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NEIGHBORHOOD YMCA OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

If you've not visited our neighborhood YMCA lately, you are missing a great opportunity. The YMCA can not only help you with your New Years Resolution to get healthy, but also offers so much more. At our YMCA, you find a full gym including cardio/strengthening equipment, pickleball, outdoor pool, gymnasium, basketball courts, group exercise, child watch, teen programs, virtual exercise class, aquatics programs, personal training, youth sports, camp, enrichment programs, and much more. There is definitely something there for everyone in the family.



A representative from the YMCA will be on hand at the next SFCC meeting on **January 27th** to give an overview of what is offered at that location (located at 1234 West 34th). Many of our residents are YMCA members and participate in

activities there on a regular basis. You may be surprised to hear what is available right here in our neighborhood for you and your family to participate in. Make plans now to attend this informative meeting on **Monday, January 27th**.

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MEETING
Monday, January 27th @ 7pm – Topic: YMCA
Garden Oaks Baptist Church (3206 N. Shepherd)



IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN!

Have you paid or renewed your 2025 Shepherd Forest Civic Club Membership Dues yet? All memberships were due and payable on January 1st, so if you haven't done so, please **scan this convenient QR code** and join or renew your Civic Club membership. If you prefer to pay your Membership Dues online, please visit the SFCC at <http://www.shepherdforest.org> and click on "Join SFCC" to pay your dues.



For only \$25 per household, you can make an investment in your community and home value by simply joining the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. This small investment has BIG returns including to help fund and make possible many civic club events and activities.

This includes the Easter Egg Hunt & Photos, Picnic in the Park, Socials, Christmas Dinner & Photos with Santa, Citizens on Patrol, Beautification projects, Decorating contests, Shepherd Forest Entry signs, Deed Restriction enforcement, printing of this newsletter, SFCC website maintenance, and much, much more. What a great investment in your neighborhood for ONLY \$25 annually per household!

Every household that pays their dues by the **January 27th** meeting will *automatically be entered* into a DRAWING for our **Lottery Tree (20 Scratch Off Tickets)** and/or a great **\$25 Target or Amazon gift Card**. Will you make an investment and support a civic club that works every day on your behalf? It's time to show your support by joining for **ONLY \$25 per household**. Do your part and join today - and you may be a lucky winner!

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VICE-PRESIDENT – Katie Hassett

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Pay Dues Here



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Shirley Evanicky

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The annual **PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

event was another huge success for the SFCC thanks to the efforts of Event Chairman Kim Syrinek.



Residents spent the morning enjoying making Christmas crafts, activities, and having their photo taken with Santa. Our deepest appreciation to **KEVIN DUNN and**

PORTRAIT EFX for taking the fabulous photos.

Thanks also go to **JASONS DELI** (11120 NW Frwy)

and **SHIPLEYS DONUTS** (3410 Ella) for the snacks, and to **NEW DAY CHURCH** (3615 Mangum) for the use of their facilities. Also, a huge

thank you to our Community Partners: **MEMORIAL HERMANN HEIGHTS HOSPITAL, HEB, and DR. GLEEM**, for their continued generous support that

made this SFCC Christmas event possible.

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Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday are sent to the following neighbors who celebrate birthdays in January: **Carolyn Brock** (1/3), **Bob Williamson** (1/11), **Kendra Benson** (1/21), **Rowan Andrew** (1/25), **Wesley Yanez** (1/28), **Katy Cattoni** (1/30), **Teddy Kownslar** (1/31), and **Jean Jungbauer** (1/31). Celebrating an early February birthday will be **Shirley Evanicky** (2/9). Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday to all of you !!

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary wishes are sent to **Kim & Jason Syrinek** on 1/14 and to **Johnny & Mary Farmer** who celebrate on 1/21.

An enormous “Thank You!” and our deepest gratitude is sent to retiring Section 1 newsletter carrier, **LISA KAMINSKI**, who has delivered newsletters on West 31st and Attridge for *decades*. Along with her mom, **NATALIE KAMINSKI**, who has also delivered to their route, Lisa has faithfully served our community well. Anyone willing to step into this fun job is asked to contact Section 1 Distribution Manager Mary Lamb at Lambmn@gmail.com. Hats off to Lisa as she steps down for a much deserved rest!



If you are new to the neighborhood or have any news you would like to share in the PartyLine, please send the information to info@shepherdforest.org.

recycle your tree

The SFCC encourages residents to recycle their live Christmas trees instead of tossing them in the garbage. This holiday season, you can help the City preserve the environment by dropping off your tree at nearby **TC JESTER PARK (which is located at 4200 West TC Jester)** before Jan 24th. Make sure to remove all decorations, tinsel, plastic bags, tree stands and water bowls before dropping off your tree. A complete list of Christmas tree recycling drop-off centers is available at <http://houstontx.gov/solidwaste> or by calling the City of Houston Helpline at 311. There’s still time for you to recycle your Christmas tree!



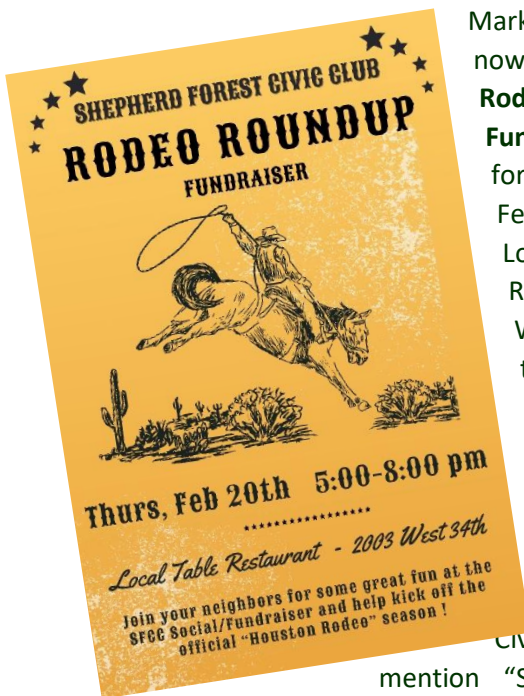
SECURITY/CITIZENS ON PATROL NEWS

Suspicious vehicles and people wandering through the neighborhood were reported several times during the holidays. Please remember to stay alert to everything going on around you, and make a mental or written note of descriptions of vehicles and people that seem suspicious to you. Security Coordinator Paul Berry also reminds us that it's extremely important for residents to **report ALL CRIME** to HPD, regardless of how insignificant it may seem. The number of HPD patrol units assigned to our area is based on the number of calls to HPD we make. HPD also encourages residents to report suspicious people/activity so they will know what is going on in our neighborhood and then also notify our Security Coordinator at 915-373-8820 and report what has happened. The following crimes in our area were reported to HPD – no specific addresses, only blocks are reported by Spot Crime who compiles this list:

- 12/05 - 4100 block of Gardendale – Burglary of a residence
- 12/09 – 1100 block of West 34th – Theft of motor vehicle parts
- 12/10 – 2000 block of West 34th – Theft from motor vehicle
- 12/15 – 1700 block of West 34th – Theft of motor vehicle parts
- 12/18 – 1200 block of West 34th – Theft from motor vehicle
- 12/19 – 3000 block of Ella – Assault at a restaurant
- 12/28 – 1100 block of Stonecrest – Burglary of a residence
- 12/29 – 1700 block of West 34th – Arson
- 01/02 – 1100 block of West 31st – Assault
- 01/06 – 3000 block of Ella – Robbery at restaurant



The SFCC would like to send an enormous thank you to each of our Citizens on Patrol volunteers that managed to patrol during the busy holidays. Their time spent patrolling and keeping a watchful eye on the neighborhood was especially appreciated at a time of the year when theft crime is typically at its highest. The Security Committee is in need of more patrollers and would appreciate any time our residents are available to help out with our Citizens on Patrol efforts. If you would like more information about the program, or to volunteer your time, contact Paul Berry at 915-373-8820.



Mark your calendar now for the **SFCC Rodeo RoundUp Fundraiser** scheduled for Thursday, February 20th at Local Table Restaurant (2003 West 34th) from 5 to 8pm. That evening, a percentage of the restaurant sales will be donated back to the Shepherd Forest Civic Club when you mention "Shepherd Forest".

Bring your family and friends (or just mention "Shepherd Forest" if you order takeout) and purchase a delicious meal from their large variety of food and beverage options. What a great way to support your Civic Club and have fun kicking off Rodeo Season! Watch for more details in the February newsletter....

MARIGNY HEIGHTS

In recent weeks, activity has once again started on the Oak Forest/Ansburys construction project known as Marigny Heights. Apparently, the owner of this property is forging ahead with his plans to build townhomes at that location despite still not having any City permits. Late last year, the owner was allowed to go to Court and pay a portion of his accrued fines...and the rest were dismissed. The SFCC continues to monitor and report on this project, but we need our residents to also file complaints with the City.



Please report any activity you see taking place to 311 and refer to work being done without permits on City projects **#22098538** and **#22115495** at 2002 Oak Forest. A full report and the latest updates will be given at the next civic club meeting scheduled for Monday, January 27th. Photo: Christmas sign at construction site



**Christmas
DECORATING CONTEST**

In December, Christmas decorations shone brightly throughout Shepherd Forest, and many homes were beautifully decorated. There was a huge interest in Christmas decorating again this year, including participation by many of our residents. Although the decisions were difficult for the judges, two homes in each section were selected as the 2024 Decorating Contest winners. Congratulations go to the following Shepherd Forest Civic Club winners:

Section 1 – 1st Place – 3002 Carlford



Zach Hancock and Jayson Jahns

Section 1 – 2nd Place – 1130 West 31st



Natalie Kaminski

Section 2 – 1st Place – 2002 Wilde Rock



Eric & Ashley Garner

Section 2 – 2nd Place -2218 Bron Holly



Richard & Delinda Holland

Section 3 – 1st Place – 4006 Marlborough



Dustin Basco & Joshua Mathis

Section 3 – 2nd Place – 3003 Larknolls



Jean Park