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EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT

After two long years without an Easter Egg Hunt, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club is excited to announce that the SFCC Annual Easter Egg Hunt *and* Photos with the Easter Bunny are returning. The much loved Egg Hunt will take place on



SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH at 10:00 am at Stonecrest Park, located on East TC Jester at Stonecrest. All residents and their children are invited and encouraged to attend this special family event. No one is too young or too old to attend the Egg Hunt! Children participating in the Egg Hunt will be divided into groups by age, with a separate hunt area available for babies/young toddlers. EVERY participant will win a prize at the Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet the children and visit with everyone starting 30 minutes before the Egg Hunt, so grab the kids and an Easter Basket and come out for a fun-filled morning. Shepherd Forest Civic Club members will have the opportunity to have a **free professional portrait** with the Easter Bunny taken by PortraitEFX Photo Memories. (If you're not a SFCC member, you still have time to join or renew your membership.) Don't miss all the *Egg-citement* on **SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH at 10 AM!**

Donations of small, individually wrapped candy are still needed for the Egg Hunt and will be collected at the March 21st civic club meeting. Of course, a cash donation for the event is always gladly accepted! For more info about the Egg Hunt or to make a donation, contact the Civic Club at 713-742-2470 or check out the website at www.shepherdforest.org.



GARDENING EXPERT TO SPEAK AT SFCC MEETING

March 20th signals the beginning of spring, and the recent warm sunny days have allowed us to get outside and evaluate winter damage and start making plans for our spring lawn and gardens. Don't miss the opportunity to get a jump on weeds, trimming, planting, fertilizing and more. The next few weeks are definitely the perfect time to get fresh ideas and helpful suggestions to get our lawns and gardens into shape.



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will host a gardening professional from Wabash Feed and Garden at the civic club meeting to be held **Monday, March 21st at 7pm** at Garden Oaks Baptist Church (3206 N Shepherd – Across from Gabby's BBQ). Our speaker will discuss lawn care and preparation, gardens, what to "trim or not trim", and how to "get started" in our yards for spring. Choosing the right fertilizer, installing and/or preparing spring flower beds, and the use of plant

variety in our yards, are just a few of the many other lawn and garden related topics to be discussed. This will be a most interesting and informative meeting, and you will have the opportunity to ask a professional for advice on your lawn, flowers, garden, trees, or any lawn & garden related topic.



THE SFCC IS BACK

"IN PERSON"

It's been a while, but once again, the SFCC is back "in person," so don't miss our two upcoming "in person" events!

March 21st –SFCC Gardening Meeting – 7pm

April 9th – Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny – 10am

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For more info, check out
www.shepherdforest.org or

Facebook/Groups/ShepherdForest



PARTY LINE

Happy March Birthday wishes go to **DELORES MUSKE** who celebrates on March 29th. An early April Happy Birthday wish goes to **MARTI NELSON** who will celebrate her birthday on April 11th.

Deepest sympathy is sent to longtime Foothill resident **JOYCE ELLSWORTH** on the passing of her husband, **WALLACE GAIL ELLSWORTH**.

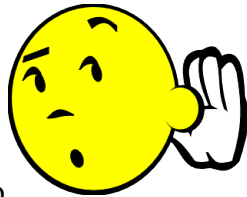
Condolences are also sent to the family and friends of another longtime Vollmer resident, **GLORIA MUTZ**, who passed away recently.

Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure and recognize your graduate.....whether it is preschool or college or anything in between. Send us your graduates name, school, and possible future plans and we will recognize them in our May Graduation Roll Call.

We would love to share your special news! If you have information about birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses... please send the information to the SFCC at info@shepherdforest.org or call 713-742-2470.

WE HEAR YOU!

Shepherd Forest residents are the eyes and ears of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. The Civic Club receives a number of calls and emails every week regarding neighborhood issues. These include crime, high weeds, abandoned vehicles, parking in yards, garbage and debris, possible deed restriction violations, new construction, architectural review questions, and much more.



Although it sometimes appears that "nothing has happened" to your concern, the SFCC is working hard on every complaint and we will continue to give updates on the huge amount of work that is being done behind the scene on these issues. Covid has made the City's response time extremely slow to Neighborhood Protection issues including Deed Restriction violations, so some issues are taking more time.

To contact the Shepherd Forest Civic Club with your questions or concerns, email us at info@shepherdforest.org or call 713-742-2470 and leave a detailed message along with your contact information. We are definitely hearing your concerns and addressing them as they are received.

SECURITY NEWS

Although several incidents of crime actually occurred in February in and around Shepherd Forest, records indicate the following were the only crimes in the area that were reported to HPD:

- 02/20 – 1500 block of WildeRock – burglary of residence
- 02/22 - 3100 Ella – Aggravated assault at Pollo Loco (Shots were fired in this incident, but no one hit)
- 02/28 – 2400 block of Ansbury – burglary of residence

PLEASE REPORT ALL CRIME, REGARDLESS OF HOW INSIGNIFICANT IT MAY SEEM, TO HPD. *It could be something linked to another crime that you*

have no idea about. It's been reported that there have been many suspicious people seen in the neighborhood recently,



so if you see something or someone that appears suspicious, PLEASE call HPD immediately. For life threatening emergencies or for crimes "in progress" please call 911, and for all other crimes call HPD at 713-884-3131.

Shepherd Forest is not immune from gang activity and recently the neighborhood entrance sign on Alba, as well as a stop sign on Attridge, had graffiti painted on them. If you see graffiti anywhere in or around Shepherd Forest, please immediately report it to 311 so that it can be removed. If possible, take a photo. Gangs use graffiti to "mark their territory" so let's work together to keep it out of Shepherd Forest!



All residents in Shepherd Forest are again reminded that they are bound by



the current Deed Restrictions for each Section of Shepherd Forest. Current Deed Restrictions require residents that are planning construction, remodeling, or major repairs to first submit their plans to the SFCC Architectural Committee for approval. Copies of Deed Restrictions are available at our website at www.ShepherdForest.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

Many residents have noticed the massive removal of trees and clearing of land at the **south end of Oak Forest at Ansbury**. At the time of printing, the SFCC was not able to make contact or speak directly with the new owners or developers of the property, but had been told by others that plans were underway to build 70 townhomes on the property. Regardless of what is being built, Section 2 residents, especially those along Ansbury, will be affected by freeway noise, drainage/flooding issues, construction issues, traffic, and so much more.

We will continue to try to locate and make contact with the developers and keep SF residents informed of any information we learn or any action that is taken. Please contact the SFCC at 713-742-2470 if you have any information about this issue.

*Mark your Calendar !
Saturday, April 9th at 10am*



The Civic Club is in immediate need of volunteers to help distribute our monthly newsletter (SF Times) to homes east of Ella. This is a great way to get some exercise, meet your neighbors, and help get out vital information to your neighbors. At this time, some homes are in jeopardy of not receiving the newsletter unless volunteers step forward. Please consider spending 30 minutes a month to help with this important job. Contact Mary Lamb @ 281-488-3216 for more information.



CLEAN UP DAY POSTPONED

Beautification Chairman Jeanne Berry has announced the postponement of the Neighborhood Clean Up Day originally scheduled for March 26th. A new date will be set and information will be included in the next issue of the SF Times as well as on the civic club website and FaceBook. Jeanne also announced the annual Yard of the Month Contest will begin on the first full weekend in May and judges are needed to help. Please contact Jeanne at 915-269-1770 if you are willing to volunteer as a judge.



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DESPITE BEING ONE OF THE LOWEST CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES IN HOUSTON, MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE SFCC IS DOWN FOR 2022. WE DESPERATELY NEED ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN OR RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

A membership in the Shepherd Forest Civic Club is only \$25 per household per year. Membership dues from residents have helped fund our **monthly newsletter (SF Times), Citizens on Patrol, Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Fall Picnic, Christmas events, esplanade beautification, clean up days, tree plantings, and deed restriction enforcement.** Last year on *your behalf*, your civic club produced, paid for, and distributed nearly **12,000 newsletters.** In the past, the SFCC has circulated **petitions, attended hearings, sponsored a Mayoral Debate, passed the No Parking In Yards Ordinance, hosted City Council candidates, represented you at conferences, meetings, and protests, purchased school supplies and books for students, reported eyesores, clogged drains, broken streets, abandoned vehicles, high weeds, dangerous buildings, city code violations, lost pets,** and more.

How was all of this made possible? By a very small group of dedicated civic club volunteers and the membership dues of residents who want to maintain the value and integrity of our neighborhood. But to maintain such an active Civic Club and continue with our current programs, projects, events, and newsletter, we need your support today.

You can complete the form and mail it with your \$25 payment to the **SFCC, PO Box 925282, Houston, Texas 77292-5282** or pay online by visiting <http://www.shepherdforest.org> and click on Join SFCC. You can also scan the QR code, complete the online membership form, and make your payment via PayPal. Every household that pays their dues before March 21st will be entered into a **DRAWING for a \$25 or \$50 restaurant gift card.**



Winners will be announced at our March meeting. Don't miss your chance to win a fabulous gift card while supporting a civic club that works every day on your behalf. Join today – you may be a lucky winner!

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

_____ I have enclosed SFCC membership dues of **\$25 per household** for the year 2022. (Checks payable to SFCC)

_____ I am paying by PayPal. _____ I would like to donate an additional \$1.50 to cover PayPal fees.

_____ Please E-mail me with SFCC crime alerts, related news, and event reminders.

_____ I can help pass out newsletters/flyers on my street.



_____ I would like to donate additional funds for _____ Citizens on Patrol _____ Beautification _____ Other

_____ I have suggestions for civic club programs and projects. Please contact me.

I am interested in serving on one of the following Committees:

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| _____ Beautification | _____ Deed Restriction Enforcement | _____ Socials |
| _____ Yard of the Month | _____ Newsletter | _____ Membership |
| _____ Architectural | _____ Citizens on Patrol/Security | _____ Other |

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CIVIC CLUB IN 2022!