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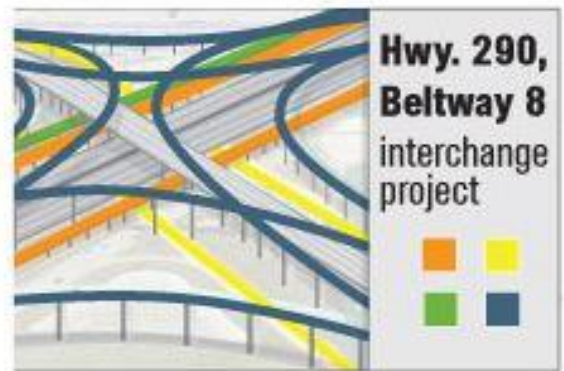
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The US-290 project – are we there yet?

Join us Monday February 21 for the answer to this and all of your other questions.

Although the North Loop construction seems to be almost finished, there is a lot left to be done with 610, I-10 and US-290. For our annual update on this ongoing project, Mike Zientek, Senior Public Involvement Representative for the US 290 Program will present a status report on the 610/US290/I-10 expansion and construction project that continues to impact the residents of Shepherd Forest as we go about our daily travels. Mr. Zientek (a resident of Oak Forest) returns this month to give us an update on the progress they have made, what lies ahead, and how you can get around these areas with a minimum of hassle. His presentation will update us on what is completed near us, and what is coming in the next year. Don't miss it!



NEXT Shepherd Forest Civic Club Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 15th 2016 @ 7:00 pm
The Physicians Center -- 1900 No. Loop West Suite 270
(Parking garage access behind building)

TOPIC: Progress Report on the US-290 Project

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



Using social media? Want to keep in touch with what's happening in your neighborhood? Find us on Facebook "Shepherd Forest" and on www.Nextdoor.com



Citizens Patrol Security Report

The new year has been a quiet one for reported crime in Shepherd Forest so far ... we hope this means that incidents really are on the decrease, and not that people have been casual about reporting even the most insignificant of incidents. Remember, even if your car is entered but nothing is taken, please take a moment to report this 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 other area activity:

1/15/16 Sec. 1 1000 block Stonecrest – Burglary
1/20/16 Sec. 1 1200 block 31st – Theft

Also in the area:

1/19/16 -- Oak Forest -- The Valero Store at 43rd and Rosslyn was the scene of an attempted robbery. Four armed suspects were surprised to find an off-duty officer in the store at the time who shot at them as they escaped. They were later apprehended,

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.

Worried About Crime? Take An Active Role In Preventing It !!

After reviewing the Member Surveys we have received so far this year, we discovered that the No. 1 concern from those who responded was CRIME in our area. **YOU CAN BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF THE PREVENTION PROCESS.** The Houston Police Department is committed to using volunteers to enhance the delivery of police service. The Citizen Patrol is an important part of this initiative. **You can join Citizens Patrol** yourself and spend a few hours each week patrolling your neighborhood. Requirements are:

- You must be 18 years of age or older
- Have a valid Texas driver's license
- Pass the Police Department background check

Training takes place at the North Police Station, 9455 W, Montgomery, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm. You can find application forms and information at www.houstontx.org – follow the links to Crime Prevention.

Yes ... Our Pride IS Showing

The new Shepherd Forest signs are now in place! We hope you have been noticing them, and will agree that these are a great way to show our neighbors that we are proud of our subdivision. We hope to keep the areas around these signs neat and presentable -- if you see trash nearby, please take a moment to pick it up. If you see graffiti, please let us know. Watch for them in the following locations:

Section 1 – 610 feeder at Attridge, Alba, 31st and on Alba between 31st and 34th
Section 2 – 610 feeder at Guese, on Oakforest @ Stonecrest, and East TC Jester esplanade
Section 3 – Esplanades along West TC Jester and on 34th west of TC Jester





Wishing happy February birthdays to **Angie Joe (2/16)** and **Gene Hightower (2/27)**.

Extending a big Shepherd Forest welcome to **Debby Fischer** and **Jim Kocinski**, who have moved into Section 3.

Also extending a warm welcome to the newest resident of Section 3, Jack Paul Piepenburg, whose proud parents, Chad and Stephanie Piepenburg, announced his arrival on January 28. He's a SF legacy – his mother is the granddaughter of SFCC members Don and Martha Davis.

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



Have you sent in your **Membership Dues and Survey** yet? Check your November Newsletter for the forms and return envelope. If you need another copy, contact any Civic Club officer or the Newsletter Editor and we will be happy to bring you one. You can also submit your dues via PayPal – a link can be found on our website,



Deed Restrictions – If You Have Questions, We Have Answers



The character and consistency of our neighborhoods are important to those of us who live here, and Deed Restrictions help us keep the quality of that character in place. The Civic Club has been actively pursuing the signing and notarizing of our Deed Restrictions, and it was recently decided to focus on **Section 2** in order to reach the majority needed to make them enforceable. Only 43 more signatures are needed to make this important impact on the value of your property. If you live in Section 2 and have NOT read or signed these Deed Restrictions, now is the time to help us reach that goal.

Mark your calendars and join us next month on Wednesday, March 23rd at the **First Annual Signing Event to be held from 4 to 6 pm at 2411 Wilde Rock Drive**. Civic Club officers and Board members will be available to answer your questions, and copies of the Deed Restrictions for both Sections 1 and 2 will be available for you to read and sign. We will provide a Notary to make it all official, and refreshments will be served. PLEASE plan to attend, meet your neighbors, and make this a positive event.

City Budget – Capital Improvement Plan Meeting In March

The annual Capital Improvement Plan Meeting for District C (which includes Shepherd Forest Sections 1 & 2) will be hosted by City Council Member Ellen Cohen on March 9th. This is an open meeting where any citizen can attend and hear about major infrastructure projects planned for District C. It's also an opportunity to ask questions or make comments on needed projects for our community. More information about specific projects can be found at: <http://www.houstontx.gov/cip/Dist C Project List.pdf>



2016 District C CIP Meeting (hosted by Council Member Ellen Cohen)
6:30 – 8:30 pm Wednesday March 9th
West Gray Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray, Houston TX 77019

Beautification Committee News

Spring is busting out all over! **Yard of the Month** judging begins again on the first weekend in March so start mowing, pruning, weeding and planting. You could be the proud recipient of this monthly award, and receive a \$25 gift certificate from Cornelius Nursery.



The current beautification of Shepherd Forest is due in large part to the tremendous enthusiasm and effort of Section 3 resident **Jan Hughes**, who has devoted a great deal of time to this important committee. Jan has decided that she would like to pass on this title and these responsibilities to someone else, and we are **SURE** there is another person in Shepherd Forest with the energy and devotion to carry on this program. If you feel you would like to help us make our neighborhood a more beautiful place (and our new signs would surely benefit from some decorative gardening around the bases as one of the first spring projects) please reach out to Jan at the number below and tell her you are interested. You'll be making a contribution that **EVERYONE** will notice!

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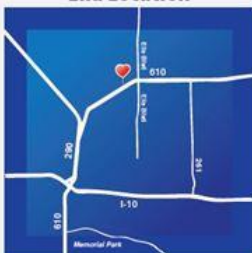
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