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*It's time for the **BIGGEST** neighborhood event of the year!*

Sunday, September 22nd * 4-6 pm

Stonecrest Park on East TC Jester

Delicious Food & Fun for Everyone!

Mark your calendar now for the 35th annual Shepherd Forest Civic Club Picnic in the Park on Sunday,

September 22nd from 4- 6 pm. The picnic will again be held at **Stonecrest Park** (located on East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest) and as always, we will have great food and fun activities for all residents and their families. This year, Shepherd Forest is proud to have **Mayor Whitmire** attend the picnic as our special guest of honor - don't miss the opportunity to meet and greet the Mayor in person!

FOOD
PETTING ZOO
FACEPAINTING
GAMES

Plans are also being made for a petting zoo, vintage cars, kids activities, pet adoptions, facepainting, games, HPD displays, Houston Rodeo clowns, door prizes, a firetruck, and much more. Bring out your family, neighbors, and a lawn chair and help the SFCC celebrate **35 years of neighborhood unity and community involvement.** Spend the afternoon visiting with neighbors as you enjoy some great **hot dogs, games, activities** and more – all provided **free** by your Civic Club and our generous **COMMUNITY PARTNERS.** Please patronize these businesses that help make the picnic and other SFCC events possible.

CLOWNS
VINTAGE CARS
HPD DISPLAY
FIRETRUCK



Helping Here:



**SHEPHERD FOREST PICNIC IN THE PARK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND - 4 TO 6 PM
COME JOIN THE FUN & MEET MAYOR WHITMIRE**



PARTY LINE

Very Happy Birthday wishes are sent to those neighbors who celebrate their birthday in September, including **JOAN DELANEY (9/6)**, **KEN MINGUS (9/7)**, **JORDAN SYRINEK (9/7)**, **JOE JUNGBAUER (9/9)**, **ELSIE HALEY (9/12)**, **PATRICIA WILLIAMS (9/18)**, **JAYSON SYRINEK (9/24)**, **PAUL BERRY (9/25)** and **CODY SYRINEK (9/28)**. Happy Birthday to each one of you !!

Early October birthday wishes are sent to SFCC Treasurer **JEANNE BERRY (10/3)** as she celebrates her big day.

A very special Happy Anniversary wish is also sent to **PAUL & JEANNE BERRY** who celebrate their wedding anniversary on 9/26. Congratulations!

Deepest sympathy is sent to the family and friends of longtime SF resident **GREG RESTIVO**, who passed away recently. Greg and his late wife, Mary Ellen, were both dedicated and generous volunteers of the SFCC for many years. They will both be missed by many neighbors.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

began in 1984 to promote neighborhood involvement in crime prevention activities and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. If you have never attended a National Night Out block party, this is a chance for neighbors to meet and mingle and get to know each other – which is the first simple step in fighting crime in Shepherd Forest.



So **Tuesday, October 1st from 6 to 8 pm**, turn on your porch light, lock your doors, and get outside to visit with your neighbors. Block parties are being planned throughout our neighborhood – or if you choose, plan your own block party for you and your neighbors to attend.

Make plans to participate and send a message to crooks that **WE WILL FIGHT CRIME IN SHEPHERD FOREST!**

REMODELING YOUR HOME?

Shepherd Forest Deed Restrictions require all residents to submit building plans to the Shepherd Forest Architectural Committee for approval BEFORE any work begins on the project. For more information on submitting a Building Approval Application for review by the Architectural Committee, please visit www.shepherdforest.org and click on “Quick Links”



At the September 16th SFCC meeting, the Civic Club will be announcing the results of our **2024 Election of SFCC Officers and Board of Directors**. We will be electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Board Member. Voting for this election will be done by email. All current paid members of the Civic Club with an email address on file should be receiving a ballot by email and those without an email address on file should have received a paper ballot. (If not, send questions to info@shepherdforest.org). Ballots should be returned by email (or paper ballots by regular mail) prior to the September 16th Civic Club meeting.

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MEETING
Garden Oaks Baptist Church (3206 N. Shepherd)
Monday, September 16th – 7:00pm

SECURITY NEWS

Fortunately, only a few incidents occurring within the boundaries of SF were reported to the SFCC. But vehicle related crime along Loop 610 between Ella and East TC Jester was very high on both sides of the freeway. If you visit this area, be sure to park in a safe spot and keep your vehicle locked. In addition, several suspicious people were reported knocking on doors and/or caught on cameras lurking near homes, but not reported to HPD. Two thefts occurred at businesses located along 34th/Ella.

Recent area crime reports made to HPD were:
08/24 – 3000 blk of Larknolls– theft of motor vehicle
08/21 – 1400 blk of Stonecrest – burglary

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!
Please report ANYTHING you feel is suspicious or just “not right” to HPD immediately. HPD reminds us to call **911 for life-threatening or in-progress emergencies** and **713-884-3131 to report all other crimes**. The more calls to HPD we make, the greater number of HPD patrol vehicles will be assigned to this area. Don’t forget - after you contact HPD, also report the crime to the SFCC at info@shepherdforest.org. **Mark your calendar for....**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – OCT 1st

TRUNK OR TREAT - SATURDAY OCT 26th

Shepherd Forest residents can join the fun at the upcoming SFCC Trunk or Treat with trick or treating, pumpkin decorating, bounce house and more! Volunteers are needed to decorate their cars and also to hand out candy and prizes at this event being held at the Childrens Lighthouse on 34th from 3-5:00pm. Donations of candy and treats/prizes will be needed for this fun event. Please watch the October newsletter and the SFCC FaceBook page for more details about this exciting family event – one you and your family definitely can't miss!



ELECTION DAY – Tuesday, November 5th

Voter Registration Deadlines

By Mail (postmarked) - Monday, October 7, 2024

Deadline to register for Ballot by Mail

October 25, 2024 (Received, not postmarked)



HELP PRESERVE OUR PARKS

Preserving the beauty of our parks is important. If you notice any suspicious activities in one of our local parks, please don't hesitate to report it to 832-395-7100 (Houston Park Rangers).

Dedicated Park Rangers are here to address and resolve any concerns you may have. Whether its vandalism, littering, motorized vehicles or any other issues, they rely on your diligence to help keep our parks safe and clean for everyone to enjoy.

You can also contact the HPD non-emergency number at (713) 884-3131. In case of a life-threatening emergency in one of our parks, please call 911.

CITY CHANGES YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Houstonians have new options to make yard waste disposal easier and more convenient. Houston Mayor John Whitmire and City Council approved the Solid Waste Management Department's (SWM) plan to improve the flexibility and convenience for participating residents of the curbside yard waste collection program.

The City approved changes to the City's Code of Ordinances, Articles I and Articles IV, and made provisions to expand the set-out options for participating households of the curbside yard waste collection program. **City-approved biodegradable bags bearing the City seal are no longer required.** Residents now have the options to use **any 100% biodegradable bag** (or compostable bag) meeting the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D6400 or EN 13432 specifications.

"These programmatic enhancements are a direct reflection of recommendations received from a variety of residents and civic groups who support the continued growth of our operations," said Director Mark Wilfalk.

Residents may also place curbside yard waste contents in personal reusable refuse containers (excluding city issued 95-gallon refuse carts); or tie and bundle small logs in up to 4-foot lengths. Contents that are placed in personal reusable containers and/or bundles of yard waste must not exceed 50 lbs.



How To Participate

The City provides weekly curbside yard waste collection services on the same days as scheduled garbage collection days (periodic service delays may occur.) Eligible households can participate in the yard waste collection program by placing their materials at least 3-feet away from their regular trash bins or other obstructions on their designated collection days.

As a reminder, service personnel will **not collect** curbside yard waste mixed with trash, paper, plastic, or any other types of waste. In addition, professional landscaping contractors hired to provide residential services are responsible for properly disposing of any debris resulting from work performed.

YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST WINNERS

Our Yard of the Month Contest was able to resume this month. Many thanks to all who managed to keep their yards looking nice despite the storm, hurricane, and extreme heat we have suffered through for the last several months. Congratulations to our deserving Yard Of The Month winners!

SECTION 1



Ramira Fuentes (1215 Stonecrest)

SECTION 2



Jorge Vasquez (2415 Ansbury)

SECTION 3



Laura Pineda/Miguel Soltero - 3002 Groven

Our YOM program will end in September. Decorating contests for Halloween and Christmas are just around the corner. Watch the Shepherd Forest Times or check out our website at www.shepherdforest.org for dates and more info.



The SFCC is planning a full upcoming schedule of fun activities, so mark your calendars now for these important dates.

- Sun, Sept. 8th – Happy Grandparents Day!
- Mon, Sept. 16th – SFCC Mtg and Officer Election results
- Sun, Sept. 22nd – SFCC ANNUAL PICNIC – BIG EVENT!
- Tues, Oct. 1st – National Night Out
- Wed, Oct. 23rd – SFCC Fall Social
- Sat, Oct. 26th – SFCC TRUNK OR TREAT – BIG EVENT!
- Mon, Nov. 11th – SFCC Veterans Day Salute
- Thurs, Nov. 28th – Happy Thanksgiving!
- Mon, Dec 10th – SFCC Annual Christmas Dinner
- Sat, Dec 14th – SFCC PHOTOS WITH SANTA – BIG EVENT!



DELORES MUSKE, a longtime SF resident and tireless volunteer, was recently featured on the Cover of Woodland Heights magazine. Delores has been part of “The Holy Comforters” quilting team at Zion Lutheran Church for many decades, helping to make quilts and pillows for veterans, the elderly, homeless, the poor, and many others in need.

Working along with Delores through the years is another longtime SF resident, Virginia Dietrich. Both ladies also volunteer for the SFCC Citizens on Patrol and help distribute Civic Club newsletters each month. Hats off to both of these dedicated volunteers who make Shepherd Forest proud of our hardworking residents!

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