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Great food, Petting Zoo, Vintage cars, Kid's Parade, Firetruck, Pet adoptions, Games, Face Painting, and much more! Make plans to join your neighbors for the SFCC 32nd Annual Picnic in the Park! (Check out more details inside this newsletter)

PICNIC IN THE PARK



ANDY KAHAN TO ADDRESS CRIME SURGE

You have seen him on television, working with County Commissioners, community leaders, and law enforcement officials, to address recent crime spikes in our City. Now is your chance to hear him in person and ask any questions you may have about crime in Houston. **Crime Stoppers Director of Victim Services Andy Kahan**, will be the guest speaker at our upcoming civic club meeting on **Monday, September 20th** to discuss the alarming rise in crime in Houston. Mr. Kahan has done extensive research & much investigation into the ramifications of recent bail reform in Harris County & how that has played a role in our skyrocketing crime.

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB ZOOM MEETING

Monday, September 20th at 7:00 pm

Topic: Crime Stoppers' Andy Kahan discusses spiking crime in Houston



In addition to our guest speaker on September 20th, the Civic Club will also be collecting and tallying the final ballots for our **2021 Election of SFCC Officers and Board of Directors**. We will be electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Board Members. Voting for this election can be done by email or live at the zoom meeting. All current paid members of the Civic Club with an email address on file should have received a ballot by email (If not, call 713-742-2470). Ballots should be returned by email prior to September 20th. Attend the meeting and let your voice be heard.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SFCC "VIRTUAL" MEETING: On September 20th at 7:00 pm, you can join your neighbors in the SFCC's virtual meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart phone by entering <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88934037098> in your browser and following the prompts. To join using a regular telephone (audio only), dial 346-248-7799. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number 889 3403 7098 followed by the # key. You should now be connected and able to join your neighbors & participate in the meeting.

Crime in and around SF seemed to be unchanging last month. According to SpotCrime reports from HPD, the following crimes recently occurred in and near Shepherd Forest.

- 8/02/21 – 2000 block of Bron Holly – Identity Theft
- 8/03/21 – 1600 block of Stonecrest – Assault
- 8/04/21 – 1700 West 34th – Animal Cruelty
- 8/07/21 – East TC Jester @ Dacoma – Gang related aggravated assault
- 8/11/21 – 3000 block of Ella – Assault at restaurant
- 8/12/21 – 2200 block of West 34th – Theft from motor vehicle
- 8/12/21 – 3000 block of Ella – Assault at restaurant
- 8/13/21 – 900 block of West 30th – Theft
- 8/14/21 – 4000 block of Marlborough - Theft
- 8/19/21 – 4100 block of Marlborough – Assault
- 8/19/21 – 1600 West 34th – Theft of motor vehicle
- 8/27/21 – 900 block of West 30th – Theft (Forgery)
- 8/31/21 – 1700 block of West 34th – Theft from motor vehicle



HPD reminds us to report all crime (**dial 911 for emergency or 713-884-3131 for non-emergency**) regardless how insignificant it may seem at the time. Always stay alert to your surroundings. After you have made the call to HPD, please notify our Security Coordinator Paul Berry at **915-373-8820** as to what has happened.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT began in 1984 to promote neighborhood involvement in crime prevention activities and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. If you have never attended a National Night Out block party, this is a chance for neighbors to meet and mingle and get to know each other – which is the first simple step in fighting crime in Shepherd Forest.



So **Tuesday, October 5th from 6 to 8 pm**, turn on your porch light, lock your doors, and get outside to visit with your neighbors. Block parties are being planned throughout our neighborhood – or plan your own for you and your neighbors. Here are the NNO block parties scheduled as we go to print:

- Payton & Angela Arens - 3106 Attridge- (Sec. 1)
- Clyde & Delores Muske - 1710 Stonecrest - (Sec. 1)
- Richard & Delinda Holland - 2218 Bron Holly - (Sec. 2)
- Clay & Jan Thompson – 3018 Larknolls - (Sec. 3)
- Ray & Virginia Dietrich - 3010 Vollmer - (Sec. 3)

Make plans to participate and send a message to crooks that **WE WILL FIGHT CRIME IN SHEPHERD FOREST!**



Residents can reach the Shepherd Forest Civic Club by calling 713-742-2470 or by email at info@shepherdforest.org.



September 26th
Join us at the **Picnic in the Park!**

You and your family are invited to the **32nd Annual SFCC Picnic in the Park** on **Sunday, September 26th** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The annual picnic will again be held at **Stonecrest Park** (East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest) and will feature a **Kids Parade (starts at 4:30 pm)**, **great food, children's games, pet adoptions, vintage cars, face painting, a petting zoo, a firetruck, prizes,** and much, much more – all provided **free** by the Shepherd Forest Civic Club, Memorial Hermann Heights Hospital, HEB, and Dr. Gleem Car Wash. All Shepherd Forest residents and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this **BIG NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT!**



In addition to the picnic, all *homeowners* in Section 1 & 2 that have not done so will have an opportunity to **sign our amended Deed Restrictions before a notary** provided by the civic club at no charge. Please take a few minutes of your time to sign these Deed Restrictions and **help preserve and protect the integrity of our neighborhood.**

DON'T MISS THIS

YARD OF THE MONTH

Despite scorching temperatures and lack of rain, many of our residents still managed to keep their lawns looking beautiful for all to admire. Congratulations to our August contest winners:

Section 1

Ernesto and Erica Garza. – 935 West 30th



Section 2

Van and Lynn Knox – 2302 Ansbury



Section 3

Sonny Gray and Dan Mink – 3015 Maple Grove



**September will be the last month for our
Yard of the Month Contest in 2021!**

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PARTY LINE

Very Happy Birthday wishes are sent to those neighbors who celebrate in September, including **KEN MINGUS (9/7)**, **JOE JUNGBAUER (9/9)**, **JORDAN SYRINEK (9/12)**, **ELSIE HALEY (9/12)**, **PATRICIA WILLIAMS (9/18)**, **JAYSON SYRINEK (9/24)**, **PAUL BERRY (9/25)** and **CODY JAMES SYRINEK** celebrating his **FIRST** birthday on **(9/28)**. Early October birthday celebrations include **JEANNE BERRY (10/3)** and **TOM HIDER (10/3)**. Happy Birthday to you !!

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Vollmer neighbor **RAY DIETRICH** as he recovers from a recent accident and surgery. Good to see you out again Ray!

Deepest sympathy is sent to **VIRGINIA JOZWIAK** and **family** on the recent passing of her sister, longtime Marlborough resident **FLORENCE JOZWIAK**.

Baby congratulations are sent to **ASHLEY & JORDAN WEST** on the recent birth of their precious son, **ANDREW WEST**. Proud big brother is **WILLIAM WEST**.

Congratulations are also sent to **RICHARD & DELINDA HOLLAND** on the August 12th birth of their grandson in Virginia, **AUGUSTUS ‘GUS’ LUCAS HOLLAND**.

A very special Happy Anniversary wish is sent to **PAUL & JEANNE BERRY** who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on 9/26. Congratulations!

A huge Shepherd Forest Welcome goes to new Ansbury residents, **EMILY & PADDY MCCLERNON**, and their fur baby **JEAX**. Welcome to the neighborhood!

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 so we can be sure to include it in the next issue of the Times.

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There was a recent **grass fire** in the Centerpoint easement behind the homes on Stonecrest that are between Oak Forest and East TC Jester.

Fortunately the fire was small and was contained pretty quickly by the efforts of HFD. No Shepherd Forest homes were ever directly in danger of catching on fire.

Graffiti is not only unsightly and against the law, but hurts property values and attracts other forms of crime and street delinquency to the area. Report any graffiti you may see in the area by calling the City at 311.

A **coyote** has been recently sighted in Section 2 (between Oak Forest and East TC Jester) roaming the streets & yards at various hours of the day and night. Watch out!

2021 SFCC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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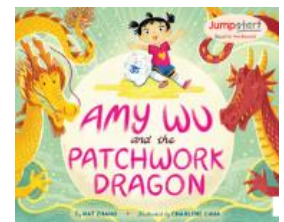
BOARD - JEANNE GEBO

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BOARD -AMANDA SCHNELL



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club Board recently voted to participate in Jumpstart's 16th Annual **Read for the Record**, a global movement to raise awareness around the critical importance of early literacy and increase access to high-quality children's books. Each year *Read for the Record* brings together millions of adults and children as they read the same book on the same day (Oct. 28th). Hundreds of thousands of books have been distributed to children in underserved communities across the United States. The Civic Club will purchase books for three local elementary schools – Garden Oaks, Stevens, and Oak Forest. For more information about the program or Jumpstart's book choice for 2021, please visit readfortherecord.org.



Be sure to mark your calendar with these important events happening around Shepherd Forest. Watch upcoming issues of the SF Times for more details about each one!

- Tues, Sept. 20th – SFCC Meeting & Election of Officers
- Sun, Sept 26th – 32nd Annual Picnic in the Park -4 to 6pm
- Tues, Oct 5th – National Night Out Block Parties
- Sat, Oct 23rd – Fall Pumpkin Decorating Event
- Mon, Nov 15th – SFCC Meeting - Salute to Veterans
- Tues, Dec 7th – SFCC Annual Christmas Dinner
- Sat, Dec 11th – Photos with Santa Event – 10am-noon

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

Planting Time Fall is just about here and now is the perfect time to be planning and planting your 2021 fall garden. Fall vegetable gardening in Houston is great due to our milder climate. Check out <https://bit.ly/3izBeV2> for Vegetable Garden Planting Dates for Harris County. If you don't want to plant vegetables, how about a monarch butterfly garden? Milkweed, coneflowers, zinnias, blue porterweed, and Mexican flame vine are just a few plants to consider adding to your yard that will aid the annual monarch migration.



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