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(Non-Emergency):  
207-7273**



## Woods of Shavano Community Association's Annual Meeting

Are you curious to know what's happening in the Woods of Shavano? Do you have questions about safety in our neighborhood? Would you like to know what's planned for 2020? Join us and get answers to your questions by attending the WOSCA Annual Meeting:

- **Woods of Shavano Community Association**
- **Thursday, February 20, 2020**
- **7:00 PM**
- **Woods of Shavano Clubhouse, 13838 Parksite Woods**

Board members will be elected, next year's budget will be approved, and important topics will be discussed.

**If it's time to renew your membership or join for the first time, please bring your checkbooks or credit cards. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!**

## 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 Parksite Woods, San Antonio, TX 78249 prior to February 10, 2020.

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, no **NOT** check any other box.)
- Another member (please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Unless revoked, this proxy will remain in effect until the adjournment of the 2020 Annual Meeting.

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

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

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

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

San Antonio, TX 78249

# Making Things Better in 2020

By David Markson, President of the Woods of Shavano Community Association

It's that time of year again when many of us make New Year's resolutions, which few of us actually keep. Not exercising enough? Can't seem to lose those extra pounds? Still watching too much TV? Haven't reorganized the garage yet? You're not alone. It's tough to change one's life.

But I have succeeded in making one big change that I strongly recommend. I've become an active member in the Woods of Shavano Community Association!

**WAIT...**don't stop reading! I can hear groaning. Oh, no, not another pitch for volunteerism. Don't they know how busy I am? Why can't the do-gooders just do good and stop hassling me?

I know how you feel. I really do. For a LONG time (over 25 years), I wasn't involved. I paid my dues, but that was all. I had my family, my job, and my problems, and I didn't think I had time or energy to help anyone else by volunteering in the community. I didn't see the point. **I WAS WRONG!**

What I've discovered these last six years is that the rewards of being responsible by helping my community are real. I'm not talking about material rewards. Today, I am uplifted--not stressed out--when I contribute. I feel grateful--not guilty--when I see others contribute.

When I look at the gorgeous pool that we as a community voted to renovate three years ago, I feel great! When I watch Pool Manager Patti Massey and her husband Bill vacuuming the pool early on a Saturday morning, I am grateful, but I no longer feel like I should be doing something I'm not doing because I am doing those things.

When I see kids shooting hoops on the new basketball goals the Boy Scouts erected with the guidance of Scout Leader/Board vice-president John Haines, I am thankful and proud to live in this neighborhood.

When I attend a WOSCA Board meeting or a Community Meeting, I am uplifted at seeing Board members and other neighbors giving freely of their time. And I am especially grateful to Ruby McDonald for the minutes, the agendas, and her understated dignity and dedication.

We struggle in the Woods because we are a voluntary community association, not a mandatory HOA. Our neighbors have the option to join or not to join. We depend on voluntary participation.

If you are not already a member, please do the right thing and join! If you are a member, thank you! But don't stop there. Why not become more active? Be sure to attend the community-wide Annual Meeting in February. If a seat comes open on the Board, maybe you can run for it. Even if you do not become a Board member, there are many things you can do to help out and to feel great about yourself and your community. Just ask any Board member. We'll be delighted to help you get involved.



## Woods of Shavano Sharks Swim Team

Get ready! The Woods of Shavano Sharks Swim Team will begin registration in **March**. Watch your February and March newsletters for more information. Then, mark your calendars for this important date. Swimmers, look forward to improving your times this summer. Ask your friends to join us as we look forward to another exciting swim season.

**Go Sharks!!!**



### Save Your Key Tags (Swim Passes)

Key Tags are used to admit people to the pool. Keep them – **don't throw them away!** There is a \$5 fee to issue a replacement. By keeping them in a safe place, you'll be ready to enter the pool on Day 1 of the swim season.

B & T Glass & Mirror

Agri Tree Experts

## Having a Party or Small Business Meeting and Need a Nice Place to Meet?

The Woods of Shavano Clubhouse is available to rent for members and non-members.

The Clubhouse can hold up to 52 people. We have eight six foot tables, one three foot table, and 52 chairs available for use.

A rental fee, a \$60 use fee, and a \$200 refundable security are required for all events. After renewing initial memberships, full members are entitled to one free rental.

Call Ruby McDonald today at 210-408-8331, and she will be happy to reserve your date!

## Santa's Visit to The Woods of Shavano



On December 8, 2019, Santa visited the Woods of Shavano and heard children's wishes for Christmas. The Clubhouse was filled with the sounds of excited children eager to meet Santa. Some children were in awe of the bearded man in the bright red suit and couldn't take their eyes off him. Photographer Megan Haines took pictures of children, pets, and families with Santa. Photos were later emailed for printing as photographs or Christmas cards. Parents paid \$20 for each photo shoot, raising \$260 for the Capital Improvements Fund. Santa promised to return in 2020 when he will greet even more children, parents, dogs, and cats, and, unlike in malls and stores, there is no waiting line.

### 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.

**Facebook Page:**

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

## 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 kinds of fanciful holiday decorations graced the neighborhood. Our judges, **Carla Munoz** and **Debbie Perez**, found declaring winners a difficult task but finally settled on the following:

- **First Place** – John and Linda Ellebracht at 14006 Rocky Pine Woods
- **Second Place** – James Osborne Jr. at 4251 Shadow Elm Woods
- **Third Place** – Tim and Connie Schaub at 4606 Empress Woods

They report that many other homes would have been in contention, but the owners or leasers are not members of the Woods of Shavano Community Association. If you want to be eligible for the Holiday Decorating Contest in 2020, join now. Then you can enjoy all the benefits of membership this summer.

## 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 Association and you would like to include your name on the directory, call (210) 492-9809 to have your information listed. If your name is on the list but you want it deleted, please let us know that as well.

Alamo Handyman

Precinct 3 Commissioner Campaign

## WOSCA Membership

The Woods of Shavano Community Association invites you to **become involved** in our beautiful, friendly neighborhood.

If you are currently a member, thank you **so** much for your support!

If you are not a member, isn't it time for you to join in supporting our neighborhood? **Don't let your neighbors pay your share of maintaining the community.** If you are new to the Woods of Shavano, we want you to be a fully involved homeowner. There are many ways you can volunteer. If you have allowed your membership to lapse, we will welcome you back into the Association. We offer many activities and facilities for families to enjoy.

Your membership dues pay for the upkeep of the following community assets:

- clubhouse
- tennis courts (lessons available)
- pool (swim lessons available)
- plants and flowers for the entrance (when the DeZavala widening Project is finished)
- Indian Woods Park and playground
- basketball courts
- Mowing and trimming in the Indian Woods Park and at the Clubhouse

Upkeep of these assets helps maintain the value of our homes and creates the beautiful neighborhood in which we live.

With the cost of many items going up and the need for major repairs and updates to Woods of Shavano assets, Board members discussed increasing membership fees and reluctantly voted to increase them by the minimum allowed by our By-Laws. The current fees are listed below:

**Full Membership - \$209**  
**Support Membership - \$60**  
**Outside Membership - \$250**

*Compared to other nearby neighborhoods, our dues are a real bargain.*

Do your part and support our community today. Thanks!

All Creatures Great & Small

## 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 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. For safe walking, use the following guidelines:



- 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.
- **ALWAYS** wear light colored or reflective clothing.
- Carry and use a flashlight.
- Cross at corners or after carefully checking for traffic.
- Be aware of bikers and joggers.
- Keep your cell phones and earphones in your pocket. Concentrate on walking. Listen for oncoming cars. **Talk later.**
- Be aware of stranger danger. Keep alert and aware at all times by using well-lit routes frequented by other walkers.

*Enjoy your evening walks, and stay safe!*



Metro Painting & Home Improvement

# 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 fresh, 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 cared for, **call 311 to report an animal ordinance violation.**

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Better Business Bureau

# REPORT

## Is That a Real Census Survey?

By Jason Meza

Regional Director - San Antonio

As 2019 draws to a close, a new decade will be here before we know it. However, as we usher in a new era, there is business to be taken care of; namely, the census. The deadline to take part is April 1, 2020, so you're likely to hear a lot from the United States Census Bureau until then. Although the Census doesn't limit its activity to the time around the 10-year mark (more than 130 surveys are conducted each year), this is the time consumers and scammers alike begin to pay more attention. Scammers may use census surveys as an opportunity to ask for your personal information. Better Business Bureau (BBB) has some tips to ensure you're being contacted by a legitimate U.S. Census Bureau representative.

- **Verify their identity.** If someone knocks on your door or approaches you in person claiming to be from the Census Bureau, ask to see a valid U.S. Census Bureau ID badge. There is also information a real Bureau agent or survey will never ask for, such as your Social Security number, banking information or credit data. If you are asked questions like these, you are probably not participating in a legitimate survey.
- **Check the return address.** This is a quick way to see if mail correspondence from the Census Bureau is real. The return address will always be from Jeffersonville, Indiana. If it's from any other location, it is not legitimate. If it does say Jeffersonville, you should still be cautious and look for other red flags.
- **Stay calm.** Participating in the census is required by law, and you can receive a fine if you don't. You will, however, never be imprisoned for not partaking in the census. If someone attempts to threaten you with arrest for not filling out a census survey, remain calm and know these are empty threats.
- **Call the Census Bureau.** If you are still unsure, you can contact your regional Census Bureau office for help. Someone there can verify the legitimacy of a survey or agent. This information can be found at [census.gov/about/regions](https://www.census.gov/about/regions).

To learn more, visit us at [bbb.org](https://www.bbb.org), or visit the Census Bureau at [census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

Diversified Remodeling

## WOSCA Statement of Cash Flow November 30, 2019

**Beginning Cash Balance** 49,148.15

**Revenue:**

Donations - Capital Improvement Fund	160.30
Donations - General Fund	45.00
Rental Income (Clubhouse, Pool and Deck)	120.00
Full Memberships	380.00
Supporting Memberships	385.00
Interest Income	71.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,161.30</b>

**Expenses:**

Landscaping	365.00
Pool Manager Payroll	378.33
Resident Manager Payroll	264.00
Payroll Taxes	51.68
Utilities	828.08
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,887.09</b>

**Ending Cash Balance** **48,422.36**

**Capital Improvement Fund**

November 1, 2019 Balance	4,760.88
November Donations	160.30
<b>Total Capital Improvement Fund</b>	<b>4,921.18</b>

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### 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	
Carsyn E.	254-2942	Yes	Yes	
Warren E.	912-5452	Yes	Yes	Yes

Independence Hill

Nora Richards

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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 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 January Meeting will be held on January 8, 2020.**



### WOODS OF SHAVANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**13838 PARKSITE WOODS SAN ANTONIO, TX 78249**  
**WOSCA 210.492.9809 • woodsofshavano@yahoo.com**

*Please Print*

Last Name _____	First Name (s) _____	<i>Check All That Apply</i> <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade to Full Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Resurface Donation
Address _____	Zip _____	
Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____	
Mobile Phone _____		
E-mail Address (s) _____		

**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 are not shared – For Association use only.

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

#### Membership Levels

- |  |          |  |
|--|----------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership         | \$209.00 | Full use of pool and tennis courts (Pool passes are assigned, may not be shared) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Membership | \$250.00 | Full use of pool and tennis courts (Pool passes are assigned, may not be shared) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Membership   | \$60.00  | Supports Landscaping in Park and Entries<br>– 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: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATION USE ONLY: Application & Dues Received: Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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