



It has been a busy year for Shalimar Gardens, and now is a good time to summarize all that has happened since our last Annual Members Meeting.

- ▶▶ In August of last year our contract with Community Association Management was terminated, and the HOA is now self-managing. We acquired our own accounting software which came with a free, secure website that allows registered users to pay their assessments online.
- ▶▶ A garage sale was held in August 2019, but participation was very low, and so the Board decided not to hold another one in 2020.
- ▶▶ Due to the passing of long-time resident Wayne Overbeck, who had been mowing the grass in the Common Area around the lake for many years, the Board requested bids from several local mowing companies and awarded the contract to Mow-It-Alls, Inc.
- ▶▶ The 30-year-old subdivision sign at the entrance to Shalimar Gardens was in a bad state, with peeling and faded paint, and was replaced with a new sign painted by one of our Members. For more information see Page 2.
- ▶▶ Major repairs were completed at the Lake, including replacing the stepping stone pathway to the gazebo, replacing the crumbling railroad ties which enclose the sand lot and adding new ones to create a border on the south side, moving buried sand from outside the sand lot into the sand lot to eliminate the need to add more sand, turfing over bare spots in the grass with sod, adding a raised flower bed, removing algae from the lake, and restocking the lake with minnows and fish.
- ▶▶ Rock was added to the sides of the Lake's overflow spillway in 2019 in the hope that this would minimize an ongoing erosion plan, but due to the heavy rains in spring, this did not solve the problem. Major improvements are planned for the spillway this fall, including lowering it by one foot, levelling it properly, and adding rock and fill dirt to the southwest corner where erosion is becoming a serious problem.
- ▶▶ We were unable to hold the regular Annual Members Meeting in May 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the unavailability of meeting rooms. A Meeting-by-Mail was held instead, and members were encouraged to submit nominations for the 2 vacant positions on the Board, and proposals for consideration by all the Members. Ballots were mailed to all Members in August, and the results can be viewed on Page 3.

# It's A Sign Of The Times!



The subdivision sign at the entrance to Shalimar Gardens was painted more than 30 years ago, and it had deteriorated due to age and weather. Luckily for us, one of our Members, Mrs. Mykaela Orwig, is a professional artist, and she offered to paint a new sign. The result is beautiful and distinctive. Let's give Mykaela a round of applause for a job well done which will last for many years to come!

Mykaela has written a bio for the newsletter so that you will know more about who painted our new sign.

*I've lived in mid MO since 2018, when I married my sweet husband, Luke. We were blessed with our first little one this April. I grew up on the west coast as a pastor's daughter and the oldest of 8 children. I became interested in hand lettering and calligraphy around 7 years ago, and have slowly been working on developing my skill through many hours of practice and online learning. I love experimenting with new art mediums, and one of my favorite things to paint is florals. I love being able to use this skill to encourage others through beautiful designs. I was excited to be given the opportunity to update the neighborhood entrance board for Shalimar Gardens!*



## The Rain in Spain Falls Mainly in Shalimar Gardens!

All the rain that falls in Shalimar Gardens ends up in our Lake, and when it rains it dilutes the bacteria count in the water, and reduces the amount of algae bloom on the surface. Due to the record amount of rainfall this year, and also due to the fact that most of the resident geese went to live somewhere else, both the bacteria and algae in the Lake are at record low levels. We tested the water in August, and the E.coli count was 6, which is the lowest it has been in many years.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limit for recreational waters is 235 E.coli for a single sample. This means the water in our lake is safe for swimming and fishing.

A copy of the report can be found on our website.



# Past Due Notices

This is just a reminder that your 2020 assessment payment was due on July 1, and will be considered “past due” if not paid by September 1. To those of you who have already paid your assessment, thank you!

Each year the Association spends an average of \$300 attempting to collect from delinquent homeowners. This includes the cost of paper, envelopes, labels and stamps to mail past due invoices and collection letters. The cost can rise to several thousand dollars if collection should involve attorney’s fees, court costs and liens.

You can save the Association considerable expense if you make your annual payment by the due date of July 1.

# Flood Control

The heavy rains we had in 2020 have revealed that the Lake's overflow spillway needs some major redesign in order to prevent erosion of the lots which border the Lake. This erosion has happened slowly over the past 20 years, and has only lately become very obvious. Heavy rains are causing flooding at the southwest corner of the Lake due to the erosion of the soil in that area.

We need to address this problem immediately before more erosion occurs, which would negatively affect the property values of lots bordering the lake, and which could cause flooding in neighboring properties, creating a liability issue for the HOA.

We have solicited bids from two local companies which are experts in this area, and will be remedying the problem in the near future.

# Meeting-by-Mail Results

Here are the ballot results from our 2020 Annual Member’s Meeting, which was held by mail due to the COVID-19 health crisis. These results have been verified by Barb & Ed Meshach of 1051 E Shalimar Drive.

## Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting

Approved

## Elected to the Board of Directors:

Doug Emerson  
Daryl Saunders

**Proposal to restrict \$5 discount on annual assessment for attending the Annual Meeting to members whose accounts are in good standing at the time of the meeting:**

Passed

**Proposal to install a “Dead End” traffic sign at the entrance to Shalimar Ct:**

Failed

# Lost and Found



On several occasions over the past year we found children’s clothing and shoes left behind at the Lake. We have also found a few swimming accessories floating in the Lake.

Whenever we find lost items, we are placing them in the Gazebo, so that they do not inconvenience the mowers, or get stuck in the outflow pipe, or float away down the spillway during a heavy rain.

If you lose any items while you are passing time at the Lake, please look in the Gazebo to see if they have been found.



## Our Website!

Check out our secure website at <http://www.shalimargardens.org>. All legal documents pertaining to the Association are available for download on our website, including our Covenants, By-laws, Articles of Incorporation and Plat Maps, our Complaint Form, and our Architectural Control Form. You can also find contact information for the Association and its Board of Directors, and pay your annual assessment using your bank account or a credit card.

## Please Maintain Your Yard Light!

We have noticed that a number of yard lights are not being maintained and lit at night. The Board has been concerned for the safety of all homeowners, particularly in the absence of street lights which creates areas of low or no lighting in the subdivision. All homeowners are required to keep their yard light on and to help make our neighborhood more safe and secure. Please note that our Covenants state the following under "Use Restrictions":

- 9. Each lot with a dwelling located thereon shall have an electric yard light with an automatic dusk-to-dawn on-off device...The maintenance and repair of said light shall be the responsibility of the lot owner.*

To report a non-functioning yard light, please contact the Board of Directors at 573-200-6706, or email them at [board@shalimargardens.org](mailto:board@shalimargardens.org), or submit a Complaint Form.