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SF EGG HUNT AND BUNNY PHOTOS

Once again, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny. This much loved annual Egg Hunt will take place on **SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd** at 10:00 am at Stonecrest Park, located on East TC Jester at Stonecrest. All residents and their children are invited and encouraged to attend this special family event. No one is too young or too old to attend the Egg Hunt!

Children participating in the Egg Hunt will be divided into groups by age, with a separate hunt area available for babies/young toddlers. EVERY participant will win a prize at the Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet the children and visit with everyone prior to the Egg Hunt, so grab the kids and an Easter Basket and come out for a fun-filled morning. Shepherd Forest Civic Club members will have the opportunity to have a **free professional portrait** with the Easter Bunny taken by PortraitEFX Photo Memories. (If you're not a SFCC member, you still have time to join or renew your membership by scanning the QR code found below). Don't miss all the *Egg-citement* being planned for you on **SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd at 10 AM!**

Sponsors that make this Easter Egg Hunt possible include our Community Partners: **MEMORIAL HERMANN GREATER HEIGHTS HOSPITAL, HEB-HELPING HERE, FIFTH CORNER, and PortraitEFX.** For



the latest updates and/or more information about this morning of fun and professional portraits with the Easter Bunny, check out the Shepherd

Forest Civic Club website at www.shepherdforest.org, FaceBook.com/group/shepherdforest, or contact Event Coordinator Delinda Holland at 713-416-1888.

Please **RSVP** so we can have an accurate count of participants in the event, and enough refreshments and prizes for each of the children. You can sign up for the Easter Egg Hunt & Photos directly by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444AEAC22A3F58-48247577-sfcc>.





Shepherd Forest is fortunate to be the home to a very special centenarian. **KEITH TOMPKINS** celebrated his very **BIG 100th birthday** on February 11th at home with family and friends. Keith is a longtime resident of Section 3 on Stally. Congratulations Keith!!



Happy March Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors who will be celebrating their birthday soon. They are: **KELLY MOORE (3/17)**, **JONATHAN EVANICKY (3/18)**, and **DELORES MUSKE (3/29)**. An early April Happy Birthday wish goes to **ERNESTO NOEL CABALLERO III** who will celebrate his big day April 2nd. Happy Birthday to all of you!

A huge Shepherd Forest welcome goes to new neighbors **SANTIAGO and son, FERNANDO** in the 2200 block of Bron Holly. Welcome also goes to new residents in the 2300 block of Bron Holly, **WILL & ALEX, and their son, JACK**. We're so happy to have all these new neighbors on our street. Welcome to both families !!!

Prayers for continued recovery and rehab are sent to **PAUL BERRY**. Hoping to see him back home soon!

Deepest sympathy is sent to **SHIRLEY & JOHNNY EVANICKY** on the recent passing of her brother-in-law.

A huge "THANK YOU" to each of our dedicated **Citizens on Patrol volunteers** that generously donate their time and gas patrolling the neighborhood for each one us!

Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure and recognize your graduate.....whether it is preschool or college or anything in between. Send us your graduate's name, school, and possible future plans and we will recognize them in our Graduation Roll Call.

If you have news that you want to share in the PartyLine, please send the information to: info@shepherdforest.org

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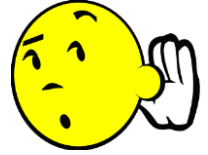
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WE HEAR YOU!

Alert Shepherd Forest residents are the eyes and ears of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. The Civic Club receives a number of calls and emails every week regarding neighborhood issues including crime, high weeds, abandoned vehicles, parking in yards, garbage and debris, possible deed restriction violations, new construction, architectural review questions, and much more.



Although it sometimes appears that "nothing has happened" to your concern, the SFCC is working hard on every complaint and we will continue to give updates on the huge amount of work that is being done behind the scene on these issues. Often the City's response time is extremely slow to Neighborhood Protection complaints, so some issues take more time.

To contact the Shepherd Forest Civic Club for any reason, please email us at info@shepherdforest.org with detailed information along with your contact information. We are definitely hearing your concerns and addressing them as they are received.

SAVE THE DATE

As Spring is here, it's time to get outside and take look at the neighborhood around you. It appears that our winter weather has been left behind and sunny days are ahead. Residents are beginning to get their yards in shape and we need to get our neighborhood sparkling as well.

Plans are being made for a neighborhood wide Beautification Day, and the morning chosen is **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**.



So mark your calendars now and make plans to join your neighbors on this fun day of clean up. Watch this newsletter as well as the Shepherd Forest Website and Facebook page for upcoming details.

Welcome aboard to **Amber Oliver** who was recently appointed as the new Beautification Chairman. Many thanks go to **Jeanne Berry**, our past Beautification Chairman, for all her time and hard work the past few years. The Beautification Committee is responsible for Beautification efforts throughout the neighborhood, including the upcoming Clean Up Day and the judging of our yards for the Yard of the Month and other programs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

SECURITY NEWS

February had several serious incidents of crime that occurred in and around Shepherd Forest. Spot Crime records indicate the following reports for criminal activity were recently made to HPD:

- 02/11 – 3000 block of Ella – Motor vehicle theft from parking lot
- 02/16 – 1700 block of Stonecrest – burglary of storage shed
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- 02/23 – 3000 block of Guese – burglary
- 02/23 – 3000 block of Ella – assault at a restaurant
- 02/27 – 2200 block of West 34th – theft from a motor vehicle
- 02/26 – 2011 block of West 34th – theft from a motor vehicle
- 02/28 – 3000 block of Ella – theft from a motor vehicle
- 03/01 – 4500 block of Marlborough – attempted theft of AC unit **
- 03/02 – 2000 block of Stonecrest – theft of a motor vehicle



** This attempted theft was fortunately foiled by an alert SF resident who had noticed a suspicious person digging through trash that was set on the curb. Minutes later, she spotted him disconnecting a large AC unit on the side of a neighbor's home. When she spoke to him, he left, but not before another neighbor managed to snap a photo of his vehicle. Through the resident's description and photo, HPD was able to link the suspect to at least two other burglaries in Section Two of Shepherd Forest! Many thanks to these brave residents for taking the time to "get involved" and help STOP crime from happening in our neighborhood.

CURIOUS WHERE YOUR \$25 ANNUAL SFCC MEMBERSHIP DUES GO?

We use these funds in numerous ways for your benefit! Below are just a few...

- SFCC Monthly Newsletter & Website
- Deed Restriction enforcement
- Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Photos
- Esplanade Signs
- Annual Fall Picnic
- Citizens on Patrol
- Christmas events & Santa photos
- Beautification projects

And much, much more!

Please support your civic club and join today.

CHECK OUT THESE CITY WEBSITES:

***ENGAGE HOUSTON** – www.engagehouston.org – Track projects for streets, drainage, and water

***DRAIN ACTION** – www.HoustonAdoptADrain.org

***BUILD HOUSTON FORWARD** – www.buildhoustonforward.org - Track action in intersections, potholes...

***311 HOUSTON SERVICE HELPLINE** - <https://www.houstontx.gov/311/about.html> - City services and concerns

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DON'T MISS THE SOLAR ECLIPSE!

Next month, on April 8th, a rare event called the “Great North American Solar Eclipse” will occur. The total solar eclipse—where the shadow of the moon will plunge a narrow strip of land into darkness in the middle of the day — is an astronomical experience like no other that will be unusually accessible to millions of people. The duration of totality will be up to 4 minutes and 27 seconds, almost double that of The Great American Eclipse of August 21, 2017. The 2017 total solar eclipse was witnessed by about 20 million people in the USA and the upcoming 2024 Great North American Eclipse is expected to be witnessed by 32 million living across the USA.



When watching the partial phases of the solar eclipse directly with your eyes, which happens before and after totality, **you must look through safe solar viewing glasses (“eclipse glasses”)** or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times. **Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses**; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Solar viewing glasses can be found in stores and are also available for sale online. Always inspect your eclipse glasses or handheld viewer before use; if torn, scratched, or otherwise damaged, discard the device. Always supervise children using solar viewers. Do NOT look at the Sun through a camera lens, telescope, binoculars, or

any other optical device while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer — the concentrated solar rays will burn through the filter and cause serious injury to your eyes.

The next visible total solar eclipse to cross over the U.S. after April will come in more than two decades on Aug. 23, 2044, according to NASA. A total solar eclipse is also far more impressive than a lunar or an annular solar eclipse. During an annular eclipse, the moon covers the Sun but leaves an outside ring some call a “ring of fire” — it darkens the sky instead of plunging Earth into a night-like darkness, which is what happens during a total solar eclipse. And a lunar eclipse – the appearance of a red moon – happens when the moon passes into the Earth's shadow. More detailed information about the Eclipse can be found at <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>.

IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH...

Take just a minute to step out your front door and take a look at your house – what you see or don't see could save your life. Without a visible address showing on your home, life-saving help may be delayed while emergency



responders (HPD or HFD) try to figure out which home is yours. **According to Houston City Ordinances, every home**

should have identifying address numbers posted within 18 inches of the entrance. Install large reflective numbers (minimum 3 inches) on your house, curb, and/or mailbox so police and other emergency personnel can find your home quickly. These numbers can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot.....

You may be surprised at how many homes in Shepherd Forest do not have clearly marked addresses on their house or curb. Taking the time to check your home and/or that of a neighbor could make a difference of precious minutes while you wait on emergency responders trying to guess where you live.

CAN FIRST RESPONDERS FIND YOU IN A CRISIS....?

NEED TO CONTACT YOUR CIVIC CLUB?

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REMODELING OR UPDATING YOUR HOME? Shepherd Forest Deed Restrictions require all residents to submit all building plans to the SFCC Architectural Committee for approval BEFORE any work begins. For more information about this issue or to find a Building Approval Application, visit the Shepherd Forest Civic Club website at www.shepherdforest.org and look under “Quick Links.”