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ELECTION NEWS FOR RESIDENTS

Election day is Tuesday, November 3rd and your vote is important! Information related to mail-in ballots, early voting, and election day voting can be found at www.harrisvotes.com or by calling 713-755-6965. Even if you did not vote in the Primary or Run-Off Elections earlier this year, all registered qualified voters may vote on Election Day. Unfortunately, if you haven't previously registered to vote, the deadline has already passed.

MAIL-IN BALLOT INFORMATION:

The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for those who qualify is October 23rd. This is the date that the county clerk must receive your application (not postmarked by). You can request a ballot by mail online www.harrisvotes.com or by calling the Harris County Clerk's Election Division 713-755-6965. If you do plan to vote by mail, please mail it back as soon as possible. You can now track your mail-in ballot at: www.harrisvotes.com/tracking. If you choose to drop your mail-in ballot off in person at NRG Center - 8825 Kirby Drive, bring your photo ID as only the person whose name appears on the ballot may drop it off.

EARLY VOTING:

Early voting in Harris County began on Tuesday, October 13th and runs through Friday, October 30th. You may vote at any Early Voting polling location in Harris County. Currently on weekdays and Saturdays, the early voting polls are open from 7am to 7pm, and on Sundays from noon to 7pm. From Oct 27th-29th the hours change to 7am to 10pm, then back to 7am to 7pm on October 30th. Early Voting polling places near Shepherd Forest are:

Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel – Magnolia Room

3000 North Loop 610 West (just west of TC Jester), Houston, Texas 77092

SPJST Lodge #88 – Ballroom

1435 Beall (near West 14th), Houston, Texas 77008

Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church – Drive thru

2025 West 11th (just west of TC Jester), Houston, Texas 77008

ELECTION DAY VOTING:

On Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd, the polls will be open from 7am to 7pm. Residents of Harris County may vote at ANY polling location. Election Day Polling Places that are near Shepherd Forest are:

Waltrip High School – Computer Room 1203P

1900 West 34th Street, Houston, Texas 77018

Lazybrook Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall

1822 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77008

Oak Forest Elementary School – Room 201

1401 West 43rd Street, Houston, Texas 77018

The Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 3rd is a very important election and every vote will count. Don't miss the opportunity to let your voice be heard. Please vote !



SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB ELECTS 2020-2021 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At the September meeting of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club, Officers and members of the Board of Directors were elected for the 2020-2021 year. Congratulations and welcome to all of you!

PRESIDENT – Patricia Williams (Section 1)
VICE-PRESIDENT – Bid Nutt (Section 3)
TREASURER – Michael Moore (Section 1)
SECRETARY – Kevin Taylor (Section 1)
SECURITY COORDINATOR – Paul Berry (Section 3)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Amanda Schnell (Section 3)
Paul Berry (Section 3)
Delinda Holland (Section. 2)



An enormous thank you is sent to each of the outgoing officers and board members for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the civic club. Your time and efforts over the past year are greatly appreciated by the civic club and your neighbors! Hats off to each one of you!

We still have a vacancy on the Board of Directors so if you, or someone you know, are interested in serving, contact a civic club official. Please consider volunteering to help make a difference in Shepherd Forest. Our past officers and directors have worked countless hours to keep abreast of issues facing our resident and now it's your turn to get involved.

CITIZENS ON PATROL SECURITY REPORT

Although crime in Shepherd Forest seems to be about the same as last month, crime on major streets in and around SF has been increasing each month. Once again, the area near Loop 610 and Ella seems to be a “hot spot” for various crime. For reporting purposes, the 1900 block of North Loop 610 and the 3000 block of Ella Blvd is the area “generally located at the intersection of Loop 610 and Ella Blvd.” Please be extra aware and on alert when you are in these areas as crime has been occurring at various times of the day and night. HPD reported incidents that SFCC has been made aware of include:

09/04 – 2000 block West 34th – Burglary and car drove into Valero gas station brick wall - 3 am
09/06 – 2000 block West 34th – Robbery of Valero gas station -2 pm
09/06 – 3200 block Oak Forest – DWI Arrest – 10pm
09/11 – 3000 block Ella – Theft at Exxon gas station
09/20 – 1900 Block Loop 610 – Arrest
09/21 – 1900 Block Loop 610 – Aggravated assault in a parking lot
09/22 – 1900 Block Loop 610 – Theft from vehicle
09/23 – 2000 Block West 34th – Theft at Valero gas station
09/29 – 1900 Block Loop 610 – Assault
09/29 – 1900 Block Loop 610 – Theft from Exxon gas station
10/01 – 2000 Block West 34th – Burglary of construction site
10/03 – 3000 Block Ella – Theft from Exxon gas station
10/04 – 3000 Block Ella – Theft from vehicle at Exxon gas station
10/05 – 2300 Block Stonecrest – Assault at a residence



In addition to those crimes listed above, SF residents reported that a shooting took place recently near the CVS/Lowes area at Loop 610/Ella, as well as an assault in the parking lot at CVS a week later. Both incidents occurred on a weekend in the middle of the busy afternoon. At the time of printing of this newsletter, HPD had not yet released information about either of these incidents. If available, more details in the next newsletter.



PARTY LINE

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors who will be celebrating their birthdays in early November. They are **RICARDO TRISTAN** (11/4), **KHALDYN HIDER** (11/8), and **MEAGHAN BERRY** (11/11). Best wishes to each of you on your big day!

Congratulations to **KIM and JASON SYRINEK** on the birth of their son, **CODY JAMES BERRY**, who was born on September 28th. Congratulations are also sent to **JUSTIN and MEAGHAN BERRY** on the birth of their son, **JAXON PAUL BERRY**, who was born on August 18th. Proud grandparents of both baby boys are **PAUL and JEANNE BERRY** – all live in Section 3.

Sincere sympathy is sent to the family and friends of longtime Section 1 Wilde Rock resident, **DONNA HERDEJURGEN**, who passed away recently. Condolences are sent to **ROBERT HEMPHILL and family** on the September 27th passing of his wife, **MARIE HEMPHILL**, another longtime resident on Bron Holly. Heartfelt sympathy is also sent to **RICHARD and DELINDA HOLLAND** on the recent passing of their newborn granddaughter, **LILY HOLLAND**, and to **CLINT and RENATA HOLLAND** on the loss of their daughter.

RESIDENTS CHEER AS PARADE PASSES

After National Night Out festivities were cancelled due to CoVid19, the SF Civic Club decided to host a parade through the neighborhood to bring awareness to our Citizens on Patrol organization and crime prevention in Shepherd Forest. If you missed all the sirens, horns honking, and cheering, you really missed a great parade. Led and escorted by representatives from the Houston Police Department, Civic Club officials and members of the SFCC Citizens on Patrol drove their vehicles through all three sections of the neighborhood. Many residents came outside to wave and clap or gather curbside with family and friends, while others took pictures as the parade passed by.



It was a great sight to see so many residents outside to support and thank their Civic Club and Citizens on Patrol as they paraded throughout SF. A special thank you to Security Coordinator Paul Berry and wife Jeanne for their efforts organizing this event as well as to each of the participants in the parade.

HIGH WATER AND DRAINAGE PROJECT

Recent rain events again brought flooded streets to parts of Shepherd Forest. Should high-water situations occur in your immediate area, we urge you to report any street and/or any structure flooding to 3-1-1. This is the only way that the City will be made aware of the flooding, so PLEASE notify the City when water gets high. After the recent storms/rain events experienced in Shepherd Forest, a check with the City's 311 system revealed that there had been not even one call received regarding flooding of streets in Section 2. As far as the City knew, there had been no water in the streets. And those living near Piney Woods in Section 2 were very aware of how high and fast the water came up over the curbs and flooded our streets. So PLEASE report any street/structure flooding in SF to 311 and help get the City's attention to address the drainage problems in your area.

In Section 3, the City of Houston Gardendale Drainage Rehabilitation Project is well underway. The existing 18" storm sewer lines on Gardendale are being replaced with 24" lines to take more water runoff under West TC Jester and east into White Oak Bayou. In addition, the existing storm sewer inlets are also being enlarged. Hopefully, this will alleviate the flooding issues that residents in this area have been facing for a number of years.

Have you recently moved into Shepherd Forest? Contact the Civic Club at info@shepherdforest.org and give us your information so that we can officially welcome you!

NEW SHEPHERD FOREST ENTRY SIGN ON ALBA

The Shepherd Forest entry sign that was originally located on Alba at Loop 610 was destroyed months ago after being hit by a vehicle that also knocked down the fence behind it. Residents had been missing the sign and recently the civic club had a replacement sign made and installed at that location. After the installation of the sign had been completed, residents TINO and MARGARET FLORES, who live nearby, "adopted" the sign, planted some beautiful plants near the sign and then landscaped the entire area with bricks. Many thanks to the Flores' for their hard work at making this sign and the entrance to our subdivision such an attractive area.



If you would like to "adopt" one of the Shepherd Forest entry signs near you, please contact the SF Civic Club Beautification Chairman Amanda Schnell by email at amandalschnell@gmail.com.

FREE AT-HOME COVID19 TESTING AVAILABLE

Homebound individuals with disabilities, seniors, and veterans may be eligible for FREE at-home testing. For details on this program, call the Harris County Agency on Aging at 1-800-213-8471. For the latest information on COVID 19 cases, risks, symptoms, testing sites, mask distribution, virus prevention, business re-openings, and much more, please check out the City of Houston website at <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/> or call the City's COVID-19 Call Center at 832-393-4220.

The Annual SF Halloween Decorating Contest will take place the weekend of October 24-25. Check out the spooky details at www.shepherdforest.org

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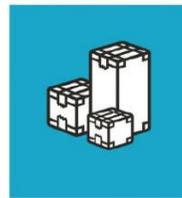
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INTERESTED IN SERVING?

Committees 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. A few of the Committees needing volunteers are Welcoming Committee, Beautification Committee, Social Committee, Citizens on Patrol, and Membership Committee. More information can be found at www.shepherdforest.org.



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