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- BOD MeetingMonday, May 16, 6:45 pm
- ACC Meetings Wednesdays, Apr. 27, May 25, 6:45 pm
- Garbage pickup*Every Friday
- Recycling* Fridays, Apr, 8, 22, May 6, 20
- Large Trash, Junk Pickup* Friday, Apr. 22
- Tree Waste Pickup* Friday, May 27

*Subject to change or delays per City of Houston Solid Waste Department

April

May

<p>Fri. 1 April Fool's Day Sun, 10 Palm Sunday Tues. 12..General Meeting Thur.14 Holy Thursday Fri. 15 Good Friday Fri .15-Sat. 23..... Passover Sun. 17 Easter</p>	<p>Mon.18 Taxes Due Fri.22 Earth Day Wed.27 Administrative Professionals Day Thur. 28 Holocaust Remembrance Day Fri.29 Arbor Day</p>
	<p>Thur. 5 ... Cinco De Mayo Sun. 8 Mother's Day Sat.28 Armed Forces Day Mon. 30 Memorial Day</p>

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SPRING SHADOWS AREA CLUBS *

Spring Shadows Moms Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 pm. Please contact our leadership team at ssmomsclub@gmail.com for more information.

Spring Shadows Book Club meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm for dinner and discussion. For more information, contact: Sandy Lynch at San-lyn@hotmail.com.

* Clubs have no affiliation with the Association

THESE DIRECTOR POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY OPEN:

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10B - 2200, 2200, 2400 Elmgate
14A - 9600 - 9700 Philmont
17A - 3000 (East side) Durban, 2900-3000 Kenross
17D - 2900 Durban, Fontana & Shadowdale
18B - 2600 Manila & Shadowdale

If you live in any of the above sections and are interested in joining the board, please reach out to the SSCA office, 713.460.1718 or the Nominations Committee Chair, Alexis Loving, director3A@springshadows.org

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy, Neighbors!

By the time you're reading this, we've probably had our last cold spell and are well into the heart of spring. This is a wonderful time of year here in Houston. I hope you can all get outside and enjoy the warming (but not too hot) temperatures and budding flowers!

I want to take this opportunity to let you all know about two exciting things happening within the civic association. The first is that we are planning to have our first in-person* General meeting in two years. The meeting will be held in the Spring Woods Baptist Church gymnasium on Emnora. The gym is quite large and will allow for everyone to be spread out to ensure good social distancing, but it will be wonderful to have everyone together* again.

*We are working to have this meeting in a hybrid format for all those who aren't yet completely comfortable meeting in person. Please be on the lookout for emails with details on COVID protocols as well as call-in information for the meeting. We will do our best to take questions and comments from both in-person and online attendees.

The second very exciting bit of news is that at our February board of directors meeting, the board voted to approve the transition of our financial and Architectural Control systems to a new, integrated database software called Appfolio. This will replace outdated versions of quickbooks, legacy MS Access databases, manual files and a whole host of other less-than-efficient methods of maintaining our data.

Now, I realize that may not sound all that exciting at first, but believe me when I say there are a lot of new features that many of you have been asking about for many years. The first and biggest addition will be the ability to finally pay your annual maintenance fees online, via ACH (for no additional charge) or credit card (for a processing fee). You will now be able to login to a homeowner portal and see your account balance (if you have one), submit ACC applications, review our governing documents and receive community-specific information. One cool thing about the software is that it allows each owner of a property to have their own login and email registered with the Association (no more one email per household).

There are also new methods of communication such as text alerts if there is an emergency in the neighborhood.

We plan to go live with Appfolio in May. You will receive information on how to register and setup your accounts in the coming months.

Thank you for allowing me to continue serving as your neighborhood president.

Sincerely,
Matthew Bryant

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE - DANIEL J. KUCERA

So you got a letter from the HOA, what do you do next?

Letters are the primary form of communication used by the civic association office to communicate deed restriction matters back to our homeowners. After receiving a letter, the first course of action should be to visually inspect the area for the issue mentioned. If the stated issue is present, a plan should be devised for resolving the matter within a reasonable amount of time (generally 30 days). If you need further clarification, or if you feel like you may have received the letter in error, please give the civic association office a call to discuss. Often, a second opinion can provide the clarification/confirmation needed for a homeowner to adequately address the issue. Another common scenario is that a homeowner will resolve an issue between when the inspection is completed and when the letter is received. I know that it can be frustrating to get a letter about an issue that is no longer present, but please do understand that we have many homes in the neighborhood and it takes time to get letters processed and sent out. If you find yourself in this scenario, please advise the office so a reinspection can occur, and the issue can be resolved.

To take a line from the Patrol and Safety Committee...if you see something, say something. While this phrase has primarily been associated identifying and stopping crime, I would argue that it can also apply to non-permitted exterior work going on in within the neighborhood. All exterior changes being performed to a home **must** be approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) by submitting an application found on our website. Once a project is approved, the office will provide the homeowner with a brightly-colored permit which is to be displayed prominently while the work is being performed. While the committee does its very best to ensure that each project is properly permitted, inevitably there will be projects that occur without receiving the necessary approvals. Next time you are driving through the neighborhood, or are walking your usual route and see exterior work being performed, check for a permit in the window. If there is no permit displayed, please let our staff at the office know so that the appropriate steps can be taken.

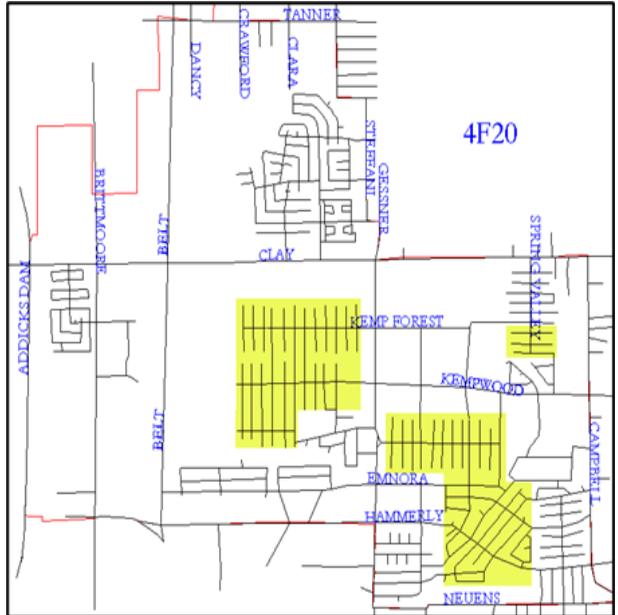
Do you find that you have extra time on your hands? Or perhaps have you wondered how you can give back to the community? Both? Luckily, I have just the thing for you! Why not consider volunteering your time with the ACC? Not only will you have a direct impact on maintaining the quality of our great neighborhood, but you will also have a hand in helping shape its future. These work in tandem to ensure that our property values remain high, and that Spring Shadows is viewed as a desirable place to live. Now I can't think of too many things better to do with your spare time than this! Please contact the office for more information.

PATROL & SAFETY COMMITTEE — MICHAEL PEEL

Hi Neighbors,
 We wanted to share with you the HPD Crime Report statistics for 2021 in the 4F20 Block of Houston. As you can see in the map on the right, this encompasses Spring Shadows (shaded in grey) of all the crime that occurs on our HPD block with the help of the Constables, Spring Shadows only accounts for 5% of that crime.

Despite our deputies doing a great job keeping us safe, we are still our own best protection. We can keep the best eye out for suspicious activities around us than anyone else. As we always say, **“IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.”**

If you see something, please immediately call the Constables Pct. 5 Dispatch Number at: (281) 463-6666.



Description		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
ANIMALS	N			1	1									2
	SSCA						1							1
ASSAULT	N	22	20	26	20	39	30	26	26	24	25	36	29	323
	SSCA		1			1	1			2				5
BURGLARY	N	2	12	7	6	11	6	5	10	12	14	14	8	107
	SSCA	1		1		1					2			5
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	N	38	40	49	37	53	51	43	45	59	57	63	63	598
	SSCA	2	3	3	3	4	5	4	2	3	7	6	6	48
DISTURBANCE	N		3	3	1	2	2	2	4	2	1	1	3	24
	SSCA	1								1				2
DUI	N	3		3	3	3	1	2	2	5	3	4	2	31
	SSCA		1			1					1	1		4
KIDNAPPING	N							1					1	2
NARCOTICS	N	4	1	3	4	3	6	2		2	7	3	4	39
	SSCA									2	1		1	4
ROBBERY	N	3	3	4	5	3	2	6	5	3	4	3	4	45
THEFT	N	2	6	1	1	2	3	2	5	7	7	9	10	55
	SSCA			1										1
THEFT-VEHICLE	N	40	31	35	39	39	33	39	45	47	32	51	37	468
	SSCA	5			2	4			1	3	6	4	2	27
Grand Total		123	121	137	122	166	141	132	145	172	167	195	170	1,791

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY April 12

7:00 pm

Spring Woods Baptist Church

10131 Emnora Lane

Houston, TX 77080

and/or

Via Zoom

SEE YOU THERE!

**PLEASE PICK UP
AND CARRY AWAY YOUR PET WASTE**

Owning a dog means you have taken on several responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is to cleanup after your pet if they use the sidewalk or a lawn as their bathroom while on your walk. It is inconsiderate to leave a mess. It is unsanitary. And it is damaging to the lawns.

The association works to keep our property values up. Do your share and pick up after your pet so the lawns don't become brown-spotted.

LEASH LAW

Please remember Houston has a leash law. According to the Houston Code of Ordinances, **all dogs must be on leashes and within direct physical control of their owners at all times in public spaces.** The only exceptions are in fenced areas without access to public streets or sidewalks, dog parks, and other authorized no-leash zones.

EXTERNAL BRANDING – KEN ARNOLD

Learn About Our Middle School Principals

Dr. HP Hyder of Northbrook Middle, Mary Lou Davalos of Spring Oaks Middle and Cristian De La Riva of SWMS are doing great things on their campuses, and soon, they will invite families to join them for meet & greet-style events at their respective schools in the upcoming months.

To read more about our zoned schools and their leadership, please visit our website. www.springshadows.org

Northbrook Middle School – Dr. HP Hyder

What is your favorite memory since becoming an educator? My favorite memory as an educator was when one of my former students emailed me years after being an eighth grader, to share that he still had his math binder and referenced the notes in his college classes.

What are you most excited for families to know about your school?

I am most excited for families to know that Northbrook Middle is truly focused on ensuring Every Child learns every day.

What does the SBISD Core Value *Every Child* mean to you?

Every Child means that no child is not important. It means that Every Child deserves the best regardless of their demographics, address, or language. Every Child requires us to think and do things differently even if it's difficult for the adults.

Spring Oaks Middle School – Mary Lou Davalos

What is your favorite memory since becoming an educator?

My favorite ones are when students come back just to say “thank you” and let me know what they are up to in life. It is always a pleasure to see former students.

What are you most excited for families to know about your school?

I am most excited for families to know that we are achieving. We have put in much time and effort in training to lead our scholars to be excellent readers and authors. We have taken on a different approach to literacy through the Teacher’s College Reading Writing Project.

What is something unique about you that most people don’t know?

What most people don’t know is that I am not a native Houstonian. I happened to stop in SBISD on my way home from college looking for a teaching job. I landed here and never left.

What does the SBISD Core Value *Every Child* mean to you?

Every Child means that we need to have a keen eye and focus on providing a high-quality education for all students. This means that every staff member, teacher, department is pulling together to provide the best experiences for students. It is important that all students come to school to work hard and to learn daily, to embrace challenges, to be kind. We are here to serve and happy to help EVERY CHILD grow.

Spring Woods Middle School – Cristian De La Riva

What is your favorite memory since becoming an educator?

I love my time as a building principal, but my favorite memories stem from my time as an elementary special education teacher. I worked with students with special educational needs who made great reading and mathematical progress during the years we worked together. They taught me a lot about resilience and overcoming challenges.

What are you most excited for families to know about your school? Our staff members truly care about our students and go above and beyond to assist with our students’ academic and mental health needs.

Spring Woods MS has something for everyone—athletics, fine arts, STEM programs, clubs and organizations, and many high school courses to get ahead.

What does the SBISD Core Value *Every Child* mean to you? Every Child means that every decision we make on our campus is done with our student’s best interest in mind. Our mission at SWMS is to guarantee exceptional academic and social learning for all students.

WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

9735 Philmont

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2307 Moss Hill

2630 Anniston

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2814 Kenross

9714 Colleen



COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE—DAVID VAN BERGEN

SSCA is continuing to work with Council Member Amy Peck's office and Harris County Precincts 3 and 4 on moving various projects forward.

The Neuens Road project between Blalock and Gessner is almost complete. Minor completion work is needed for sidewalks, right of way and ditch grading. Completion of the entire project was expected in January 2023 but it appears it will be earlier.

Council Member Amy Peck's office is actively pursuing funding for the Spring Shadows South drainage and paving project on every level from local to federal. CM Peck and CM Alcorn have visited with our current Congressional Senators and Representatives and also candidates for the next election about the necessity of obtaining federal funding to move this project forward. SSCA sent an email to all SSCA members requesting they also contact our Senators and Representatives requesting they help obtain federal funding. Current senators are John Cornyn and Ted Cruz and our current Representative is Dan Crenshaw. Please contact their offices and ask for federal funding for this project to help stop our frequent flooding issues in Spring Shadows.

The Spring Shadows North (Westray) project needs more detention. Harris County Flood Control and Houston Public Works staff are working to develop a Design Concept Report. They are looking into new detention needs and strategies and ways to work with both agency's needs. Houston Public Works has met with CenterPoint to determine what portions of their easement, if any, might be used for detention. Public Works will keep us updated on progress. Once detention and redesign are determined/completed this project should be able to move forward to obtain funding.

SSCA, other local HOA representatives, Council Member Amy Peck with staff, MetroNational, Meritage, and Houston Public Works engineers met on February 24th concerning the new Kemp Forest/Rosefield intersection. The City of Houston Public Works Department presented a roundabout design concept to improve the mobility in the area and bring the intersection to ADA compliance while making it pedestrian and bicycle friendly. All attendee's decided that this was a good solution to alleviate the problems with this intersection. Council Member Peck's office has fully funded this project which is expected to be constructed this summer and completed before the new school year starts. Unfortunately, the request for a traffic signal at Kempwood and Rosefield is still on hold. SSCA will make a new request when traffic patterns have returned to normal and could possibly support the need for this signal.

County Commissioners recently changed district boundaries. This has moved most of Spring Shadows into Precinct 3 which is Commissioner Tom Ramsey's district. We look forward to continued support for Spring Shadows projects from Commissioner Ramsey. There is currently an active lawsuit concerning this. In the interim SSCA is still working with both commissioners as needed.

MOSQUITO AND HEALTH COMMITTEE—DEBBIE DILL

On behalf of the Mosquito & Health Committee, welcome to all new Spring Shadows Residents!

Spring Shadows Civic Association takes an active role in the fight to control and kill mosquitos and the diseases they carry. We have renewed our contract with a pest control company from mid-March to mid-November that implements a two-part control program that targets mosquitos in both their larval and adult stages. The first part is a larvicide control program that places dunk monthly in the neighborhood's 206 storm drains and the second part targets the adult mosquitos with weekly truck-based chemical fogging at night. If weather does not permit service, the service will occur the next time the provider has available. Chemicals used and manner of spraying are in compliance with the formulas approved and suggested by the Harris County and City of Houston Board of Health.

We ask that you please do your part by eliminating any and all standing water on your property. Please continue to maintain your swimming pools, water fountains and bird baths throughout the year. You are responsible for your backyard protection and there are consumer products that may help and can be found on the shelves of your local home improvement or hardware stores. Some products that have been recommended by our neighbors are:

Dunks—May be placed in standing water on your property to interrupt the mosquito life cycle;

Traps—Attracts and kills mosquitos and other flying insects without chemicals; and

Spartan Eradicators—Water solution designed to attract and kill mosquitos.

You may also choose to hire a pest control service to combat mosquitos in your backyard.

Please continue to stay informed about the global pandemic caused by the novel COVID-19 virus. Vaccination programs are underway and you should consult with your doctor regarding your personal health and, if and when you should sign up for vaccine and boosters. Please continue to follow updates by the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov>) and/or by the Harris County Public Health website (<https://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov>) or on local news stations regarding other ways to protect yourself and your family.

Spring Shadows
Market Information for March 2022

Active Listings on 03/4/2022	10
12 months ending February 28, 2022 :	
Number of Homes Sold	182
Average days on the market	50
Highest Priced Home	\$705,000
Average Sales Price/SqFt	\$187.11
Average Sales Price	\$431,790

Prior year - 12 months ending February 28, 2022	
Number of Homes Sold	121
Average days on the market	58
Highest Priced Home	\$525,000
Average Sales Price/SqFt	\$165.15
Average Sales Price	\$377,006

HOUSTON REAL ESTATE KICKS OFF 2022 WITH A SOLID PERFORMANCE

The \$1M+ housing segment dominates January sales, home prices continue to rise, and inventory remains low

HOUSTON — (February 9, 2022) — The Houston real estate market charged into the new year carrying the positive momentum it sustained throughout 2021. With an inadequate supply of new listings to meet consumer demand, inventory overall remains at historic lows, and steady pricing increases coupled with rising mortgage interest rates create uncertainty over what lies ahead for the market in 2022.

According to the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR) January 2022 Market Update, single-family home sales rose 7.1 percent with 6,451 units sold compared to 6,024 in January of 2021. The average price of a single-family home rose 16.2 percent to \$377,738 while the median price shot up 17.9 percent to \$310,000. While both figures represent highs for a January, they are well below the historic highs reached last year.

Days on Market, or the actual time it took to sell a home, fell from 48 to 39 days. Inventory registered a 1.4-month supply compared to 1.7 months a year earlier. That is the second lowest inventory level of all time. The current national inventory figure stands at 1.8 months, as reported by NAR.

Broken out by housing segment, January sales performed as follows:

\$250,000 - \$499,999: increased 36.1 percent

\$500,000 - \$999,999: increased 47.1 percent

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Please let the office know your email* address so you can be included on important Association news. The office needs only **ONE (1) good email address per family.**

Email your name and street address to the Association at **office@springshadows.org**

If you are currently receiving group emails from the Association, then you're already in the system and do not need to take further action.

Thank you.

*email address will be used for Association business only



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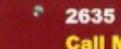
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The next issue of the SSCA Civic Association Newscaster will be June 2022. Please advise the Association office if you plan to discontinue or change your ad for the new year no later than May 2, 2021. The price is \$50.00 per issue and there are six (6) issues per year. Your support by advertising in the Newscaster is greatly appreciated.

Advertising Policy for Spring Shadows Civic Association

Approved by the Board of Directors on May 15, 2017

It has been suggested that the Civic Association establish an advertising policy that will allow more community businesses to advertise in the Newscaster. A policy would establish a fixed number of advertising spaces and allow those businesses currently advertising, and those who would advertise if space was available, an equal opportunity to submit camera ready advertisements together with payment, by January 1, 2018, for the initial 2019 Newscaster, and following editions.

The Newscaster is a bi-monthly publication of the Spring Shadows Civic Association, Inc. presenting information about the subdivision and the neighborhood to the residents of the Spring Shadows Subdivision. Spring Shadows has 1,966 homes comprising the membership of the Association. The Newscaster is published in February, April, June, August, October, and December of each year.

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Newscaster will make available approximately 40 advertising spaces for local businesses to advertise their goods and services to residents and homeowners. Each advertising space will be the same size, 1/8th page (approximately business card size, each measuring 3.5" x 2" (including border or background).

An advertisement may be purchased and placed issue-by-issue, or six issues may be purchased in January, at a cost of \$50.00 per issue. All advertisements will be placed in the Newscaster on a space available basis, in the order received. Advertisements must be submitted to the Association's office in a camera-ready format and must be paid for in advance. Advertisements, together with payment, must be received in the Association's office by the following deadlines:

December 1st for the following year's February Newscaster

February 1st for the April Newscaster

April 1st the June Newscaster

June 1st for the August Newscaster

August 1st for the October Newscaster; and

October 1st for the December Newscaster.

Advertising rates for the next calendar year are determined by the Association each October.

The Association reserves the right to refuse advertising if, in its sole discretion, the Association finds that the advertisement is not in the best interest of the residents. Advertisers must comply with any applicable laws or regulations regarding their advertisements. The Association is not liable for the content of any advertisement and does not endorse nor assume any responsibility or liability for an advertiser's product or service.

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