



SALUTE TO SHEPHERD FOREST VETERANS

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be honoring the courage and sacrifice of the many veterans and active duty military personnel, from WWII to the recent war in Afghanistan, that call Shepherd Forest "home". Saturday, November 11th is **Veterans Day**, 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. In honor of Veteran's Day, the Civic Club will



recognize and honor all Shepherd Forest Veterans and active military at the November 13th 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, (including name, rank, year served...) to katiehassett@gmail.com so that they may also be recognized in our video tribute. The Civic Club meeting will take place on **Monday, November 13th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3206 N. Shepherd, across from Gabby's**

BBQ. Please take a moment to thank and show your support for our active military personnel and veterans.

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB SCHEDULES CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 9th** from 10am to 12pm at the Children's Lighthouse on West 34th for a fun family afternoon that will include kids activities, refreshments, and **Photos with Santa Claus**. To RSVP your attendance and reserve your spot to have Photos with Santa, you must register by signing up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444AEAC22A3F58-45810616-photos>



Also being planned for December is the annual **Civic Club Christmas Dinner** currently scheduled for **Tuesday, December 5th** at Garden Oaks Baptist Church on N. Shepherd. Details are still being worked on for these fun family events, so be sure to check out the Shepherd Forest Civic Club website at www.shepherdforest.org and the Shepherd Forest FaceBook page at [Facebook.com/Groups/ShepherdForest](https://www.facebook.com/Groups/ShepherdForest) for the latest and most updated information on these exciting Shepherd Forest Christmas events.

Upcoming Important Dates

**Civic Club "Salute to Veterans" – November 13th – 7pm
at Garden Oaks Baptist Church (3206 N. Shepherd)**

Visit with Santa – December 9th - (10:00 am-12:00 pm)

SFCC Annual Christmas Dinner – December 5th

Christmas Decorating Contest – Weekend of December 9-10th

Check out the details inside this newsletter!

HALLOWEEN CONTEST WINNERS

October produced some outstanding Halloween decorations throughout Shepherd Forest. Congratulations to the following residents who were our 2023 Annual Halloween Decorating Contest winners:



SECTION ONE – 3002 Carlford
Zach Hancock and Jayson Jahns



SECTION TWO – 2007 Bron Holly
Caleb Roquemore



SECTION THREE – 4402 Marlborough
Ricky and Toye Byrd

THANKSGIVING GARBAGE SCHEDULE

The City's regular weekly garbage and recycling collection schedule will be altered for the City's Thanksgiving holidays on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday November 24th. **If your regular scheduled pickup is on Thursday or Friday that week, it will be postponed.**

As we went to print on this newsletter, the City's Solid Waste Department still had not posted the alternate holiday pickup schedule. To verify information about what your holiday collection schedule will be during Thanksgiving week, call the City's Solid Waste Department at 3-1-1 or log on to the City of Houston Solid Waste website at www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/holiday.html



Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors who will be celebrating their birthdays later in November. They are: **MEAGHAN BERRY (11/10)**, **EVA KIRTEN (11/15)**, **RAYMOND DIETRICH (11/27)**, and **RICHARD HOLLAND (11/28)**. Happy Birthday to each one of you!

Happy Anniversary wishes go to **PAIGE and ERIC ALLEN** who celebrate their wedding anniversary on Nov. 28th. Congratulations!

Veterans Day is November 11, 2023 – Be sure to Fly your Flag to honor all of our Veterans and Military personnel !!

Very special "Happy Wedding Anniversary" wishes are sent to **BILL & ROSE SHEPARD** who will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on November 10th. The Shepards are 50 year residents in Shepherd Forest on Moonstone. Congratulations!

Welcome to new Shepherd Forest Civic Club Board Member, **ERIC OLIVER**, who was recently appointed to fill a vacancy.



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club's **Annual Christmas Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3206 N. Shepherd (across from Gabby's) and all residents and their families are invited to attend. Social time with neighbors starts at 5:30 pm and a delicious **BBQ dinner** will be served at 6:00 pm. Following the dinner will be a short program and heartwarming Christmas music by SaxWorx, perfect for getting you into that "holiday spirit". A meat dish will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Residents are also asked to bring a canned good to donate to our local food pantry. Please join your neighbors for a wonderful evening with great food and some special Christmas music. For more information about this festive event, please call Delinda Holland at 713-416-1888.



SFCC CHRISTMAS DINNER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Social 5:30 Dinner 6:00pm

Christmas Music by SaxWorx

MARIGNY HEIGHTS PROJECT UPDATE

Recently, Civic Club representatives met with City officials regarding the proposed Marigny Heights development on the south end of Oak Forest at Ansbury, and it was confirmed that the project developer is still working in violation of City ordinances. City inspectors continue to issue him citations for "working without permits." The City's Public Works and Flood Department are also actively monitoring the situation, promising to continue issuing citations as long as work is being done on the construction site. The City plans to try to halt the developer from working without a permit through legal action, including a request for injunctive relief to pause operations conducted without permits. The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will continue to stay on top of this issue and work on behalf of our residents.

SECURITY REPORT

Security Coordinator Paul Berry reminds residents to stay alert to your surroundings and anything that looks suspicious. He also encourages everyone to report all crime (**dial 911 for emergency or 713-884-3131 for non-emergency**) to HPD, regardless of how insignificant it may seem at the time. After you make the call and report to HPD, Paul encourages everyone to also notify him at **915-373-8820** as to what has happened.



The number of calls 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. This means that the more reports of crime in SF that we make, the more patrol cars that HPD will send our way. Make the call and report all crime! Recent crime reported to HPD includes:

10/04 - 2300 Ansbury – Identity theft
 10/12 – 2000 Blk. of W. 34th -Theft of vehicle parts
 10/19 – 2200 Blk of Ansbury – Assault
 10/19 – 2000 Blk of W. 34th – Theft from vehicle
 10/20 – 3000 Blk of Ella – Theft of vehicle parts
 10/31 – 1500 Blk of W. 34th – Assault in parking lot
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Many thanks again to our dedicated Citizens on Patrol volunteers who can be seen patrolling our streets in an effort to keep our neighborhood safe. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated by your neighbors!!



Christmas DECORATING CONTEST

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club recently announced the dates for the annual **Christmas Decorating Contest** which will be held on the weekend of **Dec 9-10th**.

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 yards and will remain there throughout the Christmas holidays.

Santa Claus is coming to Shepherd Forest December 9th

Be sure and mark your calendars for this fun filled event. Light snacks and drinks, along with some fun activities, will be available as you visit with Santa, and professional photographer **PortraitEFX** will be there to capture the moment. The event is for Shepherd Forest residents only and will be held at the **Children's Lighthouse of Oak Forest** (2109 West 34th @ Oak Forest) from 10 am-12 pm. RSVP your attendance at the **SignUpGenius** website at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444AEAC22A3F58-45810616-photos>

For more info, check out the Civic Club website (www.shepherdforest.org), [FaceBook.com/group/shepherdforest](https://www.facebook.com/group/shepherdforest), or contact Chairman Kim Syrinek at 713-412-1471.

TRUNK OR TREAT ANOTHER SFCC SUCCESS

The 2nd Annual Shepherd Forest Civic Club Trunk or Treat event, which was held on October 21st, was a great success and enjoyed by everyone that attended. Organizer Kim Syrinek reported that warm weather conditions didn't stop the excited Shepherd Forest families from

dressing in costume and enjoying the afternoon. In addition to our Community Partners **MEMORIAL HERMANN GREATER HEIGHTS HOSPITAL, FIFTH CORNER, SIGNATURE CARE, and DR. GLEEM**, a huge thanks also goes to sponsors **TRADER JOE'S, CHILDREN'S LIGHTHOUSE, and MEGA MOONWALKS** (donated by the Harry Family). Hats off to Kim and her team for organizing the event. A special thanks is also extended to each of the participants who decorated their vehicles and/or provided candy for the event.



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