

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR FEBRUARY 2013

ACHOO! ACHOO! COUGH! COUGH! It appears that most of us decided to ring in the New Year with influenza, bronchitis, sinus infection or the good old common cold. I was one of the many who joined those ranks. Fortunately, mine was just a cold and worked its course in a week or so. My hope is that all of the contagious issues are slowly getting behind us. We need February to bring in good health. If you have not received a flu shot, I would still obtain one.

I must begin this newsletter with some sad news. It is with regret that I have to announce that I cannot seek a second term as mayor of this great town. I have hectic personal issues in my life that require attention. As a result, my effectiveness as mayor would be suspect. I believe the Town of Shady Shores deserves quality leadership in order to continue on a positive journey. I will not be able to provide that kind of a needed performance.

I wish to thank all for the supportive environment that helped with the transition from the previous administration. It has been one of the greatest honors in my life to have served as your Mayor. Although it will only be for one term, the memories will be forever lasting. It has been an exhilarating experience. I had hoped to serve at least two or three terms if the voters had so willed it. Unfortunately, this is not going to happen.

As mayor, I have tried to maintain a good tax base and to promote harmony throughout our town. I am proud of my two years in office and look forward to assisting the new mayor in any way that I can. I know there are qualified candidates existing in Shady Shores. I hope someone will step forward and file for the position of mayor. Place 2 and Place 3 Aldermen positions are also up for grabs. The first date to file is January 30, 2013 and the last filing date is March 1, 2013 by 5:00PM. The General Election is May 11, 2013.

We will have our regular council meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. We will hear from our town accountant regarding the 2011-12 audit figures and vote on an ordinance regarding the election in May. The council will also continue working on a new sign ordinance. Meanwhile, the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on February 14<sup>th</sup> to continue work on some modifications to our nuisance ordinance. With regards to the P&Z members, I would like to welcome resident Ted Ross as a new member. He has served before and will make a great contribution to the commission. The council also approved Albert Lea and Jackie Riggs as alternates.

I am sure most of you were at work Monday before last when a large red helicopter buzzed the town. The Middle School contractor was using the whirlybird to lift air conditioning units on the roof. One of our residents took pictures and we will post them on our website under the school section.

Finally, I would like to congratulate some of our residents who attend North Central Texas College for their academic achievement. Brett Daniel Driver, Haley Elizabeth Fowler, Blake Joseph Hibbett and Ariel Julianna Valdez made the President's Honor List for the 2012 Fall Semester. Meanwhile, Caitlynd

McKenzie Stolzer made the Dean's Honor List for the 2012 Fall Semester. My hat's off to these fine students. Keep up the good work.

In conclusion, bids will be opened in February to perform road construction in our town. The low bidder should be approved at the March meeting. Work will begin immediately on Oakwood Circle and West Shady Shores by the Community Center. In addition, all asphalt roads will be resealed if the council approves the alternate in the bid package. Please be careful around the construction areas.

Have a good February and thank you for your understanding regarding my inability to serve any longer.

Your Mayor.