



# THE SHEPHERD FOREST | October 2021 TIMES

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## UPcoming EVENTS

As the holidays are fast approaching and calendars begin to fill, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club is making plans for a busy end of the year. Following two recent huge neighborhood events, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park and National Night Out, the Civic Club is working on several more opportunities for residents to join together in 2021. Here's a rundown of upcoming events in the works for Shepherd Forest residents – mark your calendar now!

Get into the fall spirit on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Shepherd Forest **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** that promises to be a fun-filled morning for everyone. The event will be held at Candlelight Park, 1520 Candlelight at Oak Forest, from 10am-12pm with judging of pumpkins at 11am and noon. Pumpkins and decorating supplies will be provided, as well as light snacks and drinks for all. Feel free to come in costume and take a picture in front of the spooky photo wall. The event is for Shepherd Forest residents only and is open to all ages. A big thank you goes to our event sponsors, **Houston Hardscape, Inc., Slowpokes, and Monkey's Tail**, that made this contest possible! Make sure to RSVP your spot before they fill up. For more information about this exciting event, check out the Shepherd Forest Facebook event page or contact Kim Syrinek at 713-412-1471 or [Kim.syrinek@gmail.com](mailto:Kim.syrinek@gmail.com). Don't miss it!!



The SFCC Annual **Salute to Veterans** will be held on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> as part of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club's first "in person" meeting in quite a while. The meeting will be held at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3200 N. Shepherd (across from Gabbys). All residents, Veterans and their families are invited to attend this tribute. As part of the Veterans Salute program, a video will be shown that includes photos of veterans and active duty military personnel. Please send in your photos now and include the honorees name, rank, year(s) served, and where they served if known. Send all photos to [katiehassett@gmail.com](mailto:katiehassett@gmail.com) by November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please attend this meeting to honor and show your support for our Veterans and Active Military members.



Plans are underway for the SFCC's **Annual Christmas Dinner/Program** on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm. A catered BBQ dinner, along with some great Christmas music performed by SaxWorx, will be provided that evening, and all Shepherd Forest residents are invited. The dinner will be held at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3200 N. Shepherd. Mark your calendar now for this festive holiday party! Also being planned (date not yet confirmed) in early December is a family Saturday morning that will include **Photos with Santa Claus**. Details are still being worked on for this event so be sure to check out future issues of the SF Times and Shepherd Forest FaceBook for more information.



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# SECURITY REPORT

Security Coordinator Paul Berry reports that our Citizens on Patrol logged in a record number of patrolling hours last month. Hats off to these dedicated volunteers that patrol our streets regularly to help keep us safe!



According to SpotCrime reports from HPD, the following crimes recently occurred in and near Shepherd Forest.

- 9/01/21 – 1700 block West 34<sup>th</sup>– Theft from Motor Vehicle
- 9/10/21 - 1700 block West 34<sup>th</sup> – Burglary
- 9/10/21 – 2000 block West 34<sup>th</sup> – Theft at gas station
- 9/12/21 – 1700 block West 34<sup>th</sup> – Theft of motor vehicle
- 9/13/21 – 1900 block West 34<sup>th</sup> – Forgery
- 9/17/21 – 2200 block West 34<sup>th</sup> – Theft from Motor Vehicle
- 9/19/21 – 1600 block Ansbury – DWI Arrest
- 9/23/21 – 3000 block Ella – Assault
- 9/30/21 – 3000 block Ella – Robbery at Gas Station

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, notify our Security Coordinator Paul Berry at **915-373-8820** as to what has happened.

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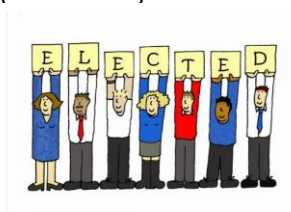
## SFCC OFFICER ELECTION

At the September meeting of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club, Officers and members of the Board of Directors were elected for the 2021-2022 year. Congratulations to all of you!

- PRESIDENT** – Patricia Williams (Section 1)
- VICE-PRESIDENT** – Bid Nutt (Section 3)
- TREASURER** – Melody Bass (Section 3)
- SECRETARY** – Jeanne Berry (Section 3)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Paul Berry (Section 3)
- Mike Donovan (Section 2)
- Shirley Evanicky (Section 1)
- Jeanne Gebo (Section 2)
- Katie Hassett (Section 2)



Happy Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors who will be celebrating birthdays soon. They are **RICARDO TRISTAN (11/4)**, **ESMAE WILLIAMS (11/6)**, **KHALDYN HIDER (11/8)**, and **MEAGHAN BERRY (11/11)**. Congratulations to all of you!

A big Shepherd Forest welcome goes to new Marlborough neighbors, **RENE and LOUISE DEHOYER**.

Congratulations are sent to **PAYTON and ANGELA ARENS** on the September 2<sup>nd</sup> birth of their first child, a beautiful daughter named **AURORA GRACE ARENS**.

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Vollmer resident **RAY DIETRICH** who is recovering after another recent accident. Ray served as the cook at the SFCC Picnic.

Heartfelt sympathy is sent to long-time resident **BID NUTT** and family on the recent loss of his wife, **NELDA NUTT**. Bid has been active in our community for years and currently serves as the Vice-President of the SFCC.

Sympathy is also sent to the family of Marlborough resident **ERICH HEARD** who passed away last week.

Condolences are sent to the family and friends of **HELEN JENKINS** who also passed away last week.

Best Wishes for a full recovery are sent to **DELL HIGHTOWER** as she recovers from a recent serious fall following the funeral of her husband, **GENE HIGHTOWER**. Gene and Dell served the community and civic club for many years in a variety of positions with the SFCC and he will be missed by many neighbors.

**Veterans Day** is November 11, 2021 – Be sure to Fly your Flag to honor all of our Veterans & Military personnel !!

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.

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# RECORD ATTENDANCE AT RECENT SFCC PICNIC

The recent 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual SFCC Picnic reported the highest attendance ever for the event and an exciting afternoon of fun was had by all. Great food and activities for everyone including the much loved petting zoo, vintage cars, childrens parade and activities, rodeo clowns, face painting, pet adoptions, a firetruck, Constables, and much more were enjoyed by nearly 300 residents as they met and mingled with their neighbors. City Councilmembers Amy Peck (Dist. A) and Abbie Kamin (Dist. C) were also in attendance. An enormous thank you to our very generous donors who made our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park possible. They are:

**DR. GLEEM CAR WASH (Ella Blvd)**

**MEMORIAL HERMANN GREATER HEIGHTS HOSPITAL**

**HEB BUFFALO HEIGHTS (N. Shepherd)**

In addition, the SFCC would like to also thank the following for their participation & support of the Picnic:

**Houston Rodeo Speakers Committee**

**SAVE Rescue**

**Harris County Constable Precinct One**

**Houston Fire Department**

**And the many volunteers of the SFCC!**

Please patronize these neighborhood businesses and thank them for their continued support of the SFCC.

**WE JUST WANT TO SAY...  
THANK YOU!**

# YARD OF THE MONTH

September was the last month for our 2021 Yard of the Month Contest. Congratulations to our deserving Yard of the Month contest winners:

## Section 1

**Bonnie Reay. – 935 Stonecrest**



## Section 2

**Dimas Diaz– 1727 Stonecrest**



## Section 3

**Ronnie & Darline Dick – 3003 Maple Grove**



Just above the barcode on your **drivers license** is a telephone number in very small print. This number can be called for **emergency assistance** on the highway or wherever you might have trouble **in your car**. Just dial **1-800-525-5555** and help will be sent to you. This service is State operated and paid for with your tax dollars. Please pass on this number to your family, friends, & neighbors.



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Did you know there is an election coming up in three weeks, and in addition to electing **School Board members**, there will be **8 propositions** on the ballot? Election Day is **Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and your vote is important! Sample ballots and information related to mail-in ballots, early voting, and Election Day voting can be found at [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) or by calling 713-755-6965. Even if you did not vote in any election held earlier this year, all registered qualified voters may vote on Election Day. All election information was correct at the time of printing this newsletter, but is subject to change, so please verify polling places before heading out to vote.

**EARLY VOTING:**

Early voting in Harris County begins on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. You may vote at any Early Voting polling location in Harris County. Currently on weekdays and Saturdays, the early voting polls are open from 7am to 7pm, and on Sundays from noon to 7pm. Early Voting polling places near Shepherd Forest include:

**Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel**

3000 North Loop 610 West (just west of TC Jester), Houston, Texas 77092

**SPJST Lodge #88**

1435 Beall (near West 14<sup>th</sup>), Houston, Texas 77008

**ELECTION DAY VOTING:**

On Election Day, Tuesday November 2nd, the polls will be open from 7am to 7pm. Residents of Harris County may vote at ANY polling location. Election Day Polling Places that are near Shepherd Forest are:

**Waltrip High School**

1900 West 34th Street, Houston, Texas 77018

**Lazybrook Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall**

1822 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77008

**Black Middle School - Auditorium**

1575 Chantilly@ West 43rd, Houston, Texas 77018

**SPJST Lodge #88 – Ballroom**

1435 Beall (near West 14<sup>th</sup>), Houston, Texas 77008



**MAIL-IN BALLOT INFORMATION:**

The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for those who qualify is October 21st. This is the date that the county clerk must receive your application (not postmarked by). You can request a ballot by mail online [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) or by calling the Harris County Clerk's Election Division 713-755-6965. If you do plan to vote by mail, please mail it back as soon as possible. You can now track your mail-in ballot at: [www.harrisvotes.com/tracking](http://www.harrisvotes.com/tracking).

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**National Night Out** was reported to be a great success in Shepherd Forest. At least six block parties were held throughout our subdivision and a great turnout was reported by all. Many thanks to each of the host volunteers (Dietrich, Thompson, Holland, Knox, Muske, and Arens families) for your efforts on behalf of our neighborhood. Thanks also go to each resident who attended a party to join the fight against crime.

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## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Trick or treat in familiar areas & only visit well lit houses.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries after dark. Wear glow-in-the-dark costumes.
- Always trick or treat in groups. Small children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Stay on the sidewalks and out of the streets if possible. Cross only at intersections.
- Walk. No running. Watch for cars backing up or turning.
- Don't trample through flower beds and gardens and stay out of back yards
- Watch out for open flames in Jack-o-Lanterns. Wear fire retardant costumes
- Walk with your head up and be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't enter any houses unless you know the people that live there
- Don't eat any candy until it's inspected for tampering, especially if unwrapped/loosely wrapped



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