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The 290 construction – What's new? What's next?

Whether you to travel Hwy 290 only once a year, or use it on a daily basis, if you've ventured out past Beltway 8 you know that there is still a lot of construction going on. Its time for an updated from our neighbor, Oak Forest resident Mike Zientek, Senior Public Involvement Representative for the US 290 program. Mike will join us on Monday July 17th with a presentation about the current status of this far-reaching project, and will be ready to answer any of your questions regarding how the construction will impact our lives.



And just a heads up – we will be meeting at a new (but familiar) location this month – the Temple Oaks Baptist Church on 34th street.

NEXT Shepherd Forest Civic Club Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 17th 2017 @ 7:00 pm
(new) Temple Oaks Baptist Church – 2101 W. 34th Street
(meeting room entrance behind the church)

TOPIC: Hwy. 290 expansion – what's next?

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

Shepherd Forest Needs Your Help

The Civic Club is a labor of love for most of us who serve as officers or on the Board. The minimal time involved is very rewarding. Here are a few ways you can get involved, and reap the benefit of volunteering:

Member – Board of Directors – with the recent resignation of one of our Board members, we have a vacancy that needs to be filled immediately. Requirements are attending 1 meeting a month (usually 60-90 minutes on a Monday night) and as many general and Social meetings as you can get to. If you are interested, come to the next Civic Club Meeting (above) or contact any member of the Civic Club for more information

Welcoming Committee – Compile and distribute SF Welcome Packets to new residents of Shepherd Forest. Addresses are provided – all you need to do a assemble the packets, and occasionally solicit local businesses to encourage them to add their flyers/coupons . Contact Newsletter Editor Mary Lamb for more details.

Annual Picnic “Helping Hands” -- September 24 will be here before you know it. If you can coordinate, have event ideas or would be able to run errands, Delinda Holland (713-416-1888) wants to hear from you!

Citizens Patrol Security Report

Summer heat brings summer crime ... Many are happening in broad daylight. The lawn equipment in trailers is especially vulnerable as workers are in backyards and cannot see thieves who grab and go, taking away weed whackers, edgers, and anything easily sold.

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

6/10/17 Sec 1 900 block Stonecrest – Theft
6/18/17 Sec 1 1200 block W. 31st – Burglary
6/20/17 Sec 2 2300 block Wilde Rock – Lawn equipment stolen from landscaper's trailer
6/27/17 Sec 3 4000 block Marlborough – Theft
6/28/17 Sec 2 2100 block Wilde Rock – Truck stolen
7/5/17 Sec 1 1500 block Stonecrest – Ladder stolen from truck
7/5/17 Sec 1 1600 block Stonecrest – Theft

In and around the area: *Mytiburger on 43rd* opened up on 6/24 to discover that someone had attempted to break in overnight. On 6/26, a vehicle was broken into and items taken in the parking lot of the YMCA on 34th.

Report all crime to HPD. Online: 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. 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,"** AFTER you have made the call to HPD, notify our Citizens Patrol by reporting it to our new COP Coordinator Debby Fisher 434-221-6222.

The Pitfalls of Perilous Parking

It should not be news to anyone that it is illegal to park your car in such a way that it blocks the sidewalk. But did you know that parking on the grass is also illegal? **The Prohibited Yard Parking Program** is intended to protect neighborhood property values, prevent damage to the City of Houston's underground infrastructure, and to stop the degradation of the aesthetic appearance of single-family residential areas. Parking of vehicles on any unimproved surface in the front or side yard within single-family residential areas will be prohibited where a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area has been established.

Any person who violates the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be **fined up to \$150 each day a violation occurs.**

Shepherd Forest opted into the program several years ago. You can report these violations by calling 311, or using the 311 app on your smart phone. Be sure to state that Shepherd Forest is included in the ordinance. This applies to any vehicle (including trailers) parked on a non-paved surface.

Dive in to chill out!



The City of Houston Parks and Recreation 2017 summer swim season is in full swing, so grab your kids, your neighbors, and your swimsuit and go for a dip! There are two pools conveniently located nearby:

Oak Forest – 1400 Du Barry 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday

Jester Park – 4205 T.C. Jester Tuesday – Sunday. Call 713-686-6800 for hours.

Pools are staffed by American Red Cross certified lifeguards. Entry is free! For more information call the Parks Dept. at 832.395.7129 or visit their website: <https://activenet011.active.com/houstonparks>

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 30th

Congratulations to Section 3 residents **Zach and Jessica (Jones) Yanez** on the birth of their daughter **Cody Constance Yanez**, who arrived June 14th.

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

News from the Beautification Committee

SPECIAL THANKS and a tip o' the hat to Janet Chalmers, resident in Section 2, who has kept our neighborhood identity sign on Oak Forest Blvd. not just neat and tidy, but festive and seasonal. Its always fun to see what's new and colorful there – Janet knows how to show her civic pride!



YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS FOR JUNE

Section 1 – 919 Stonecrest – The Sanchez Family

Section 2 -- 2102 Wilde Rock – Diane Cavanaugh

Section 3 – 4107 Gardendale – Vanessa Ortega

Each monthly winner of Yard of the Month receives a \$35 gift certificate from Wabash Feed. (Visit them at their new location on North Shepherd) We also plan to begin adding photos of these yards to our website. **Judging for August will be August 12-13th.**

Correction: The YOM winner in Section 1 for June was **926 W 30th** – not 930, as reported.

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)

JULY is TREE WASTE MONTH.

Pick up in Section 1 & 2 is Thurs July 20

Pick up in Section 3 is Tues July 24

Don't wait for Heavy Trash Day ...

Are you making some changes around the house? Updating or renovating? Or just cleaning out your garage? The **City of Houston Reuse Warehouse** accepts donations of all kinds of things that you normally might put in your heavy trash pile. (And please don't put your "heavy metals" in the green Recycle bin!) Its a great way to keep these types of items out of our landfills. (More than 1/3 of the waste stream in the Houston area is made up of construction and demolition material.) They even accept nuts, bolts, screws, hand tools, etc.



The Reuse Warehouse is located at 9003 No. Main, 77022.. Hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday – Friday and every 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (same hours). For more information, call 281-814-3324 or go to www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/reuse

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