

APRIL 2013 MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I hope everyone is enjoying this early spring season. While the temperature is a little suspect, the buds and new leaves are indication that spring has sprung. I am fortunate to have some beautiful rose bushes in my yard and they are already producing some gorgeous blooms. With this in mind, the town has declared the month of April as "Keep Shady Shores Beautiful" month. We have several events planned to help clean the town of debris and promote Earth Day. Much more on that will be mentioned later in the message.

The month will begin with our council meeting on April 1st at 7:00PM at which time we will discuss the off-site construction at the Bettye Myers Middle School and review the final draft of our amended Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Saturday April 6th will be our annual Trash Bash Day which we coordinate with Keep Texas Beautiful and the other Lake Cities Communities. Volunteers can meet at the Sonic Drive In at 9:00AM for free breakfast burritos and coffee or cold drinks. Then, the volunteers will all gather at the Community Center at 9:30AM for distribution of safety vests and trash bags. We will try to clean areas of the town which are most needy. The cleanup should be finished by 11:30.

Continuing on, we should have a Planning and Zoning meeting on April 11th at 7:00PM as we discuss the modification of parking and nuisance ordinances. We will celebrate Earth Day in a big event at the Community Center on April 13th beginning at 10:00AM. There will be booths set up with all types of handouts promoting planting and waste management. We will have master naturalists available for questions regarding the correct native plants to sow in our area and at around 12:00 AM we will take a guided tour of some of the nature trails in town. Furthermore, we will have a map available for residents to sign up to Adopt-a-Street in an effort to keep our roads and easements clean all year round. It is currently set up in our foyer if anyone should desire to come in and sign up now.

As we progress through the month, we will have a candidate's forum on Tuesday April 23rd at 7:00 PM. This will be an excellent time for residents to meet those running for Mayor, Place 2 and Place 3 seats on the council. Early voting begins on April 29th at both the Lake Dallas and Corinth City Halls. The General Election is May 11th at the Community Center.

Hopefully, all residents are aware of our road closure on W. Shady Shores Road beginning April 1st. The closure impacts thru traffic only. Residents living off of the thoroughfare will certainly have access to their streets and buses will be guided thru the work zone by the road contractor. I am truly sorry for this inconvenience. It should be for only one week, weather permitting. We will also be performing work on Oakwood Circle, but it will not require a closure. However, the contractor is asking for all vehicles to be off the road while they work. THE DETOUR ROUTE FOR THE W. SHADY SHORES CLOSURE IS NORTH ON LAKESHORE, WEST ON 6TH STREET, SOUTH ON GARZA THEN A RETURN TO W. SHADY SHORES. Signs are already posted in order for everyone to get acquainted with the temporary inconvenience. The contractor and the town have tried to prepare all residents for this event. All police and fire agencies have been notified as well as both school districts. In addition, LCMUA and Waste Management have been alerted. If all goes well, the construction should be done by April 6th. Thanks for your patience.

Finally, the Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Committee and the Community Events Committee are proposing the erection of a covered pavilion on the property next to the Community Center in order to provide a location for outdoor community events and a covered picnic spot for residents. They will be seeking input from the residents in the future regarding a desire for this structure.

As I close on this my next to last message, I hope that I have communicated to the resident's relevant information to assist and help you understand all the wonderful happenings that occur in our great town. I would encourage each of you to take pride in your town and keep it clean and safe. I hope you understand that is why we pass health, safety and welfare ordinances. As Earth Day is April 22nd and the Town has declared the entire month as an Earth Day celebration, I ask each of you to take action to promote a cleanup of your property for safety sake and the sake of our environment.

I would be remiss if I did not issue a challenge now to all of us to prepare for the upcoming problem regarding the West Nile Virus issue. The County will monitor this closely and has literature and skeeter dunks available to all who need it. This is the time to enact prevention by eliminating areas of standing water where the larvae can produce. If the County determines evidence of the virus, please protect yourself when outdoors.

Have a great April.

Jerry Williams