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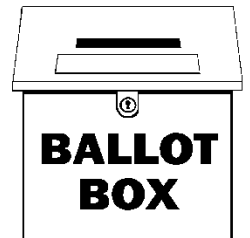
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SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB TO ELECT 2020-2021 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

On September 21st, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will elect new civic club officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and three members of the Board of Directors. In an effort to fairly represent all three sections of our neighborhood, the SFCC is seeking residents from each section to get involved and seek these positions. We need YOU to help keep this organization strong. Please consider volunteering to help make a difference in Shepherd Forest. Our past officers and directors have worked countless hours to keep abreast of issues facing our residents. Now it's your turn to get involved. We need your help if we are to continue as a strong civic club and work on behalf of our residents.

Due to Coronavirus constraints, the 2020 election of officers will be done differently this year. The SFCC has been accepting nominations since August 15th for anyone wishing to serve as an officer or director in the coming year as well as for residents to nominate one of their neighbors for one of the positions available. Ballots will be emailed to all **current civic club members** by September 15th, so make sure that you are a currently paid member AND have an email address on file. Anyone without computer access or who would like a paper ballot may request one. For more information, to confirm that your email address is on file with the SFCC, or to request a paper ballot, please contact the SFCC at info@shepherdforest.org or by calling 713-742-2470.



Membership dues for 2020 are still being accepted and are only \$20 annually per household. You may join the Civic Club by visiting our website at www.shepherdforest.org.

SFCC TO HOST “VIRTUAL” MEETING

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will host another “virtual” civic club meeting on Monday, September 21st at 7:00pm. A representative from Harris County Emergency Management will give a presentation on **Hurricanes and Hurricane Preparedness**. As we were recently spared from the havoc of Hurricane Laura, this topic will be a timely one for residents. Results of the Election of Officers will also be announced. Don't miss this informative meeting.

At 7:00 pm, you can join the civic club meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart phone by entering <https://tinyurl.com/shepherdforest> in your browser. If you haven't ever used Zoom on that device, just follow the prompts to install the Zoom app. This should connect you to the meeting.



To join in the civic club meeting with your neighbors with audio only using a regular telephone, please dial **346-248-7799**. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number 957 8962 3857 followed by the # key.

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GARBAGE TRUCK CRASHES INTO HOME



On Tuesday, August 25th, residents living at this home in the 1700 block of Ansbury were startled as a City of Houston garbage truck crashed into the front of their home. According to homeowner, Ann Bonefas, the garbage truck driver told investigators that he had exited the truck for an issue with a nearby garbage can when the truck lurched forward. As it moved uncontrolled, it crashed through a carport, automobiles, and then into the front of the home. Extensive damage was reported to the home and vehicles, but thankfully no one inside the home was seriously injured.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR SECTION 3 DRAINAGE PROJECT

After years of issues with drainage and flooding of homes in Shepherd Forest, Section 3 (west of White Oak Bayou), residents will finally receive some relief from the City of Houston. According to Elizeth Miranca, Chief of Staff for District A Councilmember Amy Peck, this new drainage project was scheduled to commence on Monday, August 24th and end by Sunday, November 22, 2020. The project contractor is PM Construction & Rehab. The SFCC was told that this project should address the drainage concerns and will improve drainage in that general area. For any questions you have or if you would like more information about this City of Houston drainage project in Section 3, you may contact Councilmember Amy Peck by calling 832-393-3010 or emailing her District Office at districta@houston.tx.gov. Thanks to the Section 3 residents and the SFCC for working on this project.



PARTY LINE

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to longtime resident, **JOAN DELANEY**, who celebrates her big day on September 6th. Birthday wishes are also sent to **PAUL BERRY**, who celebrates on September 25th and to his wife, **JEANNE BERRY**, who celebrates the following week on October 3rd. They will also celebrate their

wedding anniversary September 26th. Happy Birthday wishes are also extended to **TOM HIDER** who celebrates his birthday on October 3rd. Sincere, but belated birthday wishes are sent to Bron Holly resident **ESMERALDA SUAREZ** who celebrated her birthday on August 11th with friends..... and to **SOPHIA**, also a resident on Bron Holly, who celebrated a special 5th birthday on August 21st with a huge sign in her front yard.

Sincere sympathy is sent to **ROBBIE MORIN** on the August passing of his aunt, **ROSE MORIN**.

A big thank you goes to **MARY LAMB & MARK LANDRESS** for taking the time to trim and clean up around the Shepherd Forest Section 2 entrance sign located on Oak Forest. Big thanks are also sent to **PAIGE & ERIC ALLEN** for cleaning out a drain near their home on Bron Holly in anticipation of potential flooding rains from Hurricane Laura. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated by your neighbors in Section 2 !

A warm Shepherd Forest welcome goes to new Section 3 residents on Vollmer, **STEVE & AMANDA SCHNELL**, and their beloved dog, **MORGAN**. Steve and Amanda also recently celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary on June 18th. Congratulations...and welcome to Shepherd Forest!!

SF CIVIC CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Shepherd Forest is home to many volunteers and their assistance is what makes our civic club the success that it is. Suggestions for some great new programs and projects have come to the attention of the SFCC, but **WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER!** Our civic club is made of residents *like you* that are making decisions, managing finances, maintaining our esplanades, preparing and distributing the newsletter to our residents, maintaining deed restrictions, planning activities and social events, serving as Board members and officers, getting speakers for meetings, patrolling our streets, and much more. Whether you own or rent your home, you can volunteer with the SFCC. Because we are based *solely on volunteers*, Shepherd Forest is only as successful as our volunteers are strong.

Just a **small bit of time** volunteering for your neighborhood is not only rewarding, but can make an enormous difference. **Call (713) 742-2470 today to "get involved."** In addition, the SFCC is looking for Chairman and/or volunteers for some of our committees, including Citizens on Patrol, Membership, Welcome, Beautification, and much more! If you have ideas for programs and projects for our neighborhood, now is your chance to speak up and get involved. *Whatever* your interest, we have a place for you to volunteer. Please call and become a SFCC volunteer today!



GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDER

Check on your elderly neighbors and make sure they have the food, cleaning supplies and toiletries that they need. Ask them if they want to borrow a book or a puzzle or if they need help with anything. Offer to pick up groceries for them when you pick up yours. Pass along your phone number in case they need to call for something. Be a good neighbor!

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CITIZENS ON PATROL SECURITY REPORT

Once again, our Citizens on Patrol members have done a great job as they continue to volunteer their time and efforts on keeping a watchful eye on our neighborhood. Crime slightly increased in SF this month, and Ella (near Loop 610) reports a continued pattern of HPD incidents. Stay alert!

HPD incidents that SFCC has been made aware of:

- 8/09 – 3000 block Ella – Theft from gas station
- 8/10 – 1600 block Ansbury – Suspicious person
- 8/11 – 3000 block Havel – Burglary of a residence
- 8/18 – 900 block of West 31st – Assault
- 8/20 – 2400 block Ansbury – Aggravated assault
- 8/20 – 2400 block Ansbury – Disorderly conduct
- 8/23 – 3000 block Ella – Robbery of gas station
- 8/24 – 3000 block Ella – Theft at gas station
- 8/26 – 3000 block Ella – Assault at gas station
- 8/30 – 3000 block Ella – Shoplifting at gas station
- 8/31 – 1200 West 30th – Theft

HPD reminds us to call **911 for life-threatening or in-progress** emergencies and **713-884-3131 to report all other crimes.** After you have contacted HPD, remember to also report the crime to our Security Coordinator, Paul Berry, at 915-373-8820.

SFCC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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VICE-PRESIDENT – Bid Nutt (Sec.3)
TREASURER – Michael Moore (Sec. 1)
REC. SECRETARY – Kevin Taylor (Sec. 1)
CORR. SECRETARY – Kendra Benson (Sec. 1)
SECURITY COORDINATOR – Paul Berry (Sec. 3)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Paul Berry (Sec. 3)
Delinda Holland (Sec. 2)
John Leader (Sec. 1)



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARADE

Due to City COVID restrictions currently in place, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will not be promoting block parties for National Night Out (Tuesday, October 6th). Instead, a parade of Citizens on Patrol volunteers (and anyone who wants to join) will go through the neighborhood that evening. To join in the parade or for more details about this event, please contact Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820.

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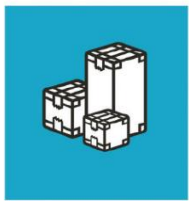
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COVID19 - DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE!

Due to the current levels of Coronavirus outbreak in our City and to protect the health and safety of our residents, the Shepherd Forest Civic has continued to suspend all scheduled "in person" meetings and events until further notice. Please check our website at www.shepherdforest.org, our Facebook page, and future newsletters for all updates and information related to the resumption of SFCC activities.



For the latest information on COVID 19 cases, risks, symptoms, testing sites, mask distribution, virus prevention, business re-openings, and much more, please check out the City of Houston website at <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/> or call the COVID-19 Call Center at 832-393-4220.

YARD OF THE MONTH

September signals the end of the Yard of the Month program for this year. Congratulations to all of the winners and many thanks go to each of the residents who took the time to maintain their yards and keep Shepherd Forest beautiful in 2020!

September 2020 Winners

Section 1

Kendra Benson – 934 Stonecrest



Section 2

Sam & Sylvia Sibouyeh – 2211 Wilde Rock



Section 3

Amy & Bob Morgan – 3111 Larknolls



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