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## Another Layer of Protection – Do We Need It? Can We Afford It?



Several members of our community have expressed concerns regarding neighborhood crime, and some have proposed the idea of paying for some sort of security service. Please join us for this month's meeting, as the board will be facilitating a discussion on our options for increased security -- such as a private security service (e.g. SEAL), Harris County Constable contract, or hiring an off-duty police officer. Details and costs for each option will be presented, and pros/cons will be discussed. The goal will be to determine if there is enough interest (i.e. financial support) to further pursue any of the options.

### ***NEXT Shepherd Forest Civic Club Monthly Meeting***

**Monday, July 18th 2016 @ 7:00 pm**  
**The Physicians Center -- 1900 No. Loop West Suite 270**  
(Parking garage access behind building)

#### **TOPIC: Security In Our Neighborhood**

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

## Shepherd Forest Annual Picnic Happens Sept 25th

On Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 pm, Shepherd Forest Civic Club will once again host one of its most popular events, the **Annual Fall Picnic** at Stonecrest Park (East T C Jester at Stonecrest). Bring the kids, meet your neighbors and the Civic Club officers, and make some new friends. There will be hot dogs and soda, a petting zoo, a bouncy castle, games for young and old, and plenty of surprises. Come out and meet your Civic Club officers and your neighbors at this popular annual event.

**We are actively seeking volunteers to coordinate this event, and sponsors to help us defray some of the costs.** If you are interested in helping in any way, please give David Hille (Civic Club President) or Bid Nutt (Picnic Coordinator) a call. You'll find their numbers on the back of this newsletter.



# Citizens Patrol Security Report

Reported crimes in Shepherd Forest were down for the past four weeks; a trend we hope continues. But as long as school is out, kids get restless and bored, and this leads to criminal mischief. Last month several break-ins were reported in Section 2, and on the day of those crimes, a resident with some high-resolution video cameras was able to capture images of 4 teen boys fitting the description of the thieves. Their photos were circulated and identification was made by school administrators. At least one boy has been "interviewed" by HPD and that conversation ended with him going home in handcuffs to have a talk with his mom.

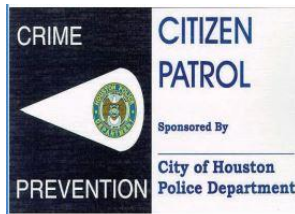
Here's what has been reported since the last newsletter:

**6/18/16 Sec. 1 1700 block Ansbury** – Three cars entered and rifled through  
**6/19/16 Sec. 3 3000 block Bronton** -- Car broken into; handgun stolen  
**6/22/16 Sec. 1 900 block 30<sup>th</sup>** – Theft  
**7/2/16 Sec. 3 Gardendale (block unknown)** – Truck tailgate stolen  
**7/7/16 Sec. 3 3000 block Stally** – Vehicle entered but nothing taken  
**7/12/16 Sec. 3 3000 block Bronton** – Packages stolen from front porch

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](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](http://www.Nextdoor.com) to let your neighbors know that this is happening on your street or in your section.

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 our new COP Coordinator Debby Fisher 281-221-6222.

## New COP Coordinator Steps Up



At the June Civic Club meeting a new resident of Shepherd Forest stepped up to assume responsibility of the Citizens On Patrol team. We are pleased to have Debby Fisher, new in Section 3, as a member of our Civic Club and in the weeks to come she will be meeting with the current patrollers and will be recruiting new members and reviving the patrol activities in general. If you have ever been a COP patroller and want to continue, or you are interested in being trained and joining the team that

makes Shepherd Forest a little safer, please call Debby at 281-221-6222 and let her know.

## Notice from Precinct 1 Constable Rosen

A resident of the Oak Estates neighborhood became one of the latest residents in the area to receive a phone call from a man identifying himself as a lieutenant.

The caller said a warrant had been issued for the arrest of the resident and his wife for failure to appear in municipal or justice of the peace court in response to a traffic citation. The caller said the resident and his wife each had to pay him \$4,500 by using prepaid debit cards purchased from an office supply store.

This type of phone call has been reported many times in this area through the years and is spiking again in Precinct 1. It is merely a criminal attempt to defraud people. Genuine arrest warrants and traffic citations are handled through the mail and in person.

Anyone receiving such a call should not pay any money in response to the demand, but should relay any evidence about the call to local law enforcement.



# Party Line

Wishing a happy July birthday to **Paige Allen** (7/13), **Becky Mosier** (7/17) and **Eric Allen** (7/22). Celebrating in August: **J.C. Mosier** (8/7), **Mary Ellen Restivo** (8/15) and **Greg Restivo** (8/29) Wedding anniversary wishes go to **Greg and Mary Ellen Restivo** and **Larry and**

**Debra Buttram**; both couples celebrate on July 30<sup>th</sup>

Condolences to former long-time Shepherd Forest resident **Edna Ranley** on the passing of her sister, **Lillian Lewis**.

*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](mailto:Lambmn1011@aol.com)*

## Signs, signs, everywhere a sign ...

Back in February we installed new Neighborhood Identity signs at 10 strategic locations and entrances of Shepherd Forest. Since that time, several individuals have "adopted" these signs and devoted their personal time and effort to make them look well tended.

Section 3 resident **Virginia Dietrich** has been gardening around the signs along T.C. Jester and on 34<sup>th</sup> Street for many years. She takes great pride in how they look and we appreciate her long-time devotion to this effort.

**Mark Landress** (Sec. 1) mows and weed-whacks around the signs along the 610 feeder entrances on Alba and Attridge. We hope that when TxDOT comes around to mow along the feeder this summer they will make the whole stretch between Shepherd and Ella look better.

**Kevin Taylor and Michael Moore** (Sec. 1) have planted flowers at the base of the sign that sits on the Alba Road side of their property. (see photo) They have kept them blooming through these past few hot weeks.



*If you would like to adopt a sign that seems to need some help, we encourage you to do so. Feel free to mow, water, or add your own touch of landscaping to make it look better.*



And a special round of applause for Section 1 resident **Mary Ellen Restivo** for her tireless efforts contacting TxDOT about the homeless and panhandling situation at the corner of Ella and 610. Mary Ellen persuaded TxDOT to post "No Dumping" signs on the 4 corners of the Ella underpass, and this will enable HPD to keep that area clear of people and their possessions that do not belong there. Bureaucratic red-tape busting seems to be her specialty, and we salute her tenacity! (Mary Ellen and her husband Greg are also long-time carriers of this newsletter).

## Yard of the Month Winners for July

**Section 1 – 1102 W. 30<sup>th</sup> – The Palomo family.** Lots of eye-catching features in this corner display. If you're rushing up Alba, slow down to admire a variety of palms, caladiums, and a piece of graceful sculpture that accents the center of the yard. Plenty of color details with flowers in the front beds too.

**Section 2 – 2215 Bron Holly -- The Stoops Family.** Lots of color and foliage accent each other evenly in this yard. It tells all who pass by "a serious gardener lives here."

**Section 3 – 3003 Maple Grove -- The Dick Family.** This yard features many shades of green, lots of mixed textures artfully restrained by stone edging. Succulents, ferns, palms other tropicals share space with whimsical figures and Southwest décor.



## 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](http://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 <b>Odd</b> Months July 21 Sept 15	3rd Thursdays of <b>Even</b> Months August 18 Oct 20
3	Thursdays	Alternate Thursdays	4th Tuesday of <b>Odd</b> Months July 26 Sept 27	4th Tuesday of <b>Even</b> Months August 23 Oct 25

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