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COUNCILMEMBER TONI LAWRENCE TO SPEAK

District A Councilmember Toni Lawrence will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club on Monday, February 16th. Councilmember Lawrence represents approximately 75% of the homes in Shepherd Forest. She will take the opportunity to update our residents on important City issues facing our neighborhood, including the long time flooding issues in Section 2. Councilmember Lawrence will also update us on the proposed train "Quiet Zone" for our area, possible developments with Northwest Mall, the Hwy 290 expansion project, the recently passed "No Parking in Yards" ordinance, and a variety of other City programs and projects. Toni Lawrence is a native Houstonian and Waltrip graduate who was first elected to Houston City Council District A in November 2003. She continues to hold the office, but is term limited and will not be seeking another term. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear Councilmember Lawrence and remember to bring all your City related questions to the meeting for Councilmember Lawrence to address. Make plans now to attend the Shepherd Forest Civic Club monthly meeting on February 16th.



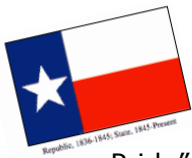
SHEPHERD FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, February 16th @ 7:00 pm

Garden Oaks Baptist Church (Library) - 3200 N. Shepherd

Speaker: District A Councilmember Toni Lawrence

SFCC meetings are held on the third Monday of every month and YOU are invited to attend.



MARCH 2ND - TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY!

The Republic of Texas was created on March 2, 1836 when a delegation at Washington-on-the-Brazos adopted the **Texas Declaration of Independence**. Show your "Texas Pride" and celebrate this important day !!

Visit the Shepherd Forest Civic Club website at www.ShepherdForest.org for great neighborhood information, the SF Times, weather, traffic, community calendar and links to vital City, County, and State agencies. The Shepherd Forest Civic Club is always seeking **volunteers** to serve in a variety of positions. Help is needed with Citizens on Patrol, beautification, passing out newsletters, deed restriction enforcement, refreshments, Easter Egg hunt and more. If you are willing to donate a very small amount of your time to help out, please contact any Shepherd Forest Civic Club officer.

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SFCC NEIGHBORHOOD RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

On **Saturday, March 21st**, the Shepherd Forest Civic Club will sponsor the 2009 SFCC Neighborhood Rummage Sale in the **parking lot of Waltrip High School**. Don't miss this opportunity to shop for great bargains offered by your Shepherd Forest neighbors. Residents who want to *sell their goods* will have the opportunity to use this event as an alternative to a garage/yard sale at their home. Residents that want to *shop for bargains* will have the opportunity to shop at a number of individual rummage sale booths, all at one time and one convenient location. Don't miss this **SF BIG EVENT !!!!**



The sale will be open to the public from **8:00 am until 1:00 pm**. No selling is allowed **before 8:00 am**; however, sellers may set up their rental space as early as 7:00 am and are asked to leave the property by 1:30 pm. Sellers keep **ALL their PROFITS** and the SFCC receives no profit from the sale of merchandise. Sellers are totally responsible for their booths at all times and must leave their booth free of sale items and/or trash. A **donation truck** will be on the premises for any unsold items that you wish to donate to charity. With lots of advertising and the usual busy Saturday traffic on West 34th a *large shopping crowd* is expected for the sale.

If you would like **more sale information or registration forms**, please call **Kevin Taylor at 713-862-9491** and leave a message. Whether buying or selling at the Rummage Sale, this will be another great opportunity brought to our residents by the Shepherd Forest Civic Club.



Shepherd Forest Security Report

A big salute to the Shepherd Forest Civic Club Citizens on Patrol (COP) who volunteered over **100 hours** last month to keep a watchful eye on our neighborhood! Again, our deepest thanks go to each of these dedicated neighbors who continue to faithfully patrol our neighborhood each week. Security Coordinator, **Ruth Lepler**, reports that a vehicle was recently burglarized on **Bronton** in Section 3. Also reported was a home in the **4500 Block of Gardendale** that was burglarized. In Section 2 **suspicious people** have been spotted wandering the neighborhood and asking for money, selling items.....and they continue to be a problem. In several instances, the police were called. Residents are encouraged to **report ALL crime to HPD immediately , regardless of how insignificant it may seem at the time**, by calling **(713) 884-3131 (non life-threatening situations)** or **911 (life threatening emergencies)**. Then, after calling HPD, please remember to contact our Citizens On Patrol and also keep them informed as to what crime has occurred in our area. **DO NOT CONTACT OUR COP VOLUNTEERS TO CHECK ON CRIMES IN PROGRESS** - that is a job for HPD only. Recent safety quote - "*Take time to stare AND be aware !*"



Happy Birthday wishes are sent to **ANGIE JOE (2/16)**, **MARY BRYMM (2/23)** and to **GENE HIGHTOWER (2/27)**. Hope you have a great birthday!..... Best wishes for early March birthdays are sent to **COOKIE DAVENPORT (3/4)** and **FRANK OWENS (3/10)**, and **MIRANDA & DANIELLE CORONADO (3/12)**..... President's Day is Monday, February 16th - fly your flag proudly!..... Congratulations go to **RAY & ELSIE HALEY** who celebrate their anniversary on February 19th..... Best wishes for continued recovery are sent to **MARY ELLEN RESTIVO** who is now home and recuperating from recent surgerySincere sympathy is sent to long-time resident **WINNIE MARSHALL** and family on the recent passing of her husband, **MICHAEL DENNIS MARSHALL**.....If you have news of birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, or other information to share with your neighbors, call the **Shepherd Forest PartyLine at (713) 868-4062** and leave a detailed message.

**CIVIC CLUB MEMBERS TO WIN MORE
MEMBERSHIP PRIZES AT NEXT MEETING !**

In January, several lucky SF Civic Club members were winners in the 2009 Membership Drawing and received great prizes, including gift certificates to neighborhood restaurants. Congratulations are sent to the following residents who were winners :

**Pendulum wall clock – Greg Fuller * Portable Stereo/CD Player – Edward Koh
Denny’s Gift Certificate – James & Linda Borchers
Red Lobster Gift Certificate – Lee & Gladys Sparacino
Olive Garden Gift Certificate – Ann Holden
Double Dave’s Pizza – Van Knox * Coffee Basket – Rosemary Bartos**

The SFCC will again be giving away some exciting prizes to lucky civic club members at the February 16th civic club meeting. Included in this give-away will be:



*** \$25 Gift Certificate to CheeseCake Factory Restaurant *
* \$25 Gift Certificate to Chili’s * \$10 to Denny’s ***

All residents that have paid their **2009 civic club** membership dues on or before Feb. 16th will be **automatically entered** in this drawing. You have seen the **green & white Membership Dues reminder signs** throughout the neighborhood – now it’s time to get out that checkbook and mail in your dues! Membership dues in the Shepherd Forest Civic Club are **only \$20** per household annually. Membership dues are payable each January and memberships are effective January 1st through December 31st. Your membership dues are **vital** to the Shepherd Forest Civic Club’s success **and** for the betterment of our community. We encourage **every home** (regardless of whether you rent or own your home) in Shepherd Forest to become a member of the Shepherd Forest Civic Club today! If you have not already joined the SFCC or renewed your membership for 2009, please do so **immediately** so that you will be entered in the drawing. You may be one of our lucky winners in the Shepherd Forest Civic Club Drawing held at the civic club meeting on February 16th !!!!



NAME(S) _____

HOME PHONE _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

Please complete the form and return it with your \$20 (per household) dues to the Shepherd Forest Civic Club, P.O. Box 925282, Houston, Texas 77292-5282. (Please make all checks payable to SFCC.) Mail your SFCC dues *today* – you may be a winner !

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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am

Just over six weeks are left until the exciting **SFCC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** scheduled for **Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am**. This much anticipated civic club event will again be held at **Stonecrest Park**, located on East T.C. Jester at Stonecrest. All Shepherd Forest residents and their children are invited and encouraged to attend this special family event. *No one* is too young or too old to attend the Egg Hunt! Children participating in the egg hunt are divided into groups by age and a separate egg hunt 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 pose for pictures, so remember to bring your camera, along with a lawn chair and an Easter basket for your child.



Donations of **individually wrapped candy & prizes** such as books, crayons, Easter goodies, baby toys, etc. will be taken at the February & March civic club meetings. Of course, cash donations to the Egg Hunt are always gladly accepted! For more information about the Easter Egg Hunt or to donate candy and/or prizes, call (713) 680-3956. Mark your calendars now for this *egg-citing event* !

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS THAT YOU CAN USE

* The beginning of **Daylight Savings Time for 2009** is fast approaching so remember to "spring forward" on **Saturday, March 7th** and set your clocks, watches, TV's and all other time-keeping items **UP ONE HOUR** before you go to bed that night.

* The date when television goes all **digital (DTV conversion)** has changed. By law, full power television stations nationwide must begin broadcasting exclusively in a digital format by **June 12, 2009**. (Some television stations have already begun to broadcast their programs digitally.) Congress recently approved an extension of the original deadline which was set for February 17, 2009. Digital television, known as **DTV**, is an innovative type of broadcasting technology that provides crystal-clear pictures and sound, and offers more programming choices than ever before. **If you currently use a TV antenna or do not currently subscribe to cable TV or other pay-for-TV service, you will lose TV service unless you connect your TV to a digital converter box before June 12, 2009.** Converter boxes can be purchased at WalMart, Target, Radio Shack, Sears, Best Buy and other places. More information about the DTV Program and coupons for converter boxes can be found at **www.DTV2009.gov** or by calling the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at **1-888-388-2009**.

* **Section 3 residents only** – Don't forget to **vote on Saturday, May 9, 2009** to fill the vacancy left in **Council District H** when Councilmember Adrian Garcia resigned to be sworn into office as the Sheriff of Harris County. Shepherd Forest Sections 1 and 2 are represented by District A Councilmember Toni Lawrence and will not be participating in this election. (Hear Councilmember Lawrence at the next SFCC meeting on Feb. 16th)

* Recently, Houston City Council members unanimously passed a new ordinance that will **prohibit people from parking vehicles in their front and side yards**. The ordinance will take effect at the end of the month. Learn more about this new ordinance and how it will affect our neighborhood at the next Shepherd Forest Civic Club meeting.