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SFCC "BIG EVENTS" - SEPT. 25TH & OCT. 1ST

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club has been very busy and has several exciting "Big Events" scheduled in the coming days. We hope you and your neighbors will take the time to participate and enjoy each one of them. On **Sunday, September 25th**, the **SFCC Annual Picnic** will be held from 4 to 6 pm at Stonecrest Park on East T.C. Jester. Bring out your family, neighbors, and a lawn chair and help the SFCC celebrate **23 years of neighborhood unity and community involvement**. Spend the afternoon visiting with your neighbors as you enjoy some great hot dogs and watermelon, games for everyone, a **Children's Parade**, face painting, door prizes and much more provided by the civic club. As always, there will be a petting zoo and Houston Rodeo clowns for all to enjoy. On **Saturday, October 1st**, the SFCC will sponsor the annual **Neighborhood Rummage Sale from 8 am to 1 pm** in the parking lot of Waltrip High School, 1900 West 34th and residents are encouraged to participate as sellers and/or shoppers. Don't miss this **One Day Only** opportunity to find the perfect "treasure" that you've been looking for. Just prior to the "Big Events" week, on **Monday, September 19th**, at the monthly civic club meeting, the annual **Shepherd Forest Civic Club election** will be held to choose **new SFCC officers and board members for the 2011-2012 year**. In addition, we will hear the latest information regarding the **Hwy 290 Project** and the **current construction on Loop 610**. Each one of these exciting upcoming events is a great opportunity for you and your family to get involved with your neighborhood civic club.

**BIG
EVENT!**



SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MEETING

TEMPLE OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH - 2101 West 34th @ Oak Forest

(Meeting room in the rear of church near the Reliant easement)

Monday, September 19th - 7:00 pm

Election of officers, Hwy. 290/Loop 610 Construction Update

Everyone invited - 7:00 pm - Hope to see you and your neighbors there!

Is the latest **construction taking place along Loop 610** from Ella Blvd to Hwy 290 driving you crazy? Are you tired of sitting at long traffic lights surrounded by impatient motorists? Traffic congestion everywhere close to the construction zones got you frustrated? **WHEN WILL THIS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BE OVER ?????** Find out all the answers to this and much more at the September 19th civic club meeting when representatives from the Hwy 290 Project will be on hand to discuss the current construction project and answer questions from Shepherd Forest residents.

The deadline to register to vote in the November 8th City of Houston election is **Tuesday, October 11th**. In November, We will be voting for Mayor, City Council members, and three proposed City Charter amendments. Call the Harris county clerk at 713-755-6965 for early voting locations, to request a ballot by mail, or for any other election related information.



SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC ADDS CHILDREN'S PARADE EVENT

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club has been making exciting plans for the annual Fall Picnic and we hope you attend and enjoy the fun-filled afternoon. On **Sunday, September 25th**, the **23rd Annual SFCC Fall Picnic** will be held from **4 to 6 pm** at Stonecrest Park on East T.C. Jester. Bring out your family, neighbors, and a lawn chair and help the SFCC celebrate **23 years of neighborhood unity and community involvement**. Spend the afternoon visiting with old and new neighbors as you enjoy some great **hot dogs** and **watermelon**, **face painting**, **games**, a **singing cowboy**, **door prizes** and much, much more – all provided free by the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. As always, there will be a fantastic **petting zoo** (underwritten by Dr. Gleem Car Wash) and Houston Rodeo clowns for all to enjoy.

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This year, the first ever **Children's Parade** will take place at the picnic at **5pm** and we are looking for participants. Don't miss the opportunity to let your kids shine and take part in the parade. There are no age restrictions, so even if you just "feel like a kid" you can participate! Bring your bike, decorate your trike, grab your stroller and dress the part. You can participate and join us in the short walk or just enjoy watching the parade! Whether the kids are being pushed in a baby buggy, riding in a wagon, riding a tricycle, bicycle, or just walking, we want to see them in the parade. Decorate, dress up, or just show up and watch our kids participate in this good old fashion fun & celebration for all ages..



The annual picnic will again be held at **Stonecrest Park** (East T.C. Jester @ Stonecrest.) Several area businesses have made generous donations for the picnic, including **Dr. Gleem Car Wash**, **HEB Grocery (West 18th @ TC Jester)**, and **Roznovsky's Hamburgers**. Please patronize these businesses and thank them for their continued support of the SFCC. The annual picnic is one of the biggest events sponsored by your civic club - mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 25h!!** If you would like to be a sponsor, want to volunteer, or just need more picnic information, call Delinda Holland @ 713-680-3956. In addition to the picnic, all *homeowners* in Section 1 & 2 that have not done so will have an opportunity to **sign our amended Deed Restrictions before a notary** provided by the civic club at no charge. Please take a few minutes of your time to sign these Deed Restrictions and **help preserve and protect the integrity of our neighborhood**. We hope to see **YOU** at the picnic on **Sunday, September 25th !** .

SFCC NEIGHBORHOOD WIDE RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

Saturday, October 1st, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will sponsor the 2011 annual SFCC Neighborhood Rummage Sale in the **parking lot of Waltrip High School**. Don't miss this opportunity to shop for great bargains offered by your Shepherd Forest neighbors. Residents who want to *sell their goods* will have the opportunity to use this event as an alternative to a garage/yard sale at their home. Residents that want to *shop for bargains* will have the opportunity to shop at a number of individual rummage sale booths, all at one time and one convenient location. Don't miss this **BIG EVENT !!!!**

The sale will be open to the public from **8:00 am until 1:00 pm**. No selling will be allowed **before 8:00 am**; however, sellers may set up their rental space as early as 7:00 am. Sellers keep **ALL their PROFITS** and the SFCC receives no profit from the sale of merchandise. Sellers are totally responsible for their booths at all times and must leave their booth free of sale items and/or trash. A **donation truck** will be on the premises for any unsold items that you wish to donate to charity. With lots of advertising, signs, and the usual busy Saturday traffic on West 34th another *record shopping crowd* is expected.

If you would like **more Rummage Sale information** or if you are in need of **registration forms**, please **contact our Rummage Sale organizer, Kevin Taylor, at 713-862-9491** and leave a detailed message. Whether you are buying or selling at the Rummage Sale, this will be another great opportunity brought to you and your neighbors by the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. *Don't miss it – Saturday, October 1st !!*

2011 YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST ENDS

September signaled the end of the SFCC Annual Yard of the Month Contest with the final judging for this year being held last weekend. Congratulations to each of our neighbors who have, over this historical drought ridden summer, maintained their beautiful yards for all of us to enjoy. A special congratulations goes to the following Yard of the Month winners for September. They are:

Section I – JAMES LYNCH – 1122 Stonecrest

This longtime resident has maintained a beautiful rock garden in his yard, along with a variety of grasses. Lots of green can be seen in the lawn, including pretty caladiums and lush foxtail fern. Attractive planters across the front add a touch of color to this Yard of the Month winner.

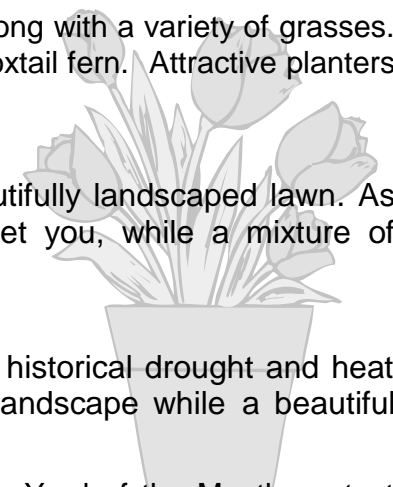
Section II - MR. & MRS. DAVID GUTIERREZ – 3026 Oak Forest

Perfectly groomed boxwood hedges and sago palms decorate this beautifully landscaped lawn. As you walk up the front path, a rosemary bush and gorgeous fern greet you, while a mixture of landscaping stones add a brightness to this eye-catching yard.

Section III – DANNY & DIANA CURLEE– 4318 Marlborough

This homeowner has made good use of container gardening during our historical drought and heat wave. Lots of caladiums, foxtail ferns, and sago palms decorate the landscape while a beautiful window box full of blooming impatiens brightens the front yard.

Many, many thanks are sent to each one of the volunteers who served as Yard of the Month contest judges over the summer, and to Lisa Talbott for serving as the Chairperson of the Committee. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort put in by each one of you to make the Contest successful.



Best wishes for a Happy September birthday are sent to **JOE RODRIGUEZ (9/18)**, **ELIZABETH GOULD (9/19)**, **WILMA KUNETKA (9/30)**, and **VICTORIA TRISTAN (9/30)**.....Several other residents will be celebrating birthdays in early October and we wish them a very Happy Birthday, too. They are: **KARSON BATTARBEE (10/3)**, **HELEN JENKINS (10/4)**, **MARJORIE RIVETTE (10/7)**, **JOHNNY & JULIE EVANICKY (10/8)**, **JAMES TAYLOR (10/12)**, and **DARRELL TIDWELL (10/13)**.....Wedding anniversary congratulations are sent to **CLYDE & DELORES MUSKE** as they celebrate on September 26th and to **TORRY & VIRGINIA HILL** who will celebrate on October 14th..... Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to **CARMEN NIETO** who is back home from a lengthy hospital stay.....If you are new to our neighborhood or have ANY other news, call the **SF PartyLine** at (713) 868-4062 & leave a message.

CIVIC CLUB TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At the September 19th monthly meeting, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will elect **new civic club officers** and **three members to the Board of Directors**. In an effort to fairly represent all three sections of our neighborhood, the SFCC is seeking residents from each section to get involved and seek these positions. Currently, we are especially in need of **representation of those residents that are living east of Ella Blvd**. In addition, the SFCC is looking for Chairman and/or volunteers to help with our **Citizens on Patrol, Yard of the Month & Christmas Decorating Contest, Membership Committee, Welcome Committee, Senior Trip Committee, Beautification Committee, Newsletter, Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee** and much more!



Our past officers and directors have worked countless hours to keep abreast of all levels of issues facing our residents, enhance the quality of life for all residents, and protect our property values. Now it's ***your turn*** to get involved. Please call any Civic Club Board Member or Officer listed in this newsletter to volunteer to serve your community or to nominate someone else for one of these positions. *Whatever* your interest, we have a place for you to volunteer and invest in your neighborhood's civic affairs. Your time is one of the smallest "best investments" that you could ever make – and your neighborhood is one of the best places to make it! It's easy to sit back and let others do all the work or say you don't have time to get involved. But we are ALL very busy! Please consider volunteering.

OCTOBER 4th IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club is proud to again partner with HPD and promote **National Night Out (NNO)** in our community. Mark your calendars now for **Tuesday, October 4th** and plan to participate in this important event. Have you checked out the SFCC Security report lately? **National Night Out** is a chance for residents to meet and mingle with their neighbors and **promote neighborhood unity** in the fight against crime in Shepherd Forest. The easiest step to crime prevention is getting to **know your neighbors** and watching out for each other. **Turn on your porch light from 6:00 – 9:00 pm, grab a lawn chair, lock your doors, and go outside and join your neighbors (or have your own block party) as they unite against crime in Shepherd Forest.** Information regarding National Night Out and SF scheduled Neighborhood Block Parties will be available at the Shepherd Forest Civic Club meeting next **Monday, September 19th** or can be obtained by calling 713-680-3956.



SHEPHERD FOREST SECURITY REPORT

Our Citizens on Patrol volunteer patrollers are working hard in an attempt to curb some of the recent crime in our neighborhood. Many thanks to each of the COP volunteers that donated their time last month -we continue to appreciate each one of you for your service! Cookie Davenport received the following crime reports in recent weeks: a home burglary in the **4200 block of Gardendale**, a home burglary in the **4200 block of Marlborough**, a theft on **Helberg**, and a vehicle was burglarized in the **4300 block of Marlborough**. A resident in the **1000 block of West 30th** refused to answer loud knocking at her front door. The suspects then kicked in her back door and entered her home. The resident fled through the front door and the suspects were apparently scared off when they realized that there had been a resident inside the house. Several vehicles were broken into on **Attridge** before an alert HPD officer patrolling the neighborhood saw the suspect fleeing from a vehicle and arrested him. Also reported to our Citizens on Patrol were recent vehicle burglaries in the **1200 block of West 31st**, a suspicious person on **Guese**, vagrants in the **1500 block of Ansbury**, a suspicious vehicle in the **2200 block of Wilde Rock**, and a vehicle burglarized on **West 30th**. Our Citizens on Patrol encourages all residents to participate in **National Night Out** and take a stand against crime in our neighborhood. Please make plans to spare an hour or two for one evening (October 4th) to meet and mingle with your neighbors in an effort to promote neighborhood unity and keep our streets safe. As always, remember to stay alert and report *anything or anyone* that you see in the neighborhood that appears suspicious to HPD immediately and later to our Citizens on Patrol by calling Cookie Davenport at 713-291-2321.



According to the 311 Helpline and under City Code Chapter 47-243, while the City is under mandatory Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures, **citizens are still allowed to water by hand at ANY time.** The code states that if water is ...”applied to plants by use of a bucket, watering can, hand held hose (with or without a nozzle), or other method in which the actor **directly and by use of hands continuously controlled the application of the water....**” it is perfectly legal! Any other type of watering or irrigation (sprinkler systems...) is still **illegal** unless it is your designated day to water. Even-numbered addresses are allowed to water on Sundays and Thursdays and odd-numbered addresses are allowed to water on Saturdays and Wednesdays. (Midnight to 10am and 8pm to midnight). For more information about water restrictions, call the City’s Helpline by dialing 311.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER – MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

- **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th–7 PM–SFCC Meeting & Election of Officers**
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th – 4:00– 6:00PM - SFCC Picnic & Parade**
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st – 8:00 AM -1:00 PM - Rummage Sale**
- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th – 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - National Night Out**