



# THE SHEPHERD FOREST | MAY 2022 TIMES

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## NEW DEVELOPMENT TO AFFECT SF RESIDENTS

The nearly 3 acre piece of property that is located behind the homes on the south end of Oak Forest near Ansbury was recently cleared of all trees and underbrush. After weeks of research and phone calls, the SF Civic Club was finally able to establish that plans for the "Oak Forest Development" of **39 residential units** is underway on this property. Concerns

raised by residents so far have included increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic, noise from dumpsters, 2 and 3 story homes near the back fence of the Ansbury residences without trees or barriers between them, increased noise from Loop 610 traffic, drainage and potential flooding issues, and much more. Richard Grothues Designs (representing the developer) has agreed to meet with residents on **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm** at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3202 N. Shepherd (across from Gabbys) to give an overview of the development. Make plans to attend this meeting to see project designs and let your voice be heard on these important issues related to the project.



**DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT MEETING ON MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> !!**

In addition, Richard Grothues Designs has recently filed a **variance request** with the City of Houston on behalf of the developer for the property. The application specifically requested a variance from City Codes/Chapter 42 that requires when a public street terminates at the boundary of a plat without means of a vehicular turnaround, the street shall be extended into the adjacent property. (This would force the developer to open up the south end of Oak Forest and extend it into the new development, possibly to Loop 610.) **But the variance is specifically requesting that they DO NOT EXTEND OAK FOREST TO LOOP 610 OR TERMINATE OAK FOREST IN A CUL-DE-SAC.** At this time, the property can only be accessed from a driveway located on Loop 610 leading to the North Loop Business Park.

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club has taken a strong stand in favor of this variance because of the negative impact extending Oak Forest would have on our neighborhood. This would include increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic, increased noise, increasing the unsafe walking route along Oak Forest for school children, and much more. The SFCC is sending a letter in support of the variance to be considered at a **scheduled May 26<sup>th</sup>** hearing with the City's Planning Commission. Please check out [www.shepherdforest.org](http://www.shepherdforest.org) for the latest developments and other important information about this project.



Don't forget to save your aluminum cans for the Citizens on Patrol "Cash for Cans" program. All proceeds will benefit the Shepherd Forest Civic Club Security program (COP). Drop off your aluminum cans (in a closed plastic bag) at the collection container at **4206 Marlborough between May 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**. For more info about the program, please contact Security Chairman Paul Berry at (915) 373-8820. Please support our Citizens on Patrol and Save Your Cans!



Mark your calendar for the Civic Club "Social" on **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm** at Local Table (2003 W. 34<sup>th</sup>). Details inside this newsletter....



A volunteer is desperately needed to help distribute this newsletter on **Stonecrest** (east of Ella) each month. Please consider volunteering 30 minutes a month to help get this vital information to your neighbors. Please call 713 416-1888 to volunteer.



# YARD OF THE MONTH

May is the start of the annual Shepherd Forest Civic Club Yard of the Month program for 2022. Judging of yards is done on the *first full weekend* of every month through September. Congratulations to each of the May winners who got the YOM program off to a great start with their beautiful yards

## Section 1



Rudy and Dolores Palomo - 1102 W. 30th

## Section 2



Carl and Patricia Old - 2107 Bron Holly

## Section 3



Lindsey and Danny Kirgan – 4219 Marlborough



# PARTY LINE

Special Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors celebrating birthdays in early June. They are **ERNESTO CABALLERO (6/1)** **MARY LAMB (6/5)**, **SERI DAVIS (6/8)**, **HADIE BOUL (6/9)**, **GRAHAM BENJAMIN HARRY (6/12)**, and **CORA JOSEPHINE CRUZ (6/13)**. Hope each of you have a great birthday celebration!

Happy Anniversary wishes are sent to **DARRELL & LYNETTE TIDWELL (6/13)** and to **JOE & JEAN JUNGBAUER (6/14)**. Congratulations to all of you!!

Healing thoughts and prayers are sent to those facing health issues including **TORRY HILL**, who is recovering from a recent fall.

Don't forget to send your **Class of 2022** graduate's information to the Civic Club so they can be recognized in the next issue of the Shepherd Forest Times.

Congratulations are sent to **JESSICA and ERNESTO CABALLERO**, who welcomed their precious son, **ERNESTO NOEL CABALLERO, III** on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. So sweet!

If you are new to the neighborhood or have news you want to share with neighbors, please send it to [info@shepherdforest.org](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org) so we can include next month.

## 2022 SFCC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Volunteers are still needed for a number of positions – beautification, membership, deed restrictions..... Please consider donating a little of your time to help continue the good works of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. For more info or to volunteer, call 713-742-2470.

# Let's Get Social

Don't forget that the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be hosting a fun "social" event on **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

from 5 to 7 pm and everyone is invited. The social will be held on the patio at one of our newest area restaurants, **Local Table**, which is located at 2003 West 34<sup>th</sup> (Across from Waltrip High School). Local Table prides itself on offering a social gathering spot for great food and drink, while promoting community spirit. Social Committee Chairman Kim Syrinek says this

will be a great time to meet, mingle, and reconnect with your neighbors, while you enjoy some light appetizers provided by Local Table. A large variety of food and beverage options from the restaurant menu will also be available for purchase. Come early for the "social" and stay after for dinner! Mark your calendar, and don't miss this fun Shepherd Forest "social."



**THURSDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – 5 to 7 PM**  
**LOCAL TABLE - BE THERE !**

## 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 to help keep a watchful eye on our neighborhood. A huge "Thank You" to each one of these dedicated patrollers !

- 4/07 – 1000 block of West 31<sup>st</sup> – Stolen tailgate
- 4/15 – 900 block of West 31<sup>st</sup> – Attempted entry through gate
- 4/15 – 4500 block of Marlborough - Theft
- 4/17 – 3000 block of Larknolls – Theft of motor vehicle parts (catalytic converter)
- 4/21 – 1700 block of Stonecrest – Burglary and aggravated assault
- 4/25 – 3100 block of Alba – Theft of motor vehicle parts
- 5/03 – 3000 block of Ella – Assault at convenience store
- 5/03 – 3000 block of Ella – Robbery at gas station
- 5/03 – 3000 block of Ella – Assault at specialty store



Please report ANYTHING you feel is suspicious or just "not right" to HPD immediately. HPD reminds us to call **911 for life-threatening or in-progress** emergencies and **713-884-3131 to report all other crimes**. The more calls to HPD we make, the greater number of HPD patrol vehicles will be assigned to this area. After you contact HPD, also report the crime to our Security Coordinator, Paul Berry, at 915-373-8820. If you see something, PLEASE say something!


HPD will be hosting their monthly Positive Interaction Program (**PIP**) meeting at the North Command station located at 9455 West Montgomery on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. . The topic for this month will be the increasing thefts of Catalytic Converters. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. For more information about the meeting, contact Officer Carter at 832-394-3738. According to HPD, reports of **thefts of catalytic converters** are up 300% since last year. The cost to repair and replace a catalytic converter can run as high as \$10,000, and in Houston, there is a current back order waiting list of up to 3 months for parts. HPD suggests that vehicle owners engrave their VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) or license plate number on their catalytic converter, as well as paint it a bright color. They also suggest some other simple tips for vehicle owners to help prevent the theft of these parts, including parking in well lit areas and using your garage. They encourage the use of theft prevention items such as cables, under vehicle motion detectors, cages, and/or covers for your catalytic converter. Doing any of these simple tips could help prevent you from becoming a victim.



Have you joined or renewed your 2022 Civic Club Membership yet? If not, visit <http://www.shepherdforest.org> and click on "Join SFCC", or you can scan this QR code. Complete the online membership form and make your payment via PayPal. You may also mail a check to SFCC, P.O. Box 925282, Houston, Texas 77018. Dues are only \$25 per household annually, so please join and support your SF Civic Club today!



## MAY 24th ELECTION RUNOFFS

Primary Election Runoffs for both political parties in Harris County will be held on **Tuesday, May 24th, 2022**. Voters are allowed to vote at **any** of the voting locations across Harris County during Early Voting AND on Election Day. Early voting will be held **from May 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**.  If you voted in a party primary in March, you can vote only in that same party's runoff. Voters who didn't cast a ballot in the primary election can vote in either party's runoff.

Voters of any age who are physically unable to enter the polling place may ask the presiding election official to allow them to vote outside the polling place or "curbside".

For more information about the upcoming election, ballots by mail, polling locations near you for early voting or election day, or any other voting information, please call the Harris County Clerk's Election Division at 713-755-6965 or visit [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com). Don't miss the opportunity to let your voice be heard - Vote on May 24th!

## SFCC SIGNS REFURBISHED

Many thanks to Corbin Leverton who refurbished and landscaped the Shepherd Forest entry signs as part of his Eagle Scout project. The signs are beautiful and appreciated by everyone who sees them. Thanks also goes to everyone who helped Corbin work on the project or made monetary donations.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING.

Tuesday, May 17 – HPD PIP meeting – 7pm  
Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – SFCC SOCIAL – 5-7pm  
Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – SFCC Mtg. on new development  
Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Primary Election Runoffs  
Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Variance request hearing  
Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day observed  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Cash for Cans drop off dates  
Weekend of June 4-5<sup>th</sup> – Yard of Month judging



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School is almost over and it's graduation time again for students. The Shepherd Forest Civic Club wants to recognize all of our deserving graduates. If you, a family member, or neighbor will be graduating soon (from preschool school to college graduations), please notify the SFCC so that we may get the graduate's information included in the next SFCC newsletter. Send your graduate's name, school, grade and any other graduation or educational info to [info@shepherdforest.org](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org).

**Class of 2022**



**MONDAY  
MAY 30TH**