



# TIMES

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## SHEPHERD FOREST IS GOING TO THE DOGS!

If you have a canine companion, you should definitely plan to attend our next Civic Club General Meeting on Monday, May 20. We will have two featured speakers representing local businesses that cater to your pets. Be sure to get your raffle ticket - a gift basket will be awarded to one lucky recipient!

Natural Paws is a purveyor of wholesome foods, grooming supplies, fun toys, and unique treats. Store Manager Mark Gulesian will be telling us about all the latest developments in better ways to feed your dog to improve or maintain its health. If your veterinarian is suggesting a special or organic diet for your dog, Mark will be able to walk you through several options and answer your questions.

Doggie day care is just one of the many services provided by Paws Pet Resort, which recently reopened in a new, bigger facility next to their previous location. Owner Jamie Cupps will be with us to tell us about their extensive list of boarding and grooming capabilities. They have room for 100+ overnight guests, and special "suites" where boarding pets can be observed by their owners via video cameras.



### MAY SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

**MONDAY, MAY 20TH - 7:00 PM - HARRIET & JOE FOSTER YMCA - 1234 W. 34TH STREET**

Our featured guests will be Mark Gulesian of Natural Paws and Jamie Cupps of Paws Pet Resort.

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

The Newsletter gathers its Crime information from the HPD website regarding reported crimes. But we often hear about isolated incidents that go unreported because victims feel it is not worth the time or trouble to get HPD involved. The more they hear about our incidents, the more likely they are to increase patrol in our area. PLEASE REPORT ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY to HPD. You can report crimes online at [https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online\\_report](https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report).

### RECENT CRIMES REPORTED TO HPD

4/3	Ella Blvd. Restaruant Drive Thru	Patron Robbed
4/8	900 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 1)	Tailgate Stolen
4/21	4100 Block Gardendalee (Sec. 3)	Vehicle Burglary
4/22	4500 Block Marlborough (Sec. 3)	Armed Carjacking
4/28	1000 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 1)	Theft from Vehicle

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](mailto:Lambmn1011@aol.com).



## HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Celebrating their birthdays in May: Dylan Moore (5/3), Jennifer Woodruff (5/4), Mary Wisniewski (5/5), Stella Castro (5/5), Clyde Muske (5/13) Janelle Daniels (5/15) and Charlie Castro (5/25)

*Celebrating their wedding anniversary this month are Brandon and Claudia Tristan (5/6).*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### MOTHERS DAY

Sunday May 12

### YARD of the MONTH JUDGING

Weekend of May 18-19

### SFCC GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 20, - YMCA, 7pm



### MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27

### FLAG DAY

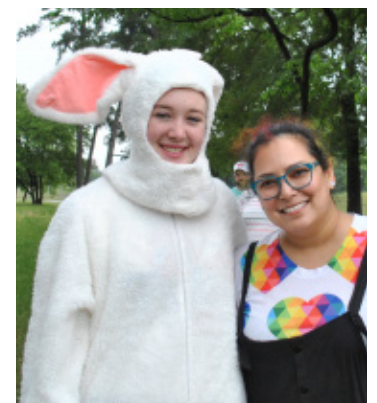
Friday, June 14

### FATHERS DAY

Sunday, June 16

## LET A SMILE BE YOUR UMBRELLA!

That was the theme for the annual spring event on Saturday April 13 at Stonecrest Park. Despite cloudy skies and a light sprinkle of rain, organizer Delinda Holland estimated there were about 30 youngsters of all ages (some not even walking yet) and everyone went home with candy, prizes and happy memories. Thanks to Julie Evanicky for bringing the Easter Bunny to life, and Civic Club board members and officers John Leader, Bid Nutt, Angela Hider, Mary Lamb, Carla Byrom and Patricia Williams helped to make this a special time for the little ones.





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**TAX PROTEST DEADLINE IS MAY 15TH**

A LITTLE RAIN IN THE FORECAST WAS NOT GOING TO DETER TESSA BURMASTER AND TEDDY KOWNSLAR, OR ANY OF THE OTHER SHEPHERD FOREST RESIDENTS AND KIDS WHO TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL SFCC EASTER EGG HUNT.



# CREDIT CARD CONCERNS HAVE YOU BEEN SKIMMED?

There has been a recent increase in reported incidents of credit card skimming in the Oak Forest and Shepherd Forest area. Credit card skimming occurs when a device is installed over the slot where you would normally slide your credit card. The skimming device reads and retains your information, allowing thieves to access your cash or credit. The most common place to find these is on a gas pump or a stand-alone ATM where someone could install it without attracting a lot of attention. Along with the skimming device a small camera can often be found installed nearby to record your PIN number, if you're using a debit card. Creative thieves can even install a false keypad over the real one – another easy way to collect your information without a camera.

## HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THIS SCAM?

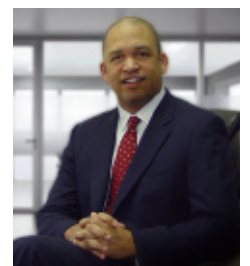
Whenever you use your credit or debit card at a self-serve machine, look carefully before sliding your card. If the device seems not to be part of the original equipment – a different color, bigger than it needs to be, feels loose or doesn't conform to the readers on other nearby machines – DON'T USE IT. Cover your hand while you are entering your PIN number. Thieves like to install skimmers on machines that are out of the way, so as not to attract attention. If you must use an ATM, choose one that is in a high-traffic area or one at your bank. (Bank ATMs are monitored by video cameras that discourage this type of activity but are still vulnerable.) Check your bank and credit card accounts frequently. If your credit card company offers Fraud Protection, consider opting into this low-fee feature. They will let you know if there has been suspicious activity on your account. Several major gas companies also offer an app which allows you to pay via your cell phone.

If you don't notice a card skimmer but your card data is stolen, take heart. As long as you report the theft to your card issuer or bank as soon as possible, you will not be held liable for the lost amount and your money will be returned.

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# YARD OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL WINNERS!

Sec 1 – Diane Ramos, 1235 Stonecrest

Sec 2 – The Ortiz family 1903 Ansbury

Sec 3 – Eugene Marlow 4315 Marlborough



FOXTAIL FERNS AND DARK PINK ROSES ACCENTUATE THE HOME OF EUGENE MARLOW, OUR SECTION 3 YARD OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL.

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## CITY TREE WASTE & JUNK WASTE COLLECTION

**Section 1 & 2 Pickup - 3rd Thursdays**

May 16th, June 20th and July 18th

**Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays**

May 28th, June 25th and July 23rd



**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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