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\$2.5 BILLION FLOOD CONTROL BOND PROPOSED

All eyes were on the skies on the Fourth of July, but not because of the fireworks. Instead, our area received six inches of rain within just a few hours that morning, filling White Oak Bayou and reminding many of the dangers and damage created by Hurricane Harvey. When that storm hit Houston less than a year ago, more than a dozen homes in Shepherd Forest Section 3, between West T.C. Jester and Vollmer along Gardendale, Stally and Bronton streets, took in up to four feet of flood water. Many of those homes are undergoing or still awaiting repairs to this day.

Based on the massive property loss and recovery efforts caused by Hurricane Harvey and other recent flood events, Harris County Commissioners Court has called a bond election for August 25, for the Harris County Flood Control District. Registered voters in Harris County will be asked to vote on what could be \$2.5 billion in bonds for an estimated 100 or more flood risk reduction projects throughout the county. Readers can learn more about the Flood Control Bond Program by visiting www.hcfdc.org/bond-program.

Shepherd Forest lies in the White Oak Bayou Watershed, and Section 3, hardest hit by the hurricane and in very close proximity of White Oak Bayou, is represented by District A City Council Representative Brenda Stardig. Rep. Stardig's Chief of Staff, Amy Peck, will be our guest speaker on Monday, July 16, and will be prepared to address your concerns and questions regarding the Bond Program and its potential effect on Shepherd Forest. Please join us for this VERY important discussion on how residents can be sure their property is safe from future natural disasters.



WHILE THE FLOODING ALONG WEST T.C. JESTER ON JULY 4TH (TOP) IN NO WAY COMPARED TO THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE HARVEY, IT WAS STILL A BITTER REMINDER FOR MANY - PARTICULARLY IN SHEPHERD FOREST SECTION 3, WHERE MORE THAN A DOZEN HOMES TOOK IN UP TO FOUR FEET OF WATER LAST AUGUST.

JULY SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 16TH - 7:00 PM - HARRIET & JOE FOSTER YMCA - 1234 W. 34TH STREET

Our guest speaker will be Amy Peck, Chief of Staff to City Council Representative Brenda Stardig. She will address questions regarding the upcoming Flood Control Bond Program vote, and its potential effect on Shepherd Forest. We will also continue voting to approve the recently updated SFCC By-Laws, and the Third-Party Security Contract proposal provided by the Security Task Force.

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH. ALL SHEPHERD FOREST RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - SECURITY REPORT

RECENT CRIMES REPORTED TO HPD

5/28	900 Block Stonecrest (Sec. 1)	Theft from Vehicle
6/1	3000 Block Groven (Sec. 3)	Vehicles Broken Into
6/2	3000 Block Greenhaven (Sec. 3)	Lawn equipment stolen
6/4	4000 Block Marlborough (Sec. 3)	Theft From Vehicle
6/17	3000 Block Maple Grove (Sec. 3)	Vehicles Broken Into
6/17	3000 Block Greenhaven (Sec. 3)	Vehicles Broken Into
6/17	4400 Block Gardendale (Sec. 3)	Vehicles Broken Into
6/27	3000 Helberg (Sec. 3)	Attempted Home Break In

Citizens on Patrol reminds us to call HPD (911 *if it is an emergency*, or call 713-884-3131 if you should see anything or anyone that appears to be "suspicious"). AFTER you have made the call to HPD, please notify our Editor Mary Lamb via e-mail at Lambmn1011@aol.com.



PARTY LINE

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Martha Stoerner (7/7), Becky Mosier (7/11), Paige Allen (7/13) and Eric Allen (7/22). Happy Belated birthday to Clyde Muske, who celebrated on 5/13. Clyde is also recovering from a broken wrist, so we wish him a speedy recovery as well!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES!

Celebrating their wedding anniversaries on July 30th are Larry & Debra Buttram AND Greg & Mary Ellen Restivo! Belated congratulations to Gene and Delle Hightower, who celebrated 70 years of marriage on June 28.

GET WELL SOON!

Sending well wishes to Gerry Barbeau, who is recovering from a recent illness.



Welcome to Shepherd Forest's newest resident, Olivia, born June 28th to proud parents Chad and Stephanie Piepenburg!

If you would like to contribute or have a suggestion for an upcoming issue, please contact Editor Mary Lamb at Lambmn1011@aol.com or 281-488-3216.

HOUSE KEEPING

PLEASE NOTE 2 IMPORTANT ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE YOUR ATTENTION ON THE YELLOW INSERT INCLUDED WITH THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

SECURITY SURVEY: After months of research and discussion, we have finally identified what we believe to be the best option to provide contract Security Services for Shepherd Forest. Before we can proceed further, we need your feedback. Please review the included information and let us know if you are willing to participate.

BY-LAWS UPDATES: There are a number of proposed updates to the Shepherd Forest Civic Club By-Laws, which require approval by a majority of Civic Club members. Please see the included insert, review the proposed changes and submit your vote. Thanks!

CITIZENS ON PATROL COORDINATOR NEEDED!

We are currently seeking a new COP coordinator to devote 1-2 hours a week coordinating and collecting patrol reports and completing a few forms. If you would like to help us revive this important program, please contact any Civic Club Board Member (back page), e-mail Info@ShepherdForest.org or attend our next General Meeting & Social to learn more.

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MONEY MATTERS

4 SIGNS YOU AREN'T SAVING ENOUGH MONEY

Did you know that 65% of Americans save little or nothing at all? And only 39% can cover a \$1,000 emergency. This begs the question, are you saving enough money? Here are four signs that you need to be saving more.

1. YOU DON'T HAVE A SAVINGS GOAL. If you don't know where you're going, how are you supposed to get there? Having a true, written-out savings goal allows you to start setting aside a certain amount every week or month to start building towards your future goals.

2. YOU DON'T HAVE AN EMERGENCY FUND. When disaster strikes, are you prepared? If you have a medical emergency, lose your job, or your car breaks down, your personal "safety net" should be there for you. If you don't have an emergency fund, start one right away and work towards getting \$1,000 in it as quickly as possible. You'll be thankful you did.

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3. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH YOU SPEND. Do you know where all of your money goes each month? Keeping track of all your expenses - from gas to groceries, Amazon to Starbucks - is vital. If you know what's going out, you can probably find ways to cut back.

4. YOU CAN'T PAY OFF YOUR CREDIT CARD BALANCE. Your credit card has a minimum payment due each month, and if you can't pay that, then you're not saving enough. That means you're getting farther behind too, as your interest piles up. This is a surefire path into heavy credit card debt, so make sure you're paying your credit card off each month.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY NOTES

We know many of you look forward to seeing the latest issue on your doorstep every month. So let's thank those who make it possible - AND see who else may be willing and able to lend a hand in the future...

The Shepherd Forest Times wishes to recognize the long-time tenure of carriers Gene & Delle Hightower, who have delivered the newsletter on Oak Forest Drive every month for many years. They have retired from this route, and Katy Cattoni and Bob Williamson of Section 2 will be assuming those duties. **THANK YOU!**

As Gerry Barbeau (a long-time Section 3 carrier) recovers from her illness, we hope to find a permanent replacement for her. If you can deliver newsletters on Marlborough, from Helberg to Vollmer, **WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Lauren Syrinek Miller will soon be moving from Shepherd Forest, and we will need someone to assume her route as well. If you would like to deliver newsletters along Gardendale (including Stally and Bronton) between T.C. Jester and Vollmer (approximately 35 homes) **WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!**

In Section 1, Debra Buttram has been a faithful courier, but her new job keeps her on the road so much, we are hoping to find her a replacement. If you can deliver newsletters on Wilde Rock and Ansbury (49 homes east of Ella), even one of these streets, **LET US KNOW WHEN YOU CAN START!**

Special shout-out to somewhat new resident Melissa Williams who subbed for Tasha Leverton in Section 1 last month. She delivered over 100 newsletters on this, the longest route we have. **WAY TO GO!**

To become a volunteer, please contact Newsletter Editor Mary Lamb via e-mail at Lambmn1011@aol.com or call her directly at 281-488-3216.



Three cheers for the Woehst Family at 1118 W. 30th in Sec. 1 (TOP), and Janet Chalmers, who decorated the sign at the entrance to Section 2 on Oak Forest... **HIP, HIP, HOORAY!**



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YARD OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JULY WINNERS!

Sec. 1 - 1134 W. 30th - Roberta Suggs

Sec. 2 - 2107 Stonecrest - Phil Vacek

Sec. 3 - 3010 Havel - Jason & Kim Syrinek



UNIQUE AND DRAMATIC LANDSCAPING AT THE HOME OF ROBERTA SUGGS, OUR SECTION 1 YARD OF THE MONTH WINNER FOR JULY.

CITY TREE WASTE & JUNK WASTE COLLECTION

Section 1 & 2 Pickup - 3rd Thursdays

July 19th, August 16th, September 20th

Section 3 Pickup - 4th Tuesdays

July 24th, August 28th, September 25th



SAVE THOSE ALUMINUM CANS!

Got Cans? Call Section 3 Resident John Carter at 713-682-5111. He will pick up to recycle - and contributes the proceeds to SFCC!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

We are always in need of additional newsletter carriers - if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Lamb at Lambmn1011@aol.com or text 281-488-3216.

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