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EASTER BUNNY TO ATTEND SFCC

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny event. This much loved annual 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/grandchildren are invited and encouraged to attend this special family event. No one is too young or too old to attend the Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

A separate Easter egg hunting area will be available for babies/young toddlers. 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 prior to and after the Egg Hunt, so grab the kids and an Easter Basket and come out for a fun-filled morning. At the event, 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 and get your *free portrait* simply by scanning the QR code found below). Don't miss all the fun and *Egg-citement* being planned for you and your family on **SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH at 10 AM!**

Residents are asked to **RSVP** for this event so we can have an accurate count of participants in the event, and enough refreshments and prizes for each of the children. You can sign up for the Easter Egg Hunt & Photos directly by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABA62FAAF4CE9-55936954-easter>

Please patronize our Community Partners that make this Easter Egg Hunt and other Shepherd Forest Civic Club events possible, including **MEMORIAL HERMANN GREATER HEIGHTS HOSPITAL, HEB Grocery on N. Shepherd, DR GLEEM CAR WASH, and PortraitEFX**, For the latest updates and/or more information about this morning of fun and professional portraits with the Easter Bunny, check out the Shepherd Forest Civic Club website at www.shepherdforest.org, [FaceBook.com/group/shepherdforest](https://www.facebook.com/group/shepherdforest), or contact Event Coordinator Delinda Holland at 713-416-1888.



YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club Yard of the Month Contest will begin this month, with judging of yards being done on the **last full weekend of each month**. Yards are judged on best “overall appearance” and a variety of beautiful yards have won the award. Past award winners included lawns with beautiful shrubs and greenery and other yards were filled with flowers of beautiful spring colors. Both homeowners **and** renters are eligible to win the Yard of the Month Contest, so there are no excuses for not getting your yard into shape. If you see a potential Yard of the Month winner, feel free to nominate them.

Additional volunteers are needed to serve as judges for this contest. What a great volunteer job - it takes less than an hour a month (April through September) and your help would be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved with your civic club, especially if *your time is very limited*. Contact the Civic Club at info@shepherdforest.org to volunteer or to nominate a yard for consideration as a Yard of the Month winner.



Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors who will be celebrating their birthdays soon: **MARTI NELSON** (4/11), **PHIL KOWNSLAR** (4/13), **RUBEN ALVAREZ** (4/23), and **PAYTON ARENS** (4/27). A huge Happy Birthday wish is also sent to **MAYA DAVIS** who celebrates on May 1st.



Also being sent wishes for a very special Happy Birthday are our other neighbors celebrating in early May. They include: **DYLAN MOORE** (5/3), **JENNIFER WOODRUFF** (5/4), **RYLAND CAIRE** (5/4), and **MARY WISNIEWSKI** (5/4). Hope each

one of you have a fantastic birthday!

Happy Anniversary wishes are sent to **BRANDON & CLAUDIA TRISTAN** who celebrate their wedding anniversary on May 6th. Congratulations!!

Deepest sympathy is sent to the family and friends of **KEITH THOMPkins** who passed away recently. He was the oldest known living resident in Shepherd Forest and had recently celebrated his 101st birthday! Keith and his wife were longtime Shepherd Forest residents and lived in Section Three on Stally.

If you have a 2025 graduate, you are new to the neighborhood, or have news of births, illnesses, congratulations.....you would like to share with your neighbors in the next issue of the SF Times, please send your name, information or news to share, and contact information to info@shepherdforest.org

Shepherd Forest Civic Club 2025 Membership Drive Update



Help us reach our goal of 300 households!

190 members

GOAL: 300 members



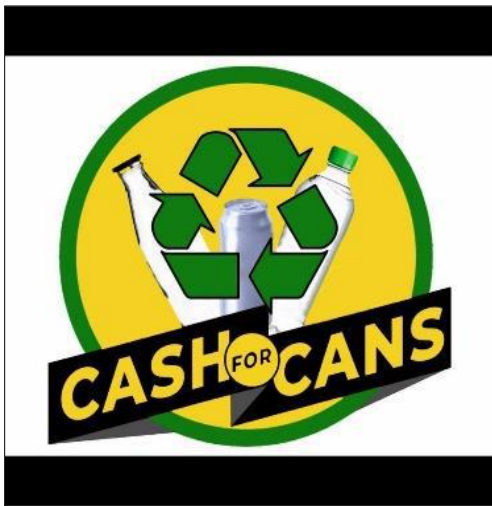
Support your neighborhood and
keep our community strong

Join by scanning the QR code or visit
www.shepherdforest.org/become-a-member

If you haven't yet paid your **2025 Shepherd Forest Civic Club Membership Dues**, there is still time. Household membership dues are only \$25 annually.

Don't miss out on the numerous benefits you will receive including the SF Times, special family events, dinners, beautification projects, socials, deed restriction enforcement, Citizens on Patrol, and much more. **This month, all paid members will receive a FREE PROFESSIONAL PORTRAIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY taken at the Easter Egg hunt on April 12th.** Without YOUR membership dues, none of this would be possible. Scan the QR code and join the Shepherd Forest Civic Club today!

EASTER EGG HUNT & PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY – SAT, APRIL 12TH



It's time once again for the Shepherd Forest Civic Club to start collecting aluminum cans to raise cash for our Citizens on Patrol (Security) program. All

you need to do to help 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.

Donating your cans is an easy way to support our Shepherd Forest Citizens on Patrol, so **start saving** them now and mark your calendars for collection days.

SECURITY REPORT

The following crimes were reported to HPD:

- 3/03 – 1700 W. 34th – Theft from motor vehicle
- 3/10 - 1600 W. 34th – Theft of vehicle parts (storage lot)
- 3/11 – 2200 W. 34th – Motor vehicle theft
- 3/12 – 4000 W 34th – Theft of vehicle parts (restaurant)
- 3/12 – 4400 Marlborough – Identity theft
- 3/13 – 3000 Ella Blvd. – Theft from motor vehicle
- 3/14 – 3000 Ella Blvd – Theft from vehicle (gas station)
- 3/17 – 2000 West 34th – Assault
- 3/24 – 4100 Gardendale – Burglary (residence)

March statistics again point to an increase in vehicle related crimes occurring along West 34th between Alba and TC Jester, and along Ella Blvd as well. Increased vehicle related crimes were once again reported along Loop 610 between Ella Blvd and TC Jester. Be sure to lock your vehicle and be aware of your surroundings if you are in this area.

WEST TC JESTER STRIP CLUB RAIDED



Houston Police officials say they are cracking down on unlicensed, sexually-oriented businesses in the city, starting with a strip club located on West TC Jester near Loop 610 that was recently raided. The sexually oriented business, known as "Library Houston", sits between Juanitas Mexican Restaurant and Supreme Sandwich Shop, and was raided several weeks ago.

According to HPD, 12 people were arrested during the raid. Eight sexually-oriented business violations, two liquor violations, one private security act violation, and one manager operating a sexually-oriented business without a license violation were also handed out. The sexually oriented business was operating without any business or liquor permits.



The District Attorney labeled unlicensed sexually oriented businesses like The Library, that are still open at 6am, as "crime drivers" because they often drive up crimes such as drunk driving, assault, and human trafficking in our community.

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As temperatures are beginning to rise and summer heat is just around the corner, Reliant Energy offers the following tips to save energy and money in the coming months:

- Raise your thermostat 2 to 3 degrees from 2 to 9 p.m. and use fans to feel 4 to 6 degrees cooler.
- Follow the 4-by-4 rule: If no one is going to be home for more than 4 hours, set the temperature 4 degrees higher while you're gone.
- Wait until after sundown to wash clothes and use your dishwasher.
- Don't use the dishwasher until you have a full load.
- Opt for thermal or blackout curtains to keep the heat outside your home & the cool air inside.
- Install ceiling fans and set the blades to spin counter-clockwise to circulate cool air.
- Look into different lighting options. LED lighting is much more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs. You should also take advantage of natural daytime lighting when possible so you can keep lights turned off during the day or when you leave home.
- Set your thermostat to "auto" to prevent your unit from cooling 24/7.
- Change your air filter regularly to ensure the AC is running at its best.
- Schedule an annual HVAC tune-up to make sure your air conditioning system is operating efficiently and that it can stand up to the Texas heat.
- Set AC to 78 degrees while you're at home & use fans to help keep you cool & save energy.
- Prevent your AC from working harder to cool by sealing any drafty windows and exterior doors with caulk and weatherstripping.



WHAT IS YOUR GARBAGE DAY?

Here's the scoop on garbage and recycle collection. If you live in **Section 1 or Section 2 (both are EAST of TC Jester)**, your household weekly garbage pickup day is on **Tuesday**. Your curbside Recycling is every other **Tuesday** and heavy trash is on the **third Thursday** of each month.

If you live in **Section 3 (WEST of TC Jester)**, your household weekly garbage pickup day is on **Thursday**. Your curbside Recycling is every other **Thursday** and heavy trash is on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month.

Tree Waste months are ODD numbered months (**January, March, May, July, September, and November**) and Bulk Waste/ Heavy Trash months are EVEN numbered months (**February, April, June, August, October and December**).

For more info about your garbage schedule, to download the app, sign up for alerts & more, visit: <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/> You can also check out holiday schedules, delays with trash pickup, check out recycling questions and news, and much more at this informative website or by calling the City's Helpline by dialing 311.



The Shepherd Forest Civic Club salutes our dedicated Civic Club Volunteers and Citizens on Patrol members. Hats off to each one of you !



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