

SHADY SHORES NEWS

S h a d y S h o r e s E v e n t s C o m m i t t e e

Mayor's Message



Happy Valentine's Day. I don't know about you, but I'm glad February is here. After this real wintery weather we have been experiencing, February's arrival means we are through what is normally the coldest part of the year and the average daily temperature begins to rise again. Let's hope the weather improves and we get at least our normal amount of precipitation and that it is in the form of rain not the

frozen stuff. Once again, we are still in drought conditions and we need to conserve water.

February also means the start of early voting for the March 4th primary election. Early voting is February 18 through February 28. Get out and vote for the candidates of your choice. Here's wishing for those 75-80 degree days.

Mayor Cindy Spencer

What's Happening Around Town?

Discussions, plans, ideas, work . That is what 's going on between spells of ice and snow

January 8 –Mayor Spencer met at Olive Stephens Elementary School with Principal, Chris Rangel , and assistant Principal, Matt Preston. The main topic of discussion was the possibility of our KSSB and Community Events committees working together with the school on events and projects through-out the year. Both principals expressed enthusiasm for the idea and many topics were discusses as possibilities.

April 5-Saturday-The CEC has scheduled a Flea market/crafts and garage sales. The school is very interested in participating with one or more “booths”. Parents would be asked to donate used items for the students to sell as a fundraiser for various school activities. They will bring tables to the town hall parking lot

May 3 - Saturday- The CEC has scheduled a Shady Shores Clean Up Celebration to be coordinated with the KSSB Committee. The school has scheduled a 5-K run for that day. The route will be along streets in the Shady Shores area. The CEC offered to provide hot dogs and water to participants of both events.

What's Happening Around Town?

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Educational Activities:

The school would be very interested in residents volunteering with some of their projects, including the outdoor garden, "The Bulldog Nature Center."

February 27th is the school's Science Fair. The school requested any residents who are Master Gardeners or Master Naturalist to serve as judges for the fair. It would require time at the school from 7:30 to 11:30. The School will keep the town informed of upcoming meetings for possible collaboration in planning and preparation

from the notes of Mayor Spencer's School Project

Keep Shady Shores Beautiful (KSSB) Committee Pecan Tree Report

In the late summer of 2008, the landscape committee presented a landscape plan for the Shady Shores Community Center to Town Council. At the time, KSSB Committee members divided the project into 3 phases. All phases were approved by council. The first two phases, which included some of the beds around the building and most of the new trees on the property were completed in the spring of 2009. The third phase, the "Pecan Grove.", was delayed due to the need to run a utility line to the service building through the proposed planting area. Now in 2014 it is time to consider the planting of the Pecan Grove. In order to reflect and honor the character of Shady Shores, the committee elected to plant natives that are indigenous to our area. It has been decided to purchase the trees from Rhode's Nursery in Garland. The trees are in 5 gallon containers which will need to be transported and transplanted by volunteers. Sue Fritts has put out stakes on the community center property at the designated planting sites. (sounds like a volunteer opportunity coming up as soon as the danger of a freeze is over)

from notes of Sue Fritts

Calling all volunteers

Volunteers are needed on all committees.
Volunteers are needed at all events.
Volunteers are needed at the schools.
Volunteers are needed to keep our town beautiful.



Shady Shores



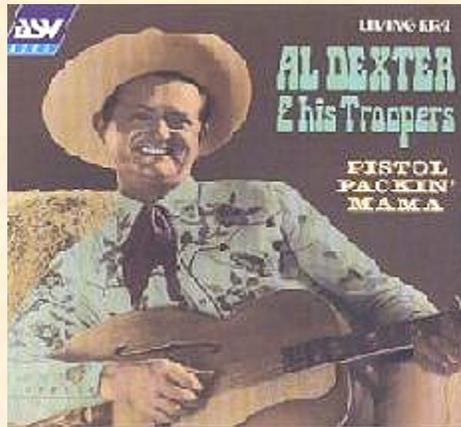
Events Calendar

January	No Planned Community Event
February	No Planned Community Event Events Committee Meeting,: Tuesday , February 18th. 9:00 am , Town Hall Inventory kitchen after meeting
March	No Planned Community Event Events Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 25th. , Town Hall 9:00 am Work in Town Hall
April	April 5th. First Ever...Shady Shores Flea Market
May	May 3rd. Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Day Clean up followed by a hot dogs lunch
June	No Planned Community Event
July	No Planned Community Event
August	No Planned Community Event
September	September 27th. Second Ever.....Shady Shores Flea Market
October	October 4th. Chili Cook-Off October 31st. Halloween Trick or Treat
November	No Planned Community Event Events Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 18th. 9:00 am, Town Hall
December	December 6th. Christmas Bazaar and Tree Lighting



A CELEBRITY FROM SHADY SHORES

John Thorngren



If you were around in 1943, you might remember hearing the refrain to this song on the radio written and sung by Al Dexter.

“Lay That Pistol Down, Babe.

Lay That Pistol Down.

Pistol Packin’, Mama

Lay That Pistol Down.”

The lyrics were just controversial enough for the times, that Pistol Packin’ Mama sold a million copies in its first six months. This was quite a feat considering the population of the U.S was less than half of today’s and record players were a luxury during the war. Al Dexter — Clarence Albert Poindexter was his given name — was born in Jacksonville, Texas in 1902. During his beginnings as a house painter, he performed in local bars and nightclubs singing country music. With a band he put together in 1936 he recorded “Honky Tonk Blues”, the first country song to use the term *honky-tonk*. From his ownership of a bar in Turnertown, Texas and playing in roadhouses across the state, he got the idea for Pistol Packin’ Mama. His producer arranged for him to record the song at Columbia’s Hollywood studio using Gene Autry’s backup band. Al Dexter admired Gene and evidently followed in his career footsteps. With the money he made from this song and many others, he went into real estate. Although he didn’t build the empire that Autry did in California, he did become quite wealthy.

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He owned a bar in Dallas until his retirement, and in 1952 he bought seven lots in Shady Shores where he built his home on Sixth Street. One might think it was a 100 acre mansion, but seven lots back then were platted for seven duck hunters' cottages, each with a lot size of barely 1100 square feet. Al bought and sold other properties in Shady Shores, and in 1960, he and 40 other persons filed a petition to incorporate two square miles that would be known as the Town of Shady Shores. The election drew 55 votes For the incorporation and one Against — sort of makes you wonder who was that lone dissenter. Al died of a heart attack in his home here in 1984; his wife, Frankie M. Poindexter, lived there until 1994.

Al was the first country singer to perform on Broadway and was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1971. The website, www.Aldexter.com, has been constructed to petition his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame. We, who remember his talent, feel he belongs.

Al Dexter is buried in RoseLawn Memorial Park, Garden of Faith section, Denton. A bronze plate notes: "Writer of Pistol Packin' Mama." His marker notes: "Songwriters Hall of Fame."

Pistol Packin' Mama can be heard at www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uESJlJAj7g

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Dexter

Denton County Courthouse records

www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fpo38

RoseLawn Memorial Park, 3801 RoseLawn Dr, Denton, Texas

Useful Information

In times of eminent, severe weather, the **CODE RED WEATHER WARNING SYSTEM** is available to residents of Shady Shores on the Corinth website

<http://www.cityofcorinth.com/index.aspx?NID=456>

If interested, please sign up to receive phone, and text warning from this system.

I-35E Express Project

Commuters or travelers to Dallas area please visit <http://www.35Express.org> or call 214-483-7777 for updated information on road closures or detours. This site has a very detailed review of the entire project with a wealth of valuable information.

Official Shady Shores Website

Excellent website, user friendly covering information about Shady Shores.

<http://www.shady-shores.com>

Contact Information for Denton ISD

The website or general information and contact information for the board of trustees is www.dentonisd.org

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means to enhance communication for all residents of Shady Shores. If you have comments, information to share, events to announce send an email to Mindy Grimes

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