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OAK FOREST FIGHT CONTINUES

For nearly four months, the SF Civic Club has been working fervently on behalf of residents to

stop the opening of the south end of Oak Forest into a proposed residential development by supporting the Variance request of the developer. SFCC representatives have made calls, sent emails, written letters, researched laws, studied plans, attended & testified at hearings, encouraged residents to get involved, and much, much more. A huge THANK YOU goes to each neighbor that has also taken the time to send correspondence, make phone calls, contacted their neighbors, made and distributed flyers, attended hearings, and testified before the Planning Commission. Your efforts are being heard by the Planning Department and Commission and your willingness to help with this fight is appreciated by your neighbors. **BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND WE CANNOT STOP FIGHTING TO KEEP OAK FOREST AS A CLOSED STREET!**

A recently postponed hearing on the requested Variance will be held on **Thursday, June 23rd at 2:30 pm** at the City Hall annex. We still need residents to let their voices be heard before and/or at the hearing to tell the City that we **SUPPORT THE VARIANCE and WANT TO KEEP OAK FOREST STREET CLOSED.**

What can **YOU** do?

Contact the City Planning Department and let them know that you **SUPPORT THE VARIANCE AND OPPOSE the opening of Oak Forest in ANY MANNER** (Eg: cut through to Loop, cul-de-sac, or pedestrian gate). You and your neighbors can:

- 1) **Send email** prior to Wednesday, June 22nd to:
Speakercomments.pc@houstontx.gov
- 2) **Send a letter** to:
Mr. Geoff Buttler, City of Houston Planning & Development
611 Walker, 6th floor Houston, Texas 77002
- 3) **Call** the Planning Dept. at 832-393-6600 (Ask for Aracely Rodriguez) and register your opinion
- 4) **Speak** at the hearing on June 23rd. To sign up, call 832-393-6624 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.



If you want to **STOP OAK FOREST STREET** from being opened, you **MUST ACT TODAY!** For more information about this issue, sample emails, or how you can help, please check out www.shepherdforest.org



If you haven't joined or renewed your Shepherd Forest Civic Club membership dues for 2022, there's still time. Please visit www.shepherdforest.org and help support an organization that does so much for YOU. Membership dues are used to help enforce Deed Restrictions, support Citizens on Patrol, print this newsletter, provide Easter Egg hunt & Christmas events, beautification projects, and much more. Please join or renew your \$25 annual membership today!

JOIN THE SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB TODAY!

YARD OF THE MONTH

The searing June heat hasn't stopped our Yard of the Month winners from having lush lawns for us to enjoy, and we appreciate all of their efforts. Congratulations to each of this month's winners!

Section 1



Margaret & Valentine Flores – 1051 West 30th

Section 2



The Martin Family – 2319 Wilde Rock

Section 3



Amanda & Steve Schnell – 3019 Vollmer

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

From the Shepherd Forest Civic Club !



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!!

Glad to see that **JANELLE DANIELS** is recovering well and up and around after recent knee surgery.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of longtime Bron Holly resident **PATRICIA SPATES** who passed away in May. Condolences are also sent to the family and friends of original Stonecrest homeowner, **EMMA MADDOX**, who passed away recently. Emma served as a civic club Board member and newsletter carrier.

Another great loss for SF was the recent passing of former Havel resident and SFCC Security Coordinator, **RUTH LEPLER**. Ruth and husband, Herb, served many years and in many capacities in the civic club, including serving on the Board, patrolling, distributing newsletters, cooking & serving at the civic club picnic, recycling cans, contest judging, and so much more. She will be greatly missed by family and neighbors.

A big shout out to our **Citizens on Patrol volunteers** and Security Coordinator **Paul Berry** who continue to use their own gas money and valuable time to drive through the neighborhood and keep a watchful eye on what's happening in Shepherd Forest. These COP volunteers are some of the most dedicated patrollers around Houston and we thank each one for their service!

A warm SF welcome goes to new Wilde Rock residents **BRANDON & ALLYSON CAIRE** and their boys, **RYLAND and MICKEY**. Glad to have you in the neighborhood!



Send all PartyLine news to: info@shepherdforest.org

CITIZENS ON PATROL SECURITY REPORT

According to HPD reports below, recent crime in and around Shepherd Forest has been on the rise. We have included the following because it either occurred in our neighborhood, or on a thoroughfare that borders Shepherd Forest. For informational purposes, the 3000 block of Ella is just north of Loop 610 and the 3300 block of Ella is near West 34th. The street blocks on West 34th run just as they do in Shepherd Forest. Most of these were reported to HPD only and were not registered with our Security Coordinator. If a crime occurs in Shepherd Forest that you are aware of, PLEASE forward the info to our Security Coordinator, Paul Berry, at 915-373-8820.

- 5/02 – 3000 block of Larknolls – theft from motor vehicle
- 5/07 – 3300 block of Ella – assault at restaurant
- 5/12 – 900 block of W. 30th - theft
- 5/13 – 2000 block of W. 34th – assault at convenience store
- 5/16 – 2200 block of W. 34th – assault at apartment
- 5/18 – 2200 block of Bron Holly – theft of AC unit
- 5/18 – 2200 block of N Loop @ TC Jester – theft of a motor vehicle
- 5/22 – 1200 block of West 31st – theft by swindle
- 5/26 – 2000 block of West 34th – assault
- 5/27 – 3100 block of Ella – assault in parking lot
- 5/27 – 1700 block of Stonecrest – assault
- 5/31 – 3100 block of Ella – theft of a motor vehicle
- 5/31 – 1400 Stonecrest – theft from motor vehicle
- 5/31 – 3000 Guese – theft of a motor vehicle
- 6/02 – 1000 block of West 34th – theft from a motor vehicle
- 6/02 – 2400 block of Wilde Rock – theft
- 6/04 - 1600 block of Ansbury - theft of motor vehicle Parts
- 6/06 – 1100 block of West 30th – theft of a motor vehicle
- 6/06 – 3000 block of Ella – aggravated assault
- 6/08 – 3000 block of Ella – intimidation in parking lot

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

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. Don't forget - 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!

Class of 2022 HONORING OUR GRADUATES

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club congratulates each and every graduate as they begin their journey to the next phase of their life. We salute and honor the following graduates:

AINSLEY KINLOCH (Proud parents are Ian and Sharon Kinloch on Bron Holly)
Ainsley recently graduated from Lutheran High North and plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

JUSTIN MCKOY (Proud parents are Roger and Allison McKoy on Wilde Rock)
Justin recently graduated from St. Pius High School and has plans to attend the University of Houston (downtown campus)

KEEP SF BEAUTIFUL - “ADOPT A SIGN”

A big shout out to the following neighbors who have agreed to “adopt” and help maintain our eleven recently refurbished Shepherd Forest entry signs. The signs listed in **RED** are still available and are in need of being adopted. If you can help maintain a sign near you, please contact Jeanne Berry at (915)269-1770.

*Alba @ 610 Feeder – Tin & Margaret Flores

*Alba @ 31st – Michelle Johnson

*Attridge @ 610 Feeder – **AVAILABLE**

*West 31st @ 610 Feeder – **AVAILABLE**

*Ella @ Ansbury – **AVAILABLE**

*Guese @ 610 Feeder – Keith Burmaster

*Oak Forest @ Stonecrest – **AVAILABLE**

*East TC Jester @ Ansbury – **AVAILABLE**

*West TC Jester @ Gardendale – Syrineks & Duckworths

*West 34th @ Vollmer – Justin Berry

*West 34th & Helberg – Ken Mingus



It's Hurricane Season...

If a hurricane hit Houston tomorrow, would *you* be prepared? The **City of Houston's Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** has the job of preparing the City to respond and recover from emergencies, such as hurricanes. If you are in need of evacuation transportation or have hurricane related questions, the OEM can be reached by calling 713-884-4500. They offer the following Hurricane Preparedness tips:

HAVE A PLAN of action for any emergency. If you must relocate, have a predetermined destination, route and alternate route -- whether out of the area or to a shelter.

LISTEN to local emergency officials for the latest information, and follow their instructions. Listen to local TV and radio. (KTRH-AM 740 is the designated Emergency Alert Station for the Houston area). Have a battery operated radio with extra batteries on hand.

PREPARE: Have these emergency supplies:

- * Non-perishable food items and water in containers (1 gallons of water per person per day).
- * More than one flashlight and extra batteries.
- * First-aid kit, along with any prescription medicine.
- * A full tank of gas in your automobile
- * Cash – if power fails, ATMs may not work
- * Clothing and hygiene items
- * Pet necessities including food
- * Plywood and/or Plastic sheeting
- * Important papers in a waterproof (Ziploc) bag

Know the difference between a hurricane WATCH and a hurricane WARNING and TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY!

A hurricane **WATCH** is issued when a hurricane becomes a threat to this coastal area within 36 hours. Everyone should be prepared to act promptly if a hurricane warning or relocation is recommended. A hurricane **WARNING** is issued when hurricane winds of 74 mph or higher, or dangerous seas and flooding, are expected within this area within 24 hours.

CHECK OUT THESE CITY WEBSITES:

- ***ENGAGE HOUSTON** – www.engagehouston.org – Track projects for streets, drainage, and water
- ***BUILD HOUSTON FORWARD** – www.bildhoustonforward.org - Track action in intersections, potholes...
- ***DRAIN ACTION** – www.HoustonAdoptADrain.org



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CAN FIRST RESPONDERS FIND YOU IN A CRISIS?

Step out your front door and take a look at your house – what you see or don't see could save your life. Without a visible address showing on your home, life-saving help may be delayed while emergency responders (HPD or HFD) try to figure out which home is yours. **According to Houston City Ordinances, every home should have identifying address numbers posted within 18 inches of the entrance.** Install large reflective numbers (minimum 3 inches) on your house, curb, and/or mailbox so police and other emergency personnel can find your home quickly. These numbers can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot.....



You may be surprised at how many homes in Shepherd Forest do not have clearly marked addresses on their house or curb. Taking the time to check your home and/or that of a neighbor could make a difference of precious minutes while you wait on emergency responders trying to guess where you live.

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 and look under "Quick Links."