods of Shavano Board Meetings

The Woods of Shavano Board of Directors meets the **second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM** at the Woods of Shavano Clubhouse. All Woods of Shavano Community residents are welcome to attend. If we are unable to hold the meeting in person, you may join us via ZOOM. Email [woodsofshavano@yahoo.com](mailto:woodsofshavano@yahoo.com) for an invitation to join the meeting. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are reserved for resident input. If you would like to attend – please join us! Our next meeting is November 11, 2020.

## What Families are saying about

### Independence HILL

### Retirement Community...

“The one bright spot for me during this quarantine is knowing y'all are taking such good care of my mom. Thank you.” — *Brenda*

“Thank all the staff for making this quarantine friendly for the residents. You have let them all know they are loved and not alone. Nice to see the quality care these seniors are getting. Prayers for all of you. Stay safe and healthy!” — *Linda*

“It is nice to have confidence that our loved ones are safe, cared for and entertained in spite of the quarantine. Thank you.” — *Laura*



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## Have You Joined the WOSCA or Renewed Your Membership?

With our busy lives, it's easy to overlook something as important as joining or renewing membership in the Woods of Shavano Community Association.

If you have left the task undone, there's no time like today to take care of it. The membership form is on the back of the newsletter. After you complete it, drop it in the mailbox at the WOS Clubhouse, along with your check made payable to WOSCA. For added convenience, Association members may also pay with a credit card or through PayPal for an additional processing fee.

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