

WALTRIP ATHLETICS SHOWCASE

Waltrip High School on West 34th practically sits in the middle of Shepherd Forest and many of our residents are current students and/or alumni of the school. Most of us have driven down West 34th and seen Waltrip students out on the fields with the various sports teams (football, soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball, golf, tennis and track), but have no idea what is actually taking place inside the building with the students. Waltrip Athletic Coordinator, Jeremy Kirt, would like our community to know all about the Waltrip Athletic Department and its students, and he will be the guest speaker at the January 17th Shepherd Forest Civic Club meeting. Due to Covid concerns, the meeting will not be held in person, but will be conducted online by Zoom (see instructions below). Don't miss this "Waltrip Showcase" event on Monday, January 17th at 7:00 pm.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING: At 7:00 pm, you can join your neighbors at the virtual civic club meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart phone by entering <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88934037098</u> in your browser. If you haven't ever used Zoom on that device, just follow the prompts to install the Zoom app. This should connect you to the meeting where you will be joining in a "live" event.



To join in the civic club meeting with your neighbors using a regular telephone (this will be audio only), please dial 346-248-7799. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number 889 3403 7098 followed by the # key. You should now be connected with your neighbors and able to participate in the meeting.

SFCC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

January is Membership Drive month for the Shepherd Forest Civic Club and all homeowners <u>and</u> renters can join! Dues are only **\$25 per household.** This small fee helps fund events like the 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 PayPal.** You may also give your membership dues and form to any SFCC officer or director. Every household that pays their dues by **February 15th** will be entered into a **DRAWING for a**



\$25 gift card to a local restaurant. Winners will be announced at our February meeting. Don't miss your chance to win while supporting a civic club that works every day on your behalf. Join today – you may be a lucky winner!

Upcoming important dates:

"Virtual" SFCC Zoom meeting – January 17th - Waltrip Showcase Martin Luther King Holiday – January 17th Happy Valentines Day – February 14th Presidents Day Holiday – February 21st SFCC Meeting – February 21st – "Rodeo Kickoff"





Once again, Christmas decorations shone brightly in Shepherd Forest throughout December and many homes were beautifully decorated. Beautification Chairman Jeanne Berry reports there was a renewed interest in Christmas decorating this year, including participation by new, as well as long time residents. Although the decisions were difficult for the judges, two homes in each section were selected as the 2021 Decorating Contest winners. Congratulations go to:

Section 1 – 1st Place - 3018 Attridge



Alicia & Baze Glensch

Section 1 – 2nd Place – 1110 West 30th



Mark Starnes and Jon DeFourneaux





Eric, Ashley, Bennett and Davis Garner

Section 2 – 2nd Place -2302 Ansbury



Van and Lynn Knox

Section 3 – 1st Place – 3018 Maple Grove



John and April Schatte

Section 3 – 2nd Place – 3019 Vollmer



Amanda and Steve Schnell

SFCC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT – Patricia Williams (Section 1) VICE-PRESIDENT – Bid Nutt (Section 3) TREASURER – Melody Bass (Section 3) SECRETARY – Jeanne Berry (Section 3) SECURITY – Paul Berry (Section 3) NEWSLETTER – Delinda Holland (Section 2)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Paul Berry (Section 3) Mike Donovan (Section 2) Shirley Evanicky (Section 1) Katie Hassett (Section 2) Vacancy



The first ever SFCC **Photos with Santa** event was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Social Chairman Kim Syrinek. Over 80

guests spent the morning with breakfast snacks, making Christmas crafts, activities, and having their photo taken with Santa. Check out our website for photos & a complete list of sponsors who made the event possible!





Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday are sent to the following who celebrate in January:

Carolyn Brock 1/3, **Bob Williamson** 1/11, **Kendra Benson** 1/21, **Katy Cattoni** 1/30, and **Jean Jungbauer** 1/31. Celebrating early February birthdays are **Carmen Nieto** 2/2, **Shirley Evanicky** 2/9, **and Ruth Lepler** 2/11. Happy Birthday to all !!

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

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to SFCC President **Patricia Williams** who is recuperating from a recent surgery. Glad to get good medical reports from **Carolyn AND Richard Brock** who were both under the weather earlier this month.

Deepest sympathy is sent to the family and friends of longtime Section 1 resident **Diane Ramos** who passed away near the end of the year.

Congratulations to **Mark Janda** and **Brent Grelle** on the December 9th birth of their son, **Greyson Adam Grelle-Janda.** Proud big brother, Evan, is 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. Nearly 100 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.

Primary Election Day – March 1st

If you plan to vote in the upcoming Primary Election, please note that January 31st is the *last day* you can register to vote.



For voter registration, voting by mail, sample ballots, polling locations,

election day information, and much more, please visit <u>www.harrisvotes.com</u> or call the Harris County Elections Division at 713-755-6965.

SECURITY/CITIZENS ON PATROL NEWS

Now that the holidays are behind us, we hope to see nearby crime slow down a bit. December was a busy month for HPD in our area as you can see from the reports below. Don't forget that it is extremely important that residents **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. AFTER you have contacted HPD, please call our SFCC Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820 and report what has happened. The following crimes in our area were reported to HPD:

11/23 – 3000 Moonstone – stolen blower 11/30 – 1500 block of Stonecrest – assault & vandalism 12/01 – 1900 block of West 34th – assault & trespassing 12/03 – 2200 block of West 34th – theft of motor vehicle parts 12/10 – 4100 block of Gardendale – theft of property 12/11 – 2200 block of West 34th – theft of motor vehicle parts 12/12 - 3000 block of Ella (near 610) - vandalism & assault at restaurant 12/13 – 3400 block of West 34th – assault at nightclub 12/16 - 900 block of Stonecrest - assault 12/23 – 3000 block of Guese – assault 12/23 – 2200 block of West 34th – assault 12/23 – 2400 block of West 34th @ Jester – police chase 12/28 – 1900 block of Ansbury – assault & trespassing 12/28 - 3300 block of Ella - vandalism 01/05 - 3300 block of Ella – theft of motor vehicle parts 01/06 - 3000 block of Ella - theft from motor vehicle



Once again, we send our thanks 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 group, contact our SFCC Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820.

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE INFO



If you live in Sections 1 or 2 (EAST of TC Jester), your household weekly garbage

pickup day is on **Tuesday.** Your curbside Recycling is every other Tuesday.

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.

Garbage containers must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. with the handle facing your house. There must be **at least 3 feet** of space between your garbage and recycling containers.

HEAVY TRASH INFO

Heavy Trash pickup for all Shepherd Forest homes that are located EAST of TC Jester (Sections 1 and 2) is on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of every month.

Heavy Trash pickup for all Shepherd Forest homes that are located WEST of TC Jester (Section 3) is on the **FOURTH TUESDAY** of every month.



Do NOT place your heavy trash at the curb any earlier than the Friday before your collection day.

You can download the **HTX Collects app** available on the link below to help remind you of all of your Garbage collection days & other information.

For more info about your garbage schedule, to download the HTX Collects app, or to sign up for reminders & alerts, visit https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/htxcollects.html