

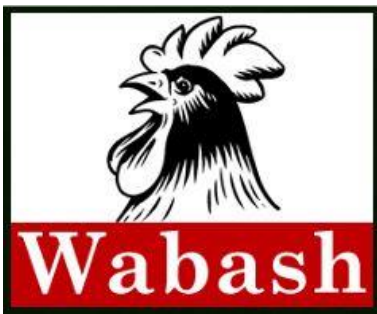


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Organic Gardening coming soon – Welcome Wabash Feed



If you've ever visited **Wabash Feed and Garden** store on Washington Ave., you already know that it is Houston's one-stop shop for all things organic for your garden. It is also an eclectic collection of plants, trees, pets and supplies, yard décor, tools and more than a few fun surprises. This summer the store will relocate to 4537 North Shepherd, bringing it even closer to our neighborhood. **Betty Heacker**, owner of Wabash, will be our guest speaker at this month's Civic club meeting on April 18th. She will be discussing the basic differences between organic and conventional (chemically based) gardening systems, how to convert conventional maintenance practices to organically based ones, and will also give us an update on the proposed move of her iconic store to its new location. Bring your gardening questions and get ready to learn some new ways to maintain your yard and garden.

NEXT Shepherd Forest Civic Club Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 18th 2016 @ 7:00 pm

The Physicians Center -- 1900 No. Loop West Suite 270

(Parking garage access behind building)

TOPIC: Gardening Organically – Easy Steps to be Chemical-Free

*SFCC meetings are held on the third Monday of every month
All Shepherd Forest residents are ENCOURAGED to attend.*

Turn Your Treasures into Cash at the Community Yard Sale!

Doing some spring cleaning? Finding items you no longer need? Bring them to the Shepherd Forest Community Yard Sale **Saturday April 23rd from 8:00 am to Noon** at the Temple Oaks Baptist Church parking lot (2100 W. 34th). Your \$10 cash donation will reserve you a space (the shady spots go first!) and bring your own table (a limited number of on-site tables may be available). Set up begins at 6:30 am for you early birds, and at noon MANNA will come by with a truck to take away any items you wish to donate. We will be advertising this event in The Leader and promoting it on social media (Facebook, etc.) so we expect shoppers from all over the area. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Amy Derr (amyderr@gmail.com) or 610-762-0380.



Citizens Patrol Security Report



On Monday, March 21 Constable Alan Rosen visited our Civic Club meeting to discuss safety in our neighborhood. He noted that on that very day, an alert neighbor in the 900 block of 31st street was able to thwart the burglary of the house next to hers. As she reported the crime in progress, HPD and constables were able to apprehend the 3 young adult males who were burglarizing the house, and recovered items linked to 3 additional burglaries. Constable Rosen advised us that keeping our homes and our property safe should be an ongoing effort. Always lock your doors and windows. Keep bushes and landscaping low to prevent anyone from hiding. Exterior lighting all around you house will discourage thieves from lingering around. Be aware of strangers around you at all times, but especially when you are leaving an ATM with cash, or a busy store where you may have received cash back from your purchase.

If you observe suspicious behavior of any kind – strangers lingering in the neighborhood without a purpose, or door-to-door solicitors that become persistent, aggressive or belligerent – HPD strongly advises submitting an Alert Slip, which you can do on line at http://www.houstontx.gov/police/alert_slip/ Constable Rosen told us that these slips are discussed at the beginning of every patrol shift and the areas that submit more slips will receive more attention. Beginning with the April Civic Club meeting, we will also be making these slips available there.

No matter how minor something might seem, please take a moment to report it to HPD. You can do this easily on line at http://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm. Then go to the Shepherd Forest Facebook page and share the information there, and/or www.Nextdoor.com to let your neighbors know that this is happening on your street or in your section.

Here is a summary of area activity:

3/17/16	Sec. 2	2200 block Stonecrest – Burglary
3/19/16	Sec. 3	3000 block Vollmer – Theft – rocking chair taken from front porch
3/21/16	Sec. 1	900 block W. 31 st – Attempted burglary (details above)
3/22/16	Sec. 1	1300 block W. 31 st – Theft
3/23/16	Sec. 2	2400 block Wilde Rock – Theft
4/3/16	Sec. 1	1800 block Ansbury – Burglary
4/8/16	Sec. 3	4200 block Marlborough -- Burglary
4/8/16	Sec. 1	1600 block Ansbury -- Theft

Citizens Patrol reminds us to **call HPD (911 if it is an emergency, or 713-884-3131) if you should see anything or anyone that appears to be “suspicious,”** regardless of how insignificant it may seem. Then, *AFTER* you have made the call to HPD, notify our Citizens Patrol by reporting it to David Hille 713-551-1350 so that our patrollers will also be advised of “hot spot” areas or descriptions of people/vehicles.

AND ... We still need a COP Security Coordinator. Would you be willing to serve for just one year? A single 12-month commitment would help this program get back on its feet. Contact any Civic Club officer or board member for details.

The Deed Restriction Signing Event on March 23 yielded good results – 7 new signatures were added to the list of those who recognize the need and value of ratifying this document. Congratulations to Rylan Foster, whose name was drawn in the raffle for a 1-night “stay-cation” at the Hilton Americas-Houston. Of course we are still many signatures short of the number needed for ratification in Sections 1 and 2. You can read these documents on our website www.shepherdforest.org or contact any Civic Club officer if you have questions or want to add your signature to help ratify the Deed Restrictions in your section.



Party Line

Wishing a happy April birthday to **Roger Kopp** (4/16) and **Lauren Syrinek** (4/20). Celebrating their birthdays in May: **Jennifer Woodruff** (5/4), **Clyde Muske** (5/13) and **Janelle Daniels** (5/15)

Celebrating their wedding anniversary next month are **Brandon and Claudia Tristan** (5/6).

Best wishes to **Pauline Taylor** and **Cookie Davenport**, as they recover from recent health issues.

A big Shepherd Forest welcome goes out to **Melanie Schlossberg**, new resident of Section 2.

Condolences go out to the family of Sec. 3 resident **George Brock**, who passed away March 29.

Condolences also to the family of **Myrtle Rieger**, longtime resident of Section 1, who passed away March 30.

If you have news of birthdays, new neighbors, illnesses, anniversaries, or any other news to share, please contact the editor at 281-488-3216 or by e-mail Lambmn1011@aol.com

Tuesday April 26 – Welcome Spring with us!

*One of the season's most anticipated social events is right around the corner. Join us next week as we celebrate the return of warmer weather!! This year's **Shepherd Forest Spring Fling** happens **Tuesday evening, April 26th, from 6 to 8 pm**. We'll be hoppin' over at dog-friendly **Cottonwood (3422 No. Shepherd, just north of 34th Street)**. This is a family-friendly event, with games for the kids while the adults mix and mingle. **Light bites and soft drinks will be provided**, and there is a full bar with **craft beer and IPAs** if you're looking for something new to try. Weather should allow us to relax outside, and this is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and make some new friends. Civic Club officers will be present to accept your membership dues (if you have not already paid) and SF car stickers will also be available. Don't miss it!*



News from the Beautification Committee



After a brief delay, we are once again going to begin awarding recognition to all you industrious gardeners out there who put forth time and effort to make Shepherd Forest more beautiful. **Yard of the Month** judging for May will be the first weekend (May 6-7) and results will be announced in the newsletter the following week. Winners will have a whole month of "Braggin' Rights" and can display our sign prominently in their yards. We are working to find a new sponsor for prizes, so watch this space for more information.

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When is garbage day? Will they take my heavy trash this month?

Wondering about the services the city provides? Don't know who to call? There is a LOT of information at the City of Houston website (www.houstontx.gov) but here's a simple breakdown for the next 4 months:

Section	Garbage	Recycling (no glass)	Tree Waste	Junk Waste/ Heavy Trash
1 & 2	Tuesdays	Alternate Tuesdays	3rd Thursdays of Odd Months May 19 July 21	3rd Thursdays of Even Months June 16 August 18
3	Thursdays	Alternate Thursdays	4th Tuesday of Odd Months May 24 July 26	4th Tuesday of Even Months June 24 August 23

In case you haven't heard, **GLASS is no longer accepted in your big green bins used for recycling.** To recycle your glass, your nearest Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Centers are:

- 9003 N. Main 77022
- 14400 Sommermeyer 77041

For days and hours of operation, call 3-1-1 or go to www.houstonsolidwaste.org/recycling



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