



TIMES

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SFCC TO HOST “VIRTUAL” MEETING WITH COUNCIL MEMBER ABBIE KAMIN

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be hosting a “virtual” civic club meeting with District C City Council member Abbie Kamin on Monday, July 20th at 7pm and all residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Councilmember Kamin represents most of Shepherd Forest and was sworn into office in January of this year. Council Member Kamin chairs the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and is Vice Chair of the Quality of Life Committee. She is also a member of the following committees: Budget and Fiscal Affairs, Childhood and Youth, Economic Development and Ethics, Elections and Council Governance. This will be her first meeting with residents of Shepherd Forest so be sure to participate!



To join in the meeting on a PC, smartphone, or tablet:

click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88515997999> If your device prompts you to download the Zoom app or browser plug-in, allow it. To dial in, using a telephone, for audio only: Dial (346) 248-7799

When prompted, enter the meeting ID number: 885 1599 7999, followed by the # key. If asked for a Participant ID, just press #.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS SAVE RESIDENTS 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.

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.

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%.



CITIZENS ON PATROL SECURITY REPORT

Over the last few weeks, crime in and near Shepherd Forest has continued to increase – especially in the area near Ella Blvd and Loop 610. Security Coordinator Paul Berry strongly encourages everyone to be on extra alert and asks that residents REPORT ALL CRIME to HPD, regardless of how insignificant it seems. Then, after you have reported the crime, please contact our Citizens on Patrol. The civic club would like to send out alerts to our residents when a crime has occurred near them, but cannot do so unless the homeowner/renter/victim has contacted us with the information. Also, this information helps our Citizens on Patrol know what areas of our neighborhood need to be “targeted” for patrollers. So, PLEASE call Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820 and let our Citizens on Patrol know what is going on in your area.

Recently, the following crimes were reported to our COP. If you know of others, PLEASE call us!

- 5/29 – 1100 West 34th – theft from a motor vehicle
- 5/29 – 3000 block of Ella – theft from convenience store
- 5/31 – 3000 block of Ella – assault
- 6/01 – West TC Jester @ Gardendale – Woman peeping in windows
- 6/02 – 2200 block of West 34th – assault at apartments
- 6/04 – 2200 block of West 34th – assault at apartments
- 6/05 – 1100 block of West 30th – theft
- 6/06 – 1600 block of Ansbury – DWI arrest
- 6/09 – 3000 block of Groven – theft
- 6/10 – 3000 block of Larknolls – vandalism to property
- 6/12 – 2200 block of West 34th – theft from apartment
- 6/13 – 1100 block of Stonecrest – theft from a motor vehicle
- 6/14 – 3000 block of Ella -theft
- 6/15 – 4200 block of Gardendale – aggravated assault
- 6/19 – 2100 block of Ansbury - theft
- 6/22 – 3000 block of Ella – theft
- 6/26 – 2400 block of Ansbury – theft

HPD also reminds us to dial 911 for all potential life threatening emergencies and suspicious activity in progress. For all non-emergencies (burglaries, stolen property), call HPD at 713-884-3131.



PARTY LINE

Warmest Happy Birthday wishes are sent to Paige Allen (7/13), Becky Mosier (7/17), Eric Allen (7/22), and JC Mosier (8/7) who will be celebrating in the upcoming weeks. Celebrating a wedding anniversary this month is Larry and Debra Buttram on 7/30. Double congratulations are sent to Aaron and Jennifer Salisbury on Marlborough on the recent birth of their twins, Colette and Willow! Congratulations to all of you!

Best wishes for a speedy recovery and restored health are sent to Lena, Joey, and Joe Tamborella who has recently been hospitalized. Also being wished a speedy recovery is SFCC President Patricia Williams, who has been going through physical therapy in recent weeks.

Sincere sympathy is sent to the family and friends of Marlborough resident Grace De Salvo. Mrs. De Salvo has been a Shepherd Forest resident since 1959 and will be missed by many.

If you have news of birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, or anything you would like to share, please email info@shepherdforest.org or call 713-742-2470 and leave a message.

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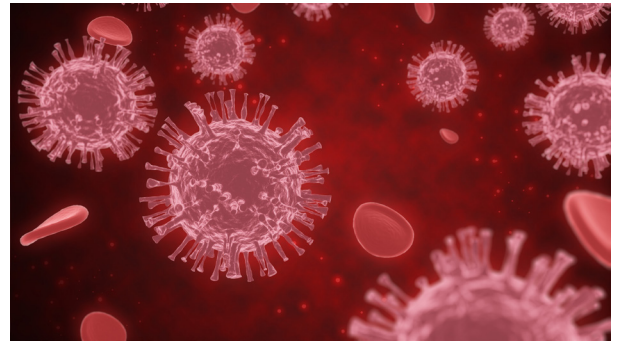
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COVID-19 UPDATES:

Due to the current Coronavirus outbreak in our City and to protect the health and safety of our residents, the Shepherd Forest Civic has continued to suspend all scheduled “in person” meetings and events until further notice. Please check our website at www.shepherdforest.org, our FaceBook page, and future newsletters for all updates and information related to the resumption of SFCC activities.

For the latest information on COVID 19 cases, risks, symptoms, testing sites, mask distribution, virus prevention, business re-openings, and much more, please check out the City of Houston website at <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/> or call the COVID-19 Call Center at 832-393-4220.



DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE AND HEALTHY !

RECENT RAINS CAUSE MOSQUITO PROBLEMS

Fortunately, we have been blessed with several really nice showers in recent days and most of our lawns are a nice, lush green. However, with frequent rains come opportunities for standing water, which in turn increases the mosquito population and the threat of West Nile Virus. The City and County Health Departments have been inundated with phone calls from residents wanting to know what to do about the mosquito problem. Experts suggest residents wear long-sleeve shirts outside and empty any containers with standing water such as fountains, small swimming pools, bird baths, and buckets. Also, remember to wear mosquito repellent while outdoors and reapply frequently. Mosquitoes can also transmit deadly heartworms in animals, so make sure your dog or cat is on a heartworm prevention medication.



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GET CITY OF HOUSTON HELP AND INFO AT 3-1-1

Did you know you can contact the City of Houston for all kinds of things related to City of Houston services? Residents are able to report: street lights not working, large potholes, fire hydrants that are leaking, traffic lights not working, stop signs that are down, high grass, inoperable vehicles, limbs hanging over the street or sidewalk, trash dumping issues, missing or damaged garbage cans, graffiti.....and so much more.

The City of Houston has a dedicated phone line for these types of non-emergency related issues. You can dial 3-1-1 from any land or cellular line or you can download the app to your SmartPhone.

Specific departments can be contacted as follows:

City of Houston Website - <http://www.houstontx.gov/>

City Ordinances—www.houstontx.gov/codes

Permit questions—www.houstonpermittingcenter.org

Interactive map (info about City Council districts, pay a ticket, adopt a pet....) — <http://mycity.houstontx.gov/public/>

CenterPoint Energy (to report street lights that are out) - <http://gis.centerpointenergy.com/sloreporting>

City Solid Waste/Garbage Collection -<http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/>

Report a pothole - <http://www.houstontx.gov/potholes>



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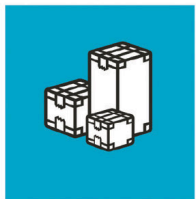
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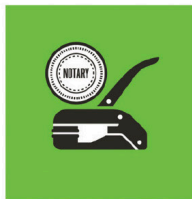
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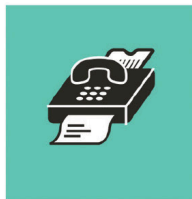
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SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB NEEDS YOU

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be electing new officers and members of the Board of Directors in September. Volunteers are needed to fill these positions, as well as help with a number of committees. If you are interested in **“GETTING INVOLVED”** with your civic club in **ANY WAY**, please contact the civic club at info@shepherdforest.org or call 713-742-2470 and leave a message.



YARD OF THE MONTH

Recent early summer showers, combined with residents spending more time in their yards, have made for some eye-catching Shepherd Forest lawns. Judging Yard of the Month with all the beautiful manicured gardens was even more difficult this month. Congratulations are sent to the following chosen as our June Yard of the Month winners:

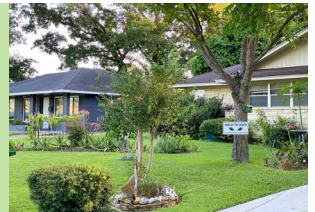
SECTION 1
 1102 W 30th St
 Raul Palomo



SECTION 2
 2010 Bron Holly
 Ray and Lisa Cruz



SECTION 3
 3019 Stally
 Clint Hale and Lauren Kattchee



A monthly winner is chosen from each of the three sections of Shepherd Forest and they are recognized in this newsletter and at the following civic club meeting. Every home in Shepherd Forest is eligible to be considered for this contest. Judging is done on the first weekend of every month through September.

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