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## GARDENING EXPERT TO SPEAK

March 19th signals the beginning of spring, and the recent warm sunny days have allowed us to get outside and evaluate winter damage and start making plans for our spring lawn and gardens. Don't miss the opportunity to get a jump on weeds, trimming, planting, fertilizing and more. The next few weeks are definitely the perfect time to get fresh ideas and helpful suggestions to get our lawns and gardens into shape.

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will host a gardening professional from Wabash Feed and Garden at the civic club meeting to be held Monday, March 16th. Our speaker will discuss lawn care and preparation, gardens, what to "trim or not trim", and how to "get started" in our yards for spring. Choosing the right fertilizer, installing and/or preparing spring flower beds, and the use of plant variety in our yards, are just a few of the many other lawn and garden related topics to be discussed. This will be a most interesting and informative meeting, and you will have the opportunity to ask a professional for advice on your lawn, flowers, garden, trees, or any other lawn and garden related topic.



## ANNUAL EGG HUNT AND EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS

Just a few weeks until the Shepherd Forest Civic Club ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at 10 a.m. at Stonecrest Park, located on East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest. All Shepherd Forest residents and their children are invited and encouraged to attend this special family event. No one is too young or too old to attend the Egg Hunt! Children participating in the egg hunt are divided into groups by age and a separate egg hunt area will be available for babies/young toddlers. EVERY participant will win a prize at the egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will be on hand 30 minutes prior to the Egg Hunt to greet the children and pose for pictures, so bring your camera, along with a lawn chair and an Easter basket. It is rumored that the "Tooth Fairy" may also make an appearance at the event!

Donations of individually wrapped candy and prizes such as books, crayons, Easter goodies, baby toys, etc. are needed and will be collected until the March civic club meeting. So if you are at the store, grab an extra bag of candy or a small toy item for the Easter Egg Hunt. Of course, cash donations to the Egg Hunt are always gladly accepted! For more info about the Egg Hunt or to donate candy and/or prizes, call Delinda Holland (713) 416-1888. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 4th – don't miss the Easter Bunny!



### MARCH SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

**MONDAY, MARCH 16TH - 7:00 PM - GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH - 3200 N. SHEPHERD**

DON'T MISS THIS INFORMATIVE MEETING FEATURING LAWN AND GARDEN TIPS FROM WABASH FEED AND GARDEN. THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST MEETING AT OUR NEW PERMANENT MEETING LOCATION, GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH WHICH IS JUST ACROSS FROM GABBY'S AND STARBUCKS ON N. SHEPHERD. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

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

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# YARD OF THE MONTH SET FOR APRIL

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club Yard of the Month Contest begins each year in the month of April, with judging of yards being done on the first full weekend of each month. Yards are judged on best “overall appearance” and a variety of beautiful yards have won the award. Past award winners included lawns with beautiful shrubs and greenery and other yards were filled with flowers of beautiful spring colors. Both homeowners and renters are eligible to win the yard of the month contest, so there are no excuses for not getting your yard into shape! If you have seen a yard in Shepherd Forest that you would like to nominate for the Yard of the Month award, please contact our Yard of the Month Chairman, Angela Hider at 832-597-7069.



Volunteers are needed to serve as judges for this contest. What a great volunteer job – just ride through the neighborhood and look at lovely yards! It takes less than an hour a month (April through September) and your help would be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved with your civic club, especially if your time is very limited. Contact Angela Hider or any civic club officer if you are interested in serving on the Yard of the Month Contest Committee. Don't forget that helpful lawn and garden tips from Wabash Feed and Garden will be discussed at the March 16th civic club meeting. Make plans to attend and bring your gardening questions with you!

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## NEW BROOKHOLLOW NEIGHBORS

Shepherd Forest will be getting some new neighbors in the Brookhollow Marketplace which is being built on the property of the recently demolished Exxon campus on Dacoma near Hwy. 290. Businesses signed up so far include Michael's, Ross, T.J. Maxx, Burlington, Old Navy, Ulta, Rack Room Shoes, Five Below and Floor & Décor. Construction began late last year and negotiations are underway for the remaining space. Developer Fidelis Realty plans to turn over spaces to tenants for build-out during the summer and stores will open this fall.



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## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

Just doing a few simple things can make the difference in being a good neighbor. Put yourself in your neighbors position and consider how you would feel if you were treated as you treat them.



### Some of the issues we continue to hear about are as follows:

- Scoop Your Poop! Pet owners are reminded to pick up after their pet – especially in neighbors yards. Carry a plastic bag with you when you walk your pet, and let's keep our beautiful neighborhood clean!
- Keep Your Curb Clean – Don't forget to keep your curb free of leaves, trash, newspapers, and other debris as it will end up stopping up our drains and eventually flow into our waterways. We have a limited number of storm drains in Shepherd Forest, so lets keep them clean and prevent unnecessary flooding issues. Every home should help with this issue, not just those near drains.
- Do Not Block Garbage Cans – On scheduled garbage/recycle pick up days, please do not park on the street where you are blocking garbage cans. If the garbage pickup drivers are not able to reach the garbage cans, they will pass by without emptying them.....and you will have an unhappy neighbor left with a full can of garbage!
- Keep Barking Dogs Quiet – If you are the owner of a dog who loves to go in the backyard and bark at the wind or a passing bird, please keep them quiet. Barking dogs can be a great alarm system, but endless barking for no reason is a nuisance to everyone.
- Park Respectfully – Our streets are filled with cars parked along the curbs. When parking your vehicle, please respect your neighbors and don't park in an area that makes it hard for them to enter or exit their driveway. Moving just a few feet can make a huge difference.



# CITIZENS ON PATROL SECURITY REPORT

According to Security/COP Chairman Paul Berry, our Citizens on Patrol members have been quite busy patrolling our neighborhood to keep a watchful eye on suspicious activity. Many thanks to each of these dedicated volunteers who continue to dedicate their time and efforts on your behalf.

## Crime reported in recent weeks includes:

- 2/11/20 – 2000 block of West 34th – DUI arrest
- 2/12/20 – Aggressive solicitors in Section 2
- 2/14/20 – 2200 block of Ansbury – Assault
- 2/16/20 – 3000 block of Ella – Assault at restaurant
- 2/16/20 – 1600 block of Ansbury – Assault in parking lot
- 2/17/20 – 3000 block of Helberg – Tires and rims stolen
- 2/17/20 – 4300 Marlborough – theft
- 2/20/20 – Suspicious vehicle in Section 2

HPD says it 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, etc.) 713-884-3131
- SFCC Security Coordinator – Paul Berry 915-373-8820

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- Monday, March 16th – SFCC Meeting at 7pm  
**Topic:** Spring Lawn & Gardening Tips
- Tuesday, March 17th – Happy St. Patricks Day!
- Saturday, April 4th – Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny Photos at Stonecrest Park
- Sunday, April 12th – Happy Easter!
- Monday, April 20th – SFCC “Social” Meeting at Union Kitchen @ 6pm
- Thursday, April 24th – National Arbor Day
- Monday, May 18th – SFCC Meeting at 7pm  
**Topic:** Property Tax Valuations and Protests

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WWW.SHEPHERDFOREST.ORG**



# PARTY LINE

Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure and recognize your graduate.....whether it is preschool or college or anything in between. Just send us your graduates name, school, and possible future plans and we will recognize them in our upcoming Graduation Roll Call.

Happy March Birthday wishes go to Kelly Moore (3/17), to Jonathan Evanicky (3/18), Delores Muske (3/29), and Sammy Hider (3/30). An early April Happy Birthday goes to Delle Hightower on (4/4).

Anniversary wishes are sent to Michael Moore and Kevin Taylor who celebrate on 3/30.

Congratulations are sent to lucky resident, Natalie Dunn, who won the Rodeo Trivia contest at the February Civic Club Meeting. Free appetizers at BB's was the prize. Congratulations Natalie!

We would love to share your special news! If you have information about birthdays, anniversaries, new neighbors, special events..... please contact any officer/director listed in this newsletter or email us at [info@shepherdforest.org](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org).



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## NEW STONECREST STOP SIGN

In case you missed it....there is a new stop sign in town! After years of requests to the City of Houston from residents and the SFCC, a Stop Sign finally replaces the Yield Sign at the corner of Stonecrest and Piney Woods. Along with the three other streets in Section 2, Stonecrest has been used as a "cut through" street for years, but increased traffic on East TC Jester has made the influx of traffic even more dangerous without a stop sign at the intersection to slow down the cars. Thanks to the efforts of residents and the SFCC working together, traffic will now have to come to a complete stop at this intersection. Don't miss it – a new Stop Sign at the corner of Stonecrest and Piney Woods!



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**Shepherd Forest Civic Club** meetings are held on the third Monday of every month except December. We alternate between regular meetings and "socials". Meeting locations may vary, so be sure to watch the newsletter or website ([www.shepherdforest.org](http://www.shepherdforest.org)) to check out the upcoming meeting schedule. All Shepherd Forest residents are invited and encouraged to attend a meeting.



Dr. Amelia Wang, DMD at 3004 Yale  
713-331-3177 [HoustonDentalOasis.com](http://HoustonDentalOasis.com)

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

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