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STAY SAFE DURING SUMMER STORMS

Last month we told you how to prepare your home for hurricane season. Recent weather conditions (high humidity and heat) in our region are the main components for severe weather during the summer. The National Weather Service (NWS) states that lightning and flash floods are the largest threats during most thunderstorms. The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) offers the following safety tips to stay safe this summer.

DURING THUNDER AND LIGHTNING:

- When thunder roars, go indoors. Find a safe, enclosed shelter.
- Lightning can cause fatal electric currents along the ground surface over 100 feet away. If shelter is not accessible, crouch low, with as little of your body touching the ground as possible.
- It is important to understand and follow the 30-30 rule. After you see lightning strike, start counting to 30. If you hear thunder before you reach 30, go indoors. Stop all outdoor activities for at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.
- Avoid concrete floors and walls. Lightning can travel through metal wires or bars in concrete surfaces.
- Do not seek shelter under a tree or near tall objects. Lightning will attempt to strike the tallest point in an area.
- Do not go near any bodies of water, such as a pond, lake, swimming pool or beach.

DURING A FLASH FLOOD:

- Monitor weather conditions constantly.
- If flooding begins in your area, seek higher ground.
- Always be aware that high floodwaters may hide severely damaged roadbed. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Remember that it takes only two feet of water to carry away a vehicle, including pickups and SUVs.
- NEVER attempt to walk through flowing streams. It only takes six inches of rushing water to knock an adult off their feet.
- If your vehicle stalls, get out immediately and seek higher ground.
- Be extra cautious at night, when it is harder to see possible flood dangers.
- **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.**

You just can't get too much good information about hurricane preparedness this time of year. Join us for our next General Meeting when our speaker will be Jennifer Suter Training and Exercise Supervisor for Harris County office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

JULY SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 15TH - 7:00 PM - HARRIET & JOE FOSTER YMCA - 1234 W. 34TH STREET

Our speaker will be Jennifer Suter - Training and Exercise Supervisor for Harris County office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. You will also have the opportunity to pay your annual membership dues and meet SFCC Board Members. Other topics of interest and upcoming events are also open for discussion.

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH. ALL SHEPHERD FOREST RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - SECURITY REPORT

RECENT CRIMES REPORTED TO HPD

6/11	2900 Block Helberg (Sec. 3)	Assault
6/13	1700 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 1)	Robbery
6/13	2300 Block Wilde Rock (Sec. 2)	Theft
6/19	3900 Block Gardendale (Sec. 3)	Theft from Vehicle
6/19	2100 Block Ansbury (Sec. 2)	Theft
6/20	3900 Gardendale (Sec. 3)	Assault
6/20	3900 Gardendale (Sec. 3)	Assault
6/21	2100 block Bron Holly (Sec. 2)	Burglary
6/22	4000 block Gardendale (Sec. 3)	Theft

Citizens on Patrol reminds us to call HPD (911 *only if it is an emergency*, or 713-884-3131 if you should see anything or anyone that appears to be “suspicious”). Then, please notify Mary Lamb - Lambmn1011@aol.com.



PARTY LINE

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday wishes to Becky Bauman (7/11), Paige Allen (7/13) and Eric Allen (7/22).

Celebrating wedding anniversaries on July 30th are Larry and Debra Buttram AND Greg and Mary Ellen Restivo. Belated anniversary wishes also go to Gene and Delle Hightower who celebrated their 71st (you read that right!) anniversary on June 28.

Condolences to the family of long-time Sec. 3 resident Elissa McClung, who passed away June 3.

Condolences to Sec. 3 residents Raymond and Virginia Dietrich on the death of Mr. Dietrich's brother, Dr. Wilfred O. Dietrich on June 22.

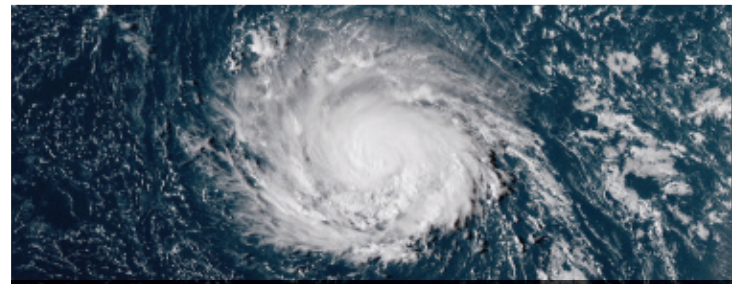
Special shout-out to Sec. 1 resident Jamie Peters-Lemon, who stepped in to deliver other newsletter carriers' routes in May and June. Special thanks also to Katy Cattoni and Bob Williamson in Sec. 2 who also walked a few extra blocks for the Newsletter last month. If anyone else would like to be on the “sub” list, please reach out to the Editor – we welcome the extra help every month!

Theft from vehicles is on the rise – it was the most commonly reported (and often goes unreported) crime in the area. HPD strongly warns residents who part in their driveways (preferred) or on the street to LOCK YOUR CAR when you are not driving it.

The list of crime statistics includes several incidents that were reported after we published the Newsletter. Even to the casual observer, however, its obvious that this month's list of crimes is much longer than the May incidents.

The presence of Citizen on Patrol members can have a positive effect on preventing crime in our area. We are making a strong effort to get the Shepherd Forest COP team back in action, but it requires some time and training to become a COP member.

If you are interested in become trained for this, and taking positive action to prevent future incidents, reach out to COP Coordinator Patricia Williams at 713-869-1106 or paw@earthlink.net. If we can get even 10 people on board for training, it could happen as soon as next month. Patricia can give you the details on what is required (you must complete an application and be willing to have a background check).



HURRICANE SEASON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency: 911

HPD Non-Emergency: 713-884-3131

HPD North Side Station: 832-394-3800

Centerpoint - if you smell gas: 713-659-2111

Centerpoint - report outages: 713-207-2222

Find more information and complete checklists at:
hurricanesafety.org/prepare/hurricane-safety-checklists



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HELP KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAR

If you have a storm drain on your block or near your house, be a good neighbor and keep it clear of leaves, lawn cuttings and debris. In heavy rain, these drains can easily become clogged, and all that water collects in the street, the perfect recipe for flooding. Don't assume the City or County will come by to do this – in bad weather they are busy with other things. Grab a rake or a shovel and clear away potential problems.



SFCC FALL PICNIC - SAVE THE DATE

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will celebrate our 31st Annual Fall Picnic on Sunday, September 29th from 4 - 6 pm – and all residents are invited! The annual picnic will be held at Stonecrest Park, East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest. Bring out your whole family, lawn chairs and blankets and help the SFCC celebrate 31 years of neighborhood unity and community involvement. Spend the afternoon visiting with neighbors new and old as you enjoy hot dogs, lemonade, games, a petting zoo, singing cowboys, and much, much more – all provided free of charge by the SFCC.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

SFCC GENERAL MEETING

Monday, July 15, 7pm - YMCA

YARD of the MONTH JUDGING

Weekend of July 20-21



CITIZENS ON PATROL TRAINING

August 19

Contact Patricia Williams for Details

NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION SOCIAL

August 24, 5-7 pm

All Shepherd Forest residents are welcome.

31ST ANNUAL SHEPHERD FOREST FALL PICNIC

September 29, 4-6 pm - Stonecrest Park

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

October 1



PATRIOTIC DISPLAY AT THE HOME OF FORMER SFCC PRESIDENT JENNIFER WOODRUFF!



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YARD OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNE WINNERS!

Sec. 1 - 938 W. 31st - Nichole Seymour

Sec. 2 - 2402 Bron Holly - Angela Daniel

Sec. 3 - 4407 Marlborough - Jordan & Ashley West



FUN AND PATRIOTIC FLOWERBEDS AT THE HOME OF OUR JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH WINNER FOR SECTION 1.



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Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays

July 23rd, August 27th and 24th



SAVE THOSE ALUMINUM CANS!

Got Cans? Call Section 3 Resident John Carter at 713-682-5111.
He will pick up to recycle - and contributes the proceeds to SFCC!

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