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RODEO SOCIAL – YEEEEHAAAW!



It's time for another Shepherd Forest Civic Club Social just as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo celebrates its 91st anniversary. When many of us think about the Houston Rodeo, we think of livestock animals and great food. But the Rodeo is so much more than that! Each year, the Houston Rodeo awards more than 800 scholarships to Texas students with more than \$260 million in scholarship money given since 1957. At the next Shepherd Forest Civic Club Social, come enjoy an evening with your

SFCC RODEO ROUNDUP SOCIAL
Thursday, February 16th 5:30-7:30pm
Local Table – 2003 West 34th

neighbors and hear details about the upcoming Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show, along with some interesting Rodeo tidbits. Join us at the

Local Table restaurant (2003 West 34th) Thursday, February 16th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Put on your favorite hat and boots and make plans to attend this fun Rodeo social!

YOU MAY BE A LUCKY WINNER!

Although January is Membership Drive month for the Shepherd Forest Civic Club, there is plenty of time for you to join or renew your membership and still be entered in a drawing for some great prizes. Membership dues for 2023 are only **\$25 per household**, one of the lowest civic club membership dues across our City. This small fee helps fund events like the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny photos, Fall picnic, Socials, Halloween event, Photos with Santa, as well as Beautification, Citizens on Patrol, Deed Restriction enforcement, and much more.

It's very easy for you to join or renew your membership. You can mail your payment and membership form in the envelope provided with your January newsletter (SFCC, PO Box 925282, Houston, Texas 77292-5282). 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 using your credit card. You may also give your membership dues and

form to any SFCC officer or director. Every household that pays their dues by February 16th will be entered into a **DRAWING for some great prizes**. Winners will be announced at our February social. Don't miss your chance to win while supporting a civic club that works *every day* on your behalf.





March 2nd – Texas Independence Day

Texas Independence day is a state holiday that commemorates the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836. On that date, delegates met at the small riverside village of Washington-on-the-

Brazos, and overnight wrote, and then adopted (without debate), the **Texas Declaration of Independence** which declared their independence from Mexico and created the Republic of Texas. Today, the only remaining of the original five copies of this document can be seen at the Texas State Archives in Austin, Texas. Show your Texas Pride and celebrate this important Texas holiday!



PARTY LINE

Warm Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors **SHIRLEY EVANICKY** who celebrates on 2/9 and **ANGIE JOE** who celebrates on 2/16. Special Happy Birthday wishes also go to **NORA BERRY** on 2/23 and to **JUSTIN BERRY** on 2/28. Several neighbors will be celebrating their birthdays in early March, including **COOKIE DAVENPORT** on

3/04 and SFCC President **BID NUTT** on 3/10. Hope each one of you have a wonderful birthday!

A huge "Thank You" is once again sent to **ROGER MCKOY** who is often seen quietly cleaning the storm drains in Section 2 before a predicted rain.....and often in the middle of a rain storm! Your flood prevention efforts are appreciated by everyone Roger.



Shepherd Forest residents said a sad goodbye to local Mexican food restaurant, Don Teo's, as it closed its doors for the last time on January 21st. The family run restaurant had been in business in our neighborhood for over 32 years and will be missed by many who frequently ate there.

Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes are sent to **SHARON & IAN KINLOCH** who will celebrate on March 6th.

Sincere sympathy is sent to the family and friends of original West 31st street homeowner, **JOYCE MANSEL**, who passed away on January 7th. Condolences are also sent to the family and friends of longtime Maple Grove resident, **RONNIE DICK**, who passed away recently.

Daylight Savings Time changes on March 12th– don't forget to "Spring Forward" and re-set your clocks.

If you have any news you would like to share, please send the information to info@shepherdforest.org

SECURITY NEWS

According to SpotCrime, the following crimes that occurred in and near the Shepherd Forest area were reported to HPD during the month of January:

- 01/09 – 1200 West 30th – theft from a vehicle
- 01/11 – 2000 West 34th – assault
- 01/11 – 1000 West 31st – theft of motor vehicle parts
- 01/13 – 3000 Ella – assault
- 01/17 – 2100 West 34th – motor vehicle theft
- 01/14 – 2000 West 34th – theft from vehicle
- 01/19 – 1100 Stonecrest – motor vehicle theft

Once again, we send our thanks and appreciation to our Citizens on Patrol members who patrol our neighborhood to keep a watchful eye on what is going on. If you would like to join this dedicated group or would like more information about the Shepherd Forest

Citizen on Patrol Program, please contact our Civic Club Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820.

Applications Open for Houston Citizens' Police Academy

Want to learn what happens behind the scenes of a police department and the type of training our officers go through? Join HPD Citizens' Police Academy. Applications are now open for the FREE 10-week Citizens' Police Academy. Gain hands-on experience, meet SWAT officers, participate in shooting simulations & more! Visit the following link for the Citizens' Police Academy sign-up form: http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/forms/CPA_Application_Packet_08032021.pdf Deadline to register for the Citizens' Police Academy is Feb 21, 2023.



TxDMV Announces Paper License Plate Design Overhaul to Prevent Fraud

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles announced a new design for Texas temporary vehicle tags (paper license plates) that began being issued for use on December 9, 2022. This effort to overhaul the design is an effort to prevent the sharp increase in fraud and crime related to paper tags that was seen last year. The redesigned Texas temporary tags are more complex and secure than the existing design and include numerous additional data points and security features to facilitate law enforcement identification of counterfeit tags. A sample of the tag components include:

- Printed over a Texas flag watermark
- Highlights the expiration date of the tag
- Identifies the specific type of tag issued
- Identifies the vehicle year and make
- Identifies the issuing dealer
- Font selection and size maximizes readability of primary components
- Includes both active and passive security features identifiable by law enforcement
- Includes numerous pieces of embedded data and text, linked to law enforcement databases, that can be created only by internal TxDMV computer systems



The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles released this photo of what the new tags will look like, but noted that certain security elements were modified so they cannot be digitally replicated. Many of these recently redesigned paper plates can already be seen.

Traffic light blinking?
Pothole in the street?
Missed your heavy
trash? Garbage or
recycle can broken?



Neighbors grass out of control? The City of Houston provides citizens with one telephone number to call for information on City services and to report non-emergency concerns. For 24 hours a day, you can call **311** or **713-837-0311** to report City issues. Houstonians can also access this helpful service via an e-mail to **311@HoustonTX.gov**. A self Service Request (SR) form can also be found and completed online at **www.houston311.org** or by using the City's 311 smart phone app.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st



Mark your calendars now for the SFCC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny. The event will take place on **SATURDAY, APRIL 1st**, at 10:00 am at Stonecrest Park on East TC Jester. Everyone is welcome to attend and children of all ages are encouraged to participate. Be sure to watch for more details about this "Egg-citing" Civic Club event in the next issue of the SF Times.

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*Happy
Valentine's Day*



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST CORRECTION

Unfortunately, the wrong photos for the Section 3 Christmas Decorating Contest Winners were included in last month's newsletter. The correct photos are included this month. Our apologies for the error.



1st Place – 4406 Gardendale – Elroy and Lana Adamek



2nd Place – 3007 Stally – Audrey Tompkins

Congratulations again to the 2022 SFCC Section 3 Christmas Decorating Contest winners!

FREE SPAYS & NEUTERS FOR PETS OF CITY OF HOUSTON RESIDENTS



Houston Pet Set, in partnership with the City of Houston, is providing FREE spay and neuter, core vaccines, and a microchip to pets of residents of Houston, Sunday-Wednesday through March. They are able to accommodate over 300 pets each month. For more info call (713) 960-6622 or visit <https://www.houstonpetset.org/programs/spayneuter/>

- \$20 REFUNDABLE deposit per pet
- Failure to show up or cancel more than 24 hours in advance will forfeit the \$20 deposit
- Each animal will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped.
- Microchips are registered to your email address.
- All animals must be on leash or in a carrier
- The unit can only accommodate dogs under 50 pounds (dogs over 50 pounds will need to be referred to low-cost veterinarians and seen at the owner's expense)
- Pets must be at least 3 months and/or 3 pounds
- We are unable to accommodate flat-faced dogs such as pugs, English bulldogs, French bulldogs, or Boston Terriers, or cats such as Persians
- Limit 3 animals per owner, total



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