



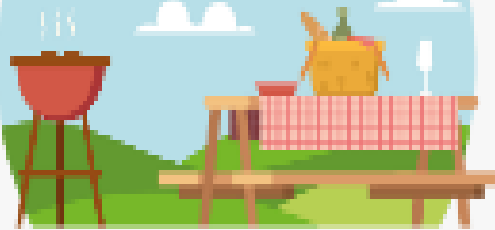
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PICNIC IN THE PARK



SEPTEMBER 25TH

Great food, Petting Zoo, Vintage cars, Firetruck, Pet adoptions, Children's Games, and so much more!

Make plans to join your neighbors for the SFCC 33rd Annual Picnic in the Park!

(Check out more details inside this newsletter)

CITY FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT!

The guest speaker for the SFCC Sept. 19th meeting will be from the City's Floodplain Management Office which is responsible for permitting all construction activity in Houston's Floodplain. They also review drainage plans, issue City permits, provide flood maps, handle flood insurance, and much more. Attend this informative civic club meeting to hear the details about this very important City department and how their decisions may affect you.

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Monday, September 19th at 7:00 pm

Garden Oaks Baptist Church (3206 N. Shepherd)

Speaker: City of Houston Floodplain Management

Also - Election results, Oak Forest project update & much more



In addition to our guest speaker on September 25th, the Civic Club will also be announcing the results of our **2022 Election of SFCC Officers and Board of Directors**. We will be electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members. Voting for this election can be done by email. All current paid members of the Civic Club with an email address on file should have received a ballot by email and those without an email address on file should have received a paper ballot. (If not, call 713-742-2470 or send questions to info@shepherdforest.org). Ballots should be returned by email (or paper ballots by regular mail) prior to September 20th. Attend this important meeting to hear the latest news about topics and issues in Shepherd Forest that will be affecting you!

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 4th 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)
- Van & Lynn Knox – 2302 Ansbury – (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!**

SECURITY NEWS

The last few weeks have shown a significant increase in *serious* crime around Shepherd Forest. Just a few of the crime reports made to HPD were:

- Aug 28th – 3000 Ella – Assault at Popeye’s
- Aug 28th – 3400 Ella @ 34th – Person with gun
- Aug 29th – 3000 Ella & Ansbury – Person with gun
- Aug 29th – 5200 W. 34th – Bank of America robbed
- Aug 30th – 3000 Ella @ Loop 610 – CVS robbed
- Sept. 1st – 1500 Ansbury – Theft

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!



*You and your family are invited! Mark your calendar now for the 33rd annual Shepherd Forest Picnic in the Park. Last years attendance broke all records and we are planning an even bigger event this year. The picnic will be held on Sunday, September 25th at **Stonecrest Park** (East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest) from 4 to 6 pm, and as always, we will have great food and fun activities for everyone.*



Plans are being made for a petting zoo, vintage car display, kids activities, pet adoptions, games, a firetruck, prizes, and much more. Bring out your family, neighbors, and a lawn chair and help the SFCC

*celebrate **33 years of neighborhood unity and community involvement**. Spend the afternoon visiting with neighbors as you enjoy some great **hot dogs, lemonade, games, activities** and more – all provided **free** by the Shepherd Forest Civic Club*

*In addition to the picnic festivities, 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**.*

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 on your property . For more info or a Building Approval Application, visit the Civic Club website at www.shepherdforest.org and look under “Quick Links.”

2022 SFCC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT – PATRICIA WILLIAMS

VICE-PRESIDENT – BID NUTT

TREASURER – JEANNE BERRY

BOARD – MIKE DONOVAN

BOARD – SHIRLEY EVANICKY

BOARD – KATIE HASSETT

BOARD - PAUL BERRY



THANK YOU PATRICIA !!

Outgoing SF Civic Club President, Patricia Williams, was recently recognized and honored for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the Civic Club. She was thanked by Vice-President Bid Nutt and was then presented a bouquet of flowers. Patricia stated: "Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as the SFCC President for the last four years! The SFCC mission statement is to promote civic pride and neighborhood unity, and to preserve and protect the quality of life and property values in Shepherd Forest, while upholding the subdivision deed restrictions and bylaws of our organization. It has been a pleasure to work with residents, homeowners, and the SFCC officers and board members as we have strived to follow our mission."



The SFCC will again be offering a fun afternoon with Santa, including photos, on Sunday, December 4th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Children's Lighthouse of Oak Forest on West 34th. Details are still being worked out, so watch for more information in

future newsletters and on our website at www.shepherdforest.org. If you or your business would like to volunteer to help with or sponsor this event, please contact Kim Syrinek at 713-412-1471.

YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST ENDS

September signals the end of the 2022 Yard of the Month Contest. Many thanks to all who managed to keep their yards looking nice despite the extreme heat and drought we have suffered through for the last several months. Congratulations to our deserving September YOM winners!

SECTION 1

William Fuentes - 1215 Stonecrest



SECTION 2

B H Anderson – 3010 Moonstone Circle



SECTION 3

Nell Baham – 4418 Marlborough



Decorating contests for Halloween and Christmas are just around the corner. Watch the next issue of the Shepherd Forest Times or check out our website at www.shepherdforest.org for judging dates, rules, and details about these upcoming contests.



PARTY LINE

Very Happy Birthday wishes are sent to those neighbors who celebrate their birthday in September, including **PATRICIA WILLIAMS (9/18)**, **JAYSON SYRINEK (9/24)**, **PAUL BERRY (9/25)** and **CODY JAMES SYRINEK (9/28)**.

Early October birthday celebrations include **JEANNE BERRY (10/3)** and **SUTTON BYROM (10/5)**. Happy Birthday to each one of you !!

Deepest sympathy is sent to longtime Stonecrest residents **SHIRLEY & JOHNNY EVANICKY and family** on the recent passing of his mother. Shirley currently serves as a Board Member for the SFCC

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

A huge "Thank You" goes to each of the outgoing SFCC Officers & Directors for their many hours of volunteering, their efforts, and all their hard work that was put in over the last year on behalf of our neighborhood!

If you are new to the neighborhood, have news of births, illnesses, celebrations, or anything else that you would like to share, please send the information to info@shepherdforest.org so we can be sure to include it in the next issue of the Times. You may also call and leave a message at 713-742-2470.

Planting Time *Fall is just about here and now is the perfect time to be planning and planting your 2022 fall garden. Fall vegetable gardening in Houston is great due to our milder climate. Check out <https://bit.ly/3izBeV2> for a list of Harris County Vegetable Garden Planting Dates for the Harris County area. 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.*



Be sure to mark your calendar with these very important Shepherd Forest Civic Club events for you and your family.

- Mon, Sept. 19th – SFCC Meeting & Election results – 7pm
- Sun, Sept 25th – 33rd Annual Picnic in the Park -4 to 6pm
- Tues, Oct 4th – National Night Out Block Parties
- Mon, Oct 31st – Happy Halloween!
- Mon, Nov 21st – SFCC Salute to Veterans
- Thurs, Nov. 24th – Happy Thanksgiving!
- Sun, Dec 4th – Photos with Santa Event – 2 to 4pm

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