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UPDATED CIVIC CLUB BY LAWS NEAR APPROVAL

SFCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEEKING FINAL PUSH TO APPROVE AMENDED BY LAWS

Almost a year ago, a committee was formed to review and revise the current Shepherd Forest Bylaws. The committee made update recommendations at the May Board of Directors meeting, and revisions were presented to the Civic Club at the May General Meeting.

The current and proposed bylaws can be found at www.Shepherdforest.org. Use the Neighborhood Info tab to access Helpful Links. There you will find the Bylaws link. Both the current and proposed bylaws are there. The proposed bylaws have the changes highlighted.

Updates to the bylaws require a majority vote by the Shepherd Forest Civic Club dues-paying members, with one vote per household. You've probably seen the flyers in your Newsletters over the summer and the Membership Survey in November also included a place to check off your approval. As we go to press, we only need 20 more votes to complete this process.

Please take a few minutes to submit your approval. Of course we will accept your annual dues and vote at the January General Meeting. You may also vote online via the website, or simply send your approval vote to shepherdforestcivicclub@gmail.com. Please include your name and address so that your vote will count.



HPD OFFICER TO ADDRESS CRIME CONCERNS IN SHEPHERD FOREST

A representative from the Houston Police Department will address the Shepherd Forest Civic Club's January General Meeting to discuss the recent increase in crime in Shepherd Forest. Captain Dan Harris of the HPD North Patrol Division will cover concerns related to homeless individuals living under the Loop 610 and Ella Blvd. underpass, panhandlers along TC Jester Blvd., an uptick in car burglaries, and crimes associated with vagrant activities near the currently vacant Temple Oaks Baptist Church. Don't miss this meeting with Captain Harris as he discusses these issues and answers your questions about these and other crime related topics. As always, all Shepherd Forest residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. **DETAILS BELOW.**

SEPTEMBER SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST - 7:00 PM - HARRIET & JOE FOSTER YMCA - 1234 W. 34TH STREET

We will be visited by an HPD officer who will update us on security issues concerning Shepherd Forest, including homeless and vagrants in the area. You will also have the opportunity to pay your annual membership dues and approve the updated By-Laws. Other topics of interest and upcoming events are also 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

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

11/07	900 Block 30th (Sec. 1)	Theft from Vehicle
12/14	3300 Block East TC Jester (Sec. 2)	Robbery
12/14	3900 Block Gardendale (Sec. 3)	Burglary
12/15	2200 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 2)	Package Theft
12/16	1000 Block Gardendale (Sec. 1)	Theft
12/23	2200 Block Stonecrest (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.

CONSTABLE SECURITY PROGRAM UPDATE

Shepherd Forest will not participate in the Constable's Security Program in 2019. Less than half of the approximately 200 households required indicated that they would be willing to pay the required \$375 annually to participate.

In recent surveys however, respondents have indicated that Security is among their highest priorities for the Civic Club, so options such as the Citizens on Patrol program will be integral if we are to improve security in our neighborhoods. If you would like to get involved, visit ShepherdForest.org.



Happy Upcoming Birthdays to Jean Jungbauer (1/31), Joe Nieto (2/1), Carmon Nieto (2/2), Shirley Evanicky (2/9) and Ruth Lepler (2/11).

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mary & Johnny Farmer on January 21st.

Sending well wishes to Martha Stoerner, long time resident and former Board member, as she recovers from a stroke suffered last month.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, January 21st - 7pm

SFCC General Meeting - YMCA

Monday, February 18 - 6pm

SFCC Social Meeting - Union Kitchen

Monday, March 18 - 7pm

SFCC General Meeting - YMCA

Saturday, April 13 - 10am

SFCC Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Stonecrest Park

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP "RAFFLE"



Every member who has submitted their annual dues will have their name entered into a pool to win this beautiful, 54" x 70" hand-crafted quilt, generously donated by our Corresponding Secretary, Carla Byrom. The drawing will be held at the general meeting on January 21st, 7pm at the Harriet & Joe Foster YMCA at 1234 W. 34th Street.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE FIRST SHEPHERD FOREST BABY OF THE NEW YEAR - CHARLES EDWARD ROSSY WAS BORN 1-5-19.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have an item you would like to see included in an upcoming issue of The Shepherd Forest Times, please contact our editor Mary Lamb at 281-488-3216 or Lambmn1011@aol.com.

MEET YOUR SFCC BOARD MEMBERS



John Leader moved to Section 1 of Shepherd Forest in April of 2017 with his yellow lab Baxter. He joined the Civic Club's Board in 2018 where he chairs the Budget and Finance Committee. John is a native Houstonian who moved back to the city in 2014 following 6 years in Washington D.C. including college at Georgetown University where he majored in Finance and Operations & Information Management. Today, John works in the Venture Capital industry and manages the investment analysis and operations of a portfolio consisting of 22 early-stage healthcare companies spread across the United States and Europe. In his free time, John can be found working in the yard, grilling on the patio, or faithfully cheering on our Houston sports teams.

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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RECYCLING & HEAVY TRASH UPDATE

Many residents have recently reported missed or delayed recycling and heavy trash pickup. This has been a major issue city-wide over the past few months, and City Councilwomen Ellen Cohen recently shared this information on why the delays are happening and what the Solid Waste Department is doing to get us back on schedule.

- Unfortunately, the City of Houston's fleet of automated recycling pickup trucks is aging and many sustained damage during Hurricane Harvey. This has led to hundreds of hours of equipment downtime as the trucks are repaired.
- A nation-wide skilled labor shortage has impacted Houston. The department is in dire need of new truck mechanics and experienced CDL drivers.
- Solid Waste is experiencing the typical increase in volume they see immediately following the holidays.

WHAT IS THE CITY DOING ABOUT IT?

- This summer the department is scheduled to receive 69 new trucks, which will ease the burden on the existing fleet.
- Although the majority of City of Houston departments remain under a hiring freeze, Mayor Turner has lifted this restriction for Solid Waste. The City of Houston hosted a Job Fair to recruit new workers. To apply, please visit: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/houston
- The department has had existing staff working overtime on week-ends to try to catch up.
- Mayor Turner is asking the department, 311 operators, and Council Members to keep his office apprised of all missed and delayed pickups so that he and his team can personally track them.
- The Solid Waste Department's Facebook page has daily information on what routes are being picked up each day.
- Regularly-scheduled pickups are projected to resume within approximately 60 days.

If your bin isn't picked up, please report the situation via e-mail to 311@houston.tx.gov and cc: DistrictC@houston.tx.gov. Please be sure to include your name, address, and what your normal pickup day is.

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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

How festive it was to drive or walk through our neighborhoods and see so many homes brightly lit and beautifully decorated for the holidays! Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to add to the season. Here are the 2018 Holiday Decorating Winners:

Section 1 - Ann Maniha - 931 Stonecrest.

Section 2 - Clyde & Delores Muske - 1710 Stonecrest

Section 3 - Jean Park - 3003 Larknolls

CONGRATULATIONS!

Now... Go ahead and take those decorations down! (Just kidding - sort of.)



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Section 1 & 2 Pickup - 3rd Thursdays

January 17th, February 21st and March 21st

Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays

January 22nd, February 25th and March 26th



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!

NEWSLETTER ISSUES

If you haven't received your newsletter, it was damaged, or you simply want new/additional copies of the newsletter... Please contact Mary Lamb - 281-488-3216.

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