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Let's Get Social

The Shepherd Forest Civic Club will be hosting another fun “social” event on **Thursday, June 20th from 5 to 7:30 pm** and all Shepherd Forest residents and their families are invited.

The social will be held on the covered patio at **Cottonwood**, which is located at 3422 N. Shepherd (near the RR track). The patio is air conditioned and is “kid and pet friendly.”



This will be another great time to meet, mingle, and reconnect with your neighbors. A large variety of food and beverage options from the restaurant menu will be available for you to purchase, including “Steak night” specials and half price bottles of wine. Come early for the “social” time with your neighbors and stay after for dinner! Mark your calendar, and don't miss this exciting Shepherd Forest event.

SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB JUNE SOCIAL
THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH – 5:00- to 7:30 PM
AT COTTONWOOD RESTAURANT – 3422 N. SHEPHERD
Join the Fun – Everyone is invited!



Runoff Election June 15th

A runoff election for two Harris County Appraisal District Board member positions will be held on Saturday, June 15th. Early voting for this election will take place on June 3rd thru June 11th. For more information on voting locations, sample ballots, a voters guide, and other election related information, please visit www.votersguide.org.

HAPPY Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

STORM DEVASTATES SHEPHERD FOREST

On May 16, 2024, an especially strong and long-lasting band of storms—a derecho—charged across Central Texas and struck Houston and Shepherd Forest. The storm unleashed tornadoes and destructive winds that reached 100 miles per hour. It shattered windows, tore roofs off homes, and toppled trees and power lines. Nearly one million homes and businesses in the Greater Houston area lost power, according to news reports, and many of our neighbors were without power for a week. It was by all accounts, devastating to the “Forest” in Shepherd Forest.

But the real story of that fateful day is what happened in Shepherd Forest AFTER the rain stopped and the winds died



down. It’s the story of shaken neighbors rushing from their homes to check on each other and begin the work of clearing debris so that some semblance of normal life could begin again. With power out and cell phone service sketchy, neighbors walked the neighborhood with saws and rakes and gloves and uncovered cars, cleared streets and doorways, removed trees and limbs from roofs, and picked up debris so that others were able to move around. The stories of Katy helping clear limbs and debris and checking

on neighbors, Eric, Will, and Griffin clearing trees, Ashley sharing her freezer space, Jeanne providing hot water for coffee.....and the names and stories go on and on of the many heroic Shepherd Forest neighbors helping one another - that’s what Shepherd Forest is all about. One resident was heard saying that she had met more neighbors the day of the storm than she had in the last 10 years living in Shepherd Forest. Thank you to EVERY resident that took the time check on neighbors and help with the clean up. Many are still struggling with storm related problems, so don’t forget to be considerate of them and their ongoing issues. Our neighborhood should be proud of how we all came together to help each other get through the storm and the aftermath that is still taking place. We are SHEPHERD FOREST STRONG!

The Solid Waste Department remains hard at work and have already picked up an estimated 1 million cubic yards of storm debris. Please help ensure a smooth storm debris collection, as they cannot service unseparated debris. Debris serviced should be placed curbside and separated as follows:

- Vegetative debris (leaves, logs, plants, branches)
- Construction and demolition debris (drywall, furniture, lumber, plumbing)
- Appliances and white goods (AC units, refrigerators, dishwashers)
- Electronics (computers, radios, televisions)
- Household hazardous waste (cleaning supplies, batteries, chemicals, paints)

Please be patient with the crews as they are passing through the neighborhood. The department may operate heavy machinery to remove debris. The Solid Waste Dept anticipates conducting multiple passes through to clear all debris, but you can also take your debris to any of the 6 City depositories. You can also report storm debris by filing a 311 report – dial 311 or visit houstontx.gov/311/



A **derecho** event is a widespread, long-lived wind storm that is associated with a band of rapidly moving showers or thunderstorms like those we witnessed on May 16th. Although a derecho can produce destruction



similar to the strength of tornadoes, the damage typically is directed in one direction along a relatively straight swath. As a result, the term “straight-line wind damage” is sometimes issued to describe derecho damage. By definition, if the wind damage swath extends more than 240 miles and includes wind gusts of a least 58 mph or greater along most of its length, then the event may be classified as a **derecho**.



PARTY LINE

A belated, but sincere, birthday wish is sent to **MICA CAMPIONE**, who celebrated her birthday on May 29th. Mica recently graduated from Black Middle School and will be attending Waltrip High School where she was chosen to be a cheerleader. Congratulations Mica!



We heard that our very special neighbor, **KEITH TOMPKINS**, who celebrated his **100th birthday** in February, had over 100 family and friends to help him celebrate. Keith is a longtime Shepherd Forest resident who attended Reagan High School and the University of Texas, where he excelled in pole vaulting. Keith is loved and adored by many, including his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren! A huge congratulations to Keith for reaching this milestone birthday !!!

Very Special Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our neighbors celebrating birthdays in June. They are **SERI DAVIS (6/8)**, **GRAHAM HARRY (6/12)**, **CORA CRUZ (6/13)**, **MADELYN EDDINGTON (6/15)**, and **JAMIE FARQUHAR-RIZZO (6/15)**. Happy Birthday wishes are also sent to our other neighbors celebrating June birthdays, including **COOPER ALLEN (6/16)**, **JOHN LEADER (6/20)**, and **LYNETTE TIDWELL (6/24)**. Happy birthday wishes also go to **CELESTE BYROM** who celebrates her big day on July 3rd. Hope each of you will have a great birthday!

Happy Anniversary wishes are sent to **GRACE & PHIL KOWNSLAR (6/13)**, **DARRELL & LYNETTE TIDWELL (6/13)**, **JOE & JEAN JUNGBAUER (6/14)**, **SEAN & JAMIE RIZZO (6/15)**, **AMANDA & STEVE SCHNELL (6/18)**, and **RICHARD & DELINDA HOLLAND (6/24)**. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary wishes to all of you!!

We want to send a special shout out to our **Citizens on Patrol volunteers** who continue to use their own gas money and valuable time to drive through the neighborhood and keep a watchful eye on what's happening in Shepherd Forest. These COP volunteers are some of the most dedicated patrollers around Houston and we thank each one for their service to our community. Be sure and wave when you see our Citizens on Patrol volunteers driving by.

If you are a new resident or have news of births, illnesses, special events, or anything else that you want to share with your neighbors, send your information to info@shepherdforest.org so that we may include it in the PartyLine.

CITIZENS ON PATROL SECURITY REPORT

Spot Crime lists the following crimes that were reported to HPD recently. For informational purposes, the 1200 block of West 34th is near Alba and the 2100 block of West 34th is near Oak Forest. When patronizing nearby businesses, please remember to lock your vehicle and stay alert when entering and exiting the business. PLEASE report ALL crime to HPD, regardless of how insignificant it may seem to you at the time. The number of HPD Patrol units that are assigned to our neighborhood is **based on the number of calls we make to HPD**. Please also forward the crime details to the SFCC Security Committee at info@shepherdforest.org.

- 5/02 – 2200 block of W. 34th – theft from motor vehicle
- 5/05 – 1200 block of W. 34th – assault
- 5/06 – 2200 block of W. 34th – assault on the street
- 5/12 – 1100 block of W. 31st – burglary
- 5/22 – 2000 block of W. 34th – theft from motor vehicle
- 5/27 – 2000 block of W. 34th – assault at a gas station
- 6/02 – 1700 block of W. 34th – assault at a restaurant
- 6/03 – 1100 block of W. 31st – theft of vehicle parts

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Our designs or yours!

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From around the neighborhood.....



Shipleys
Is open!



We've got power!



Do you need
any help?



Due to the recent storms and the resulting damage across Shepherd Forest, the SFCC Yard of the Month program was suspended for the month of May. Judging for the contest will resume the last full weekend of June through the last weekend in September.

REMINDER: All Sections of Shepherd Forest are bound by Deed restrictions that prohibit the building of any structure forward of the building line. Existing carports that were damaged by the recent storms are grandfathered in and can be repaired. Any building must be approved by the Architectural Committee before construction begins. Building applications and instructions may be found on the SFCC website at www.shepherdforest.org