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REVIVING THE CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM

The Houston Police Department's Citizen Patrol program was established in an effort to bring citizens and HPD together for a common goal – eliminating neighborhood crime. The program is designed to provide a means for citizens to organize into patroller groups and be the additional eyes and ears the police in our neighborhood. Shepherd Forest participated in a previous version of the program for many years, but with participation waning, our program has been dormant for the past couple of years. Recently there has been a surge of interest in reviving the program, and because ours has been deactivated, we will need to start over if we want to participate. This means that even if you have been trained to participate in the past, you will need to attend another training session.

HPD has recently appointed Nicole Carter as the new director of the COP program. She announced that training will now be done on a quarterly basis (4 times per year) and the next training session is Thursday June 20, 6 pm, at the North Command Station located at 9455 W. Montgomery Road. All interested parties must submit an application and consent to a background check by going to https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip_citzpatrol.htm.

You can find the application form at: https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/images/vip_app.pdf

Submit your application in any of these ways:

- 1) Fax to HPD Officer Nicole Carter/Community Services at 832-394-3804
- 2) Email as an attachment to HPD Officer Carter - nicole.carter@houstonpolice.org
- 3) Mail to Officer Nicole Carter, HPD Community Services, 9455 West Montgomery, Houston, TX 77088

The deadline for submitting applications is June 13, but please do not let this deter you from sending yours in. Another training session will be scheduled in the fall, and more advanced notice will be given on Facebook and here in the Newsletter.

Of course none of this can go forward unless we have a COP Coordinator. In addition to being trained as noted above, the COP Coordinator also collects patrol hours and information from the group, records criminal activity, recruits other patrollers, and completes a few simple forms to be submitted to HPD each month. If you are interested in becoming the COP Coordinator for Shepherd Forest, submit your COP application to HPD by June 13, attend training on June 20, and then contact any Civic Club Officer or Board Member, (listed on the last page of the newsletter) or reach out via e-mail - info@shepherdforest.org - to submit your name.

JUNE SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 17TH - 6:00 PM - UNION KITCHEN - 3452 ELLA BLVD.

The June Social meeting will be Monday June 17 at 6:00 pm at Union Kitchen, 3452 Ella Blvd. This month it is a strictly social meeting – no set agenda. Come and meet your neighbors, catch up with friends, and enjoy the great hospitality that this local restaurant provides. Officers and Board Members of the Civic Club will be in attendance to answer your questions and discuss whatever issues you have. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

5/4	1100 Block 34th (Sec. 1)	Car Broken Into
5/6	2300 Block Bron Holly (Sec. 2)	Car Broken Into
5/6	900 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 1)	Tailgate Stolen

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 JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Michael Moore (6/1), Mary Lamb (6/5), Seri Davis (6/8),
Jamie Farquhar-Rizzo and Mollie Weber (6/15),
Cooper Sims Allen (6/16), Kristi Grizzle Gollwitzer (6/21)
and Lynette Tidwell (6/24).

June wedding anniversaries are celebrated by
Robert & Marie Hemphill (6/6), Darrell and Lynette
Tidwell (6/13), Joe & Jean Jungbauer (6/14), Sean & Jamie
Farquhar-Rizzo (6/15) Richard & Delinda Holland (6/24),
and Gene & Dell Hightower (6/26).

Belated anniversary wishes to Bob Williamson & Katy
Cattoni, who celebrated their 23rd on May 10.

*Condolences to the family of long-time Section 2 resident
Joe Nieto, who passed away on May 10. Joe was a dedicated
member and volunteer for the Civic Club for many years.*

*Condolences to the family of long-time Section 1 resident
Sudie Nowak, who passed away May 21. Born in 1914,
Sudie was believed to be Shepherd Forest's oldest resident -
she would have celebrated her 105th birthday in August.*

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

FLAG DAY

Friday, June 14

FATHERS DAY

Sunday, June 16

YARD of the MONTH JUDGING

Weekend of June 22-23

SFCC GENERAL MEETING

Monday, June 17
Union Kitchen, 6pm

FREEDOM OVER TEXAS

Thursday, July 4
Eleanor Tinsley Park, 4pm



HURRICANE SEASON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency: 911

HPD Non-Emergency: 713-884-3131

HPD North Side Station: 832-394-3800

Centerpoint - if you smell gas: 713-659-2111

Centerpoint - report outages: 713-207-2222

Find more information and complete checklists at:
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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS 101

Hurricane season is here again, and the memory of Hurricane Harvey is still fresh in many minds. Here on the Gulf Coast hurricane preparedness is an annual concern, and NOW is the time to make sure you've got everything you might need to survive a storm, and the possibility of losing power for extended periods of time.

PROVISIONS

- Bottled water - one gallon of water per person per day. Keep at least a 3-day supply of water per person. Fill empty spaces in your freezer with bottled water - it will keep food cold longer if you lose power.
- A three-day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration.
- A complete first aid kit on hand - bandages, gauze, hydrogen peroxide, non-prescription medications, latex gloves, etc. Refill prescription medications and keep cold packs and a cooler ready to keep medication like insulin cool.
- Phones - be sure you have a cell phone charger for your car. Without power to your home, this will be the only way to keep it operating. If you still have a landline, have a corded phone handy. Your cordless phones won't work without electricity.
- Pet needs - food, water, cat litter, special medication, etc. Have pet carriers ready in case of evacuation, and make sure your pets are wearing collars with current identification.
- Extra paper towels, plastic bags and toilet paper.

IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME

- Security supplies for doors and windows - During Hurricane Ike's approach in 2008, a severe shortage of plywood occurred.
- Have your trees trimmed of dead and dangerous limbs and branches. High winds and driving rain can cause limbs to fall on your house or car, causing significant damage.
- A generous inventory of flashlights, fresh batteries, candles and matches.
- Keep your car filled with gas.
- Have cash on hand - ATMs will not work if power is out
- If you have a generator, be sure you are familiar with its safe usage, and have the fuel you need to run it.
- Tools - have the basics ready and easy to find - a saw for small branches, hammer, pliers, screwdrivers, etc. Have a fresh charge on your power tools.
- Always store important items in plastic tubs instead of cardboard boxes
- Take some time to make a video or photographic inventory of the contents of your home. (This is always a good idea for insurance purposes) If you are forced to evacuate or insurance coverage becomes an issue, that information will be very valuable.
- Check the storm drains near your home, and rake out and remove leaves, tree debris, lawn clippings, etc. that have been piling up.
- Check with your neighbors, and team up to help nearby seniors who may not have the capability to secure their homes on their own.
- Exchange phone numbers and contact information with their families in case they need to be evacuated.

BEST WISHES FOR AN UNEVENTFUL 2019 HURRICANE SEASON!

AVENUE ON 34TH – AN UPDATE



As reported previously, Avenue CDC, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing for the Houston area, intends to build a 70-unit apartment complex on the 34th Street site where Doyle's Restaurant now sits. At a meeting in May with the Oak Forest HOA, their Executive Director Mary Lawler presented an update on the plans for this complex. After considering the input they received from other neighborhoods at other meetings, they now propose the following:

- The complex will still have 70 units, but would be built with four stories instead of five. Therefore it would have a 20% larger footprint on the property.
- Responding to concerns about access and egress to the property, and to accommodate the enlarged footprint, they plan to also purchase the land contiguous to the original plot, also currently owned by Doyle's, which is accessed on Lou Ellen Street. This will allow for 2 entrances on separate streets.
- A small group of units (14) will be rented at market rate, and will not be part of the government subsidized program.
- The complex will also include a pool and a playground, as well as after-school programs and meeting rooms for community activities.

Lawler also addressed concerns that had been raised regarding tenant qualifications. Avenue runs a criminal background check but not a credit check. "We want to help people repair or improve their credit" she said.

Although the properties are still under contract, as we go to press, they have not yet closed.

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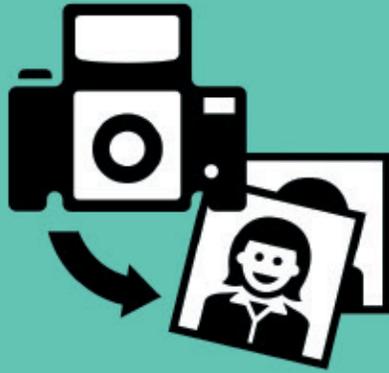


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YARD OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAY WINNERS!

Sec. 1 - 918 Stonecrest - Kenny & Britton Durio

Sec. 2 - 3026 Oak Forest - The Gutierrez Family

Sec. 3 - 4106 Marlborough - Roger & Geri Barbeau



Festive Flowerbeds at 4106 Marlborough. Geri Barbeau passed away in January. The garden was her pride and joy. The SFCC Civic Club and Beautification Committee are proud to honor her for beautifying Section 3.



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Section 1 & 2 Pickup - 3rd Thursdays

June 20th, July 18th and August 15th

Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays

June 25th, July 23rd and August 27th



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!

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