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LET'S RODEO AT THE FEBRUARY SOCIAL!

The February meeting of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be a "Social" meeting held on Monday, February 17th at 6:00PM at BB's Tex-Orleans Restaurant, located at 1737 West 34th (just west of Ella Blvd in the new shopping center). BB's has generously extended their Happy Hour and Special prices from 6:00 to 8:00pm that evening and appetizers will be half-price! If you haven't visited this great restaurant, don't miss the opportunity to come and see what you have been missing! The theme for the night will be 'Get Ready to Rodeo' and a speaker from the Houston Rodeo will be on hand to discuss details about the upcoming Rodeo and lots of other interesting Rodeo facts. Wear your boots or favorite Rodeo duds and join in the fun!

GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH BECOMES NEW PERMANENT SFCC MEETING LOCATION

After several changes and various meeting locations for the Shepherd Forest Civic Club, a PERMANENT meeting location has been announced for all future Shepherd Forest Civic Club "Regular" meetings. This DOES NOT include "Social" meetings. Civic Club meetings rotate each month with "Regular" meetings being held in January, March, May, July, September, and November and all will be held at the new location. Civic Club "Social" meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October, and December at various locations throughout our area.

Beginning in February, all future "Regular" meetings of Shepherd Forest Civic Club will now be held at GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH, located at 3206 N. Shepherd, 77018 (south of West 34th and across from Starbucks and Gabbys BBQ). Meetings will be held on the first floor with direct access to the meeting room from the parking lot. This location is very convenient for our residents with easy in and out access and was a favorite meeting location for the SFCC in past years.

FEBRUARY SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH - 6:00 PM - BB'S TEX-ORLEANS - 1737 WEST 34TH @ ELLA

BB's Tex-Orleans will be the site of our February Social Meeting, and is offering half-priced appetizers. A speaker from the Houston Rodeo will be on hand to discuss details about the upcoming Rodeo and lots of other interesting Rodeo facts. You will also have the opportunity to pay your annual membership dues, and other topics of interest are open for discussion.

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

CITIZENS ON PATROL - SECURITY REPORT

Security Coordinator, Paul Berry, reports that he only received two reports of crime in Shepherd Forest during January. They were:

1. An attempted burglary of a Vehicle on Maple Grove
 2. An attempted home burglary in the 1300 block of West 31st
- Resident reported that upon hearing her dog barking, she came face to face with a suspect attempting to break into her home through a window. The suspect had already removed the screen and was about to come through the window, but was scared away when he saw the homeowner. HPD encourages residents to report ALL CRIME and suspicious people/activity so they will know what is going on in our neighborhood. AFTER you have contacted HPD, please call our SFCC Security Coordinator Paul Berry and report what has happened.

HPD – Immediate or Life threatening emergencies – 911

HPD – Non-emergency (burglaries, stolen property, etc.) 713-884-3131

SFCC Security Coordinator - Paul Berry - 915-373-8820

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

Happy Valentines Day!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

SFCC “Social” – BB’s Tex-Orleans – Rodeo Theme

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

Texas Independence Day!

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

Harris County Primary Elections

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

SFCC Meeting – 7pm

Topic: Spring Lawn & Gardening Tips

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 10am – Stonecrest Park

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

Happy Easter!

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

SFCC “Social” Meeting – Location TBD



PARTY LINE

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Happy February Birthdays to Angie Joe (2/16) and Gene Hightower (2/27). Belated birthday wishes go to Kevin Taylor (1/27) .

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

Deepest sympathy is sent to Greg Restivo and family on the recent passing of his wife, Mary Ellen Restivo. Mary Ellen was a longtime civic club volunteer and great neighbor who constantly watched over our neighborhood. She previously served on the SFCC Board and was a newsletter carrier for nearly 25 years.

We would love to share your special news! If you have information about birthdays, anniversaries, new neighbors, special events, please contact any officer/director listed in this newsletter or email us at info@shepherdforest.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual SFCC Easter Egg Hunt with The Easter Bunny!

**Saturday, April 4th at 10am
Stonecrest Park**

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APARTMENT COMPLEX PLANNED FOR DOYLES RESTAURANT SITE

Doyles Restaurant is closing at the end of the month and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs has officially notified the Shepherd Forest Civic Club of a pending application for funds for an apartment complex to be built on the site. Avenue Community Development Corporation is making an application for Multifamily Housing Tax Credits with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the development of "Avenue on 34th" located at 2136 W 34th Street. Other funding sources they are seeking include City of Houston Federal Disaster Recovery Funds, and some traditional funding. Avenue Community Development Corporation hopes to close on the sale of the property and begin construction in May with an estimated 12 months of construction to follow.

This new construction project will be a government subsidized four story apartment complex, comprised of approximately 70 units, of which 80% (56 apartments) will be for low to moderate income tenants. The project will have an overall housing density of 34 units per acre. Certain aspects of the project have not been determined and/or may be subject to change. This information is provided to you in accordance with the Department of Housing rules. For more information or questions about the development, please contact the developer, Avenue Community Development Corporation, Jason Holoubek, at (713) 864-8099 x226.

The Department of Housing and Community Affairs is seeking your input about this project. Public comments about this proposed project will be taken until March 10, 2020. Comments should be mailed to: TDHCA, MultiFamily Finance Division, Attn: Teresa Morales, PO Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711-3941 or can be directed to Elena Peinado at 512-475-3814.

HARRIS COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MARCH 3RD

Primary Elections for both political parties in Harris County will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Recent changes in voting allow voters of both parties to vote at any of the 350+ voting locations across Harris County on Election Day. Early voting for the Primaries will be held from February 18th through February 24th at over 10 locations, and just like on election day, voters are allowed to choose which location they want to vote at.

Voters who are 65 years of age or older, or are disabled, qualify to apply for an "Annual" Application for Ballot by Mail. When a voter chooses the "Annual" option, they will automatically receive a ballot for all elections held during a calendar year. A new "Annual" application must be submitted at the beginning of each year. Voters of any age who are physically unable to enter the polling place may ask the presiding election official to allow them to vote outside the polling place or "curbside".

For more information about the upcoming election or voting information, please call the Harris County Clerk's Election Division at 713-755-5792 or 713-755-6965.



CELEBRATE TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY MARCH 2ND!

The Republic of Texas was created on March 2, 1836 when a delegation met at the village of Washington-on-the-Brazos, and overnight wrote and then adopted the Texas Declaration of Independence. So fly your flag, show your "Texas Pride" and celebrate this important day!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8TH - SPRING FORWARD!

On Sunday, March 8th, Daylight Savings Time will officially begin, so remember to set your clocks, watches and other time-keeping devices FORWARD ONE HOUR before you go to bed on Saturday night. This means you will lose an extra hour of sleep that night – so don't forget to set your clocks forward.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the civic club members who were chosen as lucky winners in the 2020 Membership Drawing at the January SFCC Meeting - it pays to be a Member!

JUAN GARZA – WINE FROM DECANT URBAN WINERY

JOHN ORTIZ – HAND MADE QUILT FROM CARLA BYROM

BID NUTT – \$20 GIFT CARD FROM UNION KITCHEN



YOUR CIVIC CLUB NEEDS NEWSLETTER CARRIERS

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club is looking for a few neighbors that are willing to donate an average of 30 minutes per month to fill a huge need – volunteers to help deliver this newsletter! In recent months, due to ill health, a death, and schedule conflicts, we have lost several of our dedicated newsletter carriers. Helping deliver the newsletter each month is a great way to get involved with your neighbors and civic club, while at the same time, getting some exercise and seeing your neighbors and what is going on in your neighborhood. Assistance is needed in all Sections of Shepherd Forest and volunteers can be assigned a regular delivery route or act as a “fill in” when the regular carriers are not able to deliver their route. We need YOUR help today – to volunteer, or for more information, please contact Delinda Holland at 713-416-1888



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