

SHADY SHORES NEWS

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Shady Shores Residents,

Do you have items that you think “what am I going to do with that?”, or “how do I get rid of this?”

I know many of us do and did. We had a great clean up event this past Saturday. We had a used tire collection, electronic recycling collection and document shredding/recycling in our Town Hall parking lot as well as several dumpsters located throughout the town. Many unwanted items or junk were placed in the dumpsters or recycled with one of our vendors. The Town conducts these events twice a year to facilitate cleanup of the town and to provide avenues for our residents to dispose of these unwanted/unneeded items. These types of events are also a part of our Storm Water protection plan. They are designed to make sure items which will contaminate our water are disposed of properly.

Also, our waste disposal contractor provides hazardous waste removal. See below for some information from CWD:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE/E-WASTE ON-DEMAND COLLECTION PROGRAM

In addition to weekly trash and recycling, your quarterly bill includes Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste On-Demand

collection to dispose of your hazardous waste.

1. Call CWD 972-392-9300
2. CWD will mail a collection kit
3. HHW is collected once per month
4. Place your HHW or Electronic Waste at your collection area to be picked up by CWD

Our vendor from last Saturday, Computer Crusher, also provides a drop-off service if you have an immediate need to dispose of electronics. Here is information from them:

Computer Crusher Drop Off Customers:

We open our warehouse every weekday Monday – Saturday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm for drop-offs. To contact us to set up an alternative time, give us a call at (940)-380-0091 or leave us a message on our contact page. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact us as well or visit our Residential Recycling FAQ page. If you would like to drop the materials off at one of our recycling events, visit the [calendar event page](#) to check for an event near you.

If you have other items that don't fit these categories, call CWD to see if they will pick them up and/or Town Hall and they may be able to direct you.

Keep our Town Beautiful,
Cindy



MESSAGE FROM WENDY AND AMBER

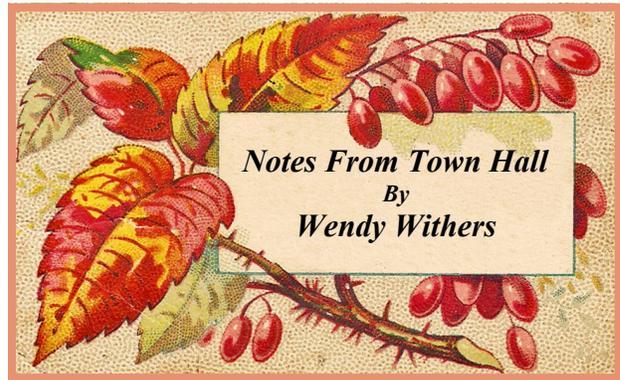


Meet Our Building Inspector, Steve Koehler

If you have done a building project in the Town of Shady Shores, then you have probably met our building inspector, Steve Koehler. He has been with the Town of Shady Shores since 2011. Steve founded the Koehler Company in 1974. He works on a contract basis with the Town of Shady Shores as well as many other towns in the North Texas Area, to include, Dish, Copper Canyon, Bartonville and Castle Hills. In addition to serving as the building inspector, Steve owns a building a remodeling business.

Steve lives with his wife in Flower Mound, he has two grown sons and is very proud of his beautiful grandchildren, Stetson and Lyal. Baby Steele is due to make the scene in January 2017! In his off time, Steve enjoys hunting and spending time with his family. Steve is always available to help residents and town staff when needed. We appreciate his dedication to Shady Shores and his attention to detail.

The October Town Council meeting was held on October 10th, 2016. Council gave a summary report on the process that was used to evaluate the Fire Department and confirmed that the Town of Shady Shores would renew its contract with the Lake Cities Fire Department for another five (5) years. Council members also discussed Charter Communications and internet availability. This item has been tabled to allow the Town Attorney time to review the current franchise agreement with Charter and investigate other sources of service.



Other items of interest: Town Hall will be closed at noon on October 26th and closed all day on October 27th and 28th for staff development. It is important that staff is allowed to attend training and education classes so that we may be knowledgeable about the latest legislative changes and other trends in municipal government. Amber and I are thankful to the council and residents for allowing us to attend.

ELECTION INFORMATION: I have placed a variety of information about the upcoming election on the town's website including early voting locations, a sample ballot for this area and links to the [Denton County Elections](#) page. Some important dates coming up:

VOTING SCHEDULE	
DEADLINE TO REGISTER <i>If not previously registered</i>	October 11
EARLY VOTING	October 24- November 4
DEADLINE TO REQUEST- BALLOT BY MAIL	October 28
GENERAL ELECTION	November 8

NEW IDENTIFICATION RULES

Identification Required

Upon arrival at the polling place, the voter will be asked to present an approved form of photo ID to vote in person. As provided by a court order, if a voter has obtained one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, the voter must use that ID to vote. If a voter has not been able to obtain an approved photo ID and has a reasonable impediment or difficulty to obtaining such approved photo ID, the voter has additional options.

The seven forms of approved photo ID are:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas handgun license issued by DPS
- U.S. military identification card containing the voter's photograph
- U.S. citizenship certificate containing the voter's photograph
- U.S. passport
- Free Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS

If you have questions about the new voter ID laws, you can visit VoteTexas.gov or call 1-800-252-VOTE.

HAVE A WONDERFUL MONTH!

Wendy Withers, TRMC, CMC



Hoot N Holler
Halloween

JOIN US
October 22nd
At Shady Shores Town Hall
6-8PM

Free Hot Dogs **Free Popcorn**
Free Candy

Costume Parade and Contest at 6:30 pm

We will have Trunk or Treating

Games



Trophies will be awarded for all contests





Get out those CHILI RECIPES and put them
to the test.

NOVEMBER 12, 2016 6-8 PM

(set up begins at 4:30)

SHADY SHORES COMMUNITY CENTER

WIN \$100.00 Grand Prize

(Best Chili in Town)

Trophies for 1st 2nd 3rd and People's

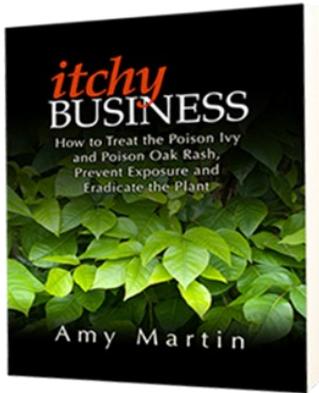
Choice. [Sign up for free online](#)

On The Green Side

By Cecil and Polly

ITCHY BUSINESS

We know you are going to think: Cecil and Polly this subject is DULL. Well, only if you've never had poison ivy or poison oak. As you know, Polly is a Master Naturalist, and we are both in the Native Plant Society and both birders. That means traipsing around fields and woods and all sorts of places where poison ivy and poison oak [PIPO] is prevalent. Polly is allergic to it but Cecil is hardly affected.



Hardly affected doesn't mean not affected. Understanding PIPO is to understand the very potent allergen URUSHIOL (pronounced u-ROO-shee-all)..THAT is what causes the rash. This oil is unique to PIPO and according to Mrs. Martin, found nowhere else.

The best way to avoid PIPO is to stay in your house. Since that is not much of an option, the next most important thing is to avoid it in nature. As Amy Martin says, we need to become PIPO ninjas. What basically takes place is you get the oil on your skin through a transference process either rubbing against a plant or off your dog that has rubbed against the plant. If you can act quickly and wash it off your skin with detergent, you can avoid its effects. Mrs. Martin alert is that regular soaps are ineffective in emulsifying the poison

oils, it takes detergent. The issue is it's your immune system over-reaction, and that causes the rash. When the rash appears, it is too late.

The itchy, blistering rash often does not start until 12 to 72 hours after you come into contact with the oil. The rash is not contagious nor does it spread. It may seem to spread, but that is your body's antigens fighting to overpower the urushiol

The rash that results from the PIPO is a form of allergic contact with your skin. Skin is not automatically sensitive to urushiol. Sensitivity builds up after the skin is exposed to the substance. When initially exposed to urushiol, the skin alerts the immune system of the presence of the irritating chemical. The immune system then prepares a defensive reaction for the next time the skin encounters the substance. This defense mechanism sensitizes the skin so that new contact with urushiol causes an allergic reaction.



Most people see the rash go away in a few weeks. If you have a serious reaction, you need to see a doctor right away. Swelling is a sign of a serious reaction — especially swelling that makes an eye swell shut or your face to swell.

THERE is little you can do for the itch. It usually lasts for no more than two weeks. Calamine Lotion (PINK) is only a topical, but it is reported to help

POISON IVY



How do you get rid of this stuff? About the best way is to pull it up, while wearing coveralls or similar protective clothes, such as gloves and shoe covers. Another way is to cut it and spray the cut end with Roundup. But I think you need to cut it in hot weather. CAUTION: Do not pile up or cut up poison ivy and burn it. Many people fighting forest fires inhale the smoke of PIPO and get it into their lungs. Inhalation can bring on DEATH or at least a very bad visit to the hospital. Another idea is to hire a landscape company to kill it.

In nature, there are many toxic plants. Since plants are rooted to the ground, toxins are the only way they can protect themselves. A good example is Monarch butterflies. They eat milkweed, and it can be toxic to birds. Birds have learned through trial and error to leave Monarchs alone.

Polly eats very small portions of plants from the nightshades family (tomatoes, potatoes, peppers and eggplant) which have a mild toxicity for some folks. For an in-depth look at PIPO read the book [Itchy Business](#). It is a fascinating read.

Stay Safe,

Cecil and Polly

POISON OAK



Community Events Calendar

October 22

Hoot n' Holler 6:00–8:00 pm.

November 12

Chili Cook Off 6:30–8:30 pm.

December 3

Bazaar 2:00–7:00 pm.

Tree Lighting 6:00 pm.

Community Events Committee meets monthly at 9:00 am in the Town Hall on the Thursday following the Town Council Meeting . The CEC meeting will be followed by the Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Committee. Interested residents are welcome to attend one or both committee meetings. Community Events Committee and KSBB Committee meeting:

Thursday, November 10th

THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A SUCCESS

The Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Committee and I want to thank everyone who came helped with our Fall Clean Up Day. We had a very successful day filling five large roll off dumpsters. We also collected tires, crushed electronics, and shredded documents. We would like to extend a special thanks to Vickie from CWD. She spent her entire Saturday monitoring dumpsters and made sure there were no messes left behind. She even climbed into the overflowing dumpsters to help create more room by systematically moving objects around. Without Vickie and CWD helping with this event, it would not have been possible. We wanted to thank Cub Scout Pack 841 out of Coppell Tx. for cleaning up our boat ramp. Also, thank you Wendy Withers, Amber Schuler, Bob Mathews, Cindy Aughinbaugh, Tom Newell, Mathew Hanes, Anita Reoh, Donna Cody, Amelda Kamstra, Barbara Thorngren, Gabby and Maddy for your help. We will have another clean up in the Spring keep an eye out for dates.

Ashlea Grimes
Keep Shady Shores Beautiful, Chairman

See page 10 for Clean Up Day pictures taken by Rebecca Morgan.

The Wild Side of Shady Shores - Fox Squirrels

Photos & Article by Rebecca Morgan



Out of the ten species of squirrels found in Texas, only three are found in our area with the Eastern Fox Squirrel being the most common. The Fox Squirrel is a large tree squirrel that is about 21" long & weighs in at about 1.5-2 lbs. They sport a fur coat that resembles that of a gray fox [gray & black on its back with orange colored fur on its belly and a long bushy tail].

Squirrels communicate with each other by making chirping sounds and by movements of that bushy tail. Quick jerks of the tail are a signal that they are nervous or upset.

They are acrobatic, intelligent and adaptable making them fun to watch. With sharp toes & double-jointed hind legs, they are very agile climbers being able to run up and down trees with ease. They have an excellent sense of vision; can run up to 20 miles per hour; can easily leap horizontally for around 15 feet

and can free-fall 20 feet or more to a soft landing.

Their ideal habitat is small stands of large Oak and nut trees interspersed with open fields and agricultural land. They have two types of shelters, leaf nests & tree dens preferring to have two homes, a leaf nest in the summer and a tree den in the winter or when they are raising young. They will exploit human habitations for sources of food, often feeding from bird feeders, and are just as happy nesting in an attic as they are in a hollow tree.

Fox squirrels are somewhat solitary creatures that sleep at night and like to spend most of the day playing and feeding on the ground. But at the same time, they are socially graceful by nature.

One of their favorite fun activities includes chasing other squirrels around the trees and across the ground.



Squirrels eat nuts, fruits, seeds, tree bark, roots, insects, and caterpillars. Right now, they are doing what they do best, squirreling away seeds & nuts for the approaching winter. In my yard, they are busy harvesting and burying pecans.

Usually active early in the morning and late in the afternoon they do what is called "scatter hoarding" creating several thousand buried caches of food each season. A single squirrel can bury several thousand pecans, over the course of 3 months, which they will later locate with their sense of smell. Many of those nuts are not found which results in more trees.

Female Fox squirrels mate twice a year. Courtship behavior includes several males chasing a female with the victorious male protecting the female from the attention of the other males. 45 days after mating they will have 3-4 baby Squirrels called "kittens."

The kittens are helpless at birth and rely totally on their mothers for care. When born they are only about an inch long; do not have any fur and are blind. Kittens depend on their mother's milk for the first few weeks of their lives. It takes around 4-5 weeks for their eyes to open; they start to climb around the tree at about 7-8 weeks and leave the nest when about 12-16 weeks of age.



The average lifespan of a squirrel is 8.6 years for the males and around 12.6 for the females, but some have been known to live up to 18 years of age. When squirrels are frightened, they run back and forth in a zigzag pattern to confuse the hawks, owls, foxes, raccoons or bobcats that may be pursuing them. Unfortunately, this does not work well on cars. You might consider slowing down and giving them a **brake** as they dart across the road.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY IN SHADY SHORES



Tire Truck

Volunteers:
 (left to right)
 Wendy, Gaby, Bob,
 Cindy,
 Matthew are ready to
 load tires.



Magic Shred Truck



Clean-up Day 10-15-16



Anita and Amelda
 by the recycle &
 garbage bins pro-
 vided by CWD for
 the event.

Computer Crusher

With three huge
 boxes of electronics

Anita & electronics



Full Dumpster

one of five located
 around town



Anita checking out the
 Computer Crusher
 operations.



HELPFUL NUMBERS

Town Office

940-498-0044

101 S. Shady Shores Rd
Shady Shores, Tx 76208

Service Providers

Charter Cable - 866-937-2427

Co Serve Gas - 940-321-7800
or 800-274-4014 (24-hour)

Oncor Electric -
888-313-4747 (24-hour)

Atmos Energy (Gas) -
888-286-6700

Community Waste Disposal
972-392-9300 or
817-795-9300

Century Link (Telephone)
940-321-1000

Denton County Household Hazardous Waste -
940-349-3250

Lake Dallas Public Library -
940-497-3566

Lake Cities Municipal Utility Authority 940-497-2999

Corinth Police Department Non-Emergency -
940-498-2017

Lake Cities Fire Department
940-321-2141

Animal Control (All American Dogs)
- 972-382-3647

Code Enforcement (All American Dogs) - 972-382-3647

Lake Dallas Post Office -
940-387-8555

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