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Shenandoah Homeowner's Association

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Shenandoah Yard of the Month

By: Kevin McNicoll

Congratulations to this month's winner of the 'Yard of the Month' award that goes to **16351 Missionary Ridge**. The owner receives a **\$25** gift certificate to **Clegg's Nursery**, our gracious sponsor. Thanks to all of you who take pride in your property. Keep up the great work!

We'll be judging the 'Yard of the Month' nominations every month and announcing the winner in the Newswatch. Nominations can be submitted at any time to: beautification@shawebwatch.com. Thank you for all the hard work and good luck in the future! Keep up the good work!

SHA Christmas Decorations Contest

The annual SHA Christmas Decorations Contest to recognize the best, most spirited Christmas decorations in the neighborhood will be held again this year. Paid 2013 members will be eligible and only paid 2013 members will be considered. Sitting SHA Board Members are not eligible.

There is a large number of very good fall and Halloween displays gracing the neighborhood, we are looking forward to seeing the Christmas lights and other displays of holiday cheer.

Hi Nabor gift certificates will be awarded to three winning families:

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First prize is a \$100 gift certificate

Second prize is a \$50 gift certificate

Third prize is a \$25 gift certificate

The winners will be selected by a volunteer committee of board members who will observe and judge the nominated homes.

If you see a home worthy of consideration, or if you would like to nominate your own Christmas decorations, email the address - no photos; just the address - to SHA_Newswatch@yahoo.com. **SHA Board members please make your nominations in the same manner.**

All nominations received on or before Monday, December 9th will be submitted to the committee. after their membership status has been determined, based solely upon SHA records, by address.

Be sure to have your Christmas lights on from December 10th to 15th.

Those homes deemed eligible will be viewed by committee members and their votes will be submitted to the Chairperson by 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 15th.

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We hope you saw the article in last month's Newswatch about the St. George Fire Department Santa Clause Parades having run in this area on November 30th and December 1st. Every year St. George Fair partners with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and Christmas for Challenged Children a local faith-based charity. If you missed them, please drop you food and toy gifts off at any St. George Fire Station.

If you know folks who live on the west side of Airline Hwy, tell them about the parades on the weekend of December 7th and 8th.

Another Christmas tradition that is quickly coming up is the Jones Creek Area Business Association's annual Christmas Parade. It runs from the First Pentecostal Church southward to the Woodlawn Park Shopping Center. It features floats, bands and marching units. The Jones Creek Parade starts at 2:00 PM, Sunday, September 8th.




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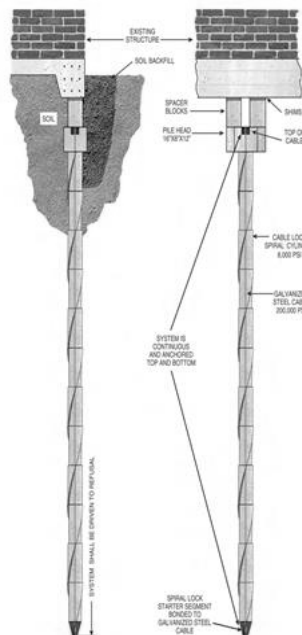
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SHA Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2013

Board Members Present: Henry Grace, President, Paul Berniard, Vice-President, Tom Hirschey, Security, Diana Martin, Secretary, Mike Bass, Treasurer, Bill Cornwall, Board Member; Chester Welch, Board Member, Kevin McNicoll, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Sandra Lambert, Board Member, Keith Mitchell, Board member, Gretchen Nestler, Board Member, Don Regner, Board Member.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Henry Grace. Quorum was present.

Secretary's Report – Diana Martin - Move to accept minutes as printed in the Newswatch Newsletter. No corrections or additions asserted. A motion to accept minutes was made by Mike Bass, seconded by Bill Cornwall. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Bass – Total paid members as of this month is 588. This compares to 640 members at this time last year. The budget is in balance at this time. With present balance it is

expected that all obligations will be met through the end of the year.

Newswatch Report – Eldon Ledoux - The Company that has been used to handle services for the Newswatch Newsletter is going out of business immediately so a new company will be used going forward starting in December, 2013. This will result in having to have a new contract for these services at a new rate. Discussions are now ongoing with American Business Systems. It now costs around \$500 per month; however the new rate will go to \$643 per month. Future Newsletters will be tabbed and not stapled.

A motion was made by Kevin McNicoll and seconded by Tom Hirschey to stop the present contract immediately and start a new contract in December at a new rate for printing and delivery of the Newswatch newsletter. Motion carried.

Security Report – Tom Hirschey – We now have eight deputies doing patrol with increased hours for November and December. There were 33 shifts patrolled, 133 traffic stops with 94 traffic charges. Citations issued were 73 with 60 warnings issued. Vacation checks continue to go up each year as more

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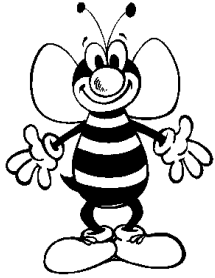
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Architectural Report – A resident on Fort Pulaski requested approval to repair a 6 foot wooden fence on one side of his property and to replace a chain link fence with a 6 foot wooden fence on the other side of his property. A motion was made by Mike Bass to approve and seconded by Diana Martin. The motion passed.

A resident of Seven Pines reported to the Board

that neighbors are working to clean up their street.

Old Business - The next SHA Crime Prevention and Improvement District meeting will be January 21, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at the Jones Creek Library. A training session for the members of that SECPID Board will be held at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 14th at the camera on Antioch Blvd. A budget meeting of the Board will follow at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the budget for 2014.

Tom Hirschey notified 311 about the 2 run-down

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houses, one on Point Clear and the other on North Rockbridge. He reported that these properties are now in abatement and the owners now have a time limit to clean them up.

New Business – Discussion was held on Budget for 2014. The budget is \$31,000 with \$20,000 in reserves. Agreement made to keep same general budget for 2014 except to adjust the budget to reflect an increase from \$6500 to \$8500 for the Newswatch Newsletter because a new contract will be needed and postage is going up.

A motion was made by Mike Bass and seconded by Bill Cornwall to accept this adjusted budget for 2014. Motion passed.

Again this year we will have a Christmas Decoration contest for SHA members. Nominations will be taken December 10th to December 15th. There will be a first, second, and third prize.

Beautification Report – Kevin McNicoll – The December yard of the month is 16351 Missionary Ridge Ave. They will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate from our friends at Clegg's Nursery. Congratulations!

The bushes at the entrance to the Subdivision will be trimmed and shaped in the next few days.

The Jones Creek Regional Library will host a "Celebration of Trees" contest at the Library. Henry Grace feels the Association should be represented. The Beautification committee will head up this effort.

Tom Hirschey says we need to review our By-laws to be sure we have met them with the number of Board Members. Henry Grace will have an answer for this by the next meeting.

Website Report – **Jack Austin** – Discussion is now taking place about redesigning the website. Paul Berniard has reviewed other HOA sites and some have good designs some do not. Jack says that content is not provided to update the SHA site. He has provided a template for content to be provided. It costs \$200 to keep the domain. Jack suggests that we have a "web master" who can write program and code to make it what the Association needs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Martin, Secretary

Holiday Shopping Safety

This year's shopping season is about a week shorter than we normally see. There is not less to do, just less time to do it. Some stores are essentially making Thanksgiving another shopping day.

Whenever you chose to shop, do it safely.

Before you go shopping, make sure you tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return home. Also remember there is safety in numbers. Shop with a friend. A single shopper is the easiest target for a thief.

When shopping with smaller children, make sure they know what to do if they get lost - go to the nearest counter assistant for help - and also make sure they know to never leave a store without you.

If you are shopping with older children, agree to a meeting point in case you are separated in a store or mall.

It's a good idea to streamline the contents of your purse or wallet. Take with you only the credit cards and forms if ID you will need for shopping. Also, always keep a list of all credit card numbers and the phone numbers to report them lost or stolen.

While you are shopping, be alert and aware of your surroundings. Never set your bag, purse, or wallet down. Unattended items are very inviting.

Be alert for "distraction thieves." They work as a team. One may distract you by bumping into you or engaging you in conversation while the other snatches your purse or wallet.

Plan your shopping so that you don't get loaded down with too many bags or buy the heaviest items first. Try to keep one hand free.

If you carry cash, keep it in a front pocket. Also carry your car keys and cell phone in your pants or jacket pocket. They are not only more secure from theft, but if your purse is stolen, you can at least call for help and drive home.

Don't leave presents on display in a parked car. This is very inviting to thieves.

Finally, when walking out to your vehicle, have your car keys in your hand to minimize the time it takes to get into your car. As you approach your vehicle, look around and look in your car before getting into it. If you are alone, it's a good idea to only open the driver's door. This will prevent someone from jumping into the car with you.

Have a Merry and Safe Christmas A Few Safe Decorating Tips

by: Eldon Ledoux
St. George Fire Department

A number of easy precautions may save your Christmas Season from a tragic fire. They are things you already know; little common sense steps we want to remind you of in your holiday decorating.

If you are decorating outdoors, be sure your lights and power cords are rated by UL, FM or some other insurance testing lab as safe for outdoor use. If they are, they will be clearly marked as such.

Whether decorating indoors or outdoors, check those power cords for cracks, brittleness or stiffness of the outer cover. When in doubt, toss it out.

Be careful not to overload extension cords. Follow manufacturer's instructions as to how many cords or strings of lights to plug together.

Keep a three foot clear zone around any open flame. This includes not only the fireplace, but candles as well. Never use candles other than in a candle holder or non-combustible receptacle. Even then, don't leave the room with candles lit.

October Sheriff's Office Call Report From EBRSO.ORG

The Sheriff's office has changed how it compiles and reports crime statistics on its website. As a result, the statistics for our SECPID protection area are available, but we have no larger area with which to make a comparison.

	SECPID
911 Call	11
Alarm	20
Battery/Assault	1
Burglary	2
Damage to Property	2
Disturbance	8
DWI/Impaired Driver	3
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**By: Janie Fowler, CRS
EXIT Real Estate Group**

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There are currently 26 homes available in Shenandoah Estates. The average listing price is \$208,173 with an average living area of 2283 square feet, for an average listing price of \$91.17 per square foot. The average home has been on the market for 104 days.

There were four homes reported sold by an MLS Realtor during the reporting period. This does not include any sale by owner activity. The average sale price was \$198,288 with a living area of 2418 square feet, for an average sale price of \$82.00 per square foot. The average house sold was on the market for 75 days.

Age	#	Ave Sale	\$/SF	Median	DOM
0-20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
21-30	2	\$204,125	\$88.51	\$204,125	135
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15113 Seven Pines	2247	\$183,250
5325 Spotsylvania	2508	\$175,000
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