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# HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

There were almost as many candidates as attendees at our Sept. 16 Forum. Local residents heard from City Council candidates running for the seat in District A (which represents Section 3 of Shepherd Forest) and Disctrict C (which represents Sections 1 and 2). District A candidates hoping to fill the seat of Brenda Stardig were Iesheia Ayers-Wilson, Mehdi Cherkaoui, Marina Coryat, Lois Myers, Any Peck and George Zoes. Those candidates hoping to fill Ellen Cohen's seat in District C were Greg Meyers, Shelley Kennedy, Rodney Hill, Michelle Ganz, Abby Kamin (represented that evening by her husband Matt), Candelario Cervantez, Mary Jane Smith, Sean Marshall, Daphne Scarborough, Bob Nowak, and Gladys House.

For a complete list of 2019 Houston City Council candidates visit www.houstontx.gov/2019-general-election.html

**DON'T FORGET - CITY OF HOUSTON MAYORAL & GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.** The most important thing to remember is that this year you can vote AT ANY POLLING LOCATION.

# SHEPHERD FOREST CELEBRATES 2019 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The streets of Shepherd Forest were buzzing Tuesday. October 1 with local residents celebrating National Night Out, the annual event calling for citizens to get to know their neighbors in an effort to deter crime. Officers from all levels of law enforcement were a huge presence and more than 6 parties were held in Shepherd Forest. Thanks to those who offered up their driveways and their time to make this a success. Thanks also to everyone who came out to talk to your friends, meet your neighbors and just have a good time.



## SEPTEMBER SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST - 6:00 PM - UNION KITCHEN - 3452 ELLA BLVD.

Our last Social meeting of the year will be held Monday October 21st at 6:00 pm at Union Kitchen, 3452 Ella Blvd. All are invited to come out and meet the New Civic Club Officers, catch up with friends and neighbors, and enjoy the great hospitality that this local restaurant provides. A surprise pumpkin-related activity is also planned.

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

| DATE | SEC | INCIDENT                                       |
|------|-----|--|
| 9/12 | 3   | 4400 block marlborough - Wheels & Tires Stolen |
| 9/18 | 1   | 1800 block Ansbury - Burglary                  |
| 9/19 | 2   | 2200 block Bron Holly - Vandalism              |
| 9/21 | 1   | 1500 block Wilde Rock - Trespassing            |
| 9/21 | 3   | 4200 block Marlborough - Assault               |
| 9/28 | 1   | 1000 block Stonecrest - Buglary of Vehicle     |
| 9/28 | 1   | 1300 block 31st - Vandalism                    |
| 9/30 | 2   | 2200 block Ansbury - Theft of Packages         |
| 10/3 | 1   | 1100 block Stonecrest - Wheels & Tires Stolen  |
| 10/3 | 1   | 1100 block Stonecrest - Vandalism              |
|      |     |  |

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.

The most common crime we see in Shepherd Forest is theft. Theft is a crime of opportunity - if we don't give thieves the opportunity, they can't commit this crime. That said, please keep in mind the following precautions:

Be always aware of your surroundings. When your guard is down or you are distracted, a thief can snatch your purse, pick your pocket, or physically harm you to take your wallet and valuables. Put the phone down and pay attention to what is happening around you.

Theft from a vehicle is probably the most common crime we report here. ALWAYS lock your car when it is in your driveway or in front of your house. NEVER leave valuables in your car, even if they are concealed. If you do become a victim, ALWAYS report it to HPD.



## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Celebrating in October are Tom Hider (10/3) Scott Rohr (10/3), Tessa Bermaster (10/8), Kim Syrinek (10/12), Larry Buttram (10/16), Evelyn Navarro (10/20). Belated September birthday wishes to Jason Syrinek (9/24) and Mike Elsafi (9/30).

Belated Wedding Anniversary recognition goes to Paul and Jeanne Berry (9/26), Clyde and Delores Muske, (9/26) and Eric and Amber Oliver (9/28).

# **CITIZENS ON PATROL TRAINING**

The SF Citizens on Patrol team is now 11 strong, and in the first month of active patrolling, logged in 23.75 total hours - not bad for the first month of "duty". We continue to recruit Shepherd Forest residents to participate in the COP program. You can download the application and criminal background check form from the SFCC website, where you'll find directions on how to submit your form http://www.shepherdforest.org/citizens-on-patrol.html Or use the HPD link to download it here:

https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/images/vip\_app.pdf

We will continue to remind you of upcoming Training Sessions as they are scheduled. We also hope someone will be trained and step up as a permanent COP Coordinator. All COP participants make their own schedule and turn in hours twice a month to Patricia Williams, interim COP coordinator.

If you are interested in attending a training session, please contact Patricia at paw@earthlink.net, or 713.869.1106.

# SFCC OFFICER ELECTIONS

Civic Club officer elections were held Monday September 16th at 6 pm. Our President and Vice President will remain for another year, but we have elected a new Treasurer, Chantelle Vilaverde, and Recording Secretary, Kendra Benson. The Board of Directors also has two new members – Paul Berry and Michael Moore. We look forward to a new and VERY productive year together as a team.

You can find a complete list of the Civic Club Officers and Board members on the back of this and every issue of the SFCC Times.

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# OUR 31ST ANNUAL PICNIC IS ANOTHER SHINING SUCCESS!

A light breeze kept the clouds away, giving us a clear sky and making it a perfect day for the 31st annual Shepherd Forest Picnic at Stonecrest Park. Under the guidance of Board Member Delinda Holland (with help from husband Richard), the picnic served up hot dogs, lemonade and watermelon to a crowd of 100 or more. Big thanks to Jan and Clay Thompson (who offered the use of their grill) and Virginia and "Chef" Raymond Dietrich, who made sure the 'dogs were cooked to perfection. The picnic also featured a dozen antique cars, 2 members of Pct. 1 Constable officers, S.A.V.E. pet rescue, rodeo clowns, Marsha's petting zoo. The Houston Fire Department also brought out one of their trucks and showed kids of all ages how their hose works. To put it short, a great time was had by all!

Special thanks to the many local sponsors of the event: HEB Heights, Dr. Gleem Car Wash, Revive Development, BB's Tex Orleans, Memorial Hermann Greater Heights, and the Houston Livestock & Rodeo Speakers Committee.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

SFCC GENERAL MEETING & SOCIAL Monday, October 21st - 6pm - Union Kitchen

> HALLOWEEN YARD of the MONTH JUDGING Veekend of October 26th-27th



#### HALLOWEEN Thursday, October 31st

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Sunday. November 3rd - Set your clocks back!

> HOUSTON MAYORAL & GENERAL ELECTIONS Tuesday. November 5th

**SFCC GENERAL MEETING & SALUTE TO VETERANS** Monday. November 19th - 7pm - YMCA





Halloween is just around the corner, so bring out your "boo" and show us how scary you can be! Judging for the Annual Halloween Decorating Contest will be the weekend of October 26-27th and winners will be announced in the next Newsletter.



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#### CITY TREE WASTE & JUNK WASTE COLLECTION

Section 1 & 2 Pickup - 3rd Thursdays Oct. 17th, Nov. 21st and Dec. 19th

Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays Oct. 21st, Nov. 26th and Dec. 24th

**Tree Waste** is picked up in the ODD numbered months. **Heavy Trash** is picked up in the EVEN numbered months.



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER WINNERS!

Sec. 1 - 1234 W. 31st - Marva Gurrola Sec. 2 - 2302 Ansbury - Lynn & Van Knox Sec. 3 - 3014 Vollmer - Gloria Mutz



FESTIVE FALL DECORATIONS AT THE HOME OF OUR SEPTEMBER WINNER FOR SECTION 1.

#### **CIVIC CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

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