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SUMMER social

Make plans now to attend the Shepherd Forest Civic Club Social on Thursday, July 20th from 5:30 - 7:30pm and have a fun evening with your neighbors. All Shepherd Forest residents are invited and encouraged to attend this fun event. Social Committee Chairman Kim Syrinek says the last social was such a big success that another one was planned at nearby restaurant, **Local Table**, which is located at 2003 West 34th (Across from Waltrip High School). This will be another great time to

meet, mingle, and/or reconnect with your neighbors, while you enjoy some light appetizers generously provided by Local Table. A large variety of food and beverage options from the restaurant menu will also be available for you to purchase. Come early for the "social" time with your neighbors and stay after for dinner! Mark your calendar now for Thursday, July 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Local Table Restaurant, and don't miss this upcoming exciting Shepherd Forest "social".



Due to record breaking high temperatures the last few weeks, the National Weather Service has




recently issued excessive heat advisories on a number of days. The City of Houston urges everyone to take precautions to protect themselves from heat-related illness and death. High-risk groups such as the elderly, children under the age of four, and people with

chronic illness are urged to stay inside air-conditioned buildings between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Anyone without access to air-conditioning can seek shelter at City libraries, multi-service centers or recreation centers. (Call 311 and ask for the nearest open city cooling facility in your area).

- Increase water consumption. Avoid liquids with caffeine, alcohol or large amounts of sugar

because these can actually result in the loss of body fluid.

- Conduct outdoor work or exercise in the early morning or evening when it is cooler. Take frequent breaks in the shade or in an air-conditioned facility.
- Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing that permits the evaporation of perspiration and keeps body temperatures cooler.
- Never leave children, senior citizens or pets unattended in a parked car.
- A wide-brimmed hat helps prevent sunburn as well as heat-related illness. Sunscreen also protects from the sun's harmful rays and prevents sunburn. 
- Take frequent cool baths or showers.
- Stay alert to heat advisories from the National Weather Service. The National Weather Service declares a Heat Emergency when the heat index, a computation of the air temperature and humidity, reaches 108 degrees on two or more consecutive days. A heat index of 108 is a potential health threat for everyone.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Despite record heat in recent weeks, our Yard of the Month judges had some very beautiful yards to pick from this month. Congratulations go to:

Section 1 – Jeff & Lenny Williams-Herman



1126 West 31st

Sec 2–Melanie Melkus/Katheryn Wheatley



2015 Wilde Rock

Section 3 – Robert Pennick



3022 Maple Grove

Judging for the SFCC Yard of the Month Contest is done on the first full weekend of every month and will continue through September. Every home in Shepherd Forest is eligible to become a winner.



PARTY LINE

Happy Birthday to our neighbors celebrating this month including **KNOX MICHAEL HURLEY** who celebrates his First Birthday on July 11th. Also celebrating will be **PAIGE ALLEN (7/13)**, **BECKY MOSIER (7/17)**, **ERIC ALLEN (7/22)** and **MIKE DONOVAN (7/31)**. Early August birthday wishes are sent to **JOAN HENDRICKS (8/04)** and **JC MOSIER (8/07)**. Happy Birthday to each one of you!

Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes are sent to **JUSTIN and MEAGAN BERRY (7/12)** and to **LARRY and DEBBIE BUTTRAM (7/30)**. Congratulations!



A big “Congratulations” is sent to Bron Holly residents **COREY and GRIFFIN DAVIS** on the May 1st birth of their precious daughter, **MAYA OLLIE DAVIS**.

If you are new to the neighborhood or have any news that you would like to share, please send it to The PartyLine at info@shepherdforest.org.

Make A Difference



September signals the election of new Officers and Directors for the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. It's not too early for you to start thinking about volunteering to help this organization stay strong and continue to represent and protect our residents. For more information or to volunteer and make a difference in our neighborhood, please send your name and contact information to info@shepherdforest.org.

ARE YOU REMODELING OR UPDATING YOUR HOME?

Shepherd Forest Deed Restrictions require residents to submit all building plans to the SFCC Architectural Committee for approval BEFORE any work begins. To find out more information about this issue or to find a Building Approval Application, visit the SFCC website at www.shepherdforest.org and look under the “Quick Links” tab.





SAVING ENERGY

EQUALS SAVING MONEY

Energy experts tell us that by following just a few simple suggestions, you can make your home more comfortable and easier to heat and cool—while you save money and protect the environment at the same time. Some common energy tips for Shepherd Forest homeowners to consider include:

Windows - The placement, quantity and type of windows you have will significantly affect energy usage in your home. Easy window additions, such as shades or solar screens, can go a long way toward saving you energy & making your home feel more comfortable.

Insulation - Make your home more comfortable year round by adding attic insulation. The project can pay for itself in as little as two years in reduced energy costs. While older homes typically have less insulation, adding insulation to a newer home may also pay off.

Landscaping – Solar heat absorbed through windows and roofs can increase air conditioner use and energy costs. Incorporating shading concepts into your landscape design can help reduce solar heat gain — reducing your cooling costs, while also adding beauty to your home. Planting shade trees and shrubs on the west side of your home can help block the hot, setting sun and is the single most effective landscaping strategy. Small trees or shrubs used to shade air conditioning equipment should help improve the equipment's performance and can increase its efficiency by as much as 10%.

Caulk - Caulk forms a flexible seal around cracks, gaps or joints less than one-quarter-inch wide. You can use a caulking compound to seal air leaks in a variety of places throughout your home, especially around windows. In addition to sealing air leaks, caulking can also prevent water damage inside and outside of the home when applied around faucets, ceiling fixtures, water pipes, drains, bathtubs and other plumbing fixtures.

SECURITY REPORT

Recently reported crimes in and around Shepherd Forest include the following as reported by SpotCrime:

- 6/03 – 1600 block Stonecrest – Theft
- 6/04 – 1600 block Ansbury – Assault
- 6/08 – 1400 block Wilde Rock – Robbery
- 6/17 – 4400 block Gardendale – Assault
- 6/22 – 3400 Ella – Theft from motor vehicle
- 6/28 – 3000 block Ella – Theft

HPD says it is extremely important that residents report **ALL CRIME** to HPD, regardless of how insignificant it may seem. AFTER you have contacted HPD, please call our SFCC Security Coordinator Paul Berry (915) 373-8820 and report what has happened. HPD stresses that the number of police units assigned to our neighborhood is based on the number of calls we make to HPD. So PLEASE call and report EVERYTHING !



Once again, our deep thanks and appreciation to our dedicated group of Citizens on Patrol volunteers. You are doing a fantastic job watching our neighborhood!

An advertisement for Texas Printers. The background is a tropical scene with palm trees and a beach. The text reads: "Summer TIME", "Texas Printers" with a Texas state logo, "marketing you can feel Proudly Prints", "The Shepherd Forest Times", "Local Printing. Done Right. On Time.", a list of services: "Business Cards • Post Cards", "Flyers • Brochures • Promotional Items", "Data Merge Mail-outs • Catalogs", "Calendars • Customized Coloring Books", "Fast Turn Around", "Order your printing today!", and the phone number "713-371-3768" and website "www.texasprinters.com".



MISS YOUR GARBAGE DAY?

Is this the right week putting out the recycle can? When can I set out my heavy trash or tree limbs? How will the recent holiday affect when my garbage is collected? Are you tired of wondering what week you are supposed to put out specific trash, garbage, and recycling? No more waiting to see what your neighbor does first because the City of Houston has a handy mobile app, HTX Collects, that includes collection reminders for garbage, recycling, yard waste, and tree/junk waste specific to your service address.

Residents can receive notifications on their phone alerting them the day before a collection day. The City has also provided the option of adding the dates to your personal calendar or printing a personalized collection calendar for the next 12 months. Never miss a collection day again!

The HTX Collects app is available for download and can also be accessed via houstonrecycles.org or at <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/>. No more guessing what & when garbage should be curbside!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Marigny Heights townhome project planned for the south end of Oak Forest was recently red tagged by the City of Houston for the third time. Workers have dug several 20 feet deep holes and



poured concrete in the bottom. They have also moved around dirt without safety fencing and permits from the City. The area poses a huge danger to our residents and anyone who happens to go near the property. Flooding is also a big concern for Shepherd Forest residents as the excavated areas have been filling with water with each heavy rain we have recently had. Calls from the Civic Club to the owner and developer of the project have gone unanswered in recent weeks, but the City inspector is well aware of what is going on. Be sure to watch future issues of the SF Times for the latest news on this project.

Picnic in the PARK

Mark your calendar now for the 34th annual Shepherd Forest Civic Club "Picnic in the Park" on Sunday, September 17th. Last year's picnic again set an all time high attendance record as residents and their families enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon.

*The picnic will again be held at **Stonecrest Park** (East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest) from 4-6pm and as always, we will have great food and fun activities for everyone. Plans are being made*

**SEPTEMBER 17TH
DON'T MISS IT!**

*for a petting zoo, vintage cars, kids activities, pet adoptions, games, a firetruck, and much more. Bring out your family, neighbors, and a lawn chair and help the SFCC celebrate **34 years of neighborhood unity and community involvement**. Spend the afternoon visiting with neighbors as you enjoy great **hot dogs, games, activities & more**, all provided **free** by your Civic Club!*