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GARDENING EXPERT TO SPEAK AT SFCC MEETING

March 20th signals the beginning of spring, and the recent warm sunny days have allowed us to get outside and evaluate recent winter damage and start making plans for our spring lawn and gardens. Don't miss the opportunity to get a jump on weeds, planting, fertilizing and more. The next few weeks are definitely the perfect time to get fresh ideas to get our lawns and gardens into shape.



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will host a gardening professional from Wabash Feed and Garden at the Civic Club meeting to be held **Monday, March 17th at 7pm** at Garden Oaks Baptist Church (3206 N Shepherd – Across from Gabby's BBQ). Our speaker will discuss lawn care and preparation, gardens, what to "trim or not trim", and how to "get started" in our yards for spring. Choosing the right fertilizer, installing and/or preparing spring flower beds, and the use of plant variety in our yards, are just a few of the many other lawn and garden related topics to be discussed. This will be a most interesting and informative meeting, and you will have the

opportunity to ask a professional for advice on your lawn, flowers, garden, trees, or any lawn and garden related topic. Don't miss this free advice from the experts!



On **Sunday, March 9th**, Daylight Savings Time will officially begin, so remember to set your clocks, watches, microwave, and other time-keeping items **FORWARD ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on Saturday night. This means you will lose an hour of sleep that night – so don't forget to set your clocks forward. Say hello to longer days and Daylight Savings Time as you change your clocks and "spring forward" on **Sunday, March 9th!**

EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT

Once again, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny. This much loved Egg Hunt will take place on **SATURDAY, APRIL 12th** at 10:00 am at Stonecrest Park, located on East TC Jester at Stonecrest. All residents and their children are invited and encouraged to attend this special family event. EVERY participant will win a prize at the Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet the children and visit with everyone before the Egg Hunt, so grab the kids and an Easter Basket and come out for a fun-filled morning. Shepherd Forest Civic Club members will have the opportunity to have a **free professional portrait** with the Easter Bunny taken by PortraitEFX Photo Memories. (If you're not a SFCC member, you still have time to join or renew your membership. See back page.) Donations of small, individually wrapped candy are appreciated and will be collected at the March 17th civic club meeting. Of course, cash donations for the event are always gladly accepted! For more info about the Egg Hunt or to make a donation of cash or candy, please contact Delinda Holland at 713-416-1888.





PARTY LINE

Happy March Birthday wishes go to **KELLY MOORE (3/17)**, **JONATHAN EVANICKY (3/18)**, and **DELORES MUSKE (3/29)**. An early April Happy Birthday wish goes to **ERNESTO NOEL CABALLERO III** who will be celebrating his birthday on April 2nd. Happy Birthday to each one of you on your special day!



If you missed the recent Civic Club fundraiser held at Local Table you missed a great time with your neighbors. A speaker from the Houston Rodeo gave an informative talk on the Rodeo and all that it offers those attending.

A huge "THANK YOU" to each of our dedicated **Citizens on Patrol volunteers** that continuously and generously donate their time and gas patrolling the neighborhood and keeping a watchful eye out for all of us. Thanks!

Graduation is just around the corner, and we want to be sure and recognize your graduate.....whether it is preschool or college or anything in between. Send us your graduate's name, school, and possible future plans and we will recognize them in our Graduation Roll Call.

If you have news that you want to share in the PartyLine, please send the information to: info@shepherdforest.org

WE HEAR YOU!

Alert Shepherd Forest residents are the eyes and ears of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. The Civic Club receives a number of calls and emails every week regarding neighborhood issues including crime, high weeds, abandoned vehicles, parking in yards, garbage and debris, possible deed restriction violations, new construction, architectural review questions, and much more.



Although it sometimes appears that "nothing has happened" to your concern, the SFCC is working hard on every complaint and we will continue to give updates on the huge amount of work that is being done behind the scene on these issues. Often the City's response time is extremely slow to Neighborhood Protection complaints, so some issues take more time.

To contact the Shepherd Forest Civic Club about an issue, please email us at info@shepherdforest.org and include a detailed message along with your contact information. We are definitely hearing your concerns and addressing them as they are received.

SECURITY NEWS

The month of February had several incidents of crime that occurred in and around Shepherd Forest. Spot Crime records indicate the following reports for criminal activity were recently made to HPD:

- 02/04 – 1200 block W. 34th – theft from motor vehicle
- 02/11 – 1700 block W. 34th – theft of vehicle
- 02/14 – 1700 block W. 34th – theft of motor vehicle parts
- 02/16 – 1700 block W. 34th – aggravated assault

In addition, reports of thefts and assaults continue to come from the apartments in the 4000 block of West 34th and a number of vehicle related crimes from the area along the 1900 block of Loop 610 North.



Don't forget to lock your car when parking and stay alert to anyone around you when you are driving or when you get out of your car. Report ALL crime or suspicious activity to HPD regardless of how insignificant it seems to you, then notify the Shepherd Forest Civic Club Security Coordinator, Paul Berry, at 915-373-8820.

CURIOUS WHERE YOUR \$25 ANNUAL SFCC MEMBERSHIP DUES GO?

We use these funds in numerous ways for your benefit! Below are just a few...

- SFCC Monthly Newsletter
- Deed Restriction enforcement
- Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Photos
- Esplanade Signs
- Annual Fall Picnic
- Citizens on Patrol
- Christmas events & Santa photos
- Website and Social media accounts



And much, much more!

Rising costs of *everything* are making it more and more difficult to pay for the many things that are done and/or maintained by the Shepherd Forest Civic Club. Please support your civic club and join today.

SUPPORT YOUR PATROLLERS!

Don't forget the Shepherd Forest Civic Club is once again **collecting aluminum cans** to raise cash for our Citizens on Patrol (Security) program. All you need to do is recycle your aluminum cans (pie pans and foil can also be recycled) and save them for our Citizens on Patrol fundraising efforts.

Collection dates will be **April 21st through April 25th**. Large containers will be provided at **1403 Stonecrest, 3007 Topham Circle, and 4206 Marlborough** so that you can drop off your cans at any of those locations. Make sure they are in a closed plastic bag for easy transport and less mess. The cans will be recycled for cash and all proceeds will benefit our Shepherd Forest Citizens on Patrol and Security Committee. If you have cans and are not able to drop them off, please contact Security Coordinator Paul Berry at 915-373-8820.



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An advertisement for the 'HTX Collects' mobile app. It features a smartphone displaying a green garbage truck. To the right of the phone, the text reads: 'Download HTX Collects App today!', 'Service Alerts, Collection Schedules, Reminders and much more.', and 'Available on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

NEVER MISS GARBAGE DAY AGAIN

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department has launched **HTX Collects**, a mobile app that will allow residents to stay better connected with the City's waste and recycling collection programs. By downloading the App, you can get the latest on schedules, service alerts, reminders, questions and much more.

From the App, you can view your garbage and recycling schedule and receive collection notifications. Sign up to receive service day reminders as mobile notifications, email, or phone calls. You can even add your collection days to your personal iCal, Google or Outlook calendar. Download **HTX Collects** from the iOS App and/or Google Play store today. Never miss a collection day again!

For questions or more information, you may also visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org, or call 311.

An advertisement for the 'Yard of the Month Contest'. It features a background of white daisies with yellow centers. A green banner with yellow text reads: 'YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST BEGINS IN APRIL'. A yellow banner with green text reads: 'Judging will be done on the last full weekend of each month.'

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IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.....

Take just a minute to step out your front door and take a look at your house – what you see or don't see could save your life or the life of someone living in your home. Without a visible address showing on your home, life-saving help may be delayed while emergency responders (HPD or HFD) try to figure out which home is yours. **According to Houston City Ordinances, every home should have identifying address numbers posted within 18 inches of the entrance.** Install large reflective numbers (minimum 3 inches) on your house, curb, and/or mailbox so police and other emergency personnel can find your home quickly. These numbers can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart, or hardware stores.



You may be surprised at how many homes in Shepherd Forest **do not** have clearly marked addresses on their house or curb. Taking the time to check your home and/or that of a neighbor could make a difference of precious minutes while you wait on emergency responders trying to guess where you live.

CAN FIRST RESPONDERS FIND YOU IN A CRISIS ???

**Shepherd Forest Civic Club
2025 Membership Drive Update**



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