



**TOWN OF SHADY SHORES
KEEP SHADY SHORES BEAUTIFUL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026; 6:00 PM
SHADY SHORES COMMUNITY CENTER
101 S. SHADY SHORES ROAD
SHADY SHORES, TX 76208**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
 - Establish a quorum
- a. MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT
3. WORKSESSION
 - a. Bee City USA
 - b. Shady Shores Community Habitat Project — Community Pollinator NWF Habitats
 - c. Tree City Affiliate
 - d. Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate Requirements
 - e. A Place for Peace- Shady Lane Meditation Garden
 - f. 503 Jones Demonstration Garden
 - g. Life Grows Here Butterfly Garden- Town Hall Campus
 - h. Free Little Library
 - i. Arbor Day- Spring Clean April 17, 2027
 - j. Hoot and Holler- Craft Fair and Chili Cook-Off
4. MINUTES:
 - a. MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT
 - b. Consider approval of July 2026 Minutes
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - Consider and take action relative to ongoing projects and events as listed below.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - Discuss any new projects to be considered at the next monthly meeting

7. ADJOURN

The Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Agenda was posted in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act on _____, _____, _____ at ____:____, ____M.

IN ADDITION, A QUORUM OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY CHOOSE TO ATTEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING POSTED ABOVE. THEREFORE, THIS IS NOTICE OF A CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE, WITH THE SAME AGENDA AS THE P&Z MEETING. IN THE EVENT A QUORUM OF COUNCIL IS PRESENT AT THE MEETING, NO ACTION OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN. THIS NOTICE IS POSTED AT THE TIME STATED ABOVE.

Katie Klein, Community Relations



DATE:	September 9, 2026
TO:	Keep Shady Shores Beautiful
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	Bee City USA

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

2026 Reporting Tasks

How many pollinator events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2026?

Submitted Mayor's Pledge to Mayor for review for participation

How many people attended those events?

How many habitat projects did you help create or enhance in 2026?

How many people (staff, volunteers, students, partners, etc) helped with those projects?

How many projects benefit monarchs, milkweed, or nectar planting?

How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2026 with pollinator benefit in mind.

- Flower garden,
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species,
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate),
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement, Native pollinator-friendly tree planting

Please check actions you have taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly.

- Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management),
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use,
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using "Buying Bee-Safe Plants" methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>),
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids,
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants using "Buying Bee-Safe Plants" methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>),
- **Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids**

How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date?

- 1- Life Grows Here (Town Hall Campus)
- 2- A Place for Peace Garden

Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2026, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.

- **Created a social campaign focused on the monarch pledge**
- **Created a dedicated webpage to Bee City USA**
- **Created a social campaign for Bat Week October 24-31**
- **Need to link to native plant lists. -Created native plant list brochure**

Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement projects in our community in 2026 and whether your committee hosted them or not.

Please describe actions taken to make pest management more pollinator-friendly.

Are efforts underway in your community to further reduce pesticide use in residential or business areas? This may include neighborhood-led efforts, outreach to landscapers, etc. If so, please describe.

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?

The Town of Shady Shores continues to advance initiatives that help protect pollinators, people, and local waterways from the impacts of pollutants, including pesticides and other chemicals. The Town maintains a dedicated Stormwater Management webpage to provide residents with information and resources on protecting water quality and reducing stormwater pollution.

In addition, Shady Shores works each month with the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) to share Source Water Protection information and educational materials with the community. These monthly outreach efforts encourage residents to properly use and dispose of household chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, and other potential pollutants and to understand how everyday actions can affect local water resources.

Through ongoing public education, stormwater outreach, source water protection messaging, and its commitment to pollinator-friendly practices through Bee City USA, the Town is working to promote a healthier environment for residents,

wildlife, pollinators, and waterways.

Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?

- No Yard, No Problem, Bring Back the Pollinators

Do you consider yourself a model for other affiliates? Are you available to teach and mentor other affiliates?

- Yes, and Yes

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

<https://beecityusa.org/pollinator-week-promo-kit-for-affiliates/>

<u>REVIEWED BY:</u>

- Set goals (attendance, engagement, participation, awareness)
- Determine key messaging (what you want people to know/feel/do)

2. Branding & Messaging

- Create event tagline/slogan
- Develop short event description (1–2 versions: long + short)
- Establish visual theme (colors, logos, graphics)
- Prepare FAQ talking points (parking, cost, what to bring, etc.)

3. Communication Channels

- Website event page update : <https://www.shady-shores.com/1174/Bee-City-USA>
- Facebook posts + shareable graphics -Campaign Ideas-

February :

- ✓ National Bird Feeding Month
- ✓ World Wetlands Day
- ✓ Western Monarch Day
- ✓ Invasive Species Awareness Week

March

- ✓ Groundskeeper week- celebrate groundskeepers and other maintenance professionals
- ✓ National Plant a Flower Day- March 12
- ✓ First Day of Spring- March 20
- ✓ No Mow March

April

- ✓ No Mow April
- ✓ National Garden Month
- ✓ Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month
- ✓ Earth Week--Week of April 22
- ✓ Last Friday of April- Arbor Day- Town of Shady Shores will celebrate April 17th.

May

- ✓ No Mow May

- ✓ Backyard Wildlife Month
- ✓ National Wildflower Week- first week of May
- ✓ May 20 World Bee Day

June

- ✓ Great Outdoors Month
- ✓ First week: National Garden Week
- ✓ June 5- Environment Day
- ✓ First Saturday- Butterfly Education and Awareness Day
- ✓ Third Week: National Pollinator Week
- ✓ First Day of Summer June 21

July

- ✓ July 4-5 World Firefly Day
- ✓ Second Week: National Forest Week
- ✓ Last Week: National Moth Week

September

- ✓ Leave the Leaves
- ✓ First day of Fall – September 20
- ✓ Fourth Saturday- National Public Lands day
- ✓ Bee City Generic Post- September 2

October

- ✓ Last week National Bat Week

December

- ✓ First day of Winter 12/21

- CivicSend / email blast
- 311 push notifications (if used locally)
- Town newsletter / “Mayor’s Musings”
- Community bulletin boards / flyers
- QR code linking to registration or event page

4. Content Creation

**** need to create a native plant list.**

5. Timeline Planning

6. Engagement Strategy

- Encourage shares and tagging neighbors
- Create “invite your friends” call-to-action
- Run simple engagement posts (polls, “what are you hoping to find?”)
- Highlight community involvement and volunteer needs

7. Visual Assets

- flyer (print + digital)
- Social media square graphics
- Story templates
- Map of locations (if multi-site event)
- QR code graphics

8. Tracking & Reporting

2026 Monthly Campaigns- Generic

August

Bee City USA: Every Pollinator Matters!

Did you know that bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, birds, and even bats help pollinate the plants that provide many of the foods we eat and the flowers we enjoy? Pollinators are essential to healthy ecosystems and thriving communities.

As a proud **Bee City USA** affiliate, the Town of Shady Shores is committed to protecting pollinators through education, habitat conservation, and community involvement.

 Here's how you can help:

 Plant native wildflowers that bloom throughout the growing season.

 Leave a small patch of your yard a little wild.

 Reduce or eliminate pesticide use whenever possible.

 Provide a shallow water source for pollinators.

 Create habitat that supports bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.

 Want to learn more about why pollinators matter? Watch this short educational video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhBaMc6g_C4

Together, small actions can make a big difference for the pollinators that keep our environment healthy and beautiful.

#BeeCityUSA #PollinatorProtection #KeepShadyShoresBeautiful #NativePlants #ProtectPollinators
#ShadyShoresTX #LifeHappensHere

September – Fall Blooms Matter

Bee City USA – September Pollinator Tip

Did you know? Pollinators are still hard at work in the fall!

Native bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects depend on late-season flowers to build energy before winter. By planting fall-blooming native flowers, you're helping provide one last important meal before the seasons change.

-  Choose native asters, goldenrods, sunflowers, and other fall-blooming plants suited to North Texas.
-  Plant a variety of flowers with overlapping bloom times.
-  Every bloom helps support pollinators preparing for winter.

A little planning today helps ensure a healthier, more vibrant pollinator population next spring.

#BeeCityUSA #PollinatorPower #NativePlants #KeepShadyShoresBeautiful #LifeHappensHere

October – Leave the Leaves

Bee City USA – October Pollinator Tip

Before you bag every fallen leaf, remember—you may be cleaning away wildlife habitat!

Many butterflies, moths, fireflies, and beneficial insects spend the winter tucked beneath leaf litter or inside hollow stems.

Instead of removing every leaf:

-  Leave leaves in garden beds.
-  Wait until spring to cut back perennial stems.
-  Let nature provide winter shelter for pollinators.

Sometimes the best way to help pollinators is to simply leave a little nature in place.

#BeeCityUSA #LeaveTheLeaves #PollinatorHabitat #KeepShadyShoresBeautiful #LifeHappensHere

November – Skip the Pesticides

Bee City USA – November Pollinator Tip

Healthy pollinators begin with healthy habitats.

One of the best things you can do for bees and butterflies is reduce or eliminate pesticide use whenever possible. Many insects are active even when we don't notice them, and pollinators can be affected by pesticide residues on flowers and plants.

Instead:

-  Choose native plants adapted to our area.
-  Encourage beneficial insects that naturally help manage pests.
-  Accept a little imperfection—it's part of a healthy ecosystem!

Small changes in our yards can make a big difference across our community.

December – Looking Ahead

Bee City USA – December Pollinator Tip

Winter is the perfect time to dream about spring!

As you plan your garden for next year, consider adding more native plants that provide nectar, pollen, and shelter for pollinators throughout the growing season.

 Include flowers that bloom from spring through fall.

 Add native milkweed to support monarch butterflies.

 Create a variety of heights and habitats for different pollinators.

 Every yard, patio, school, and community garden can make a difference.

Thank you for helping make Shady Shores a community where pollinators—and people—can thrive. We look forward to another year of growing together!

#BeeCityUSA #NativePlants #PollinatorGarden #KeepShadyShoresBeautiful #ShadyShoresTX
#LifeHappensHere



DATE:	June 8, 2026
TO:	Keep Shady Shores Beautiful
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	Shady Shores Community Habitat Project — Community Pollinator NWF Habitats https://communitywildlifehabitat.nwf.org/

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

Orange items- optional tasks that can be chosen to complete

Red items- tasks towards completion, in progress

Pending: items submitted, awaiting NWF approval.

Certified Wildlife Habitats 12 (10 Private/1 Community/1 Public as of 4.15.2026)- Completed initial goal
Certification Points

COMPLETE Registration Goals 65 out of 40

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| • Press Release about registration | 5 | Pending |
| • Plan and organize kick-off celebration | 10 | Pending |
| • Complete Community Assessment website. | 5 | Completed. Upload to the |
| • Meet w/another Community Wildlife Habitat | 5 | Completed- City of Denton |
| • At least one team member, Master Naturalist, Gardener, or similar | 20 | Completed |
| • Meet with NWF's state affiliate | 5 | Completed |
| • Name your NWF Community Wildlife Project | 5 | Completed |
| • Create a plan for keeping all Habitat Team members in communication. | 5 | Completed |
| • Create your community description | 5 | Completed |
| • Identify your team leader and team members | 5 | Completed |

- Obtain a letter of support from the community gov. official 5 Completed

Education Goals 30 out of 40

- Create a demonstration garden at a public site with educational signs. 10 Completed, Town Hall
- Create a demonstration garden at a public site with educational signs. 10 Completed, A Place for Peace
- Hold a garden tour that features CWH 10 Consider dedication of A Place for Peace.
- Create NWF-certified wildlife project brochure 5 pending, re submitted 6.2026
- Create and distribute a native plant list for your community 5
- Create a demonstration garden.... Jones Street.....10
- Create a website or web page about the project 10 completed
- <https://shady-shores.com/1167/Shady-Shores-Community-Habitat-Project>
 - Create QR code and Tiny URL
- Create and maintain a Facebook page, group or other social media site 10 completed
- Host a workshop to educate community members about wildlife gardening 5
- Launch a campaign to educate the community about an iconic plant or animal species for your community....10 Have you seen Bob and Doris
- Write a regular column in your community newsletter about your project 10

Community Outreach Goals 25 out of 50

- Each team member who serves on a community board has completed 15
- Coordinate a stream clean up, tree planting, invasive removal etc event 10 pending resubmitted Operation Shore to Shore, 6.30.26
- Improve the community's weed ordinance or other public policies to make them more wildlife-friendly 10 pending submissions to the Bee City USA Pest Management Process
- Provide garden for wildlife information at a booth at a community event
- Work with municipal or other local park agencies to convert parkland to wildlife-friendly landscapes. ...10 pending, A Place for Peace 8/25 minutes submitted 6.30.2026.
- Coordinate a stream clean-up, tree planting, invasive species removal, native plant rescue, native plant sale, trail clean-up, family nature event, or other restoration event. Consider 503 Jones as restoration.

Administration Category 10 out of 20 Required

- Donate 5 wildlife photos to NWF 5 completed,
- Identify the individuals that will make up the post certification team. 5 completed
- Grant Application submitted 10
- Participating in an NWF network-wide call 5
- Per new volunteer 3, Kim Davis submitted 6.30.2026
- Per partner organization affiliated with project 3, contact LCMUA re Jones and re Wilding

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Define the tasks needed to meet the affiliate requirements
<u>ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:</u>
None
<u>REVIEWED BY:</u>



DATE:	Last Updated September 9, 2026
TO:	Keep Shady Shores Beautiful
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	Tree City Affiliate

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

Tree City Annual Report **2026 OPEN Now**

Tree City Growth Award Approved 6 years

KSSB Committee Tasks:

Committee members submit monthly hours for recording

Tree Tagging — working with Eric from Roots to tag Town Hall Trees. 6/2026 Meeting Melissa volunteered to investigate tree tags.

Tree Maintenance Tracking — working with Eric to set up a simple tracking system for Town Hall Trees

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Determine 2026 Affiliate Requirements Goals
<u>ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:</u>
None
<u>REVIEWED BY:</u>

Tree City Recognition

- Tree Board or Department
- Community Tree Ordinance
- A Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita-
 - Volunteer time
 - Expenditures
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- Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation
 - Proof of Event

Tree City Growth Award (10 points) - The items listed below represent only a portion of the available Growth Award opportunities. I have selected the opportunities that I believe our committee is best positioned to complete at this time. To view the full list of Growth Award activities, please visit:

<https://www.arborday.org/our-work/tree-city-usa/growth-award>

A. Building the Team

A3. Grant Applications: Two or more applications for grant funding were submitted (not necessarily awarded) during the year to accomplish specific community forestry projects or programs.-3 points, yearly

B. Measuring Trees and Forests

B4: Management Inventory-During the year, the city completed a detailed, spatial inventory (with GPS locations) of street trees (or managed park trees, or both), including planting spaces, to inform urban forestry planning, operations, and decision-making. –How To Conduct a Street Tree Survey Flyer -10 points every 5 years

B7: Street Tree Survey -During the year, the city completed a sample-based survey of street trees to guide planning efforts for public right-of-way property. Collected data must include DBH and species for each tree (conforming to i-Tree protocols) and include potential planting sites.-How To Conduct a Street Tree Survey Flyer- 6 points, Every 5 years

B8. Natural Areas Sampling -How to Manage Community Natural Areas-During the year, all the natural areas within the city (or a significant portion) were sampled, including evaluations of

ecological value or condition. Sampling minimum is 1-plot per acre.- How to Manage Community Natural Areas 5 points, Every 5 Years

C. Planning the Work: Policies

C2: Species List-During the year, the city established as policy a list of tree species that are eligible (recommended) or ineligible (prohibited) for planting on public property. List should be published as a stand-alone document, appended to the tree management plan, or included in the standards and care manual 3 points, yearly

C3: During the year and for the first time, the city adopted a written tree risk management policy for inspecting and mitigating reported tree problems, including a timetable for mitigating potential hazards. 8 points, one time

C4: During the year and for the first time, the city adopted a new ordinance section within city development code that details requirements for tree protection, mitigation, and noncompliance penalties for trees on private property during the land development process. Includes standards for tree protection, trenching/boring in critical root zones (CRZs), preconstruction mulching, root or limb pruning, and watering.- How to Write a Municipal Tree Ordinance, 9 points, one time

D. Performing the Work

D8. A program of care for newly planted (<5 years old) trees was performed during the year. As needed, each tree was pruned to improve structure and eliminate root defects, mulched, watered, and/or treated for pests/disease.- 4 points, each year

During the year, newly planted trees on the Town Hall campus received routine maintenance to support healthy establishment and long-term growth. Through the Town's landscape maintenance contractor, Roots Lawncare, trees were monitored and cared for as needed, including watering, mulching, structural pruning, and general health assessments. This ongoing maintenance helps ensure newly planted trees become healthy, resilient components of the Town's urban forest.

D10: Utility Tree Care: The utility responsible for maintaining trees within utility ROWs was a Tree Line USA company for the year, or the utility contractor performing work in the community qualified as a TCIA Accredited Utility Contractor. 1 Point, yearly

The Town is served by Oncor, whose utility vegetation management program is performed by contractors that meet industry accreditation standards for utility tree care. Trees within utility rights-of-way are maintained using accepted arboricultural practices to promote public safety, maintain reliable electric service, and preserve the health of the urban forest. The Town coordinates with the utility as needed to ensure tree maintenance activities are conducted in accordance with recognized industry standards.

D19 Tree Protection: During the year, trees on public property and/or private commercial development sites were protected from construction damage and monitored by qualified staff. Required tree protection measures during the construction period conform to ANSI A300 standards and ISA BMPs, as prescribed in city code (see C1. Ordinance Clauses or C4. Private Tree Protection Ordinance). 4 points, each year (resources Tree City USA Bulletin #7, #8, #20, #31, #35, #88, #93)

During the year, trees located on development sites were protected from construction-related damage and monitored by the Town's inspection staff throughout the construction process. Tree protection measures are reviewed during permit inspections to help ensure existing trees are preserved and protected from impacts associated with site development. These efforts support the Town's commitment to maintaining a healthy urban forest and minimizing unnecessary tree loss during construction.

D23. During the year, city staff or nonprofit partners and volunteers conducted restoration practices (such as prescribed fire, invasive species removal, native species planting/seeding, etc.) on city-owned natural areas to improve the ecological value of the land, as prescribed in the city's natural areas plan. 3 points, yearly

During the year, Town staff, the Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Committee, and volunteers conducted habitat restoration activities on Town-owned property at 503 Jones to improve the ecological value of the site. Restoration efforts included the removal of invasive plant species and the installation of native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers to establish a healthy native habitat that supports pollinators, wildlife, and long-term ecosystem health. This project is part of the Town's ongoing commitment to restoring natural areas using sustainable, native landscaping practices.

E. The Community Framework

E2 Departmental Communication- During the year, the city held one or more meetings among city departments (such as city manager, engineering, planning, forestry, parks, public works, water, streets, transportation, etc.) to coordinate urban forestry policy or project activities such as planting, moving, or protecting trees on public or private property. 3 points, yearly

During the year, the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission met to discuss and develop ordinances that strengthen tree protection and mitigate unnecessary tree removal during the development review process. Staff collaborated with the Commission, Town administration, and legal counsel to develop and refine ordinance language that balances responsible growth with the preservation of the community's urban forest. These coordinated efforts resulted in the adoption of updated tree protection policies that support sustainable development and long-term canopy conservation.

E6. During the year, the Tree Board added one or more new members due to expansion, retirement or term limits 2 points, yearly.

During the year, the Tree Board welcomed one new member following the resignation of a previous member. The appointment ensured the Board continued to maintain a full complement of members and sustained its ability to carry out its mission of promoting and supporting the Town's urban forestry initiatives.

E8 Volunteer Tree Care, During the year, a program (e.g., TreeKeepers, Citizen Foresters, etc.) was in place to deliver training and to utilize citizen volunteers for basic tree planting and care activities such as mulching, pruning, and watering. Program is managed by either city staff or nonprofit partner organization (see E3. Nonprofit Tree Group), and volunteer opportunities are regular and ongoing. Not eligible with E7. Service Organizations for same projects. 4 points, yearly

E10 Citizen Science. During the year, the city or its nonprofit partner organized a 'citizen science' project for the community to collect data that supports an urban forestry initiative. Projects include tree

inventory, phenology, species monitoring, etc., and include a data report. Not eligible with D3. Survival Monitoring. 3 points, yearly

E12. Community Forestry Report. During the year, the tree board, tree commission, and/or city staff members delivered to the council and the public an accomplishment report for community forestry activities during the most recently completed fiscal year. Include "State of the Urban Forest" reports that describe the current status of the community forest resource. 3 points, yearly

E13 Publications-During the year, the city or nonprofit partner published and distributed new or updated materials for the public about tree planting and care (such as the list of recommended street trees, pruning instructions, etc.). Eligible for new publications or revisions. 3 points, yearly

E14. Publicity Campaign. During the year, the city or nonprofit partner launched a media campaign to inform citizens about the importance of community forestry, tree planting, tree care, or other important tree issues in the community. Eligible once per campaign. 5 points, one time only

E16. Tree Festival. During the year, the city or nonprofit partner held a tree-themed, community-wide event or festival (such as Arborfest, Dogwood Festival, Oak Festival, etc.) to build public awareness of trees. 4 points, yearly

On April 16, 2025, the Town of Shady Shores celebrated Arbor Day with a community-wide tree education and giveaway event. During the event, 50 trees were distributed to residents to encourage tree planting throughout the community. Volunteers were available to answer questions about proper tree selection, planting, and long-term care, while providing educational resources to promote healthy urban forestry practices. The event increased public awareness of the many environmental, economic, and community benefits that trees provide and encouraged residents to become active stewards of the Town's urban forest.

E17. Interpretive Program. During the year, the city or nonprofit partner delivered one or more ongoing, interpretive programs for the public focused on trees, woodlands, or forests such as tours of outstanding trees, an arboretum, nature center, heritage trees (largest, historic), forest bathing, etc.-How to Interpret Trees- 2 points, yearly

E21 Tree Care Workshop. During the year, the city or nonprofit partner delivered a series of workshops (two or more) on various aspects of tree care for homeowners, businesses, members of the public, commercial arborists, or the green industry. Two or more education events required to be eligible. 3 points, yearly

E23 Youth Education. During the year, the city or nonprofit partner delivered formal youth education programming about trees and forests (such as 4H, Project Learning Tree, Tree Campus K-12, etc.) to help create the next generation of environmental stewards 2 points, yearly

21 Points.

Have You Seen Bob and Doris?

The Unofficial Wildlife Ambassadors of Shady Shores

Proposal to Town Council

Overview

“Have You Seen Bob and Doris?” is a proposed year-long community education and engagement campaign designed to connect residents with the wildlife and natural habitat of Shady Shores.

The campaign would use the lighthearted story of Bob and Doris—a pair of mallard ducks first noticed by Town staff during the COVID-19 pandemic—as the thread connecting a series of monthly educational stories.

Each month, a new chapter would be shared through **Town social media, Mayor’s Musings, and other appropriate Town communication channels**. Each chapter would include:

- A continuation of the Bob and Doris story;
- A wildlife, habitat, or conservation fact;
- An invitation for residents to submit photographs or sightings; and
- A specific opportunity for residents to participate in a Town or Keep Shady Shores Beautiful initiative.

The goal is simple: **use Bob and Doris to get people looking—and then help them notice everything else that makes Shady Shores a unique place to live.**

The Story Behind Bob and Doris

Before Shady Shores began pursuing its Community Wildlife Habitat designation, two mallards quietly made themselves at home in the Town Hall garden.

During the quiet days of COVID-19, Town staff began noticing the pair. As the days passed, asking one another, **“Have you seen Bob and Doris?”** became part of the daily routine.

What began as a simple observation became a familiar Town Hall story.

As the Town's social media presence grew in 2024, residents were invited to submit photographs when they spotted Bob and Doris. The ducks became a small but recognizable part of the Shady Shores community.

In 2025, the Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Committee began the process of becoming a **National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat**. Continuing the Bob and Doris story was a natural way to connect that effort with a story residents already knew.

The goal is bigger than two ducks.

Bob and Doris provide an approachable way to introduce residents to the wildlife, habitat, native plants, pollinators, and conservation efforts happening throughout Shady Shores.

The Storyline

Chapter 1 — The First Sightings

During the COVID-19 pandemic, when Town Hall was unusually quiet, staff began noticing a pair of mallard ducks visiting the Town Hall garden.

Nobody knew their names yet.

But they kept coming back.

And eventually, they became familiar visitors.

Chapter 2 — Where's Doris?

As the days passed, staff began asking one another:

“Have you seen Bob and Doris?”

What began as a simple question became a daily ritual.

The pair seemed to be everywhere—and yet, sometimes, nowhere to be found.

The search was on.

Chapter 3 — A Love Story Takes Flight

Bob and Doris seemed inseparable.

They could be found exploring the garden, enjoying the water, and reminding everyone that even during uncertain times, nature continued just outside our doors.

And so, naturally, a Shady Shores love story was born.

Chapter 4 — Get to Know Your Neighbors

Bob and Doris may have been the first wildlife residents to capture our attention, but they certainly aren't the only ones.

Shady Shores is home to birds, butterflies, pollinators, mammals, reptiles, and countless other creatures.

This chapter begins shifting the story from **two ducks to the larger habitat we share with wildlife**.

Residents can learn about responsible wildlife observation, nesting, migration, native plants, and ways to make their own yards more wildlife-friendly.

Get involved: Share a wildlife sighting or photograph.

Chapter 5 — Are Bob and Doris Still Together?

Anyone who conducts a quick Google search will discover something important about mallards:

They don't mate for life.

So, technically, Bob and Doris may not be the great love story we thought they were.

But that has never really been the point.

During those quiet days at Town Hall, staff started looking for the pair. “*Have you seen Bob and Doris?*” became a familiar question—and somehow, it stuck.

Maybe Bob was there yesterday and Doris was somewhere else today.

Maybe Doris moved on.

Maybe Bob found a new companion.

And there is a pretty good chance neither of them had any idea they were starring in a Shady Shores love story.

But every time someone asks, **“Have you seen Bob and Doris?”**, we're reminded to stop for a moment and look around.

Look for the ducks.

Look for the birds.

Look for the butterflies.

Look for the wildlife that calls Shady Shores home.

Because the real story isn't whether Bob and Doris are still together.

It's whether you've seen them lately.

Get involved: Send us your latest Bob and Doris sighting.

Chapter 6 — Bob and Doris Go Public

By 2024, the Town was growing its social media presence, and Bob and Doris were ready for their close-up.

Residents were encouraged to send in their own photographs whenever they spotted the famous pair.

Soon, Bob and Doris weren't just part of the Town Hall staff's daily conversation—they were becoming part of the community's story.

A picture here.

A sighting there.

“Have you seen Bob and Doris?”

The question took on a life of its own.

Then, in 2025, Keep Shady Shores Beautiful began the process of becoming a **National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat**.

The goal was bigger than two ducks. It was about recognizing and encouraging the incredible variety of wildlife that shares Shady Shores with us.

And continuing the Bob and Doris story seemed like a natural fit.

If a pair of mallards could capture our attention simply by showing up in the Town Hall garden, imagine what else we might discover if we started paying attention to the habitat all around us.

Bob and Doris became more than two ducks.

They became an invitation:

Look around.

Notice what's living here.

Take a picture.

Learn something new.

Share what you see.

Because the real love story isn't just about Bob and Doris.

It's about Shady Shores and the wildlife that calls it home.

And, of course, there is still one very important question:

Have you seen Bob and Doris?

Bob & Doris: The Unofficial Wildlife Ambassadors

The Town can recognize Bob and Doris as the **unofficial wildlife ambassadors of Shady Shores**.

They would provide a recognizable and approachable identity for wildlife education without creating a formal mascot program.

Their role would be to help residents:

- Notice wildlife;
- Learn about local species and habitat;
- Share wildlife sightings;
- Participate in conservation activities;
- Learn about the Town's environmental initiatives; and
- Become more connected to the natural character of Shady Shores.

The campaign would maintain a fun, slightly tongue-in-cheek tone.

Bob and Doris are the hook. Conservation is the purpose.

Campaign Opportunities

Each chapter can incorporate a different opportunity for residents to participate.

“Have You Seen Bob and Doris?”

Encourage residents to submit photographs and sightings.

Bob's Corner

Fun and educational facts about male mallards and wildlife.

Doris' Diary

Facts about female mallards, nesting, raising young, and seasonal behavior.

Where in Shady Shores Are Bob & Doris?

Invite residents to identify where they spotted the pair.

Bob & Doris Wildlife Watch

Promote responsible wildlife observation—**photograph, don't feed.**

The Bob & Doris Love Story

Create a short illustrated version of their story for the Town website.

Duck Detective

A children's activity encouraging young residents to observe and learn about wildlife.

What Bob & Doris Want You to Know

Short lessons about wildlife etiquette and living alongside wildlife.

Bob & Doris' Favorite Places

Highlight habitat-friendly locations and projects throughout Shady Shores.

Bob & Doris Yard Sign or Sticker

Create a small campaign item for residents participating in wildlife or beautification initiatives.

Campaign Plan in Action

“Have You Seen Bob and Doris?” would become a year-long storytelling campaign.

Each chapter would tell a little more of the story while introducing residents to another aspect of Shady Shores' natural environment.

Importantly, **not every chapter would be about ducks.**

Bob and Doris are the thread connecting the campaign. Each month would introduce a different aspect of wildlife, habitat, beautification, or conservation.

Monthly Chapter Structure

The Story

A short installment in the Bob and Doris story.

Did You Know?

One interesting fact about mallards, native plants, pollinators, wildlife, trees, or habitat.

Have You Seen Bob and Doris?

Invite residents to submit photos or sightings.

Get Involved

Provide one specific action residents can take that month.

This creates a consistent formula residents can recognize:

Story + Education + Participation

Proposed 12-Month Campaign

Chapter	Story Focus	Community Connection
1. The Beginning	How Bob and Doris first appeared at Town Hall during COVID	Introduce the campaign
2. The Question	“Have you seen Bob and Doris?” becomes a staff tradition	Invite residents to share sightings
3. Bob & Doris Go Public	Residents begin sending in photographs	Wildlife observation
4. More Than Two Ducks	Shady Shores is home to much more wildlife	Community Wildlife Habitat
5. Are They Really a Couple?	Mallards don't mate for life—so what's really going on with Bob & Doris?	Mallard education
6. Make Room for Wildlife	What wildlife needs to survive	Wildlife habitat / waystations
7. A Place to Stop and Stay	Native plants provide food and shelter	Monarch Waystations
8. The Buzz About Shady Shores	Pollinators enter the story	Bee City USA / pollinator habitat
9. Everybody Needs a Home	Trees, brush, water, and native plants provide habitat	Wildlife-friendly yards
10. Adopt a Spot	Even a small area can make a difference	Adopt-a-Spot
11. Leave a Little Wild	Wildlife doesn't always need a perfectly manicured landscape	Leave the Leaves
12. The Search Continues	Bob and Doris may come and go—but the habitat remains	Recap and continued participation

The specific order and timing can be adjusted to coordinate with existing Town and KSSB campaigns and seasonal opportunities.

Connecting Residents to Existing Initiatives

A major benefit of the campaign is that it provides a **common story and recognizable theme** for promoting initiatives that might otherwise feel disconnected.

Depending on the month, residents could be directed to:

- Register a **National Wildlife Federation wildlife habitat**;

- Establish or register a **Monarch Waystation**;
- Participate in **Bee City USA** activities;
- Join **Adopt-a-Spot**;
- Participate in Keep Shady Shores Beautiful events;
- Plant native or pollinator-friendly plants;
- Participate in **Leave the Leaves**;
- Submit wildlife photographs;
- Learn about responsible wildlife interactions; or
- Participate in future Town conservation initiatives.

Rather than simply telling residents about these programs, Bob and Doris provide a reason to ask:

“What can I do?”

The Recurring Campaign Invitation

Each monthly communication can conclude with a recognizable Bob and Doris feature:

 **HAVE YOU SEEN BOB AND DORIS?**

Send us your photos and sightings!

 **WANT TO HELP?**

This month's way to get involved: [specific activity]

Over time, residents will come to recognize the format and know that each new chapter includes **a story, something to learn, and something they can do.**

Why Bob and Doris?

The campaign does not require residents to become conservation experts.

It starts with something simple:

A pair of ducks.

Someone sees them.

Someone takes a picture.

Someone asks where they went.

Someone learns what kind of duck they are.

Someone discovers native plants.

Someone registers a wildlife habitat.

Someone plants a pollinator garden.

Someone adopts a spot.

Someone starts noticing the birds, butterflies, and other wildlife in their own yard.

That is the opportunity Bob and Doris provide.

The long-term message:

You may have started looking for Bob and Doris. Along the way, we hope you start noticing everything else that calls Shady Shores home.

Requested Council Support

Staff is seeking Council support to develop and implement “**Have You Seen Bob and Doris? The Unofficial Wildlife Ambassadors of Shady Shores**” as a year-long community education and engagement campaign.

The campaign would primarily utilize existing Town communication channels and resources, including social media and Mayor's Musings, while incorporating opportunities to promote Keep Shady Shores Beautiful, National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat, Bee City USA, Monarch Waystations, Adopt-a-Spot, and other community initiatives.

The campaign is intended to be **low-cost, educational, community-driven, and distinctly Shady Shores.**

Most importantly, it gives the community a story to share.

Because sometimes, conservation begins with a very simple question:

Have you seen Bob and Doris

T-Shirt Ideas/Stickers...

** we do not own these images. We will need to purchase before use.**







DATE:	September 9, 2026
TO:	Keep Shady Shores Beautiful
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate Requirements

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

Committee Tasks:
Submit monthly hours for recording

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

optional tasks that can be chosen to complete

Items that are in process

Red items- Completed

Affiliation Recognition

Good Standing

- Pay \$200 Annual dues

- Complete and submit the KTB Annual report online no later than February 2027

Must complete all:

- Host an endorsed clean-up in your community- April 25th, 2026
- Attend a total of 4 hours of approved training
- One additional endorsed activity

Silver Star

All requirements for Good Star

ONE of the following:

- Complete one of the three Star online questions through annual reporting: Youth Engagement, Evaluating Your Impact, Recycling Programming
- Attend 6 Hours of training
- Submitted the cleanup data to the Texas Litter Database
- Additional 4+ endorsed activities or clean-ups- Operation Shore to Shore, May 16

Gold Star

All requirements for Good and Silver

- Letter of support: Provide a letter from an elected official

ONE of the following

- Complete one of the three Star online questions through annual reporting: Youth Engagement, Evaluating Your Impact, Recycling Programming
- Participate in the KTB Affiliate Mentorship Program as an Affiliate Mentor

Attend 12 hours total of approved training-COMPLETED 14.5

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Arbor Day Foundation: Tree Protection Ordinance: Where do we go from here 1

Gearing Up for Greatest American Clean Up-1

What's Bugging You-1

Keep Texas Waterways clean -1

Re Wilding Webinar 3

No Yard, No Problem Bring Back the Pollinators -1

Investing in Texas Water-1

A Garden State: Stewarding Water Resources through Community Agriculture- 1.5

NWF Community Habitat- Re Wilding Seminar-3

KTBs Next Chapter- 1

- Keep America Beautiful affiliate in Good Standing
- Additon 6+ total endorsed activities or clean-ups.

<u>ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:</u>
None
<u>REVIEWED BY:</u>



DATE:	Last Updated July 30, 2026
TO:	Keep Shady Shores Beautiful
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	A Place for Peace Meditation Garden, Shady Lane

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

<https://www.shady-shores.com/1168/A-Place-for-Peace-Meditation-Garden>

April 2026- Town ordinance

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Ongoing PW order to maintain and mitigate poison Ivy.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

A town garden dedication can be a meaningful community event that celebrates volunteers, recognizes partners, and encourages residents to enjoy and care for the space.

DEDICATION September 19, 2026

**Garden will be "open" for visitors at 9:00 am
Dedication to start at 10:00 am**

Garden will remain open for tours and visitors until 1:00 p or visitors trickle out.

This type of event also aligns well with the Town's environmental initiatives, including its participation in the **National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat**, **Bee City USA**, and **Keep Texas Beautiful** programs, while showcasing Shady Shores' ongoing commitment to conservation and community beautification.

Growing Together: Garden Dedication Ceremony

30-45 minutes

Welcome-

- Opening remarks by the Mayor

Garden Story

- Ellie Grimes- brief history, purpose, recognition of volunteers, donors, etc
- Special Recognition (KSSB, Council, etc) Ellie Haney

Group Photos

Garden Walk

- Highlight native plants, pollinator habitat, education signage, and wildlife features **This will meet an NWF Habitat task. **

Community Activity **Ellie and Ashlea will narrow down options and let Katie know if any supplies are needed.**

- Plant native flower seeds
- Distribute native seed packets
- Pollinator scavenger hunt
- Craft station

Keepsake Ideas- **Ellie and Ashlea will narrow down options and let Katie know if any supplies are needed.**

- Native wildflower seed packets
- Pollinator-friendly plant giveaway
- Garden bookmarks

Refreshments:

Space is limited

- Water bottles, cookies **Ellie and Ashlea will plan and let Katie know if any supplies are needed.**
- Remember a trash can!

Invitations:

- Council
- KSSB
- Volunteers
- Nearby Residents
- Troop leaders
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ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

None

REVIEWED BY:



Campaign Outlets:

Website Calendar- Completed
 Office Calendar- completed
 Nextdoor- Event- Completed
 FB Event- completed – posts scheduled
 Outdoor sign- completed
 Email blast – completed
 311 – completed

3 Weeks Before – Why We Built It

A Garden with Purpose

A Place for Peace Meditation Garden was created to provide residents and visitors with a quiet place to relax, reflect, and enjoy nature.

The garden also supports local wildlife by incorporating native plants that provide habitat for butterflies, bees, birds, and other pollinators.

Join us for the Garden Dedication Ceremony!

 **Saturday, September 19, 2026**

 **Community Event: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

 **Garden Dedication Ceremony: 10:00 AM**

 A Place for Peace Meditation Garden
457 Shady Lane, Shady Shores, TX 76208

Together, we're growing something lasting.

#BeeCityUSA #CommunityWildlifeHabitat #ShadyShoresTX

2 Weeks Before – Meet the Volunteers

 It Takes a Community

This garden wouldn't exist without the dedication of volunteers, community partners, Town staff, and the Keep Shady Shores Beautiful Committee.

Their vision, hard work, and commitment transformed an idea into a welcoming public space for everyone to enjoy.

Join us as we recognize the people who helped bring **A Place for Peace Meditation Garden** to life.

 **Saturday, September 19, 2026**

 **Dedication Ceremony: 10:00 AM**

 **457 Shady Lane, Shady Shores, TX 76208**

Thank you for helping make Shady Shores bloom!

#Volunteer #KeepShadyShoresBeautiful #ShadyShoresTX

10 Days Before – Pollinator Spotlight

 Did You Know?

Native gardens do more than look beautiful—they provide food and shelter for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other important pollinators.

As a Bee City USA affiliate, Shady Shores is committed to creating healthy habitats that support local ecosystems.

Visit **A Place for Peace Meditation Garden** and discover how small actions can make a big difference for wildlife.

 **Saturday, September 19, 2026**

 **Garden Dedication: 10:00 AM**

 **457 Shady Lane, Shady Shores, TX 76208**

We hope you'll celebrate with us!

#BeeCityUSA #Pollinators #ShadyShoresTX

1 Week Before – You're Invited

 You're Invited!

Celebrate the official dedication of **A Place for Peace Meditation Garden** during the Town of Shady Shores Community Garage Sale!

 **Saturday, September 19, 2026**

 **Community Garage Sale: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

 **Garden Dedication Ceremony: 10:00 AM**

 **A Place for Peace Meditation Garden**

457 Shady Lane, Shady Shores, TX 76208

Enjoy:

 A special dedication ceremony

 Official ribbon cutting

 Guided garden walk

 Volunteer recognition

 Photo opportunities

 A celebration of community and conservation

While you're out shopping the Community Garage Sale, stop by and help us celebrate this beautiful new addition to Shady Shores.

Everyone is welcome!

#GrowingTogether #LifeHappensHere #ShadyShoresTX

3 Days Before – Countdown

 **Only 3 Days to Go!**

We're putting the finishing touches on **A Place for Peace Meditation Garden** and can't wait to celebrate with you!

 **Saturday, September 19**

 **Dedication Ceremony: 10:00 AM**

 **457 Shady Lane, Shady Shores, TX 76208**

Come meet the volunteers, explore the garden, and help dedicate this special space to our community.

We'll see you there!

#ShadyShoresTX #GrowingTogether

Event Day

 **Today's the Day!**

Join us today as we officially dedicate **A Place for Peace Meditation Garden!**

 **Saturday, September 19, 2026**

 **Community Garage Sale: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

 **Garden Dedication Ceremony: 10:00 AM**

 **A Place for Peace Meditation Garden**

457 Shady Lane, Shady Shores, TX 76208

Come celebrate community, conservation, and the volunteers who helped create this peaceful gathering place for everyone to enjoy.

After the ceremony, take a stroll through the garden, meet your neighbors, and enjoy the Community Garage Sale happening throughout Shady Shores.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

#LifeHappensHere #ShadyShoresTX #GrowingTogether

After the Event

Thank You, Shady Shores!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at **A Place for Peace Meditation Garden** for our dedication ceremony.

From our volunteers and community partners to Town staff, elected officials, and residents—this garden is a reflection of what we can accomplish together.

We invite everyone to continue visiting the garden at **457 Shady Lane** to enjoy this peaceful community space and help us care for it for years to come.

 Share your favorite photos from the event in the comments!

#GrowingTogether #KeepShadyShoresBeautiful #ShadyShoresTX



DATE:	August 17, 2026
TO:	KSSB
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	503 Jones Rewilding Initiative: Native Habitat Restoration for Vacant Residential Lot

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

The Town proposes to transform the vacant, non-conforming residential lot located at **503 Jones** into a naturalized native plant demonstration area. At approximately **2,500 square feet**, the lot is significantly smaller than the minimum lot size required for new residential construction and therefore has limited development potential under current zoning regulations. Rather than allowing the property to remain an unmanaged vacant lot, the Town can restore it with native grasses, wildflowers, and pollinator-friendly plants that improve environmental quality while enhancing neighborhood appearance.

Turned project into Administration; waiting on feedback and next steps.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

8.3.2026 In process of registering for Walmart Spark Good Program- <https://www.walmart.com/nonprofits>

Initial pricing received from Roots Lawncare (does not include tree maintenance)

\$750 initial clean up

\$295 ongoing removal of invasives, treat/remove poison ivy, protect desirable native plants per month

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Project Goals

- Restore the property with native North Texas vegetation.
- Create habitat for bees, butterflies, birds, and other beneficial wildlife.
- Reduce erosion and improve stormwater infiltration.

- Eliminate the need for intensive mowing and irrigation after establishment.
- Demonstrate sustainable landscaping practices suitable for residential properties.
- Improve the appearance of an otherwise undevelopable parcel.

Site Description

- **Property:** 503 Jones
- **Size:** Approximately 2,500 square feet
- **Current Use:** Vacant residential lot
- **Zoning Status:** Legal non-conforming residential lot that does not meet current minimum lot size requirements for development.
- **Proposed Use:** Native habitat restoration and pollinator garden.
- **Utilities:** LCMUA has confirmed that the existing water meter is sufficient to meet the project's initial irrigation needs during the establishment phase. Once an irrigation control valve is installed and the system is activated, additional testing should be conducted to verify proper operation and ensure there are no leaks before regular use begins.

Proposed Improvements

- Remove invasive vegetation and debris.
- Trim desirable trees, remove diseased or damaged limbs
- Remove undesirable trees
- Prepare the site for seeding.
- Install a diverse mix of native prairie grasses and Texas wildflowers.
- Plant milkweed and nectar-producing native perennials.
- Define the perimeter with a maintained edge to create a neat, intentional appearance.
- Install an educational sign describing the habitat and its environmental benefits.
- Install seating, a bicycle rack, and other improvements to encourage visitation

Recommended Plant Palette: Determination will depend on availability

Native Grasses- highly drought-resistant, perennial grasses that thrive in this region's soils and climate

- Little Bluestem
- Sideoats Grama
- Buffalograss

Wildflowers- rather than initially seed, intentionally place plants

- Purple Coneflower
- Black-eyed Susan
- Indian Blanket
- Plains Coreopsis
- Winecup
- Bluebonnet (seasonal)
- Turks's Cap- Melissa Migis

Pollinator Plants-drought-tolerant

- Butterfly Milkweed
- Gregg's Mistflower
- Autumn Sage
- Mealy Blue Sage
- Redbud Tree- Melissa Migis- late fall or early winter 2026

Maintenance

Year 1

- Water during establishment.
- Monthly invasive weed removal.
- Mow only as needed for weed suppression.

Years 2 and Beyond

- Annual late-winter cutback.
- Spot treatment of invasive species.
- Minimal supplemental watering during prolonged drought.

Community Benefits

- Expands pollinator habitat within Shady Shores.
- Supports local biodiversity.
- Improves aesthetics of a vacant property.
- Demonstrates responsible stewardship of an otherwise undevelopable parcel.
- Creates opportunities for volunteer participation through Keep Shady Shores Beautiful.
- Supports the Town's environmental initiatives, including Bee City USA and National Wildlife Federation.

Estimated Timeline

- Site preparation: 1–2 weeks
- Planting: Fall or early spring
- Establishment period: 12–18 months
- Long-term maintenance: Annual stewardship with volunteer assistance where feasible

This proposal positions 503 Jones as a small but visible example of ecological restoration, turning an otherwise undevelopable lot into a community asset that contributes to environmental health and neighborhood character.

ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

<u>REVIEWED BY:</u>



DATE:	Last Updated August 9., 2026
TO:	Keep Shady Shores Beautiful
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	Life Grows Here Butterfly Garden

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

<https://www.shady-shores.com/1021/Life-Grows-Here-Butterfly-Garden>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Ongoing maintenance provided by Roots Lawn Care

Plant identification markers- see below

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

July 2026 Report

Hi Katie,

Hope you had a nice weekend. The summer heat is upon us!

I visited the gardens at Shady Shores this weekend. I was thrilled to see the Texas Sage blooming so well! And also the Black-eyed Susans were looking great. And I love that we have milkweed that is going to seed!

I spotted bagworms on the Eastern Red Cedar. I removed dozens of them, and I will tell Ivan to keep an eye out and remove them when he sees them. I also saw a tiny bit of dead inside the Eastern Red Cedar. Nothing to cause alarm, but something I will monitor. I've noticed with this type of tree that once it starts to decline there's not much to do to stop it :(

Also the new Roughleaf Dogwoods at the main entry were dry/stressed. I hand-watered them.

Otherwise the gardens look great, a testament to the type of plants we choose, plants that can thrive in the Texas summer heat.

Mainly I stopped this weekend to make sure things look good for your event this week.

Have a great week!

Thanks for your business!

Erik Trevino

Roots Lawn Care

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ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

None

REVIEWED BY:



HighlandRimEngraving

Nashville, Tennessee

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15 years on Etsy



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Item details





DATE:	April 2026
TO:	Keep Shady Shores Beautiful
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	Free Little Library

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

Purpose and Benefits of a Free Little Library in Shady Shores

Establishing a Free Little Library in Shady Shores is a low-cost, high-impact initiative that supports literacy, strengthens community connections, and enhances the Town's identity as a welcoming, engaged place to live.

1. Promotes Literacy and Lifelong Learning

A Free Little Library provides 24/7 access to books for residents of all ages. It encourages reading among children, supports educational development, and offers adults an easy way to share and discover new materials without barriers.

2. Expands Access Without Financial Burden

Unlike traditional library systems, a Free Little Library operates on a "take a book, leave a book" model. This creates an accessible resource for all residents, particularly those who may have limited time, transportation, or access to larger library systems.

3. Strengthens Community Connection

Free Little Libraries naturally become neighborhood gathering points. They foster a sense of shared responsibility and pride, encouraging residents to contribute, interact, and engage with one another in a simple but meaningful way.

4. Enhances Neighborhood Character

These small structures can be customized to reflect the charm and identity of Shady Shores. Thoughtfully placed libraries contribute to walkability, visual interest, and the overall sense of place.

5. Supports "Shady Shores – Life Happens Here"

This initiative aligns with the Town's vision by creating opportunities for everyday connection, discovery, and engagement right where residents live.

6. Minimal Cost, Volunteer-Friendly

Free Little Libraries are typically funded through donations, sponsorships, or community groups. Maintenance is minimal and can be supported by volunteers, civic organizations, or neighborhood stewards.

Grants and Free Books Applied for- May
Simon and Schuster Summer Reading Bundle
June GMA Book Club Pick
The Princess in Black

Charter Number: 87002

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>

Download the Free Little Library app to make us a favorite.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Free Little Library and post replacement - @ \$570.30, have asked BSA Troop 60 to provide labor to replace.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Find a volunteer to monitor the Free Little Library- monthly.

ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

None

<u>REVIEWED BY:</u>



LAST UPDATE DATE:	September 9, 2026
Arbor Day is April 30, 2027 - Consider moving a week ahead or a week later - USACE has a commitment every year on this Saturday - Master Gardeners Plant Sale	
TO:	Keep Shady Shores Beautiful
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	Arbor Day- Spring Clean 2027

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

The Community Spring Clean and Arbor Day event is designed to promote environmental stewardship, improve local aesthetics, and strengthen community pride through hands-on volunteer engagement. The Spring Clean component focuses on litter removal, the cleanup of public spaces, and reducing environmental impacts to waterways, streets, and parks. Arbor Day activities emphasize tree planting, tree education, and long-term investment in the town's urban canopy, supporting sustainability, shade, and improved air quality. Together, these efforts encourage civic participation, foster partnerships between residents, schools, and local organizations, and reinforce the shared responsibility of maintaining a clean, healthy, and attractive community. The event also supports broader goals such as Keep Texas Beautiful initiatives and contributes to local quality of life and tourism appeal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Set 2027 Date

ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Keep Shady Shores Programming:

Kindness Rocks

- Wet wipes
- Paint markers
- More rocks

Bee City

- Seeds

Tree City

- Tree giveaway -100

SWAG BAGS

- Butterfly houses
- Stickers

Partners to Invite

Agrilife steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu

[Local Bee- Gina Kemna will reach out](#)

Master Naturalist

Master Gardener

Citizen Forrester

USACE

PD

LCFD

Upper Trinity Water District

Atmos

Coserv

Pavlov

Oncor

Chick fil A to sponsor a breakfast

Collections

Wood Chipper

Habitat for construction supplies

Tires

[Project Sneaker- Invited](#)

[Computer Crusher- Confirmed](#)

[Magic Shred-Confirmed](#)

REVIEWED BY:



DATE:	7.30.26
TO:	Wendy Withers
FROM:	Katie Klein, Administrative
SUBJECT:	Approval Request for Hoot and Holler Supplies

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

Attached are the shopping carts for the Hoot and Holler event. Some items are duplicated between the carts and will be removed once a vendor is selected.

Please review the carts and let me know if I've missed anything or if there are any additional items we should include. Once the review is complete, please approve the order so we can move forward with purchasing the items.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Amazon \$276.03

Etsy \$220.46

Trophy House: \$21-29.00 per trophy

LanternInk: T-shirts for both events- \$1393.55

Walmart: 185.35- not to be ordered until week of.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

ATTACHMENTS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: ** Please note the attached "items in cart" contain duplicate items, depending on approval will depend on vendor choice.
For example Trophies are listed on the Amazon, Etsy and quote from Trophy House- we would only use one vendor and the items would be dropped off the other two.

None



KEEP SHADY SHORES BEAUTIFUL
JULY 16, 2026; 6:00 PM
SHADY SHORES COMMUNITY CENTER
101 S. SHADY SHORES ROAD
SHADY SHORES, TX 76208

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Maddy Grimes at 6:04 p.m.

a. MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

2. ROLL CALL

Establish a quorum

Present:

Maddy Grimes
Kim Davis
Ellie Grimes
Bill Krueger
Gina Kemna

Katie Klein- staff liaison

Absent:

Juan Hernandez
Melissa Migis
Susan Hare Warren

3. MINUTES:

a. Consider an action to approve the minutes of June 2026

- Bill Krueger motioned for minutes to be accepted as presented.
- Kim Davis seconded the motion.
- All in favor.
- Motion carried.

4. WORKSESSION

5. OLD BUSINESS

Consider and take action relative to ongoing projects and events as listed below.

6. Affiliate Information

- a. Bee City USA
- b. Shady Shores Community Habitat Project — Community Pollinator NWF Habitats
- c. Tree City Affiliate
The most recent status update was given for the application.
- d. Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate Requirements

7. Demonstration Projects

- a. A Place for Peace- Shady Lane Meditation Garden
- b. 503 Jones Demonstration Garden
- c. Life Grows Here Butterfly Garden- Town Hall Campus

8. Education and Engagement

9. Events

- a. Arbor Day- Spring Clean April 17, 2027
Gina Kemna agreed to seek out the Denton County Beekeepers Association
- b. Craft Fair and Chili Cook Off

10. NEW BUSINESS

Discuss any new projects to be considered at the next monthly meeting

- Bill Krueger requested KSSB look into a historical marker at 503 Jones.

11. ADJOURN

Gina Kemna moved to adjourn
Bill Krueger seconded
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Passed and Approved this _____ day of _____

Chair, Keep Shady Shores Beautiful

Katie Klein, Community Relations
Staff Representative for Town of Shady Shores