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HPD OFFICER ADDRESSES CRIME CONCERNS IN SHEPHERD FOREST



Attendance at our January General Meeting was higher than usual, thanks to the interest shown in HPD Sergeant Robert Musick's presentation that was both interesting and informative. Among the items of concern he shared with us were:

1. The homeless people living under the 610/Ella overpass have been issued citations and are being monitored by HPD.
2. A new HPD director of COP programs has been assigned to that initiative, and will soon be working with local COP groups to revitalize its presence. We hope that SFCC will again participate.
3. Although car burglaries are on the increase in Shepherd Forest, HPD has not seen a rise in the REPORTING of these crimes. Sgt. Musick emphasized that in order for more patrols to be assigned to our area, more reports must be made.
4. He suggested we keep these important numbers handy, and use them for reporting crimes:

HPD Non-Emergency Calls - 713-884-3131

North Command Station - 832-394-3800

Of course, if you see a crime IN PROGRESS, call 911

With regard to the vagrant and occasional criminal activity at and around the former Temple Oaks Baptist Church property on 34th Street, SFCC Board Member Delinda Holland reported that she has been in touch with the new owners of the site, and they have informed her that the building will be demolished this month.

FEBRUARY SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH - 6:00 PM - UNION KITCHEN - 3452 ELLA BLVD.

Please join us for light bites and a chance to meet your neighbors and make new friends in a casual social setting. Civic Club officers and board members will be there to answer your questions, and accept your membership dues if you have not already paid. AND - Union Kitchen offers a great dinner special on Monday nights – ribeye steak and a baked potato for just \$15. So come for the social and stay for a excellent meal!

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH. ALL SHEPHERD FOREST RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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

1/9	1500 Block Wilde Rock (sec. 1)	Attempted Theft
1/10	2200 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 2)	Theft
1/10	1000 Block 30th (Sec. 1)	Burglary
1/10	900 Block 30th (Sec. 1)	Theft
1/11	1200 Block 31st (Sec. 1)	Theft
1/12	1200 Block 31st (Sec. 1)	Theft

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.



PARTY LINE

Happy February Birthdays to Angie Joe (2/16) and Gene Hightower (2/27). Belated birthday wishes go to Bob Williamson (1/11) and Katy Cattoni (1/30).

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Kristi Grizzle and Martin Gollwitzer, who celebrated their first on February 10.

Well wishes to Martha Stoerner, long time resident and former Board member, as she continues to recover from a recently suffered stroke.

Condolences to the family of long-time Section 3 resident Gerry Barbeau, who passed away January 14.

Gerry was a devoted carrier of this newsletter, and took great pride in her garden.

Condolences also to Section 3 resident Ron Jones on the passing of his mother, Thelma, on January 22.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, February 18 - 6pm

SFCC Social Meeting - Union Kitchen

Thursday - Saturday, February 21-23

HLSR World BBQ Cook-Off - Reliant Park



SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Texas Independence Day!

Saturday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward!

Monday, March 18 - 7pm

SFCC General Meeting - YMCA

Saturday, April 13 - 10am

SFCC Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Stonecrest Park

REVISED SFCC BY-LAWS APPROVED

The revised SFCC Bylaws have been approved by a majority of our membership and are now in effect. You can read them on the civic club website at www.shepherdforest.org.

MEMBERSHIP "RAFFLE" WINNER!

Congratulations to Katrina Hassett, winner of the beautiful quilt which was hand-crafted and donated by Beautification Chairman Carla Byrom. Katrina was selected at random from among all current dues-paid members of SFCC.

CITIZENS ON PATROL COORDINATOR NEEDED!

If you are a current member of the COP, you already qualify to serve as the Coordinator. Members must be over 18, have a valid TX driver's license, have passed the Police Department background check and have completed the brief training session with HPD.

Responsibilities of the Security Coordinator include:

- Attending the monthly Civic Club meetings
- Communicating with the COP members
- Maintaining a report/spreadsheet of all crimes reported
- Recruiting and organizing training for new patrollers

If you are NOT currently certified with the program, you can train alongside other candidates. Training takes place at the North Police Station (9455 W. Montgomery) at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. You can find application forms and information at www.houstontx.org – follow the links to Crime Prevention.

MEET YOUR SFCC BOARD MEMBERS



Angela Hider moved to Section 1 in Shepherd Forest from Shady Acres in June 2017 with her family. She is a native Texan and has three children. Her oldest, Hadie, is traveling in Thailand. Her middle child Khaldyn is a working student, and her youngest, Sammy, is an avid Boy Scout. Also included

in her family are their two civic-minded rescue dogs Boogie and Doodles. Angela is a graphic designer at Harris County Department of Education. HCDE provides resources for school districts in and surrounding areas. Her passions are learning new things; creating with color; and inspiring people to live happy. In her free time, she loves going to the beach with her husband Tom and kids, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

As part of our ongoing effort to bring our community closer together, we'd like to profile not only board members, but other residents and local businesses of interest. If you'd like to be profiled, or would like to nominate a neighbor or business in the area, please contact our Newsletter Editor Mary Lamb at Lambmn1011@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



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PARKING PRIMER - IT'S THE LAW

As a Civic Club, we hear complaints from residents about all kinds of things. The most prevalent issue in the past year has been parking, and the way some neighbors park their vehicles in unsafe, and sometimes illegal, places. Here are some common violations, and the City of Houston fines that accompany them.

We hope all cars are parked IN driveways, but this may cause a car to be parked across and block a sidewalk. According to HPD, although your driveway may extend to the sidewalk, the sidewalk is the public right-of-way. A blocked sidewalk may force a pedestrian into the street with their back to the traffic. (FINE = \$40)

Your other option for parking vehicles is on the street. This is OK on an overnight basis, but be aware that there is also an ordinance (Houston Code of Ordinances Sec. 26-93) that states "A car should not remain parked for more than 24 hours on the public road. This helps to prevent the neighborhood blight created by junked and abandoned cars." (FINE = \$30)

If you park on the street, be sure that your car is on the right (correct) side of the street. Sec. 26-85 states: "A driver who stops or parks on a two-way roadway shall do so in the direction of authorized traffic movement with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and not more than 18 inches from the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway." (FINE = \$40)

Please also be mindful of your neighbors' access to their own driveways, and try not to park directly across from the end of the driveway across the street from you. Sec. 26-84 states: "No person shall park any vehicle upon a street or alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic." (FINE = \$40)

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER - ANY CAR PARKED ON THE STREET MUST MAINTAIN A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF:

15 feet from a fire hydrant (FINE = \$105)

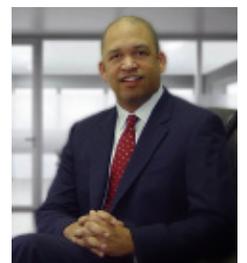
20 feet from a crosswalk (FINE = \$40)

30 feet from a stop sign or traffic signal (FINE = \$40)

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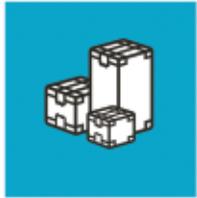
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YARD OF THE MONTH

Yard of The Month judging will commence in April, so start getting those lawns and gardens ready! Judging is typically done the 2nd weekend of the month. Looking for some tips? Attend the SFCC Meeting on Monday, March 18th, when our guest speaker will discuss ways to improve your lawncare.



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Section 1 & 2 Pickup - 3rd Thursdays

February 21st, March 21st and April 18th

Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays

February 25th, March 26th and April 23rd



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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