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ICONIC RESTAURANT TO MAKE WAY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING



As commercial and residential upgrades continue to transform 34th Street, another Shepherd Forest-area staple is about to become a part of that evolution. As many local residents are already aware, the iconic Doyle's Restaurant will be going away soon. After serving classic American and Italian fare to generations of local residents for over 60 years, the family-owned business is currently in negotiations to sell at least part of the land to Avenue CDC, a locally based non-profit organization with a 25-year record of building affordable housing in the Houston area. You can read more about them at www.avenuecdc.org.

Avenue CDC's mission is "to build affordable housing and strengthen communities. We improve our communities to enhance the quality of life of working families, and to promote Houston's future as a world-class city of healthy, vibrant, and economically diverse neighborhoods."

The plan for Avenue on 34th consists of a 5-story apartment complex with 68 units, along with surface parking and green space. About 10% of Avenue tenants will utilize housing vouchers, which are subsidies from the government that those in need can use to help pay rent at a privately owned apartment.

Avenue CDC's Executive Director, Mary Lawler, has been addressing several local civic clubs and homeowner associations, and plans are in place for her to once again meet with Oak Forest homeowners next month. We will have more information as this meeting is arranged. In the meantime, we as a Civic Club would like YOUR feedback on this project, which will be built within walking distance of Section 2, directly across the street from the site of the former Temple Oaks Baptist Church. You may submit your questions and comments to info@shepherdforest.org.

GLASS RECYCLING RETURNS!



On April 4th, after a 2 year wait, it was announced by the city of Houston Solid Waste Management that once again they will be accepting glass. So if you have a green bin into which you have tossed your plastic and paper, you can once again add your rinsed and dried jars, bottles and other brown, green and clear glass.

THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING!



Don't forget the SFCC Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Stonecrest Park, located on East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest, on Saturday, April 13th at 10:00am. All Shepherd Forest residents and children or are invited and encouraged to attend this special family event and EVERY participant will get a prize. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand, so bring your camera, along with a lawn chair and an Easter basket.

PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY GENERAL/SOCIAL MEETING IN APRIL.

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 20TH, 7PM, AT THE HARRIET & JOE FOSTER YMCA - 1234 W. 34TH STREET.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - SECURITY REPORT

The Newsletter gathers its Crime information from the HPD website regarding reported crimes. But we often hear about isolated incidents that go unreported because victims feel it is not worth the time or trouble to get HPD involved. The more they hear about our incidents, the more likely they are to increase patrol in our area. PLEASE REPORT ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY to HPD. You can report crimes online at https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.

RECENT CRIMES REPORTED TO HPD

3/2	2200 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 2)	Package Theft
3/5	1900 Block Ansbury (Sec. 1)	Attempted Theft
3/16	3000 Block Maple Grove (Sec. 3)	Tires Stolen
3/16	4000 Block Gardendale (Sec. 3)	Attempted Theft
3/17	1400 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 1)	Theft
3/17	4500 Block Marlborough (Sec. 3)	Hubcaps Stolen
3/17	3000 Block Maple Grove (Sec. 3)	Theft
3/18	3000 Block Foothill (Sec. 3)	Theft
3/16	900 Block 31st (Sec. 1)	Tires Stolen
3/28	2000 Block Maple Grove (Sec. 2)	Attempted Burglary

Citizens on Patrol reminds us to call HPD (911 *only if it is an emergency*, or 713-884-3131 if you should see anything or anyone that appears to be "suspicious"). Then, please notify Mary Lamb - Lambmn1011@aol.com.



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to our own SFCC Treasurer, Payton Arens, who celebrates on April 27th. And belated birthday wishes to Sammy Hider, who celebrated on March 30.

Condolences to the family of long-time Sec. 3 resident Stanley Kopp, who passed away on March 19. Mr. Kopp was a dedicated volunteer with the Civic Club for many years, and served as President in the 1980s.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, April 13 - 10am

SFCC Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Stonecrest Park

Saturday, April 13 - Noon to 5pm

Houston Art Car Parade



Friday, April 19

Good Friday

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 27th - 2pm to 10pm

Houston Zydeco Festival - Emancipation Park

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE KICKS OFF 2019 CAMPAIGN

Beautification Chairman Carla Byrom gathered a dedicated team on Saturday, March 30 to begin our Sign Improvement campaign. The Shepherd Forest neighborhood entrance signs were cleaned, and lantana plants were installed under each sign. ALL residents are encouraged to pick up trash if you see it near one of these signs, and, if you can, water anything that looks a little thirsty. Special thanks to the Beautification Committee and its assistants: Carla Byrom, Angela and Sammy Hider, Patricia Williams, Mary Lamb, Eric and Ashley Garner, and Clay and Janelle Thompson.



Eric and Ashley Garner were among the Shepherd Forest residents who turned out on Saturday, March 30th to lend a hand to the Beautification Committee's improvement efforts. Thanks to everyone who pitched in!

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CHANGES ON THE SHEPHERD FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors graciously accepted the resignation of Board Member Krista Schoeffler last month. As chairman of the Social Committee, Krista's efforts and enthusiasm were much appreciated. Stepping in to finish out her term on the Board is a familiar face – former Treasurer and Past President of the Civic Club Kurt Schoeffler. He brings much knowledge and experience to the leadership of the Civic Club.

With Krista's departure, we are in search of a new Chairman of the Social Committee. If you are interested in taking this on, please reach out to Civic Club President Patricia Williams at 713-869-1106 or paw@earthlink.net.

SCAMMERS AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Recently a Shepherd Forest resident was approached by a stranger who knocked on his door to tell him that he had been doing some body work on a neighbor's car, and noticed that the homeowner had similar damage to his truck. The stranger said he could also fix the homeowner's truck and after applying some material on the truck, left and came back to tell the homeowner he needed \$400 to finish the job. The homeowner had only \$300, so the stranger took it - and never returned. Although he gave the homeowner a name and a phone number to call, the calls are now blocked and the homeowner has learned an expensive lesson.

If an offer seems too good to be true, well... you know the rest. Be suspicious of people who seem to offer any service in return for cash, and never give them your money in advance. These people find many of their victims among the elderly, who can easily be confused by what seems like a "good deal". If you have a cell phone, always have it in your hand when you answer the door. Ask these solicitors if they would be willing to have their picture taken. If they decline, say no thanks, and close the door. Then call HPD non-emergency (713-884-3131) and report suspicious behavior.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

The first Yard of The Month judging for 2019 will be done the weekend of April 13-14, so start getting those lawns and gardens ready! So get those beds weeded, flowers planted, shrubs and hedges trimmed, and feed, water and mow those lawns - in short, let us see your best lawns and gardens!



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Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays
April 23rd, May 28th and June 25th



SAVE THOSE ALUMINUM CANS!

Got Cans? Call Section 3 Resident John Carter at 713-682-5111.
He will pick up to recycle - and contributes the proceeds to SFCC!



LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like to contribute to an upcoming issue of the SFCC newsletter, please contact our Editor, Mary Lamb at Lambmn1011@aol.com or give her a call at 281-488-3216.

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