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2021 HURRICANES START EARLY

The Atlantic hurricane season extends from June 1 to November 30th, but the first named storm (Tropical Storm Ana) for 2021 formed near Bermuda in late May. Although experts don't anticipate the historic level of storm activity seen in 2020, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center is predicting another "**above-normal Atlantic hurricane season**" in 2021. Forecasters predict a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of below-normal season. For 2021, a likely range of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 5 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5, with winds of 111 mph or higher) is expected. NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% chance of confidence.



In the event of a hurricane, people can be seriously injured, or sometimes killed, and property damages can run into millions of dollars. Just think - If a hurricane headed toward Houston tomorrow, would you be prepared? It is a good idea to keep an adequate supply of disaster supplies on hand, including flashlights, candles, matches, portable or battery operated radio, first aid kit, emergency food and water, essential medicines, cash and credit cards, and a non-electric can opener. Have a plan of action and listen to local emergency officials on TV and radio (KTRH-AM 740 is the designated Emergency Alert Station for Houston) for the latest information.

The Harris County **Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** has the job of preparing Harris County and its residents to respond to and recover from the effects of disasters and emergencies, such as hurricanes. Please join us at the **June 21st Shepherd Forest Civic Club** meeting to hear a representative from the OEM discuss the 2021 Hurricane Season and how we should be prepared. Don't miss this informative & timely meeting!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SFCC "VIRTUAL" MEETING: On June 21st at 7:00 pm, you can join your neighbors in the SFCC's virtual meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart phone by entering <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88934037098> in your browser and following the prompts. To join using a regular telephone (audio only), dial 346-248-7799. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number 889 3403 7098 followed by the # key. You should now be connected with your neighbors and able to participate in the meeting.

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, June 21st at 7 pm
Topic: Hurricane Preparedness – Are You Ready?

YARD OF THE MONTH

Despite heavy rains for the last few weeks, residents still managed to maintain some beautiful yards for all to enjoy. Yard of the Month contest judging is done on the *second weekend* of every month through September. Congratulations to each of our contest winners for this month. They are:

Section 1

The Zalaya Family - 1103 West 31st



Section 2

David & Yolanda Gutierrez - 3026 Oak Forest



Section 3

Jason and Kim Syrinek – 3010 Havel



PARTY LINE

Huge Shepherd Forest congratulations are sent to Marlborough residents **KERI** and **PAUL** who welcomed the arrival of their precious daughter, **AUROA**, on March 10th. Best wishes on this exciting addition !

Very special “Happy Birthday” wishes are sent to our neighbors celebrating birthdays during this month. They are **JOHN LEADER (6/20)**, **ANGELA HIDER (6/20)** and **LYNETTE TIDWELL (6/24)**. Hope each of you have a great birthday celebration!

Celebrating their birthdays in early July are **PAIGE ALLEN (7/13)** and **BECKY MOSIER (7/17)**. Best wishes to each of you!

Happy Anniversary wishes are sent to those celebrating wedding anniversaries during the month of June. They are: **STEVE and AMANDA SCHNELL (6/18)**, **RICHARD and DELINDA HOLLAND (6/24)** and **GENE and DELL HIGHTOWER (6/26)**. Congratulations to all of you!!

Warm congratulations and best wishes are extended to all Shepherd Forest graduates of the Class of 2021 !

If you are new to the neighborhood, have news of births, illnesses, celebrations, or news of any kind that you would like to share with neighbors through the PartyLine, please send it to info@shepherdforest.org so we can be sure to include it in the next issue of the Times.

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

HURRICANE EVACUATION HELP – DIAL 211

City and County leaders have launched a new emphasis on registering qualified citizens for assistance during emergency evacuations, such as hurricanes. **Residents who are either elderly, homebound, disabled or without means of transportation in the event of an emergency evacuation, can sign up for this free program.** The information is passed to the City so that it can provide area residents adequate transportation in the event of an emergency situation. Pre-registering on the 211 system helps identify those who need assistance as well as what kind of assistance they might require so that the City can make advance arrangements. Residents can **dial 211 (and then choose Option #4)** to get pre-registered & take advantage of this evacuation assistance program. Sign up today – it's hurricane season !!



BIG BOX CLEAN UP

Houston City Council recently passed permitting and enforcement regulations for large donation boxes to help protect neighborhoods from safety hazards



and illegal dumping. Donation boxes, often the size of small dumpsters, were previously unregulated and can turn into eyesores and illegal dumping sites. The new ordinance requires owners of the boxes to obtain a permit and be responsible for maintaining and cleaning up the boxes and their contents.



Join the Shepherd Forest Civic Club and become a member today. Mail your \$20 per household membership dues to SFCC, P.O. Box 925282, Houston, Texas 77292-5282 or visit www.shepherdforest.org and make your dues payment via PayPal. We need everyone's support !

POOLS OPEN SOON

Starting June 15, the City of Houston will open 10 outdoor pools for recreational swimming across the City, one in each City Council district, (except for Alief as that site is currently under renovation). The remaining 27 City operated pools will be opened based on available staffing beginning on the target date of July 6, 2021.



Regular summer operating hours for public pools are Tuesday – Sunday from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All pools are closed on Mondays.

City pools will only be open for *recreational* swimming. Summer pool programs, such as swimming lessons and water fitness, are currently scheduled to resume in the summer of 2022.

For more information about the City's pool openings and daily schedules, please call 3-1-1 or check out <https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/pools.html>



SHEPHERD FOREST SECURITY REPORT

Residents noticed a definite spike in crime in and around the neighborhood this month. Security Coordinator, Paul Berry, urges residents to stay alert and pay attention to anyone and anything that appears “suspicious” to you. Get to know your neighbors as they can be the best source of “watching” your home while you are away. He also reminds us to do everything possible to reduce our chances of becoming victims, especially locking your vehicles and not leaving valuables in sight. Recent crime includes:

- 5/01 – 2000 block of West 34th – assault & robbery
- 5/03 – 4200 block of Marlborough – theft
- 5/04 – 4300 block of Marlborough – theft
- 5/07 - 1100 block of West 31st – theft from motor vehicle
- 5/08 – 1700 block of West 34th - burglary
- 5/09 – 4300 block of Marlborough – theft
- 5/10 – 3000 block of Ella – theft
- 5/10 – 2000 block of Ansbury - burglary
- 5/10 – 1700 block of West 34th – theft from motor vehicle
- 5/11 – 3000 block of Larknolls – theft
- 5/14 – 3700 block of Gardendale – aggravated assault

- 5/15 – 3000 block of Maple Grove – assault
 - 5/19 – 2200 block of West 34th – theft of motor vehicle
 - 5/19 – 2200 block of West 34th – assault
 - 5/20 – 1700 block of West 34th – theft from motor vehicle
 - 5/22 – 3000 block of Larknolls – assault
 - 5/23 – 2200 block of West 34th – burglary
 - 5/23 – 2200 block of West 34th – assault
 - 5/25 – 3000 block of Ella – aggravated assault
 - 5/28 – 2100 block of Ansbury – theft
 - 6/01 – 2200 block of West 34th – burglary
- Report all crime to HPD – regardless of how small it*

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NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- * Watch for details on upcoming Civic Club events
 - **SFCC “Social”** at Tex-Mex Garage on 34th – July 19th
 - **32nd Annual Picnic** at the Park – September 26th
- * **Kelsey-Seybold** has announced plans to move into the Physicians Special Building (1900 N. Loop West – between Ella Blvd & East T.C. Jester) later this year.
- * The **street improvement** project at West T.C. Jester and West 18th is slated for completion in early June.
- * Recently, a new women’s clothing boutique, “**her and reese,**” opened at the Stomping Grounds located on West 34th @ Alba. They also feature gifts & beauty items.
- * Developers are planning for a new retail business to replace the building at **3309 Ella** (currently an antique shop) and are actively seeking tenants.

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 19TH

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VALENCIA'S TEX-MEX GARAGE ON 34TH

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