

JULY 2012 MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Same song, second verse! Here we go again with the hot and dry weather. Our nice rains are over and the second phase of the drought is upon us. I ask that you continue to observe the conservation measures and that you comply with ERCOT'S request to be frugal with your electric usage during the hours of 3PM to 7PM. It would help all of us if we can keep our thermostats at 78 all the time.

July will be no different from any of the other months here at town hall. We will have our regular council meeting on Monday the 2nd. Later in the month we will have a P&Z meeting on the 12th, a strategy meeting on the 17th and special council meeting on the 18th. All of the meetings are at 7PM at the community center.

If any resident is interested in serving on the Community Events Committee or the Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Committee, the chairmen would welcome your attendance in the future. The next meetings will be held in August. You can watch the website or the marquis sign out front for the times and dates. In addition, if any resident is interested in helping with a community garden or landscape project at the community center, we would welcome your input. You may send your interest to my email address and I will get your comments into the hands of the committee chairman.

Continuing on, I know you get distraught with me constantly lecturing all of us about ordinance violations. You must understand that my interest is in your well-being. Ordinances are created for the residents' health, safety and welfare. That being said, I implore you to keep the yards, bar ditches and trees which overhang into the street cut so that you are in compliance with our Ordinances. In addition, please keep the junk picked up on your property and placed in an enclosed area. There is nothing worse than to have folks visiting our wonderful town and the first thing they see is a property full of junk and debris.

As this is the Fourth of July week, I remind each of you that no fireworks of any kind are allowed in the Town boundary limits. The fine for possession or discharge is \$2,000.00. The greater fear regarding the illegal discharge is, of course, that a major grass fire can destroy so much so quickly. I beg you to use common sense and do not break the law this holiday period.

Finally, I know you have seen the news and read about the attempt by Lake Dallas and Hickory Creek to break away from the Lake Cities Fire Department and create their own departments. I would ask at this time that no one panic or pass judgment on this event until we see exactly

where it is going. The Town of Shady Shores already has a working interlocal agreement with the City of Corinth for fire service for the next five years. Your protection service will not be interrupted. It may be modified a bit depending on what happens with these cities, but we will have protection.

I hope you all have a safe and cool July. If you need anything, please call Sarah, our town secretary, and she will help assist you. I will always try to be in the office by 2:30 or 3:00 in the afternoons.

Sincerely,

Jerry Williams