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WEST 34th APARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Most of us have recently driven down West 34th and noticed the construction on the property that was once occupied by Doyles Restaurant. Avenue, a Houston nonprofit that develops low-cost/affordable housing, is the builder and expects the apartments to be completed by early 2022. A representative from Avenue will be the guest speaker at our zoom civic club meeting on **Monday, August 16th** to discuss the project and give us an update on what is happening. He will also answer any questions you may have about the new complex. Make plans now to participate in this most informative meeting taking place by Zoom or your telephone.

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, August 16th at 7:00 pm
Speaker: Avenue on 34th Update

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING: On August 16th at 7:00 pm, you can join your neighbors in the virtual civic club 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 (this will be audio only), please 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.

Picnic in the PARK

Mark your calendar now for the 32nd annual Shepherd Forest Civic Club Picnic in the Park on Sunday, ***September 26th****. No picnic was held during COVID 2020, but it will be back this year even bigger and better! The picnic will be held at* ***Stonecrest Park*** *(East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest) and as always, we will have great food and fun activities for everyone. Plans are being made for a petting zoo, vintage cars, Kids Parade, pet adoptions, games, a firetruck, and much more. Bring out your family, neighbors, and a lawn chair and help the SFCC celebrate* ***32 years of neighborhood unity and community involvement.*** *Spend the afternoon visiting with neighbors as you enjoy some great* ***hot dogs, lemonade, games, activities*** *and more – all provided* ***free*** *by the Shepherd Forest Civic Club!*

SHEPHERD FOREST SECURITY REPORT

Many thanks go to our Citizen on Patrol volunteers who continue to do a fabulous job patrolling our streets to keep a watchful eye out. Their time and dedication patrolling are greatly appreciated by all our neighbors. Hats off to each one of our volunteer Patrollers!!!

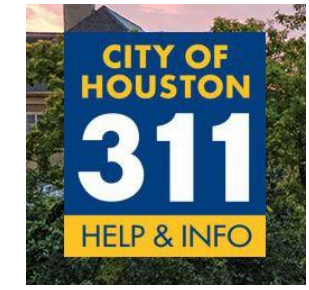
According to SpotCrime reports from HPD, the following crimes recently occurred in and near Shepherd Forest.

07/08 – 2100 block of West 34th – theft from construction site
07/08 – 1100 block of West 34th - theft of motor vehicle part
07/11 – 3000 block of Ella @ West 34th – theft
07/13 – 2100 block of Ansbury – vandalism
07/13 – 2100 block of Ansbury – assault
07/15 – 1400 block of Wilde Rock – burglary
07/15 – 3000 block of Ella @ West 34th – drug arrest
07/17 – 1700 block of West 34th – theft of motor vehicle parts
07/21 – 2100 block of West 34th - robbery
07/24 – 1400 block of Wilde Rock – attempted burglary (with homeowners inside)
07/28 - 3000 block of Ella – simple assault

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – OCT 5TH
If you are planning to host a NNO event, notify Officer Carter with HPD at 832-394-3800 to request that an officer attend your event.

If you see something or someone suspicious, please contact HPD immediately, regardless of how insignificant it may seem at the time. For life-threatening emergencies, dial **911**. Non-emergency crime should be reported to HPD at **713-884-3131.** After making a report, notify our Security Coordinator, Paul Berry, at **915-373-8820.**

The City has a new 311 system! The 311 Smart Phone app is now available on the Apple Store for iPhone, and the Google Play app will be ready soon. And don't worry, if you're not as phone savvy, you can still ***call 311*** *to speak to a live agent 24/7 or visit* ***www.houston311.org*** *to submit reports about issues such as high weeds, abandoned vehicles, traffic signals, potholes, and more.*



Don't forget it's almost time for most local schools to be back in session **(HISD starts August 23rd).** Use **caution and proceed slowly** when driving through *any* school zone**.** Motorists should pay close attention to **flashing school zone lights** as well as posted speed limit signs near our schools. Motorists who **pass a stopped school bus** with its red lights flashing will face a $200 to $1,000 fine. Please be careful and watch out for our kids.

Meet our youngest newsletter carrier, Esmae Williams, who now helps her parents, Melissa and Erique, deliver the SF Times in Section 1! Thanks for being a Civic Club volunteer Esmae!

SAVE THE DATE !

Join us at the Picnic in the Park!

September 26th

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

Please don't force your neighbors to walk in the street. It is not only dangerous for them, but illegal for you to block sidewalks. Call HPD with complaints and violators will be fined by the City of Houston.

A great way to enjoy the outdoors is the use of our bayou trails. **White Oak Bayou Greenway Trail** (formally called the Hike and Bike Trail along White Oak Bayou) is used by many SF residents for hiking and biking. Please be aware that a trail detour has been set up along White Oak Bayou Greenway due to a sinkhole. The detour routes folks a short distance along TC Jester and 34th St. sidewalks until repairs can be made with the US Army Corp of Engineers. The anticipated repairs are estimated to begin in August, subject to change, and should be completed 60 days after the repair start date. Be careful while on the detour!

*Watch for more details about **upcoming SFCC events** such as Picnic in the Park, Fall & Halloween events, Family Playdates, National Night Out, Veterans Salute, Christmas Dinner, Photos with Santa, & more !*

SFCC ELECTION IN SEPT.

On September 20th, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will elect new civic club officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and three members of the Board of Directors. We need YOU to help keep this organization strong. Please consider volunteering to help make a difference in Shepherd Forest. Our past officers and directors have worked countless hours to keep abreast of issues facing our residents. Now it's your turn to get involved. We need your help if we are to continue as a strong civic club and work on behalf of our residents. Deadline for nominations is September 1st. If you are interested or have any questions, contact the civic club at (713) 742-2470.

2021 SFCC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT – PATRICIA WILLIAMS
VICE-PRESIDENT – BID NUTT
SECRETARY – *Vacancy*
TREASURER – MELODY BASS
BOARD - PAUL BERRY
BOARD – MIKE DONOVAN
BOARD - JEANNE GEBO
BOARD - DELINDA HOLLAND
BOARD -AMANDA SCHNELL

YARD OF THE MONTH

More pretty yards for all the neighbors to enjoy ! Yard of the Month judging is done on the *second weekend* of every month through September. Congratulations to our July contest winners:

Section 1
Joe & Jean Jungbauer – 1207 West 31st

Section 2
Clyde & Delores Muske – 1710 Wilde Rock

Section 3
Robert Hammond/Ken Mingus-4302 Marlborough

PARTY LINE

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to **JAXON PAUL BERRY** who turns ONE on August 18th. Best Birthday wishes are also sent to **SOPHIA TALLENT** who turns 6 years old on August 21st. Others celebrating August birthdays are **NELL BAHAM (8/20)**, **ROBERT HAMMOND (8/24), MARY FARMER (8/25),** and **GREG RESTIVO (8/29).** Early September birthday wishes are sent to **KEN MINGUS (9/7)** and to longtime resident, **JOAN DELANEY,** who will turn 88 years young on September 6th. Best wishes to each of you for a very special upcoming birthday!

A huge Shepherd Forest welcome goes to **STEVE HERNANDEZ,** our newest Stonecrest neighbor.

Also welcomed to the neighborhood are **JOSHUA, LYNDSEY, & LOGAN KINNINGER** on West 31st.

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