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You Can Be The Change – Get Involved!

Officer Elections are coming up next month, so its not too early to start thinking about how you can get involved with the Civic Club. As a resident of Shepherd Forest, whether you rent or own your home, you can be a member of our Board of Directors, or serve as the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. There are also several ancillary positions you could fill – participate on, or Chair committees for Security, Beautification, Hospitality, Welcoming, Deed Restriction Enforcement etc. Bring us your best ideas and see how. As a team we can make them happen!

This month's Social Meeting will be held at Cottorwood – site of several of our previous Spring Fling events. Enjoy one of their 40+ craft and cask-conditioned beers, (along with "light bites" provided by the Civic Club), or stay after the meeting and enjoy their pub-grub menu. Meet and chat with Civic Club Officers and Board members, to ask questions and learn more about the benefits of being involved. More information can be found on p. 3 of this newsletter.



Note: Local elected officials are always invited to our meetings, so don't be surprised if you see Houston City Council Member At-Large **Amanda Edwards** mingling with the crowd Monday night.

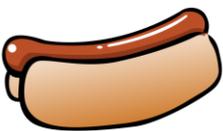
NEXT Shepherd Forest Civic Club Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 21st 2017 @ 6:00 pm
Cottonwood – 3422 N. Shepherd

TOPIC: Neighborhood Involvement

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

5 weeks and counting – The SF Annual Picnic happens Sept. 24th



On Sunday September 24th from 4 to 6 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. There will also be Shepherd Forest T-shirts for sale. Come out and meet your Civic Club officers and your neighbors at this annual event.

We still need 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 Delinda Holland a call (713-416-1888)

Citizens Patrol Security Report

There was a short lull in the local crime activity (2 weeks in July with almost no reported crimes) but activity has picked up again recently. Cars and trucks are still a popular target – Between July 2 and August 7 HPD has taken 14 reports from residents of Lazybrook and Timbergrove who had vehicles stolen or just their tires and rims.

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

7/14/17	Sec 1	2900 block Guese – Robbery
8/1/17	Sec 2	3000 block Oak Forest – Car broken into
8/1/17	Sec 2	2000 block Bron Holly – Theft
8/2/17	Sec 2	2000 block Wilde Rock – Truck entered – items taken
8/2/17	Sec 1	1500 block Stonecerst – Vehicle entered – rifled through
8/3/17	Sec 1	3000 block Guese – Theft
8/4/17	Sec 2	2400 block Bron Holly – Unlocked car entered and gone through
8/4/17	Sec 2	2100 block Ansbury – Theft
8/5/17	Sec 1	3000 block Guese – Truck entered; locks damaged; rifled through
8/6/17	Sec 1	1700 block Ansbury – Theft
8/8/17	Sec 3	4200 block Marlborough – vehicles broken into

Pct. 1 Constable Alan Rosen strongly suggests locking all your vehicles, whether they are parked on the street or in your driveway. Conceal or, better yet, bring inside ANYTHING of value. Theft is a crime of opportunity – don't give the bad guys an invitation to get inside your car or truck.

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.**

Party Line

Wishing a happy August birthday to **Robbie Morin** (8/12), **Mary Ellen Restivo** (8/15), **Nell Baham** (8/20), **Zack Yanez** (8/21), **Robert Hammond** (8/24), **Scott MacKinnon** (8/27), **Greg Restivo** (8/29), and **Brandon**

Tristan (8/30). Celebrating in September: **Ken Mingus** (9/7), **Joe Jungbauer** (9/9), **Kenneth Battarbee** (9/10), and **Elsie Haley** (9/12).

And a belated happy birthday to Section 1 resident (since 1976) **Sudie Nowak**, who celebrated her 103rd birthday (yes, you read that right – **103!**) on August 10. We will be telling you more about our oldest Shepherd Forest resident in next month's newsletter.

Welcoming Shepherd Forest's newest resident, **Maxwell Victor Rohr**, born July 5, 2017. He joins big sister **Sophia** and parents **Claudia and Scott Rohr**, new residents in Section 1.

Also a warm Shepherd Forest welcome to **Elliott and Mayra Maidana** and their two daughters, who have moved into Section 2.

Fourth of July fireworks were especially bright for Section 2 resident **Kristi Grizzle** last month ... her beau, **Martin Gollwitzer**, popped the question that evening. A February wedding is planned.

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

Invest Your Time – Reap The Rewards!

(an invitation from Kurt Schoeffler, Civic Club President)

If you have some ideas about we could make Shepherd Forest an even more pleasant to live now and in the future, we would love to have your involvement. Perhaps you are passionate about deed restrictions, maybe you love landscaping, or maybe you aren't quite sure but you just want to get to know your neighbors and do your part. Either way – we'd love to have you!

Board of Directors: This is the officially elected group of leaders for Shepherd Forest. The board meets once a month to discuss neighborhood issues and to ensure that committees have the resources they need to put on their programs. Elections take place at the September general meeting. Officers serve a one year term, and board members serve a two-year term.

President

- Chairs board meetings and sets the strategic direction of the Civic Club
- Must have previously served on the Board of Directors at some point

Vice President

- Chairs meetings when the president is not available
- Coordinates with committee chairs

Treasurer

- Manages finances of the Civic Club
- Collects dues and drives membership growth

Board Member (2 spots open for upcoming term)

- Provides input and votes on key Civic Club decisions
- Helps with various initiatives as appropriate

Committees: These are the groups of wonderful volunteers that make our various neighborhood programs run. The more help we have, the more fun it is for everyone. Time commitment is as needed, but very manageable given that most of our volunteers also have full-time jobs.

Welcoming Committee

- Puts together and delivers welcome packets to new neighbors
- Welcome packets include useful neighborhood information and coupons from local businesses

Beautification Committee

- Coordinates yard of the month competitions
- Spearheads occasional beautification initiatives such as neighborhood cleanups

Security Committee

- Coordinates our Citizens on Patrol program
- Identifies and communicates ideas to make the neighborhood safer

Deed Restriction Committee

- Identifies items that are not in compliance with Shepherd Forest deed restrictions
- Coordinates communication regarding violations and remedies with Board of Directors

Social Committee

- Coordinates events aimed at increasing the neighborhood's sense of community, such as the Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Picnic and Shepherd Forest socials.

We currently have a great group of volunteers that put a lot of energy and effort into making Shepherd Forest a more pleasant place to live – but we could definitely use more help! If you are interested in getting involved at any level, **[come to the meeting Monday August 21 at Cottonwood](mailto:info@shepherdforest.org)**, or send a quick message to info@shepherdforest.org, and we will get you plugged in.

News from the Beautification Committee

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS FOR JUNE

Section 1 – 1103 W. 31st – The Zelaya/Fuentes families

Section 2 -- 3026 Oak Forest – David Gutierrez

Section 3 – 3806 Gardendale – Deborah Jackson

Each 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. September will be the last month of judging for 2017. But don't worry – our Halloween Decorating Competition is coming up in October, **Judging for September will be Sept. 16-17th.**

Officers and Directors for Shepherd Forest Civic Club

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President – Kurt Schoeffler (3) 281-217-1122
Vice President – Debby Fischer (3) 434-221-6222
Secretary – Delinda Holland (temporary)
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Board of Directors

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