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PET CARE YOU NEED TO KNOW

As “Pet Parents”, we are flooded with information on topics such as basic pet health care, choosing the right pet medications, behavioral issues, pet dental care, vaccinations, therapies, and so much more. With social media offering every pet care topic imaginable (and some *not* so imaginable) it is hard to make all of those important decisions for our furry family members. One of our best resources for the answer to all pet topics should be our local veterinarians and the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be hosting one as the guest speaker at our next meeting on **Monday, January 16th**. The meeting will be held at **Garden Oaks Baptist Church (3206 N. Shepherd) at 7pm**. Make plans now to attend this most informative meeting and bring your pet related questions.

Winter Tip: While many pets can safely enjoy outdoor time on cold days, some may need a little help to stay warm. A coat or sweater can be a good idea if you have a puppy, a dog with a thin coat, or a small, older, frail, or ill pet. If it's so cold that *you* don't want to linger outside, keep your pets indoors until temperatures rise.

SFCC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

January is Membership Drive month for the Shepherd Forest Civic Club and all homeowners and renters can join! Dues are only **\$25 per household**. This small fee helps fund and make possible civic club events like the Easter Egg Hunt, Fall picnic, Socials, and Photos with Santa, as well as Beautification, Deed Restriction enforcement, and much more. We've made it easy for you to join. Mail your payment and membership form in the envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Prefer to pay online? Visit <http://www.shepherdforest.org> and click on Join SFCC, or scan the QR code. Complete the online membership form and make your payment **via credit card**. Every household that pays their dues by the **February 16th** social will automatically be entered into a **DRAWING for some great prizes** to be given away that night. Don't miss your chance to win while supporting a civic club that works every day on your behalf. Do your part and join today – you may be a lucky winner!



Upcoming important dates:

- SFCC meeting – January 16th - Pet News @ 7pm
Garden Oaks Baptist Church (3206 N. Shepherd)
- Happy Valentines Day – February 14th
- SFCC Social Night – February 16th
- Presidents Day Holiday – February 20th
- SFCC Meeting – March 20th – 7pm
- SFCC Easter Egg Hunt – April 1st – 10am



SFCC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT – Bid Nutt (Section 3)

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Brandon Caire (Section 2)

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Shirley Evanicky (Section 1)

Katie Hassett (Section 2)

Tasha Leverton (Section 1)



*The annual SFCC **Photos with Santa** event was another huge success thanks to the efforts of Social Chairman Kim Syrinek.*

*Residents spent the afternoon enjoying making Christmas crafts, activities, and having their photo taken with Santa. Our deepest appreciation to **SIGNATURE CARE ER** for their generous sponsorship that helped make the event possible. Also, a huge thank you to **KEVIN DUNN and PORTRAIT EFX** for the fabulous photos with Santa. Thanks also go to **CHILDRENS LIGHTHOUSE** for the use of their facilities for the event and to **POSTINOS WINE CAFÉ** for donating a gift card that was won by Penelope Mullinax and Quin Vargas.*



PARTY LINE

Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday are sent to the following neighbors who celebrate birthdays in January: **Carolyn Brock** (1/3), **Bob Williamson** (1/11), **Kendra Benson** (1/21), **Katy Cattoni** (1/30), and **Jean Jungbauer** (1/31). Two very special First Birthdays will be celebrated by **Rowan Andrew** (1/25) and **Wesley Charles Yanez** (1/28). Celebrating an early February birthday is **Shirley Evanicky** (2/9). Happy Birthday to all !!

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary wishes are sent to **Johnny & Mary Farmer** who celebrate on 1/21.

Deepest sympathy is sent to the family and friends of Marlborough resident **Louis Aulbach**, a noted historian and author, who passed away recently. Condolences are also sent to the family and friends of longtime Stonecrest resident, **Barbara Knapik**, who passed away last week. Sympathy is extended to **Brandon & Claudia Tristan** and family on the recent passing of his mother, and also to **Paul & Jeanne Berry** and family on the early December passing of his brother.

Congratulations to **Phil** and **Grace Kownslar** on the December 19th birth of their daughter, **Eleanor (Ellie) Jean Kownslar**. Proud big brothers, **Teddy and Conrad**, are enjoying this precious new arrival!

A huge "Thank You" is sent to **Greg Restivo** for underwriting the SFCC December Christmas Dinner in memory of his wife and long-time SFCC volunteer, Mary Ellen. Many Shepherd Forest residents attended the festive event and enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner and some great Christmas music provided by SaxWorx.

If you are new to the neighborhood or have any news you would like to share in the PartyLine, please send the information to info@shepherdforest.org.

NEXT SF CIVIC CLUB SOCIAL!



Feb. 16th!



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SECURITY/CITIZENS ON PATROL NEWS

An enormous thank you to each of our Citizens on Patrol volunteers that managed to patrol during the busy holidays and recent extreme weather conditions. The Civic Club is in desperate need of more patrollers and would appreciate any time our residents are available to help out with our Citizens on Patrol efforts. If you would like more information about the program, or to volunteer your time, please contact our Security Coordinator, Paul Berry, at 915-373-8820.

Paul also reminds us that it's extremely important for residents to **report ALL CRIME** to HPD, regardless of how insignificant it may seem. The number of HPD patrol units assigned to our area is based on the number of calls to HPD we make. HPD encourages residents to report suspicious people/activity so they will know what is going on in our neighborhood and then also notify our Security Coordinator at 915-373-8820 and report what has happened. The following crimes in our area were reported to HPD – no specific addresses, only blocks are reported by Spot Crime who compiles this list:

11/29 - 1100 West 34th - theft of motor vehicle parts
11/30 - 3000 Ella @ 610 – assault at gas station
12/01 - 3000 Vollmer – theft and arrest
12/05 - 2200 West 34th – assault
12/06 - 2000 West 34th - assault in parking lot
12/06 - 3000 Ella – assault at restaurant
12/07 - 1700 West 34th – assault at restaurant
12/14 - 2200 West 34th – theft of motor vehicle parts
12/18 - 3000 Oak Forest – theft
12/22 - 1700 West 34th – theft from motor vehicle
12/23 - 2200 West 34th – assault
12/25 - 3900 Gardendale – trespassing
12/28 - 1700 West 34th – assault
12/29 - 1100 West 30th theft
12/30 - 3800 Gardendale – theft from motor vehicle
01/01 - 2000 West 34th – theft of motor vehicle parts

Shepherd Forest Civic Club Citizens on Patrol



GARBAGE NEWS

If you live in **Sections 1 or Section 2 (both are EAST of TC Jester)**, your household weekly garbage pickup day is on **Tuesday**. Your curbside Recycling is every other **Tuesday** and heavy trash is on the **third Thursday** of each month.



If you live in **Section 3 (WEST of TC Jester)**, your household weekly garbage pickup day is on **Thursday**. Your curbside Recycling is every other **Thursday** and heavy trash is on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month.

For more info about your garbage schedule, to download the app, sign up for alerts & more, visit: www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/htxcollects.html. You can also check out holiday schedules, delays with trash pickup, check out recycling questions and news, and much more at this informative website.



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club is again **collecting aluminum cans** to raise cash for our Citizens on Patrol program. All you need to do is recycle your aluminum cans (pie pans and foil can also be recycled) and save them for our patrollers.

Collection dates are **Jan 30th thru Feb 2nd** and a large container will be provided in each section at the following locations: **1403 Stonecrest, 3007 Topham Circle, and 4206 Marlborough**. Residents may drop off their aluminum cans any time during those four days.

Make sure cans are in a closed plastic bag for easy transport and less mess. The cans will be recycled for cash and all proceeds will benefit our Shepherd Forest Citizens on Patrol and Security Committee. If you are unable to drop off your cans or have questions about the Cash for Cans program, please contact our Security Chairman Paul Berry at (915) 373-8820.



**Christmas
DECORATING CONTEST**

In December, Christmas decorations shone brightly throughout Shepherd Forest, and many homes were beautifully decorated. Beautification Chairman Jeanne Berry reports there was a huge interest in Christmas decorating again this year, including participation by many of our residents. Although the decisions were difficult for the judges, two homes in each section were selected as the 2022 Decorating Contest winners. Congratulations go to the following:

Section 1 – 1st Place – 1110 West 30th



Mark Starnes and Jon DeFourneaux

Section 1 – 2nd Place – 3002 Carlford



Zach Hancock and Jayson Jahns

Section 2 – 1st Place – 2322 Ansbury



The Vazquez Family

Section 2 – 2nd Place -2402 Ansbury



Brooke, Eric, and Abigail Markaloff

Section 3 – 1st Place – 4406 Gardendale



Elroy and Lana Adamek

Section 3 – 2nd Place – 3007 Stally



Audrey Tompkins