



THE SHEPHERD FOREST TIMES

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SFCC TO “SALUTE OUR VETERANS”

Shepherd Forest is very proud to be the home of many veterans and active duty military personnel, from WWII to the current war in Afghanistan, and the civic club would like to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our country. Last Wednesday was **Veterans Day**



(November 11th), the day set aside each year to honor and thank the nation’s 25 million living veterans and the memory of those patriots who came before them. America’s veterans deserve our deepest respect and enduring appreciation. In honor of Veteran’s Day and the veterans that live in our neighborhood, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will **recognize and honor all Shepherd Forest veterans and active military** at the November 16th virtual civic club meeting. (If you know of a Shepherd Forest veteran or a resident or family member

who is currently serving in the military, please send a photo of them to **kgtband@gmail.com** so that they may also be recognized). Please take this opportunity to thank and show your support of our military and veterans by joining in this “Salute To Our Veterans” meeting.

The “virtual” civic club meeting will take place on Monday, November 16th at 7:00pm. In addition to recognizing our Shepherd Forest Veterans, a representative from the **Wounded Warriors Project** (Warriors Speak) will also participate. Wounded Warriors is a non-profit organization whose mission is to honor and empower wounded warriors and provide programs and services to wounded veterans and their families. Don’t miss this informative meeting .

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE “SALUTE TO VETERANS” MEETING: At 7:00 pm, you can join the 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 your neighbors 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 to the meeting.

Upcoming important dates:

Salute to Veterans “Virtual” Meeting – November 16th – 7pm

Happy Thanksgiving from the SFCC – November 26th

Santa Visits Shepherd Forest – December 6th - 3:00–5:00 pm

Christmas Decorating Contest – Weekend of December 12th



SANTA IS COMING TO SHEPHERD FOREST !

🎵 You better watch out, you better not pout.....Santa Claus is coming to town. Well, actually he is coming to Shepherd Forest. That's right - on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**, Santa Claus will be taking a ride through the neighborhood between 3 and 5 pm to make his list and check it twice. There may possibly be some stops along his route so be sure to check out his route and other information about his visit on the civic

club website (www.shepherdforest.org) or Facebook.com/group/shepherdforest. More details will be posted as soon as they are available. Save the Date - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH !!!

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club announces the date of the judging of the annual **Christmas Decorating Contest** which is held each year in December. The judging of Christmas yard decorations for 2020 will be held on the weekend of **Saturday, December 12th**.



For the decorating contest, a team of judges selects the best decorated yards in each of the three sections of Shepherd Forest and recognition is given to the winners. A sign will be placed in the winning yard and will remain there throughout the Christmas holidays. They will also be recognized on our website and in the January issue of the SF Times. As each year passes, more and more residents have begun to decorate for the holidays. Decorations vary from the simplest candle in a window to elaborate decorations filling the yard. Everyone is encouraged to decorate for the holidays, regardless of how small or large your decorations are. Start making your decorating plans now - it's less than **five weeks** until the 2020 Contest winners are selected !

COVID19 - DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE!

To protect the health and safety of all of our residents, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will continue to suspend our scheduled monthly meetings and socials until the COVID 19 situation improves. Please



check our civic club website at www.shepherdforest.org, our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/Group/ShepherdForest](https://www.facebook.com/Group/ShepherdForest), and future newsletters for all updates and information related to the resumption of SFCC activities. For the latest information on COVID 19 cases, risks, symptoms, testing sites, mask distribution, virus prevention,

business re-openings, and much more, please check out the City of Houston website at <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/> or call the City of Houston's COVID-19 Center Hotline at 832-393-4220.

Have you recently moved into Shepherd Forest? New baby? Birthday? Whatever news you have to share with your neighbors, please contact the Civic Club at **info@shepherdforest.org** and give us your information so that we can share it in the next issue of the Shepherd Forest Times!

CITIZENS ON PATROL SECURITY REPORT

While several thefts and assaults within Shepherd Forest were reported to HPD last month, the major thoroughfares in and around our neighborhood continue to see a steady stream of crime occurring. As reported below, the area near Loop 610 and Ella, as well as along West 34th, seems to stay a "hot spot" for various crime. For reporting purposes, the 1900 block of North Loop 610 and the 3000 block of Ella Blvd is the area "generally located at the intersection of Loop 610 and Ella Blvd." Again, we advise our residents to be extra alert when in these areas. HPD reported incidents that SFCC has been made aware of include:

10/05 - 2300 Block of Stonecrest - assault
10/11 - Stonecrest (Sec. 1) - theft
10/12 - 3000 Block of Ella - nude man under freeway
10/12 - 3000 Block of Ella - theft at Exxon station
10/13 - 1900 Block West 34th - vandalism
10/13 - 1000 Block West 30th - theft from vehicle
10/17 - 3000 Block Ella - DUI
10/19 - 1900 Block Loop 610 - Assault
10/19 - 1700 Block West 34th - theft of vehicle parts
10/21 - 2400 Stonecrest - theft
10/23 - 2200 Block West 34th - Assault
10/26 - 1700 Block West 34th - Burglary
10/29 - 3000 Block Ella - Stabbing at Exxon station
10/29 - 1500 Block West 34th - theft from motor vehicle
10/30 - 2400 Block Wilde Rock - Assault
11/02 - 900 Block West 30th - Theft
11/07 - 3000 Block Ella - Aggravated assault at Exxon station



The information provided is a good faith effort to reconcile data from various sources and is the best information available at the time of publication. If a crime has occurred near you, please report it to HPD immediately and then to our Security Coordinator, Paul Berry at 915-373-8820. It is extremely important that HPD is made aware of ALL crimes in our neighborhood, regardless of how insignificant it may seem. The number of call and reports that are made to HPD directly impacts the number of patrol units that will be assigned to our neighborhood on a daily basis. The more reports we make, the more patrol cars that HPD will send our way.



PARTY LINE

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors who will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of November. They are: **EVA KIRTEN (11/15)**, **RAYMOND DIETRICH (11/27)**, and **RICHARD HOLLAND (11/28)**. Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary wishes go to **PAIGE and ERIC ALLEN** who will celebrate on November 28th.

Get Well Soon wishes are sent to **NELL BAHAM** who continues to face health issues. Sincere sympathy is sent to **ESMERALDA SUAREZ** on the recent loss of her brother and brother-in-law.

A huge Shepherd Forest "Welcome to the Neighborhood" goes to new Bron Holly neighbors **MARK JANDA** and **BRENT GRELE** and their son, **EVAN**. A warm welcome to Shepherd Forest is also sent to new Stonecrest neighbor, **ANTONIO BRASSIL**, and his children. So happy to have all of you living in Shepherd Forest!

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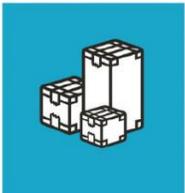
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THANKSGIVING GARBAGE SCHEDULE

The City's regular weekly garbage and recycling collection schedule will be altered from Thursday, November 26, 2020 through Saturday, November 28, 2020. **If your regular scheduled pickup is on Thursday or Friday that week, it will be postponed by ONE DAY.** For more information about your holiday collection schedule, call the City's Solid Waste Department at 3-1-1 or log on to the City of Houston Solid Waste <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/holiday.html>



FROM THE SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB!

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

October produced some outstanding Halloween decorations throughout Shepherd Forest. Congratulations to the following 2020 Halloween Decorating Contest winners:

SECTION ONE

Diane Ramos - 1235 Stonecrest



SECTION TWO

Keith, Kelly & Neavey Millner - 2306 Wilde Rock



SECTION THREE

Nicholas Tucker - 3027 Maple Grove

