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SANTA IS COMING TO THE WOODS

On **Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 1:00 – 4:00 PM** Santa arrives at The Woods of Shavano Clubhouse where you, your children, or your well-behaved pets can have their pictures taken with Santa for a fee of \$20. Proceeds will be donated to The Woods of Shavano Capital Improvements Fund. These pictures are great gifts for grandparents; Christmas, New Year's, or Hanukkah cards; and wonderful keepsakes for families. Join us and make memories with Santa.



HOLIDAY DECORATING - 2019

Traditionally the Woods of Shavano is one of the best-decorated communities in San Antonio. Residents and non-residents enjoy driving through the neighborhood to view the colorful holiday displays. Make your decorating plans now and look forward to seeing the neighborhood light up for the holidays. Judging for the best decorated homes of Association members will occur on **Sunday, December 15, 2019** beginning at 6:00 PM. As usual, prizes will be awarded. Please have your displays ready so judges can view them and name this year's winners. If you haven't joined the Association yet and would like to have your home considered in the contest, join now. Sometimes beautifully decorated homes cannot be considered because they are not Association members.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 3, 2019**. Change your clocks **back** one hour. It's also a good time to change batteries in clocks and smoke detectors.

The Woods of Shavano Needs Your Help Again!

You know that your house needs ongoing maintenance, and so does our WOSCA Clubhouse. Our air conditioner 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. The French doors need to be restored and weather-proofed; the kitchen is overdue for an update; the floor is wearing out; and deck repairs are needed yearly since the cost of replacing the decks is prohibitive.

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 property. We are asking for your help once again. When you renew your membership 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.

Our Capital Improvements Fund has now risen to **\$4,705.88**, thanks to the many donors who have already contributed. We thank you for your investment in our community.

Holiday Packages Arriving Soon

The holiday season is just around the corner. Many people order and receive packages at this time. Delivery services often leave them on doorsteps without knocking or ringing the doorbell. To prevent packages from being stolen, ask your neighbors to watch for delivered packages and take them inside on days when you know you will be away. Offer that same consideration for your neighbors as well. With more packages being delivered this time of year, the need for neighbors helping neighbors becomes even more important.

Again this year, a UPS POD will be located at the Woods of Shavano Clubhouse from the **end of October through January, 2020**. Packages for residents of the Woods of Shavano will be delivered by golf cart from the POD each day.



Looking Forward to Winter Events in the Neighborhood

At the October WOSCA Board meeting, plans were made for several upcoming events in the neighborhood:

- **November 2, 2019** – Neighborhood Garage and Craft Sale
- **December 7, 2019** – Santa pictures at the WOS Clubhouse
- **December 14, 2019** – Holiday Hayride
- **December 15, 2019** – Holiday Decorations Judging
- **January 4, 2019** – Polar Bear Plunge at the WOS Pool

We're having fun in the neighborhood!

(Check the December WOS Newsletter for more information on the December and January events.)

Veteran's Day – November 11th

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 the 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.

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 children in the community to play. With the recent abundance of rain in our community, it's 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.



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Exercise Your Right and Responsibility to Vote

On **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**, Texans will vote for on a number of Amendments to the Texas Constitution. Be an informed voter and acquaint yourself with these important proposed changes. 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.



New SAFFE Officer for the Woods of Shavano

The San Antonio Police Department recently named Officer Hilario Flores as the new SAFFE officer to work with the Woods of Shavano neighborhood. We welcome him and look forward to working with him. He can be reached at 210-207-5823.



Eagle Scout Project Can Use Your Donations

Many of you enjoyed the Scouting programs when you were young. A very dedicated young man wants to complete a very ambitious project of rebuilding the large deck at the pool. He anticipates the total cost to be approximately \$4000. He is willing to get donations for as much of that as he can, but he could use our help. If you would like to donate to this very worthy project, contact woodsofshavano@yahoo.com

Appreciation to Danny Thomas for his Outstanding Organization of National Night Out!

National Night Out was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Approximately 200 neighbors gathered for block parties on numerous streets in the Woods of Shavano. This year Board member Danny Thomas organized additional activities to benefit several agencies in San Antonio. Members of the community donated the following:

- 16 pints of blood for the Blood Bank
- 549 pounds of food for the Food Bank
- 91 pounds of pet food
- \$75 cash to be used by the Food Bank

Board members **Carla Munoz** and **Debbie Perez** visited block parties and encouraged members of the community to enjoy the benefits of membership in the Woods of Shavano Community Association. Four new families joined. We welcome them and look forward to having them participate in the many activities offered by the Association

Danny's enthusiasm is a great asset to our community. We thank him, Debbie, Carla, everyone who held block parties, all the donors of blood and food, and the new members for their participation in this neighborhood event. Together we make our community even better.

Neighborhood Ambassadors Volunteer to Greet Residents

New residents move into the Woods of Shavano every month. Sometimes people forget to greet them and make them feel welcome to the neighborhood. Three very energetic people have volunteered to visit new residents and some long-time residents to let them know we welcome them and want them to take an active part in the many activities in the Woods of Shavano. Those three Neighborhood Ambassadors are **Carla Munoz, Debbie Perez, and Kristin Sessums**. Please greet them when they stop by to invite you to become an active member of the community.

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New Board Member Elected

Occasionally a Board member is unable to serve a full term because of work or family commitments. Recently Dustin Keenzel found he was unable to attend most meeting because of work commitments. When Mr. Keenzel joined the Board he was instrumental in making some much needed improvements to one of the decks. We appreciate his hard work and look forward to when he will have time to work with the Board once again. We were faced with electing someone to fill the remainder of his term.

We found that person in a member of the community who had shown a great deal of interest in the Board, attending most meetings for the past several months. Her name is Anne Shevlin. We welcome her to the Board and look forward to working with her.

Anne and her family have lived in the Woods of Shavano since 2017. Prior to that, her family was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, and in Washington, DC as a result of her husband's military career. Anne is a practicing attorney focusing on adoption and child welfare laws. In her free time, Anne enjoys spending time with her two kids; she has a daughter at Locke Hill Elementary School and a son at Clark High School. She also enjoys tinkering on projects around the house, playing with her two very spoiled dogs and getting together with friends and neighbors. Anne's goal for her time on the Board is to meet even more wonderful Woods of Shavano neighbors and figure out how to make this great neighborhood even better.

Having a Party or Small Business Meeting?

Are you considering a holiday party but don't want to clean your home before and after the event? Consider using The Woods of Shavano Clubhouse for your holiday party or a shower, birthday party, or meeting. The 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 memberships. Support and first year full members may rent the clubhouse for \$100 plus a \$60 use fee. The rental fee for non-members is \$200 plus the use fee.

The Clubhouse can hold 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 clubhouse events.

Call Ruby McDonald today at 210-408-8331 to reserve your date!



COPS Volunteers Have a New Coordinator in the Woods

We welcome Mr. Lynn Kite who has agreed to serve as Coordinator of COPS for the Woods of Shavano. Citizens on Patrol (COPS) is a voluntary organization devoted to the safety of the residents of the Woods of Shavano. They regularly patrol the neighborhood and report any questionable or criminal activity to the San Antonio Police Department for investigation.

Mr. Kite is a retired Army officer with 28 years of service in the Military Police Corp. After retiring from service, he became an agent and later a district manager for Mutual of Omaha.

Mr. Kite believes in giving back to the community, being a member of the Lions Club for over 20 years and the Boy Scouts of America for 25 years (a Life Scout, Order of the Arrow, Scout Master, and Regional Director for 4 counties.) He presently teaches Defensive Driving at Ayala Driving School and Central Park Driving School. He and his wife moved to The Woods of Shavano in 2003. We thank him for his willingness to continue making this one of the safest neighborhoods in the city of San Antonio.

WOS Facebook Page

Have you checked the WOS Facebook page recently? A Woods of Shavano Board member, Heather Pilkington, volunteered to make 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.

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Winter's Coming – Is Your Home Ready?

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- 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 Savings 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.
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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. We reserve the first 15 minutes of each meeting for resident input. If you would like to attend – please join us! **Our next meeting is November 13, 2019.**



WOODS OF SHAVANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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E-mail Address (s) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Major Renovations Donation

Full Membership only: Please list **ONLY** those family members who actually reside in your home and your grandchildren. Other family members are welcome as guests at the pool and will pay the \$5 Guest Pass fee per visit. Please note: Names and DOB's provided is not shared – For Association use only.

Name	Date of Birth (Month & Year)
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2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Membership Level

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership | \$190.00 | Full use of pool and tennis courts
<i>(Pool passes are assigned, may not be shared)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Membership | \$230.00 | Full use of pool and tennis courts
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Membership | \$55.00 | Supports Landscaping in Park and Entries
– no pool / tennis court privileges |

I hereby apply to The Woods of Shavano Community Association for membership as indicated above and agree to abide by all governing rules and regulations. I understand all dues are paid annually in the month I joined on the day set by the board. For Full or Non-Resident Membership, I certify the information regarding children and others residing in my household is true and correct.

Signature (required): _____ **Date:** _____

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