



# THE SHEPHERD FOREST | October 2022 TIMES

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## UPcoming EVENTS

Since the holidays are fast approaching and calendars have begun to fill up, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club is making plans for another busy end of the year for residents. Following two recent huge neighborhood events, the 33rd Annual Picnic in the Park and National Night Out, the Civic Club is working on several more opportunities for residents to join together in 2022. Here's a rundown of upcoming events in the works for our Shepherd Forest residents – mark your calendar now!

Get into the fall spirit on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, at the Shepherd Forest **Trunk or Treat** that promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for everyone. The event will be held at Childrens Lighthouse of Oak



Forest from 3 to 4:30 pm and is for Shepherd Forest residents. In addition to trunk or treating, light snacks and drinks, pumpkin decorating (sponsored by Trader Joe's on Voss),



bounce house (sponsored by Mega Moonwalks), and live music by The Future of Music, will be provided. If you would like to decorate your car and hand out candy to the kids, or just donate a bag of candy for the event, please contact Kim Syrinek at 713-412-1471 or [kim.syrinek@gmail.com](mailto:kim.syrinek@gmail.com). Costumes are encouraged for the event & participants should bring their own bag/bucket for treats. Hope to see you there!

The SFCC Annual **Salute to Veterans** will be held on **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3206 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>



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** from 2 to 4 pm at the Children's Lighthouse on West 34<sup>th</sup> for a fun family afternoon that will include kids activities, refreshments, and **Photos with Santa Claus**. Also being planned for December is the annual **Civic Club Christmas Dinner** currently scheduled for **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at Garden Oaks Baptist Church on N. Shepherd. Details are still being worked on for these event so be sure to check out future issues of the SF Times, [www.shepherdforest.org](http://www.shepherdforest.org), and the Shepherd Forest FaceBook page for more information.



### Judging for Best Halloween Decorations will take place on the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

# SECURITY REPORT

Security Coordinator Paul Berry reports that our Citizens on Patrol volunteers continue to do an outstanding job regularly patrolling our streets to help keep us safe! Hats off to each of you for your time and dedication to our Citizens On Patrol and neighborhood!



Recent crime reported to HPD includes:

- 9/03 – 3300 blk of Ella – theft of motor vehicle
- 9/05 – 2100 blk of Ansbury – assault
- 9/07 – 2000 blk of W. 34<sup>th</sup> – assault at grocery store
- 9/07 – 1500 blk of Stonecrest – theft
- 9/07 – 1700 blk of W. 34<sup>th</sup> – theft from motor vehicle
- 9/08 – 3000 blk of Vollmer - theft
- 9/09 – 3000 blk of Ella – assault at a restaurant
- 9/15 – 1900 blk of W. 34<sup>th</sup> – assault in parking lot
- 9/15 – 1800 blk of W. 34<sup>th</sup> – theft of motor vehicle parts
- 9/15 – 2000 blk of W. 34<sup>th</sup> – assault in parking lot
- 9/19 – 3000 blk of Ella – assault
- 9/20 – 1500 blk of W. 34<sup>th</sup> – theft of motor vehicle parts
- 9/21 – 2100 blk of Ansbury – assault
- 9/26 – 900 blk of W. 34<sup>th</sup> – disorderly conduct
- 9/27 – 1700 blk of Ansbury – call for service
- 10/1 – 2200 blk of W. 34<sup>th</sup> – theft of motor vehicle parts
- 10/2 – 3000 blk of Ella – theft of motor vehicle parts

HPD reminds us to report all crime (**dial 911 for emergency or 713-884-3131 for non-emergency**). After you make the call to HPD, please also notify our Security Coordinator Paul Berry at **915-373-8820**.



# PARTY LINE

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors who will be celebrating birthdays soon. They are **CONRAD KOWNSLAR (11/1)**, **RICARDO TRISTAN (11/4)**, **ESMAE WILLIAMS (11/6)**, **MEAGHAN BERRY (11/11)**, and **EVA KIRTEN (11/15)**. Congratulations to all of you!

**Veterans Day** is November 11, 2022 – Be sure to Fly your Flag to honor all of our Veterans & Military personnel !!

Deepest sympathy is sent to the family of **CLARA LIDIAK** who passed away recently. Clara and husband, John, were original homeowners on W. 31<sup>st</sup> for over 60 years.

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.

**National Night Out** was held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and was reported to be a great success in Shepherd Forest again this year. At least six block parties were reportedly held throughout our subdivision and a good turnout was reported by all. Many thanks to each of the host volunteer families (Dietrich, Thompson, Holland, Knox, Muske, and Arens families) for your time and hard work spent putting your block party together. Your efforts on behalf of our neighborhood are greatly appreciated. Thanks also go to each resident who attended a party to join the fight against crime. Getting to know your neighbors is the first (and easiest) step in crime prevention, so hopefully National Night Out attendees were able to meet and visit with some of their new neighbors.



An advertisement for Texas Printers, featuring a background of autumn leaves. The text includes: "HELLO Autumn", "Texas Printers", "Proudly Prints", "The Shepherd Forest Times", "Local Printing. Done Right. On Time.", a list of services like Business Cards, Post Cards, Flyers, Brochures, Data Merge Mail-outs, Catalogs, Calendars, Customized Coloring Books, Promotional Items, and Fast Turn Around, and contact information: "Order your printing for the holidays!", "713-371-3768", and "www.texasprinters.com".

An advertisement for Daylight Savings Time, featuring a background of autumn leaves and a clock face. The text includes: "Sunday, Nov. 6th", "DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS", and "DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!".

# VOTE 2022



Did you know there is an election coming up in less than a month, and in addition to electing officeholders from the Governor down, there will be City **propositions** on the ballot? Election Day is **Tuesday, November 8th**, 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 (Harris County Elections Department). All election information was correct at the time of printing this newsletter, but is subject to change, so please verify polling places before heading to vote.

## NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Early Voting October 24th thru November 4th  
Election Day November 8th

### EARLY VOTING:

Early voting in Harris County begins on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, November 4<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), 77092

**SPJST Lodge #88** - 1435 Beall (near West 14<sup>th</sup>), 77008

### ELECTION DAY VOTING:

Polls open from 7am to 7pm. Election Day Polling Places nearby:

**Waltrip High School** - 1900 West 34th Street, 77018

**Oak Forest Elementary School** - 1401 West 43rd, 77018

**SPJST Lodge #88** - 1435 Beall (near West 14<sup>th</sup>), 77008

### MAIL-IN BALLOT INFORMATION:

The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for those who qualify is October 28th. 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).

**TUESDAY NOV 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Every vote counts!**

## 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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## SFCC ELECTS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At the September meeting of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club, newly elected Officers and members of the Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 year were announced. An enormous thank you is sent to our outgoing officers and board members for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the civic club. Your time and efforts over the past year are greatly appreciated!

### OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT – BID NUTT**

**VICE-PRESIDENT – PAUL BERRY**

**SECRETARY – PHIL KOWNSLAR**

**TREASURER – JEAN BERRY**



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**DIRECTOR – KATIE HASSETT**

**DIRECTOR – MIKE DONOVAN**

**DIRECTOR – SHIRLEY EVANICKY**

**DIRECTOR – BRANDON CAIRE**

**DIRECTOR – TASHA LEVERTON**

# PICNIC IN THE PARK ANOTHER SFCC SUCCESS!

The recent 33rd Annual SFCC Picnic reported another great attendance at 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 games and activities, face painting, pet adoptions (two kittens adopted), a firetruck, Constables, and much more were enjoyed by an estimated crowd of over 250 residents as they met and mingled with their neighbors. An enormous thank you to our very generous donors who made our 33rd Annual Picnic in the Park possible. They are:

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

**MEMORIAL HERMANN GREATER HEIGHTS HOSPITAL**

**SIGNATURE CARE EMERGENCY CENTER**

**HAMBLIN FAMILY DENTISTRY**

**HEB HEIGHTS (N. Shepherd)**



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

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

**Houston Fire Department, SAVE Rescue, Harris County Constable Precinct One,**

**Robert Mahnke & Vintage Car owners,**

**And the many volunteers of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club!**



**PICNIC PHOTOS**