



# TIMES

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## EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT

Once again, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny. This much loved Egg Hunt will take place on **SATURDAY, APRIL 1st** at 10:00 am at Stonecrest Park, located on East TC



Jester at Stonecrest. All residents and their children are invited and encouraged to attend this special family event. No one is too young or too old to attend the Egg Hunt! Children participating in the Egg Hunt will be divided into groups by age, with a separate hunt area available for babies/young toddlers. EVERY participant will win a prize at the Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet the children and visit with everyone starting 15 minutes before the Egg Hunt, so grab the kids and an Easter Basket and come out for a fun-filled morning. Shepherd Forest Civic Club members will have the opportunity to have a **free professional portrait** with the Easter Bunny taken by PortraitEFX Photo Memories. (If you're not

a SFCC member, you still have time to join or renew your membership. See back page.) Don't miss all the *Egg-citement* on **SATURDAY, APRIL 1st at 10 AM!**

Donations of small, individually wrapped candy are appreciated and will be collected at the March 20th civic club meeting. Of course, cash donations for the event are always gladly accepted! For more info about the Egg Hunt or to make a donation, contact Delinda Holland at 713-416-1888.



## GARDENING EXPERT TO SPEAK AT SFCC MEETING

March 20th signals the beginning of spring, and the recent warm sunny days have allowed us to get outside and evaluate winter damage and start making plans for our spring lawn and gardens. Don't miss the opportunity to get a jump on weeds, trimming, planting, fertilizing and more. The next few weeks are definitely the perfect time to get fresh ideas and helpful suggestions to get our lawns and gardens into shape.



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will host a gardening professional from Wabash Feed and Garden at the civic club meeting to be held **Monday, March 20th at 7pm** at Garden Oaks Baptist Church

(3206 N Shepherd – Across from Gabby's BBQ). Our speaker will discuss lawn care and preparation, gardens, what to "trim or not trim", and how to "get started" in our yards for spring. Choosing the right fertilizer, installing and/or preparing spring flower beds, and the use of plant variety in our yards, are just

a few of the many other lawn and garden related topics to be discussed. This will be a most interesting and informative meeting, and you will have the opportunity to ask a professional for advice on your lawn, flowers, garden, trees, or any lawn and garden related topic.



On **Sunday, March 12th**, Daylight Savings Time will officially begin, so remember to set your clocks, watches, microwave, and other time-keeping items **FORWARD ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on Saturday night. This means you will lose an hour of sleep that night – so don't forget to set your clocks forward. Say hello to longer days and Daylight Savings Time as you "spring forward" on **Sunday, March 12th** !



# PARTY LINE

A belated, but sincere, Happy Birthday wish is sent to **TEDDY KOWNSLAR** who celebrated his birthday with family on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Happy March Birthday wishes go to **KELLY MOORE (3/17)**, **JONATHAN EVANICKY (3/18)**, and **DELORES MUSKE (3/29)**. An early April Happy Birthday wish goes to **ERNESTO NOEL CABALLERO III** who will be celebrating a very special 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Happy Birthday!



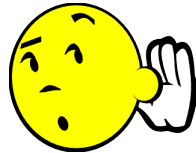
Recently, our Shepherd Forest **Citizens on Patrol** volunteers were honored with a lunch at Tonys Mexican Restaurant, provided by the Civic Club. A huge "THANK YOU" and Hats Off to each of these dedicated patrollers that generously donate their time and gas for each of us!

**Graduation** is just around the corner and we want to be sure and recognize your graduate.....whether it is preschool or college or anything in between. Send us your graduate's name, school, and possible future plans and we will recognize them in our Graduation Roll Call.

If you have news that you want to share in the PartyLine, please send the information to: [info@shepherdforest.org](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org)

## WE HEAR YOU!

Alert Shepherd Forest residents are the eyes and ears of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. The Civic Club receives a number of calls and emails every week regarding neighborhood issues including crime, high weeds, abandoned vehicles, parking in yards, garbage and debris, possible deed restriction violations, new construction, architectural review questions, and much more.



Although it sometimes appears that "nothing has happened" to your concern, the SFCC is working hard on every complaint and we will continue to give updates on the huge amount of work that is being done behind the scene on these issues. Often the City's response time is extremely slow to Neighborhood Protection complaints, so some issues take more time.

To contact the Shepherd Forest Civic Club email us at [info@shepherdforest.org](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org) or call 713-742-2470 and leave a detailed message along with your contact information. We are definitely hearing your concerns and addressing them as they are received.

# SECURITY NEWS

February had several serious incidents of crime that occurred in and around Shepherd Forest. Spot Crime records indicate the following reports for criminal activity were recently made to HPD:

- 01/06 – 3000 block of Larknolls – assault
- 01/12 – 4400 block of Marlborough – theft
- 02/02 – 3000 block of Ella – theft of a motor vehicle
- 02/02 – 3000 block of Maple Grove – theft from vehicle
- 02/03 – 1700 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – theft from vehicle
- 02/05 - 2000 block of WildeRock - theft
- 02/07 – 2100 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – theft of vehicle parts
- 02/08 - 2300 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – theft from vehicle
- 02/17 – 4400 block of Gardendale – theft from vehicle
- 02/18 – 3000 block of Ella – assault at gas station
- 02/21 – 2000 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – robbery at gas station
- 02/22 – 2100 block of West 34<sup>th</sup> – theft from vehicle
- 02/23 – 2900 block of Attridge – drug arrest

As you can see, Ella Blvd and along West 34<sup>th</sup> have seen an increase in thefts from vehicles and problems at gas stations. Don't forget to lock your car when parking and stay alert to anyone around you when you get out of your car. Report ALL crime or suspicious activity to HPD.



In early February our Citizens on Patrol Coordinator reported that the container collecting cans for our Cash for Cans recycling program (which supports our Citizens on Patrol) was stolen from his driveway. Upon hearing this distressing news, several generous SF residents donated money to replace the container. The donations were much appreciated by everyone!



*Mark your Calendar !  
Saturday, April 1st at 10am*

CONGRATULATIONS!

# Winners!

Congratulations to three lucky Shepherd Forest Civic Club members who won our Membership Drive contest drawing at the recent SFCC Social held at Local Table. (If you missed it, you missed a great time and a great speaker from the Houston Rodeo!) The lucky winners were:

- \$25 Target card – Gloria Zwahr
- \$25 Slowpokes card – Chad/Stephanie Piepenburg
- \$25 Local Table card – Argentina Garcia

You still have another chance to be a winner. Every household that pays their dues by April 1st will be entered into a **DRAWING** for a \$25 gift card to **Tonys Mexican Restaurant**. The winner will be announced at the Easter Egg Hunt. Don't delay-join today!



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All residents in Shepherd Forest are again reminded that they are **bound by the current Deed Restrictions** for each Section of Shepherd Forest. Current Deed Restrictions require residents that are planning construction, remodeling, or major repairs to first submit their plans to the SFCC Architectural Committee for approval. More information is available our website at [www.ShepherdForest.org](http://www.ShepherdForest.org).

**CURIOUS WHERE YOUR \$25 ANNUAL SFCC MEMBERSHIP DUES GO?**

We use these funds in numerous ways for your benefit! Below are just a few...

- SFCC Monthly Newsletter & Website
- Deed Restriction enforcement
- Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Photos
- Esplanade Signs
- Annual Fall Picnic
- Citizens on Patrol
- Christmas events & Santa photos
- New Neighbor Welcome Packets

And much, much more!




## WANT TO HELP KEEP SHEPHERD FOREST BEAUTIFUL?

The Civic Club is in need of a volunteer to serve as Chairman of the Beautification Committee. Duties would include coordination of our Yard of the Month and Christmas Decorating contests and helping to organize possible "clean up" or "trash pickup" days. Past neighborhood "clean up" days were quite successful and residents that participated felt great pride in making a difference in the appearance of our neighborhood. If you are interested in this position or would like more information about it, please contact current Beautification Chairman Jeanne Berry at 915-269-1770.

**NEED TO CONTACT YOUR CIVIC CLUB?**  
[www.shepherdforest.org](http://www.shepherdforest.org)  
Phone: 713-742-2470



# DESPITE BEING ONE OF THE LOWEST CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES IN HOUSTON, MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE SFCC IS DOWN FOR 2023. WE DESPERATELY NEED ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN OR RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

A membership in the Shepherd Forest Civic Club is only \$25 per household per year. Membership dues from residents have helped fund our **monthly newsletter (SF Times), Citizens on Patrol, Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Fall Picnic, Christmas events, esplanade beautification, clean up days, tree plantings, and deed restriction enforcement.** Last year on *your behalf*, your civic club produced, paid for, and distributed nearly **12,000 newsletters.** In the past, the SFCC has circulated **petitions, attended hearings, sponsored a Mayoral Debate, passed the No Parking In Yards Ordinance, hosted City Council candidates,** represented you at **conferences, meetings, and protests,** purchased **school supplies and books** for students, reported **eyesores, clogged drains, broken streets, abandoned vehicles, high weeds, dangerous buildings, city code violations, lost pets,** and more.

How was all of this made possible? By a very small group of dedicated civic club volunteers and the membership dues of residents who want to maintain the value and integrity of our neighborhood. But to maintain such an active Civic Club and continue with our current programs, projects, events, and newsletter, we need your support today.

You can complete the form and mail it with your \$25 payment to the **SFCC, PO Box 925282, Houston, Texas 77292-5282** or pay online by visiting <http://www.shepherdforest.org> and click on Join SFCC. You can also scan the QR code below, complete the online membership form, and make your payment via PayPal or credit card. Every household that pays their dues by April 1st will automatically be entered into a **DRAWING for a \$25 gift card to Tonys Mexican Restaurant.** The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the SFCC Easter Egg Hunt. Don't miss your chance to win a fabulous gift card while supporting a civic club that works every day on your behalf. Join today – you may be the next Shepherd Forest Civic Club lucky member!

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## SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed SFCC membership dues of **\$25 per household** for the year 2023. (Checks payable to SFCC)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying by PayPal. \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate an additional \$1.00 to cover PayPal fees.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please E-mail me with SFCC crime alerts, related news, and event reminders.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help pass out newsletters/flyers on my street.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate additional funds for \_\_\_ Citizens on Patrol \_\_\_ Beautification \_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_\_\_ I have suggestions for civic club programs and projects. Please contact me.

I am interested in serving on one of the following Committees:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| _____ Beautification    | _____ Deed Restriction Enforcement | _____ Socials    |
| _____ Yard of the Month | _____ Newsletter                   | _____ Membership |
| _____ Architectural     | _____ Citizens on Patrol/Security  | _____ Other      |



## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CIVIC CLUB IN 2023!