



Merry Christmas!

Happy Hanukkah!

Kwanzaa Blessings!

Merry Yule!

Happy New Year!



Shalimar Gardens Homeowner's Association

November 2019

SNOW REMOVAL

With the winter season rapidly approaching, please remember that the Shalimar Gardens Homeowners Association is not responsible for snow removal from our streets. This service is provided by the County. Snow routes may be viewed on the Boone County website (www.showmeboone.com).



Please remember to get all cars OFF the streets when heavy snowfall is predicted (6 inches or more) to avoid being stranded in a drift by the snow plows. Also remember that the County is not liable for damage to any vehicles left on streets that it plows, and that ***if your car is left on the street in such a way that snow plows are unable to plow around it without creating a traffic hazard, your vehicle may be towed by the County.***



THE HISTORY OF OUR LAKE

Some of our Members have expressed concern about the use of HOA funds to maintain our lake because they are unfamiliar with its history and purpose. We consulted Mr. Larry Benton, the original developer, about the history of the lake.

The lake is technically a "Storm Water Management Pond" and it was created by the Boone County Water District to manage storm water run-off in this neighborhood. The lake was already in place when Mr. Benton purchased the land which became Shalimar Gardens, and he had to keep it and maintain it. He decided to turn the lake into a feature of his new subdivision by stocking the lake with fish, adding a sand beach play area for children, and building a gazebo.

In 1998 Mr. Benton sold the lot containing the lake to the HOA for the sum of \$1, and an Easement was granted to the HOA to "use that part of the easement area not covered with water for recreational purposes." This easement requires the HOA to "keep the grass, weeds and vegetation in that part of the easement not covered with water neatly mowed" and to "take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent soil from eroding onto the easement area." This easement runs with the land and is legally binding upon the HOA. You can review the General Warranty Deed and Easement Deed on our website.

This means that the lake handles storm water run-off in the subdivision so that your house does not flood during severe storms or flash floods. It also means that we are required to maintain the land on which the lake is located. The HOA must collect an annual assessment from each member in order to fulfill this responsibility.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SECURE LOGIN TO OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.shalimargardens.org

Shalimar Gardens has a new website design. On the Menu Bar you will see these links:

- **Contact:** A contact form showing the Association's mailing address, phone number, and a form to e-mail us with your questions or concerns. You can also send an e-mail directly to any one of our Board members.
- **News:** A link to a page with important news, and our latest Newsletter.
- **Documents:** A link to read/download our Covenants, and a copy of our Internet Privacy Statement
- **Local:** A link to resources in Columbia and Boone County.
- **Real Estate:** Documents for Realtors and Title Companies involved in selling or buying properties in Shalimar Gardens.

To create your secure login account, click on '**Residents**' on the right side of the Menu Bar.

Residents

In the "**Login account**" window, click on "**Register.**"

The screenshot shows a 'Login' section with two input fields: 'User Name' and 'Password'. Below these fields is a blue 'Login' button with a key icon. Underneath the login section is a 'Register' section with a link for 'Forgotten Password'.

In the next window enter the following information

- 1) Your first and last name. This can be the name of **any person** whose name is on the title deed for the property.
- 2) The street address of your property.
- 3) Your telephone number, including area code
- 4) Your e-mail address

Click on "**Registering as a Homeowner**" or "**Registering as a Tenant**", then click on "**Submit.**"

The screenshot shows a registration form with the following fields: 'Name' (John Doe), 'Unit' (1000 E Shalimar Drive), 'Telephone' (573-442-3682), and 'Email' (myemail@provider.net). Below these fields is a 'Type' section with two radio buttons: 'Registering as Homeowner' (selected) and 'Registering as Tenant'. A blue 'Submit' button is at the bottom.

You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your registration from admin@shalimargardens.org.

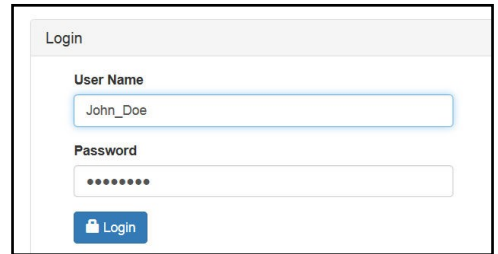
Within 5 to 10 minutes you will receive a second e-mail telling you what your new User Name is, and what your initial password is. These are randomly generated and can be changed as soon as you log into your account.

The screenshot shows an email confirmation with the following text: 'Your account on the Shalimar Gardens Homeowners Association website has been created. You can login to your account at <http://www.ShalimarGardens.org>. Your user name is John_Doe. Your password is k6952S69.'

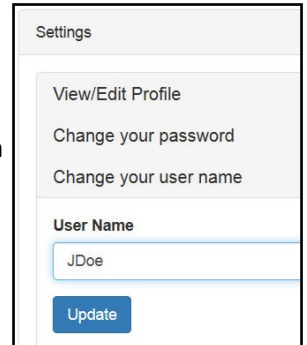
Return to the Shalimar Gardens website and click on "**Residents**" on the Menu Bar.

Residents

In the Login screen, enter the **User Name** and **Password** you received in your second e-mail from the HOA admin.



After you have logged in, you can use the links in the **“Settings”** window to change your User Name and password to whatever you want them to be.

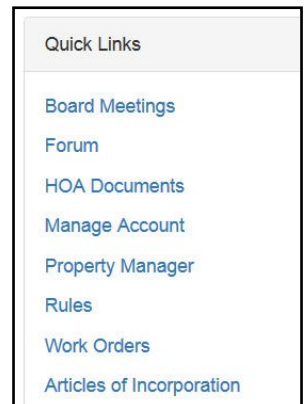


In the **“View/Edit Profile”** screen you can change the way you want your name to appear when you log in, or change your e-mail address and telephone number.

NOTE: If you want to receive important communications from the HOA electronically, such as copies of our Newsletter, your annual assessment invoice, or notices of the Annual Member’s Meeting, please check the box called **“Allow Electronic Communication”**.

Once you are logged in, you will see a sidebar called **“Quick Links.”** From the links in this sidebar you can access

- **Board Meetings:** a list of dates of previous and upcoming Board meetings
- **Forum:** A place to post suggestions, gripes, and questions about the HOA.
- **HOA Documents:** access to all the HOA’s governing documents, subdivision plats, complaint form, and other important documents.
- **Manage Account:** view documents attached to your account, and pay your annual assessments using a credit card or bank account
- **Property Manager:** A place to list your home for sale to increase visibility on the Internet
- **Rules:** A searchable listing of our Covenants’ “Use Restrictions.”
- **Work Orders:** If something needs doing around the subdivision, such as replacement of a traffic sign, or a pothole needs filling, use this link to report it to the HOA.



By registering you will have access to all our Governing Documents, our Complaint Form, our Newsletter and your membership payment details. Your access is secure, and none of your personal data can be seen by other Members. Your transactions and credit card information are secured using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology.

If you choose to authorize electronic communications, then the HOA can send you annual meeting notices, annual assessment invoices, newsletters and important messages via e-mail instead of by mail, which will save on the cost of printing and postage.

Please review our Privacy Statement which is available in the **“Documents”** link on the Home Page. Shalimar Gardens takes member privacy very seriously.

- We will protect your privacy and keep your personal information safe.
- We will not sell your personal information to anyone, for any purpose.
- We will fully disclose our privacy policy in plain language, and make our policy easily accessible to you.
- We will keep a current version of our policy posted on this website at all times.

If you have any questions or need assistance with registering, please contact the Board of Directors by phone at 573-200-6706 , or by e-mail at board@shalimargardens.org, or use the **“Contact Us”** link on the Home Page.

These instructions are available for review on our website’s Home Page under **“Documents\How To Register.”**

You can also pay your dues via PayPal using our account members@shalimargardens.org.

WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Make sure vents are not blocked by furniture or drapes.
- Close off rooms that are not in use.
- Turn down the temperature on the water heater.
- Use cold water to wash clothes.
- Let sunlight into your home.
- Turn off lights that are not being used.
- Clean the lint trap in the clothes dryer before each load of clothes.
- Turn off electronic devices during periods of non-use.
- Wear warm socks. Warm feet widen blood vessels, which better enables your body to transfer heat.
- Caulk and place weatherstripping on windows and doors that leak air.
- Install switch and outlet foam gaskets.
- Replace the furnace filter monthly.
- Replace light bulbs with more efficient ones.
- Request a free home energy audit from Boone Electric.



WHY ARE YARD LIGHTS IMPORTANT?

Many people have the mistaken idea that running a dusk-to-dawn yard light will significantly increase their electric bill. Based on current Boone Electric rates, the annual average cost of such a light is around \$1.85 per month using a 60W incandescent bulb, and around 60¢ per month using an LED bulb. Because Boone County does not provide street lights in subdivisions, these lights are essential to provide visibility on our streets at night, to illuminate driveways, and to add extra security and safety to the outside of your property. Because dusk-to-dawn lighting operates automatically, it creates the illusion that a property might be occupied whether it is or not. That alone is enough to deter an intruder while also bringing you peace of mind. Without any murky areas of concealment, criminals are always likely to move on to a more vulnerable target.

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