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SFCC SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH MARCH 13TH "CLEAN UP"

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club Beautification Committee has been busy re-scheduling organizing a "CLEAN UP" day on Saturday, **March 13th** from 2 to 4 pm and we need volunteers to help. The focus of the work will be picking up trash and litter in designated areas throughout Shepherd Forest. Residents are asked to report to the nearest "meet up" location at 2pm and get their specific assignment. "Meet up" locations are as follows:



- Section One – Meet on Alba near the Centerpoint Easement north of 31st
- Section Two – Meet near the drainage ditch along Oak Forest near Stonecrest
- Section Three – Meet near the intersection of Vollmer and West 34th

The Clean Up Day Team has pinpointed several specific areas in the neighborhood that are in need of having trash and debris picked up and they will be the focus of the Clean Up Day. The targeted areas in need of clean up include: the south side of West 34th (just west of the bayou & along the backside of some Section 3 homes), along West TC Jester and East TC Jester as they intersect the Shepherd Forest neighborhood, the City owned drainage ditches that run along Oak Forest between Stonecrest and West 34th, along Alba near the Centerpoint Easement, and the 610 Feeder Rd near Alba.



Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves, rakes, clippers, grabbers.....or whatever equipment they feel would be helpful with this project. Garbage bags will be provided by the civic club. Please remember to wear appropriate clothing, hats, shoes, sunscreen, and bug repellent. For more information about the "Clean Up" Day activities, or to sign up to volunteer to be your section leader, you may contact SFCC Beautification Chairman Amanda Schnell at 810-656-5201, go to FaceBook.com/groups/shepherdforest, or send your name to info@shepherdforest.org. Mark your calendar now and join your neighbors to help clean up and beautify our neighborhood on **Saturday, March 13th!**

Easter Bunny Photo Opportunity



To protect our residents during the current COVID crisis, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will not be hosting the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Instead, we will be offering "Photos with the Easter Bunny" for all residents. To observe social distancing, you **must make a reservation for this event**. Bring your cameras and don't miss this opportunity to take some great photos! This event will take place on **Saturday, March 27th**, at Stonecrest Park, located on East TC Jester near Stonecrest. Details are still being worked out, so visit our website at www.shepherdforest.org for more info and to sign up for email alerts on how to make a reservation. You can also check out

FaceBook.com/groups/shepherdforest for the latest details. Hope to see you March 27th – *Happy Easter!!*

CITIZENS ON PATROL NEWS

Hats off to our Citizens on Patrol volunteers who once again, put in many hours to keep a safe eye on our neighborhood. Unfortunately, crime is on the rise all over our city, and according to Spot Crime and HPD reports, this is what happened recently in and around our neighborhood:

- 01/02 – 3000 block of Ella – Assault at gas station
- 01/03 - 2100 block of West 34th – Assault
- 01/09 – 4500 block of Marlborough – Resident attacked by dogs
- 01/10 – 2200 block of West 34th – Robbery in parking lot
- 01/10 – 2400 block of Bron Holly – Wreck and DUI arrest
- 01/10 – 4400 block of Marlborough – Theft of lawn chairs
- 01/10 – 4400 block of Marlborough - Burglary of vehicle
- 01/11 – 2200 block of West 34th - Assault
- 01/11 – 2000 block of Stonecrest – Assault
- 01/12 – 3000 block of Ella – Theft at gas station pumps
- 01/14 – 3000 block of Ella – Theft at gas station pumps
- 01/20 – 900 block of West 30th – Theft
- 01/21 – 2000 block of Stonecrest – Vandalism
- 01/28 – 4400 block of Gardendale – Assault
- 01/30 – 3000 block of Ella – Attempted abduction at gas station
- 02/04 – 1400 block of Stonecrest – Assault
- 02/07 – 2200 block of West 34th – Theft of vehicle parts
- 02/07 – 2000 block of West 34th – Theft from vehicle at gas station
- 02/13 – 3100 block of Ella - Theft

Be alert when at nearby gas stations and parking lots, as they have been “hot spots” for crime recently. In addition, there has been a rash of thefts of catalytic converters and tailgates from vehicles in nearby neighborhoods. Please report all suspicious people/activity and crime to **HPD (non-emergency 832-884-3131 or emergency 911)** and then to our Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820.



PARTY LINE

Warm Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors **ANGIE JOE** who celebrates on February 16th and to **GENE HIGHTOWER** who celebrates on February 27th. Special March birthdays wishes are sent to **KELLY MOORE** (3/17), **JONATHAN EVANICKY** (3/18), **DELORES MUSKE** (3/29) and **SAMMY HIDER** (3/30). And an early April 4th birthday wish is sent to **DELLE HIGHTOWER**. Hope each of you have a great birthday celebration!

Happy Anniversary wishes are sent to **MICHAEL MOORE** and **KEVIN TAYLOR** who celebrate on March 26th.

Daylight Savings Time changes on March 14th – don't forget to “Spring Forward” and re-set your clocks.

A huge congratulations is sent to the family of Baby Boy **BAKER BAHAM** who was recently born on the 21st day of the 21st year of the 21st century! (1/21/21) Proud Great-Grandmother is **NELL BAHAM**, a longtime resident on Marlborough in Section 3. Congratulations !!

A belated, but very sincere, “Welcome to the Neighborhood” is sent to **YARA LOZANO** who moved to Shepherd Forest in late 2020.

Have you recently moved to Shepherd Forest? New baby? Birthday? If you have news to share with your neighbors, contact the Shepherd Forest Civic Club at info@shepherdforest.org and give us your information so that we can share it in the next issue of the SF Times!

It's not too late to join the SFCC or fill out your 2021 Annual Survey. You can: mail both to SFCC, P.O. Box 925282, Houston, Texas 77292-5282, visit www.shepherdforest.org and make your dues payment via PayPal, or scan the QR code in this newsletter and follow the prompts.



TOO MUCH GARBAGE??

Do you often have more trash than one garbage container can hold? It's easy to get another garbage can. Just call 3-1-1, the City's Helpline, to have another container delivered to your address. There



is a monthly collection charge of \$18.33 for each can that you order and the fee is added to your monthly water bill. You will receive a sticker for the new can. Simply place the sticker on the front of the new

container where it can be easily seen by the garbage collectors and then wheel your new can to the curb.

If you don't need another can, but sometimes have extra bags of garbage that don't fit into your black curbside garbage container, you can get "Tags" for your additional bags and/or boxes. The City of Houston has a program called "Tags for Bags" that allows you to have your excess garbage picked up. "Tags" (stickers) can be purchased from participating Sellers Bros and Kroger stores and then affixed to your extra bag before placing it curbside. The cost is \$2.41 per tag with a minimum purchase of 5 tags. Tags for Bags are also available by calling the City of Houston at 3-1-1 and placing an order.



If you missed the virtual January SFCC meeting, you missed some important City curbside recycling information as well as some surprising recycling do's and don't's. Here's the scoop....

Residents were told that the City **WILL RECYCLE** the following in your green recycle cart that is placed curbside on your designated recycle day (every other week):

- * Kitchen, laundry & bath bottles and containers
- * Mixed paper, mail, newspaper, magazines, and flattened clean cardboard
- * Glass bottles and jars – empty and rinsed out
- * Food and beverage cartons - empty & rinsed out
- * Aluminum & steel cans – empty and rinsed out

The City **WILL NOT RECYCLE** the following if it is placed in your curbside recycling cart:

- * Shredded paper of any size
- * Tanglers - Hoses, wires, chains,, or electronics
- * Household items or furniture (drop off only)
- * Plastic newspaper bags (Newspapers yes, but not the bag it comes in)
- * Scrap metal or wood
- * Food containers (ex: fast food boxes)
- * Batteries or electronics (drop off only)
- * Plastic grocery bags (return them to the store)



Most recyclable items have a number on the bottom or side. **The City accepts anything with numbers 1-5 or number 7.** They DO NOT accept items marked with a number 6.

Your green recycle bin should not contain ANY trash or garbage.....only empty and clean recyclable items such as those listed above. The City loses money every time garbage is mixed with recycle items, so keep your trash out of your green recycle bin. When trash is mixed in the green bins, NONE of the items are recycled – instead it all goes to the garbage dump.

The City also provides six neighborhood recycle facilities where residents may dispose of Junk/Tree Waste and other common recyclable materials. For more information you may call the City Hotline at 311 or contact the City's Recycle Representative, Alyce Coffee, at 713-504-7438.

REMINDER

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, major repairs to first submit their plans to the SFCC Architectural Committee for approval. Copies of Deed Restrictions are available at our website at **www.ShepherdForest.org**, at civic club meetings, or by contacting any Shepherd Forest Civic Club Officer or member of the Board of Directors.

Need to contact your civic club?

Email: info@shepherdforest.org

Phone: 713-742-2470

LAWN AND GARDEN EXPERT TO SPEAK TO RESIDENTS

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will host a gardening professional from **Wabash Feed and Garden** at the virtual civic club meeting to be held **Monday, March 15th at 7:00 pm** to discuss lawn and garden care for the spring. Residents will have the opportunity to ask a professional for advice on your lawn, flowers, garden, trees, or any other related topic.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECYCLE VIRTUAL MEETING: At 7:00 pm, you can join your neighbors in the virtual civic club meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart phone by entering <https://zoom.us/j/99397007824> in your browser and following the prompts. To join using a regular telephone (this will be audio only), please dial 346-248-7799. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number 993 9700 7824 followed by the # key. You should now be connected with your neighbors and able to participate in the meeting.

Celebrate 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! Happy Texas Independence Day !!



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MARKETPLACE NOW OPEN

Brookhollow Marketplace, the new shopping center being developed at the former location of the old Exxon office complex at the northeast corner of US 290 and Dacoma Street, has gone through several redesigns as various merchants considered locating in the complex. But the configuration has been finalized and new businesses continue to open. Ross Dress for Less, Old Navy, Burlington Coats, TJ Maxx, Five Below and Floor & Decor are among the retailers already open. To open soon are Ulta and area hobbyist and artisans will be pleased to have a Michael's Arts and Craft store opening in the center once build-out and stocking are complete.