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CIVIC CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS ARE HERE IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club is seeking nominations for Board Members (2018-20 term) and Officers (2018-19 term). Board Offices include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, with each officer serving a one-year term. In addition, the SFCC Board is comprised of five Directors who serve two-year terms. Elections will be held at the September general meeting, and those elected begin their terms in October. Several members will be rotating off the board this fall, so we have a number vacancies to fill.

WHAT IT TAKES... Board Members must be dues-paying members of the SFCC. Civic Club Board meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. General Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, and alternate between General Business Meetings and "Get-Acquainted" Social Meetings. Board members and officers also often help chair other committees or assist in various SFCC activities, such as the Security Task Force, the Annual Picnic, Christmas Party, Social Meetings, etc. This year, we have also concentrated on issues such as flooding and draining issues, security, updating and approving the bylaws and deed restrictions. There is an expanded list of SFCC contributions on page 3 of this issue, and you can read more at ShepherdForest.org

If you are interested in getting involved in your Shepherd Forest Civic Club, contact SFCC President Bid Nutt at bidnutt99@yahoo.com, or 713.681.9367.

THE 30TH ANNUAL SHEPHERD FOREST FALL PICNIC



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will celebrate our 30th Annual Fall Picnic on Sunday, September 23rd 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 30 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.

Thanks to Dr. Gleem Carwash and HEB Pantry on 18th street for supporting this event through the years. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Delinda Holland at delindaholland@sbcglobal.net or 713-416-1888.

SEPTEMBER SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH - 7:00 PM - HARRIET & JOE FOSTER YMCA - 1234 W. 34TH STREET

At this month's meeting we will hold elections for Civic Club Board Members and Officers. Anyone who is interested in joining the Board of Directors, or simply nominating or voting on Board Members, should attend this important meeting. 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

We are pleasantly surprised to have only a couple of incidents to report this month! Keep up the good work by continuing to lock your doors and vehicles, keep your porch lights on and keeping an eye out for and reporting suspicious activities.

RECENT CRIMES REPORTED TO HPD

8/16	1000 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 1)	Theft from Vehicle
9/5	1200 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 1)	Theft

Citizens on Patrol reminds us to call HPD (911 if it is an emergency, or call 713-884-3131 if you should see anything or anyone that appears to be "suspicious"). AFTER you have made the call to HPD, please notify our Editor Mary Lamb via e-mail at Lambmn1011@aol.com.

CITIZENS ON PATROL COORDINATOR NEEDED!

We are currently seeking a new COP coordinator to devote 1-2 hours a week coordinating and collecting patrol reports and completing a few forms. If you would like to help us revive this important program, please contact any Civic Club Board Member (back page), e-mail Info@ShepherdForest.org or attend our next General Meeting & Social to learn more.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Joan Delaney - September 6th Ken Mingus - September 7th Joe Jungbauer - September 9th Kenneth Battarbee - September 10th Elsie Haley - September 12th

Belated birthday wishes to Peggy Kercher, who celebrated on August 11th.

Congratulations to Richard and Delinda Holland on the birth of their first grandson, Richard Olen Holland, who was born on July 25th. Proud parents are Clint and Renata Holland.

If you would like to contribute or have a suggestion for an upcoming issue, please contact Editor Mary Lamb at Lambmn1011@aol.com or 281-488-3216.

ROLES OF THE SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB

Here are more of the services the SFFC provides members and residents:

The Bylaws Committee maintains and updates Civic Club bylaws, with the approval of homeowners.

The Deed Restrictions Committee maintains updated Deed Restrictions and notifies residents of violations.

The Architectural Committee reviews and approves proposed architectural plans for new construction and remodeling projects.

The Beautification Committee organizes and promotes beautification projects and recognizes Yard of the Month, Halloween and Christmas Decorating Contests in each section.

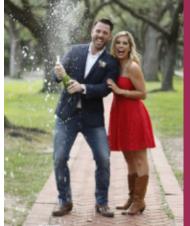
The Security Task Force works with the community, the Constable's Office, HPD and the SFCC board to improve safety and security in our neighborhood.

The Times, our monthly newsletter, delivered directly to your doorstep.

ShepherdForest.org - the SFCC website, featuring upcoming events, bylaws, deed restrictions, news; letter archives and other neighborhood items.

Monthly Meetings, which alternate between General Meetings addressing issues such as flood control, security, deed restrictions, etc., and "Get Acquainted" Social Meetings. Community leaders are often featured guests, and all residents are welcome.

Annual Festivities such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Fall Picnic and Annual Christmas Party, all free events for Shepherd Forest families.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To our own SFCC Board Member Krista Ripper and former SFCC President Kurt Schoeffler on their engagement. The couple, who lives in Section 3 with their dogs Cam, Mia and Fancy, will be married in November.





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NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

While neighborhood improvement project concepts are frequently brought before the SFCC Board for discussion, most of them are outside the purview or capabilities of our Civic Club. But an exciting City of Houston program may now make some of those projects possible. Administered in partnership through the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods and the City of Houston Council Members' Offices, the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program helps neighborhoods like ours fund beautification and improvement projects by providing a dollar-for-dollar matching grant reimbursement ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. This program is designed to build solid relationships among neighbors, cultivate a spirit of volunteer-ism, and develop projects that build a sustainable and stronger community. To learn more about the program or apply for a grant, visit the website to find pertinent guidelines, the application and frequently asked questions.

www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods/matching-grant-program.html

Beautification and improvement projects such as enhanced neighborhood entrance signage or a recently proposed sidewalk addition may be eligible for funding through the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program.





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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club is proud to partner with HPD to promote National Night Out in our community. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 2nd and plan to participate in this important event. National Night Out is a chance for residents to meet and mingle with their neighbors and promote neighborhood unity in the fight against crime in Shepherd Forest. The easiest step to crime prevention is getting to know your neighbors and watching out for each other. Turn on your porch light from 6:00 - 9:00pm, grab a lawn chair, lock your doors, and go outside and join your neighbors (or have your own block party) as they unite against crime in Shepherd Forest.

Host your own NNO party, or join your neighbors at one of these locations below. And don't forget to post your event and photos on our Facebook page - Facebook.com/ShepherdForest.

Section 1 - 3106 Attridge (The Arens residence) Section 2 - 2218 Bron Holly (The Holland residence) Section 3 - 3010 Vollmer (The Dietrich residence)



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER WINNERS!

Section 1 - 938 W. 31st - Nichole Seymour Section 2 - 2207 Wilde Rock - Mrs. Wanda Brown Section 3 - 3023 Maple Grove - Andrew Safier



BRIGHTLY COLORED FOXTAIL FERNS, CACTI AND SUCCULENTS AT THE HOME OF ANDREW SAFIER, OUR SECTION 3 WINNER.

CITY TREE WASTE & JUNK WASTE COLLECTION

Section 1 & 2 Pickup - 3rd Thursdays September 20th, October 18th, November 15th

Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays

September 25th, October 23rd, November 20th



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!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

We are always in need of additional newsletter carriers if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Lamb at Lambmn1011@aol.com or text 281-488-3216.

CIVIC CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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SECRETARY - Payton Arens (Sec. 1) - 713-569-2750

TREASURER - Mark Landress (Sec. 1) - 713-880-4847

COP COORDINATOR - Position Open - Volunteer Wanted!

BEAUTIFICATION - Susan Steving (Sec. 2) - 713-299-9489

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