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## **CIVIC CLUB EVENTS ARE NOW "LIVE" IN PERSON !!!**

Over the past 16 months, COVID regulations, along with civic club attempts to keep our neighborhood safe, have prevented the Shepherd Forest Civic Club from hosting "in-person" meetings and group events. But the Civic Club is happy to announce that our first group in-person "LIVE" event is scheduled for **Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm**. The event is a Shepherd Forest Social and everyone in the neighborhood is invited! It will be held on the patio at Valencia's Tex Mex Garage located at 2009 West 34<sup>th</sup> (across from Waltrip High School). Light appetizers will be provided by the Civic Club, but residents can purchase a large variety of food and beverage options from the restaurant menu. This will be a great way for neighbors to meet and mingle and reconnect after a long time of not seeing each other. Hope you and your neighbors can join us for our first fun "LIVE" civic club social event scheduled to take place on **Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> !!**

**SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB "SOCIAL" EVENT**  
**Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**Tex Mex Garage (on the Patio) – 2009 West 34th**

Social Committee Chair Kim Syrinek reports that her committee is busy working on several other big civic club events for later this year. This includes the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual SFCC **Picnic in the Park** (September 26<sup>th</sup> – see details inside), **National Night Out** (October 5<sup>th</sup>), a **Halloween Social** and **Pumpkin Decorating** event, **Fall Family PlayDate** in the Park, **Santa Breakfast** and Photos, and the annual Shepherd Forest Civic Club **Christmas Dinner**. Dates and details about these events will be posted on the SFCC website, FaceBook, and in future issues of this newsletter as they become available.



September is election month for the Shepherd Forest Civic Club and it's just around the corner. Up for election are the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Board positions. Shepherd Forest is home to many volunteers and their assistance is what makes the civic club the success that it is. With Covid restrictions being loosened, more activities, programs, and projects are being planned but we need YOUR HELP to make them happen. Call (713) 742-2470 today to "get involved."

# YARD OF THE MONTH

The rains keep coming and so do the beautiful yards! Yard of the Month judging is done on the *second weekend* of every month through September. Congratulations to our June contest winners:

## Section 1

**Valentino & Margaret Flores – 1051 West 30th**



## Section 2

**Jess & Teresa Sindyen - 1730 Ansbury**



## Section 3

**Paul & Jeanne Berry – 4206 Marlborough**



It's double congratulations being sent to **AARON & BRITTANY MILSAPS** on Wilde Rock, who welcomed their beautiful twin girls, **EVELYN JOAN and ELIZA JUNE** on May 11<sup>th</sup>! Huge congratulations are sent to Marlborough residents **LAUREN & MASON HARRY** on the birth of their precious baby boy, **GRAHAM BENJAMIN HARRY**, who arrived on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations are also sent to **DUSTIN & ORIANNA CRUZ**, also on Marlborough, who welcomed the June 13<sup>th</sup> arrival of their beautiful baby girl, **CORA JOSEPHINE CRUZ**.

Deepest sympathy to **JANIE KOPYCINSKI** and family on the recent passing of her husband, **RAYMOND KOPYCINSKI**. The Kopycinskis were longtime residents on West 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Raymond will be dearly missed sitting in his lawn chair out front by the neighbors who frequently passed and waved.

A very belated but sincere Happy Birthday is sent to **CELESTE BYROM** who celebrated her big day on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Birthday to others celebrating this month including **BECKY MOSIER (7/17)** and **ERIC ALLEN (7/22)**. Early August birthdays wishes are sent to **JC MOSIER (8/07)** and **ESMERALDA SUAREZ (8/11)**. Happy Birthday to each one of you!

Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes are sent to **LARRY and DEBBIE BUTTRAM** who will celebrate on July 30<sup>th</sup>. For those that missed it....**GENE and DELL HIGHTOWER** celebrated their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on June 26<sup>th</sup> - what an accomplishment! Congratulations to all of you!

Special thanks are sent to **APARNA SHARMA**, whose donation made the installation of the new Shepherd Forest esplanade sign on West 34<sup>th</sup> possible.

If you are new to the neighborhood, have news of births, illnesses, celebrations, or anything that you would like to share, please send it to [info@shepherdforest.org](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org) so we can be sure to include it in the next issue of the Times.

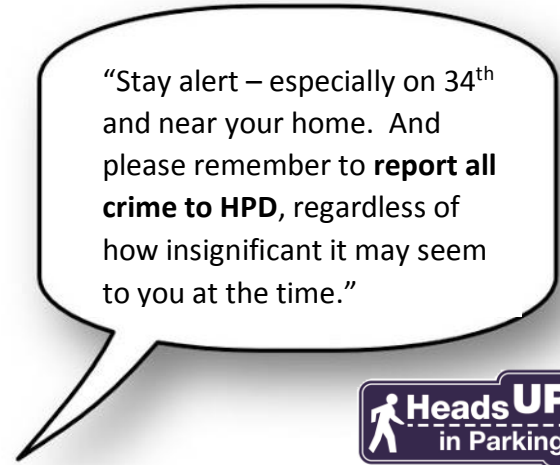
**REMODELING OR UPDATING YOUR HOME?** Shepherd Forest Deed Restrictions require residents to submit all building plans to the Architectural Committee for approval BEFORE any work begins. For more info or a Building Approval Application, visit [www.shepherdforest.org](http://www.shepherdforest.org) and look under "Quick Links."

# SHEPHERD FOREST SECURITY REPORT

According to SpotCrime reports from HPD, Shepherd Forest and the area nearby (especially West 34<sup>th</sup> near Ella) continue to be busy with criminal activity. HPD reminds us to watch for suspicious activity around us.

- 6/02 – 2200 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – vandalism at storage lot
- 6/03 – 1400 block of Ansbury – burglary of residence
- 6/04 – 2200 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – burglary
- 6/05 – 1700 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – swindle at restaurant
- 6/08 – 2400 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – burglary
- 6/09 – 2200 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – theft of motor vehicle
- 6/09 – 2200 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – vandalism
- 6/13 – 2200 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – vandalism
- 6/13 – 2200 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – assault
- 6/22 – 1700 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – burglary of restaurant
- 6/28 – 3000 block of Ella – trespassing at restaurant
- 6/30 – 3000 block of Ella – assault
- 6/30 – 1500 block of Ansbury – family offense
- 7/01 – 2400 block of WildeRock – trespassing

- 7/04 – 1700 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – assault and robbery
- 7/06 – 1000 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – theft of motor vehicle parts



**PAUL BERRY**, Security Coordinator

## Picnic in the PARK

Mark your calendar for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shepherd Forest Civic Club Picnic in the Park on **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. No picnic was held during COVID 2020, but the event will be back this year - even bigger and better! The picnic will be held at **Stonecrest Park** (East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest) and as always, we will have great food and fun activities for everyone. Plans are being made for a petting zoo, vintage cars, Kids Parade, Police officers, pet adoptions, friendly games, a firetruck, and much, much more.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DON'T MISS IT !!**

Effective July 1, 2021, the Houston Solid Waste Management Department announced updated days and hours of operation for the Neighborhood Depository and Recycle Centers. As the City continues to address trash and recycling pick-up delays, new hours of operation for the Depository and Recycle Centers will now be

**Tuesday through Sunday from 9am – 7pm.** All City Depository locations will be **CLOSED on Monday.**

Houstonians may use the depositories up to four times per month. Citizens are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing. Each user must provide proof of residency with either a current Texas Drivers License or Texas ID **AND** a current utility bill or city property tax receipt that match the name on the drivers license. No pets are allowed. For more info visit: <https://bit.ly/3upMpej>

# Parking Rules

Residents are reminded to be a good neighbor when parking their vehicles around the neighborhood. Three of the most common received parking complaints heard in Shepherd Forest are:

**BLOCKING OR PARKING ON A SIDEWALK** – A vehicle cannot block the public sidewalk while parked in a driveway. Sidewalks must remain clear for pedestrian safety. Fines start at \$40.

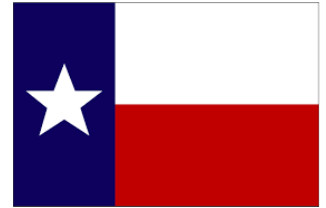
**PARKING VEHICLES THAT BLOCK PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS** – A vehicle that is parked curbside may not block any portion of a driveway. Fines are \$40

**PARKING ON THE STREET FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS** – Parking in the same space on the public street is limited to 24 hours – the vehicle must be moved after 24 hours. Fines start at \$30.

All violations may be reported to 311.

## <https://www.texas.gov>

Texas.gov (<https://www.texas.gov>) is the official website for the State of Texas. It is a public domain website full of government information, services, and resources for residents and businesses. You may link to Texas.gov at no cost. Texas.gov is a credible and authoritative source for State of Texas government services and information and contact information for state and local agencies. Online services including driver license renewal, vehicle registration renewal, driver records, vital records, and much more. Check it out!



**COVID UPDATE** All Texas adults over 16 years of age are now eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccination. Houston Health Department-affiliated vaccination sites are located across the city and open for walk-ins or appointments. To find sites or schedule appointments, contact the City's COVID Hotline at 832-393-4220 or the Harris County Area Agency on Aging 832-393-4301 for assistance.

## SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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