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COVID-19 CANCELS CIVIC CLUB EVENTS

Life in Shepherd Forest and around the world has been totally interrupted by the Coronavirus, known as COVID-19. We are learning together how to do things differently in order to stay healthy and avoid this potentially deadly virus. During this challenging time, the priority of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club is the health and safety of our residents, and therefore, we have made the decision to cancel some of our upcoming civic club events. You will be notified via this newsletter, website, and social media of future civic club changes. In addition, if you are a paid civic club member (visit our website to join today), you will receive direct email notifications from the Shepherd Forest Civic Club.

The annual Easter Egg hunt with bunny photos scheduled for April 4th and the April 20th civic club social meeting have been cancelled. Please check our website at www.Shepherdforest.org or our Facebook page at [shepherdforest](https://www.facebook.com/shepherdforest) for additional information regarding these events. You may also call the Shepherd Forest Civic Club information line at 713-742-2470. We will keep our residents updated on all civic club event changes as quickly as possible.

If you are a Shepherd Forest resident and are in need of assistance during this time of crisis, call the Shepherd Forest civic club at 713-742-2470.



COVID-19 Call Center
832-393-4220

Please call the City of Houston's Call Center or visit <https://houstonrecovers.org/covid19> for all COVID-19 related questions.

CITY'S RECOMMENDED SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE FOR ALL HOUSTONIANS

The Houston Health Department has broadened its COVID-19 social distancing guidance for the general public. The department now recommends all Houstonians stay away from groups of 10 or more people where there will be close contact with others. The City also recommends:

- Maintain at least 6 feet of separation from other people.
- Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery
- Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
- Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical care
- Practice healthy hygiene habits:
 - Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer when you can't wash your hands.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, use the elbow of your sleeve. Don't use your hands to cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, especially if you are at higher risk for coronavirus.
- Get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids, eat healthy foods, and manage your stress to keep your immunity strong.
- Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
- Stay informed. Visit <https://houstonrecovers.org/covid19> for frequently changing updates.

People at higher risk include:

- People 60 and older.
- People with underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.
- People who have weakened immune systems.
- Pregnant women.

Houstonians should visit <https://houstonrecovers.org/covid19> for the most updated official City of Houston Disaster Recovery Information including local risk, routine protective actions, frequently asked questions, communication resources, rumor control, emergency preparedness tips, and more.

SFCC EASTER EGG HUNT CANCELLED

Unfortunately the SFCC Easter Egg Hunt was forced to cancel, but we wanted to send a special thank you to those who had worked behind the scenes to prepare for our big event. Many thanks are sent to Paul and Jeanne Berry, Kevin Taylor, Michael Moore, and Angela Hider for their assistance with this event. Thank you is also sent to Almendra Ramos and BlueCross BlueShield of Texas for their donation of prizes.

And a very special thank you is sent to Dr. Amelia Wang of Houston Dental Oasis for her generous cash sponsorship of the event. Dr. Wang was very gracious and willing to support our neighborhood and civic club event with her donation. She has a new office at 3004 Yale near Whole Foods and will be open for emergency dental issues during this shut-down of our City. Thank you Dr. Wang!



YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

The SFCC Yard of the Month Contest is in full swing, with the judging of our beautiful neighborhood yards being done on the first full weekend of every month from April through September. A monthly winner will be chosen from each of the three sections of Shepherd Forest and they will be recognized in this newsletter and at the following civic club meeting.

Every home in Shepherd Forest is eligible to be a Yard of the Month contest winner. Judges consider the overall appearance of the yard with no preference given to whether they are individually or professionally maintained. Many yards are already in “full bloom” with spring color, while others are beautifully manicured with lush greenery. Volunteers are still needed to spend a very small amount of time each month helping to judge these lovely yards. For more information or to volunteer to judge, please contact the Yard of the Month Contest Chairperson, Angela Hider at 832-597-7069.



CITY TREE WASTE & JUNK WASTE COLLECTION

Tree waste is picked up in the ODD numbered months.
(Jan. , March, May, July, Sept., Nov.)

Heavy trash is picked up in the EVEN numbered months.
(Feb., April, June, August, October, Dec.)

Section 1 & 2 Pickup - 3rd Thursdays
Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays

Trash Facts: <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/trashfacts.pdf>



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS IN SHEPHERD FOREST....

Throughout this National Crisis, residents of Shepherd Forest have shown brightly through numerous random acts of kindness. Neighbors going to the store for each other, checking on our elderly, cooking meals for neighbors, planning family games and activities and posting online, cleaning yards, running errands for each other...and so much more. Hats off to each one of you for your efforts! And once again, Shepherd Forest has come together as a unified neighborhood as we go through these trying times together.



CITIZENS ON PATROL SECURITY REPORT

As you can see from the report below, crime spiked in March, especially in Section 3 of Shepherd Forest. There may be other events, but this is what we have been made aware of:

- 3/02/20 - 4000 Block of Marlborough - Graffiti on fence
- 3/03/20 - 4000 Block of Marlborough - Graffiti on garage door
- 3/06/20 - 4000 Block of Marlborough - Burglary of a truck with items stolen from glove box
- 3/07/20 - 3200 Block of Marlborough - Tailgate stolen from truck
- 3/10/20 - 2300 Block of Bron Holly - Wheels stolen off truck
- 3/11/20 - Police chase through Sections 1 and 2 - Suspect apprehended off Yale street
- 3/13/20 - 1200 Block of Ansbury - theft
- 3/20/20 - Wilde Rock (off TC Jester) - Wheels stolen from truck

We are reminded constantly that HPD says 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 and report what has happened. Here are the numbers to report SF crime:

HPD - Immediate or Life threatening emergencies - 911
HPD - Non-emergency (burglaries, stolen property...) 713-884-3131
SFCC Security Coordinator - Paul Berry 915-373-8820

Be observant and alert to everything and everyone around you. You may be the best crime prevention we have just by paying attention to everything. If it looks suspicious - report it!!!

We want to send a big thank you to our SFCC Citizens on Patrol volunteers who continue to do an outstanding job as they go through the neighborhood and keep a watchful eye on things. If you would like to join the group and volunteer just a little time each month to help keep us safe, please contact Security Coordinator Paul Berry to find out how you can get involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- Saturday, April 4th - SFCC Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Photo event CANCELLED
- Monday, April 20th - SFCC "Social" Meeting at Union Kitchen @ 6pm CANCELLED (As we go to print, Union Kitchen is still open for take out orders!)
- Thursday, April 24th - National Arbor Day
- Sunday, May 10th - Happy Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 18th - SFCC Meeting at 7pm - Topic: Property Tax Valuations and Protests
- Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day - Fly your flag proudly!
- Monday, June 15th - SFCC Social Meeting - details coming soon
- Sunday, June 21st - Happy Father's Day

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.SHEPHERDFOREST.ORG**



PARTY LINE

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors who will be celebrating this month and in early May. They are Payton Arens (4/27), Dylan Moore (5/3), Jennifer Woodruff (5/4), Mary Wisniewski (5/4), and Stello Castro (5/5). Upcoming wedding anniversary wishes are sent to Brandon and Claudia Tristan (5/6) and Bob Williamson and Katy Cattoni (5/10). Best wishes to all of you!

Deepest Sympathy is sent to Bid & Nelda Nutt and family on the recent passing of his mother, Odie Nutt, in Carthage, Texas. Bid is currently serving as our civic club Vice-President.

We would love to share your special news! If you have information about birthdays, anniversaries, new neighbors, special events..... please contact us at 713-742-2470 or email us at info@shepherdforest.org.

It's almost graduation time again and the SFCC wants to recognize all our deserving graduates. If you, a family member, or your neighbor are graduating soon (from elementary to college graduations), please call 713-680-3956 so that we may get the graduate's information in our newsletter.



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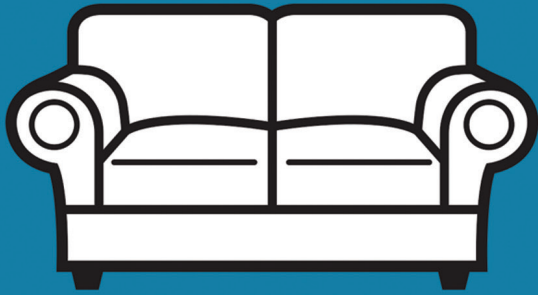
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Many thanks to Houston Dental Oasis,
our SFCC Easter Egg Hunt Underwriter!!!

RECYCLE REMINDER

A reminder to residents that the ONLY items that are allowed for placement into the large green City issued Automated Recycle Carts are as follows: Newspaper, catalogs, phone books, magazines, plastic containers #1-5 and #7 (rinsed and drained), aluminum and tin cans (rinsed and drained), cardboard (flattened), glass bottles and jars (rinsed and drained). No household garbage or heavy trash is allowed in the containers! Call 311 for your specific recycle bin pickup day (varies throughout Shepherd Forest) schedule or for more recycle information.



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