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## IT'S RODEO TIME IN HOUSTON!!

This year the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> 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, more than 800 scholarships are awarded to Texas students by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and more than \$260 million in scholarship money has been given since 1957. The success of this organization is made possible by many donors, along with the hard work and dedication of nearly 35,000 volunteers. At the next meeting of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club, a speaker from the Houston Rodeo will be on hand to discuss details about the upcoming Rodeo and lots of other interesting Rodeo Facts. Join us at the February 21<sup>st</sup> SFCC Zoom meeting at 7pm. Put on your hat & boots and join us as we safely hear from a Rodeo representative by Zoom.



**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 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88934037098> 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.

## 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 to win a \$25 or \$50 gift card to either **POSTINO** Monkey's Tail or Postino's restaurant. Membership dues for 2022 are only **\$25 per household**. This small fee helps fund events like the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, Fall picnic, Socials, and Photos with Santa, as well as Beautification, Deed Restriction enforcement, and 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 **via PayPal**. You may also give your membership dues and form to any SFCC officer or director. Every household that pays their dues will be entered into a **DRAWING for a \$25 or \$50 gift card**. Winners will be announced at our February meeting. 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 one of three lucky winners!



# Celebrate March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 !!



## PARTY LINE

Warm Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbor **ANGIE JOE** who celebrates on 2/16. Special Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes go to **NORA BERRY** on 2/23. Also sending birthday wishes to **JUSTIN BERRY** who celebrates his birthday on 2/28. Several neighbors will be celebrating their birthdays in early March, including **COOKIE DAVENPORT** 3/04, **BID NUTT** 3/10, **MELODY BASS** 3/12, **KELLY**

**MOORE** 3/17, and **JONATHAN EVANICKY** 3/18. Hope each one of you have a great birthday!

Special Congratulations to Section 1 residents **ERIQUE and MELISSA WILLIAMS** on the recent birth of their second daughter, **RANEA OPHELIA WILLIAMS**. Proud big sister **ESMAE** is enjoying her new role.

Section 3 residents **ZACK & JESSICA YANEZ**, along with big sister **CODY**, welcomed their newest family addition, a baby boy named **WESLEY CHARLES YANEZ**, on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all of you!

Baby congratulations are also sent to **JORDANN & BEN ALBAITIS** in Section 2, who recently welcomed their third daughter, **EMMA JO**. Big sisters **ABBY & ISLA** are helping out and proud of their new baby sister.

Happy Anniversary wishes are sent to **SHARON & IAN KINLOCH** who will celebrate on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Deepest sympathy is sent to **VERNA POLASEK** and family on the recent passing of her husband, **RAYMOND POLASEK**. The Polaseks are long-time Wilde Rock residents and known for their exceptional gardening skills. Condolences are also extended to **MICHAEL & MICHELLE SCHMIDT** and family on the recent passing of his grandfather, **BILL HARTMAN, SR.**

A huge "Thank You" is sent to **ROGER MCKOY** who is often seen quietly cleaning the storm drains in Section 2 before a predicted rain. His efforts have helped prevent flooding many times and are appreciated by everyone!

**Daylight Savings Time changes on March 13th**– 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](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org)

## SECURITY NEWS

The following crimes in the Shepherd Forest area were reported to HPD in January:

- 01/05 – 3000 Ella – Assault at gas station
- 01/06 – 2000 West 34<sup>th</sup> – Drug arrest
- 01/07 – 3000 Ella - Drug arrest
- 01/07 – 1700 West 34<sup>th</sup> – theft of vehicle parts
- 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 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.



**REPORT ALL CRIME, REGARDLESS OF HOW INSIGNIFICANT, TO HPD. IT MATTERS !**

## 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, or 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](http://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](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org)*

*Phone: 713-742-2470*

## **MARCH 1st PRIMARY ELECTION**

Primary Elections for both political parties in Harris County will be held on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022.** Voters are allowed to vote at **any** of the 684 voting locations across Harris County on Election Day. Early voting for the Primaries will be held **from February 14<sup>th</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup>** at over 77 locations, & just like on Election Day, voters are allowed to choose which location they want to vote at. Ballots are very long - be prepared!

Voters of any age who are physically unable to enter the polling place may ask the presiding election official to allow them to vote outside the polling place or "curbside".

For more information about the upcoming election, polling locations near you for early voting or election day, or any other voting information, please call the Harris County Clerk's Election Division at 713-755-6965 or visit [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com). Don't miss the opportunity to let your voice be heard!



On **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>,** Daylight Savings Time will officially begin, so remember to set your clocks, watches, microwave, DVD, 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."

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## **SFCC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**PRESIDENT** – Patricia Williams (Section 1)

**VICE-PRESIDENT** – Bid Nutt (Section 3)

**TREASURER** – Jeanne Berry (Section 3)

**SECRETARY** – Vacancy

**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)



The Shepherd Forest Beautification Committee has been busy organizing a "CLEAN UP" day for our neighborhood on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and we need volunteers to help. Please mark this date on your calendar and watch for details coming soon.



# SCAM ALERT !

The Social Security Administration will never threaten, scare, or pressure you to take an immediate action.

If you receive a call, text, or email that does one of the following...

- Threatens to suspend your **Social Security number**, even if they have part of your Social Security number
- Warns of **arrest of legal action**
- Demands or requests **immediate payment**
- Requires payment by **gift card, prepaid debit card, internet currency, or by mailing cash**
- Pressures you for **personal information**
- Requests **secrecy**
- Threatens to **seize your bank account**
- Promises to **increase** your Social Security benefit
- Tries to gain your trust by providing **fake "documentation," false "evidence," or the name of a real government official**

.....it is a **SCAM!**

Report all suspicious scams to Social Security at:  
SS Customer Service – 1-800-772-1213  
SS Fraud Alert Hotline - 1-800-269-0271

Traffic light blinking?  
Pothole? Missed your  
heavy trash? Garbage



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 & completed online at **www.houston311.org** or by using the City's 311 smart phone app.

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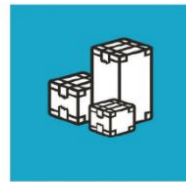
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Join or Renew  
your membership

## Easter Egg Hunt!



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 9<sup>TH</sup>**, 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.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**