

# JUNE 2012 MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings: neighbors. Summer is upon us and we hope it will not be a repeat of 2011. I encourage you to continue your water conservation. We are still Stage 1 in our conservation efforts. You may look on our website to obtain information from the state regarding examples of water conservation techniques. In addition, summer means school is out and the swimming pools will be operational. I ask those of you who own personal in-ground or above ground pools to comply with the state mandates and our Ordinance regarding the placement of a childproof barrier around the pool. You cannot take back a child's life should they drown in your non-compliant pool area. I will be sending out citation letters to all those who refuse to protect the children of Shady Shores.

Congratulations to the winners in our recent General Election. Cindy Spencer won in Place 1, Cindy Aughinbaugh won in Place 4 and Charles Grimes won in Place 5. My hat is off to them and to their challengers. It is important to have choices when deciding your town leaders. I look forward to working with them and the other aldermen in the upcoming year.

Speaking of work, we will begin a series of budget workshops beginning on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. I encourage all residents that have the time to attend the workshops as key decisions regarding the spending of taxpayer's money will be discussed. We will begin our month with the regular council meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM as the newly elected aldermen will be sworn in and a Mayor Pro-tem will be selected. In addition, several resolutions will be presented to council for discussion. On June 14<sup>th</sup> we will have a Planning and Zoning meeting to begin creating a new sign ordinance. The month will conclude with several committee meetings. You can watch for the dates and times on our website or the marquis sign out front.

Continuing on, I am sure most of you have noticed the dirt flying at the new middle school. I am aware there have been some issues with the trucks. This has been reported to the construction manager. We will all have to endure some inconvenience for a few months. However, I would appreciate any reports regarding abnormal construction issues. I assure you they will be addressed promptly.

There are many town ordinances which protect the residents of Shady Shores. One of the most important is Ordinance 148, our Nuisance Ordinance. This mandates that all residents be respectful to their neighbor and to the town. One of the elements of this Ordinance is the pruning of trees and shrubs which overhang or abut next to a public thoroughfare. I do not think many are aware of their responsibility to keep this foliage cut to facilitate the passing of emergency vehicles that are high profile and wide. All property owners should take care of this responsibility. In conjunction with this requirement, residents must mow and clean the

drainage ditch in front of their property. The reason so many folks move to Shady Shores is the clean, rustic and rural look of the town. I beg of you to comply with Ordinance 148 and trim those trees so that they are at least 14' above the road and the shrubs are 2' from the thoroughfare. Furthermore, please keep your property looking nice to avoid a citation.

In conclusion, it is my sincere hope that all of you will have a safe and fun summer. I hope you are able to take a nice vacation. If not, you are very fortunate to live in Shady Shores where you are just moments away from the lake, wooded trails, a boat ramp and some of the most beautiful scenes and wildlife in the state.

I will be in the office after 2:45 P.M. each day. However, as I have said before, I can meet you late in the evenings or on weekends if you desire a face to face chat.

I must bear with you a bit of bad news before I close. Our contract with Waste Management provides for an increase each year based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index). The rate will go up 2.1 percent beginning with the June invoices. If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact me.

My best regards,

Jerry Williams