



THE SHEPHERD FOREST TIMES

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RECYCLE BASICS FOR RESIDENTS

Have questions about how recycling in Houston works? Everyone with City of Houston garbage collection also has automated curbside recycling in the big green 96-gal cart. On **January 18th**, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will host a virtual meeting with representatives from the City’s Solid Waste/Recycling Department to learn more about the basics of recycling. In addition, for those not sure what can be tossed in the green bins, we’ll even have a special “show and tell” segment where residents can show items that they aren’t sure are recyclable, and our specialist will tell you the answer! So be on the lookout for items that you are not sure can be placed in the recycle bins and have them with you at the meeting. Recycle representatives can also give you the answer to any other questions you may have. Don’t miss joining with your neighbors for this “Recycle Basics” informative event on **Monday, January 18th at 7:00 pm.**



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECYCLE VIRTUAL MEETING: At 7:00 pm, you can join your neighbors at the virtual civic club meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart phone by entering <https://zoom.us/j/99397007824> in your browser. If you haven't ever used Zoom on that device, just follow the prompts to install the Zoom app. This should connect you to the meeting where you will be joining in a “live” event.

To join in the civic club meeting with your neighbors using a regular telephone (this will be audio only), please dial 346-248-7799. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number 993 9700 7824 followed by the # key. You should now be connected with your neighbors and able to participate in the meeting.

SFCC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

January is Membership Drive Month for the Shepherd Forest Civic Club and membership dues for all residents were due on January 1st. We encourage all homeowners and renters to join today. Civic club dues are only **\$20 per household** and are a vital part of the continuing programs and projects of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. For your convenience, we are offering several easy ways to join. You can mail it in the envelope enclosed in this newsletter, pay by visiting www.shepherdforest.org and make your dues payment **via PayPal**, or scan the QR code in this newsletter and follow the prompts. Please be sure to complete a Membership Form along with your dues payment so that we will have your correct information. You may also give your membership dues and form to any SFCC officer or director. Every household that has joined the civic club and paid their membership dues before **February 15th** will **AUTOMATICALLY** be entered into a **DRAWING** to be held for one of two \$25 gift cards to a local restaurant. Don’t miss your chance to win while supporting a civic club that works every day on your behalf. *Please Join the SFCC Today – you may be a lucky winner !!!!*



Upcoming important dates:

- “Virtual” SFCC Zoom meeting – January 18th – Topic: Recycling
- Martin Luther King Holiday – January 18th
- Happy Valentines Day – February 14th
- Presidents Day Holiday – February 15th
- SFCC “Clean Up” Day – February 21st – Details to follow





Christmas DECORATING CONTEST

Christmas decorations shone brightly in Shepherd Forest throughout December and many homes were beautifully decorated. Beautification Chairman Amanda Schnell reports there was a renewed interest in Christmas decorating this year, including participation by new, as well as long time residents, and many others at home with lots of extra time on their hands due to the Covid pandemic. Although the decisions were difficult for the judges, two homes in each section were selected as the 2020 Decorating Contest winners. A warm congratulations goes to each of the following:

selected as the 2020 Decorating Contest winners.

Section 1 –



First Place – 1130 West 31st – Lisa Kaminski



Second Place - 943 Stonecrest – The Barrett Family

Section 2 –

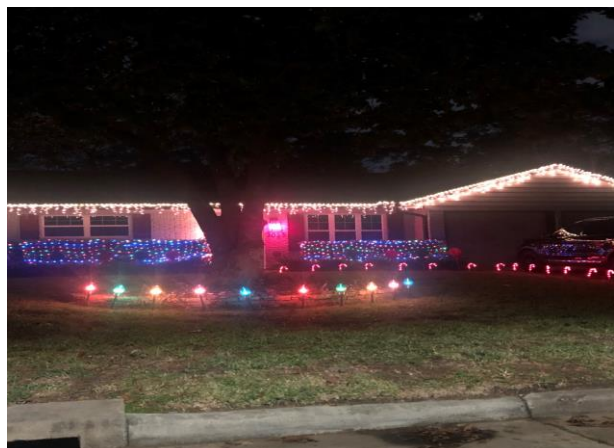


First Place – 2306 Wilde Rock
Keith, Kelly & Neavey Millner



Second Place – 2218 Bron Holly
Richard & Delinda Holland

Section 3 –



First Place – 3023 Maple Grove
Andrew and Sarah Safier



Second Place –3007 Stally
The Tompkins Family

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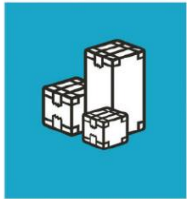
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ANNUAL SURVEY

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club has enclosed the **2021 SFCC Survey**, along with a membership form, and self-addressed envelope with this newsletter for your convenience. The SFCC is made up of resident volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of you and our neighborhood, but we need to hear from you to help us continue the important work of the civic club. Please take a moment to complete the survey and mail it as soon as possible. If you prefer, you may also complete the survey at www.shepherdforest.org.

Win a
\$25 Gift
Card!

ALL RESIDENTS THAT HAVE PAID THEIR 2021 SFCC MEMBERSHIP DUES BEFORE FEBRUARY 15TH WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR \$25 GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL RESTAURANT.

JOIN TODAY - YOU MAY BE A WINNER !!



PARTY LINE

Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday are sent to the following who celebrate in January:

Carolyn Brock 1/3, Bob Williamson 1/11, Kendra Benson 1/21, Kevin Taylor 1/27, Katy Cattoni 1/30, and Jean Jungbauer 1/31. Celebrating early February birthdays are **Carmen Nieto 2/2, Shirley Evanicky 2/9, and Ruth Lepler 2/11.** Happy Birthday to all !!

Congratulations and Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes are sent to **Angela and Tom Hider** who celebrate on 1/11 and to **Johnny & Mary Farmer** who celebrate on 1/21.

Warm congratulations are sent to Sections 3 residents, **Joe and Beth D'Blanca**, who welcomed a beautiful baby girl, **Hadly**, on December 21st.

If you are new to the neighborhood or have any news you would like to share in the PartyLine, please send the information to info@shepherdforest.org.



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ADOPT-A-SIGN

The SFCC is still looking for someone to "adopt" the Neighborhood Entry signs listed below. This is a great project for neighbors to join together and work on. For more information or to volunteer, send your info to info@shepherdforst.org or call 713-742-2470.

- * West 31st at Loop 610
- * Guese at Loop 610
- * East TC Jester (near Wilde Rock)
- * Ella Blvd (near Wilde Rock)



SECURITY/CITIZENS ON PATROL NEWS

The holidays are now behind us, but unfortunately crime hasn't stopped. Scrooge hit Shepherd Forest during December and several residents reported having Christmas decorations and other items stolen from their yards and porches. Crime on Ella has slowed down a bit, but it appears that crime along 34th is starting to increase. Please remember to be alert to your surroundings at all times – especially when leaving or returning home. It is extremely important that residents **report ALL CRIME** to HPD, regardless of how insignificant it may seem. The number of HPD patrol units assigned to our area is based on the number of calls to HPD we make. HPD encourages residents to report suspicious people/activity so they will know what is going on in our neighborhood. AFTER you have contacted HPD, please call our SFCC Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820 and report what has happened. The following crimes in our area were reported to HPD:

- 12/07 - 3000 Ella – HPD foot chase (suspect caught nearby)
- 12/07 – 1400 Block of Stonecrest - assault
- 12/08 – 2400 block of Ansbury - theft
- 12/09 – 2400 block of Ansbury – theft
- 12/09 – 2200 block of Bron Holly – theft
- 12/14 – 3000 Ella – theft from motor vehicle (gas station)
- 12/15 – 2200 block of West 34th – theft from motor vehicle (gas station)
- 12/16 – 4000 block of Marlborough - theft
- 12/17 – 2200 block of West 34th – assault
- 12/20 – 2400 block of West 34th – theft from motor vehicle
- 12/25 – 1700 block of Wilde Rock – assault
- 12/26 – 3000 Ella – theft
- 12/28 -1700 block of Ansbury –tools stolen from worker truck
- 12/29 – Ella/West 34th – Robbery
- 12/29 – 1100 block of Stonecrest - tools stolen from worker
- 01/01 – 2000 block of Stonecrest – assault



Many thanks again to our Citizens on Patrol members who patrol our neighborhood to keep a watchful eye on what is going on. If you would like to join this dedicated group or would like more information about the Shepherd Forest Citizen on Patrol group, contact our SFCC Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820.

The Houston Police Department's North Command will be hosting a Community PIP meeting on Thursday, January 28th at 7pm. The speakers will be representatives from the HPD DRT and Community Services divisions. For details on how to join this meeting by computer or phone, contact Officer Nicole Carter at 832-394-3880 or Nicole.Carter@houstonpolice.org.



CLEAN UP DAY

The SFCC Beautification Committee is excited to be planning an

upcoming Neighborhood Clean Up Day for February 21st. The focus of the work will be picking up trash and litter in designated areas throughout Shepherd Forest. Details will be included in the next newsletter as well as posted at www.shepherdforest.org and on the Shepherd Forest FaceBook page once the plans have been finalized. Make plans now to join your neighbors to help clean up and beautify our neighborhood! Watch for details.



HEAVY TRASH PICKUP FOR ALL SHEPHERD FOREST HOMES THAT ARE LOCATED EAST OF TC JESTER (SECTIONS 1 AND 2) IS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

HEAVY TRASH PICKUP FOR ALL SHEPHERD FOREST HOMES THAT ARE LOCATED WEST OF TC JESTER (SECTION 3) IS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Call 3-1-1 for more information on Heavy Trash pickup.