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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

CALENDAR

- Executive Committee Meetings: Monday Oct. 2, Nov. 6, 6:45pm
- Board of Directors Meetings: Monday Nov. 13, 6:45 pm
- ACC Meetings: Tuesday Oct.5, Nov. 7, 6:45 pm
- General Meeting: Tuesday Oct.10, The Pavillion on Gessner, 7:00 pm
- Garbage: Friday

Recycle Pick Up, Yard Debris Pick Up, Junk Waste Pick Up, Tree Waste Pick Up
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October

Tues. 3 Neighbors Night Out
Mon. 9 Columbus Day
Tues. 10 General Meeting (see above)
Tues. 31 Halloween

November

National American Heritage Month
Sun. 5 End of Daylight Saving Time
Tues. 7 Election Day
Sat. 11 Veterans Day
Thurs. 23 Thanksgiving

Important Phone Numbers

Pct. 5 Constable 281-463-6666
Graffiti Removal 311 (713-837-0311)
Emergency 911
Houston Police (Non Emer) 713-884-3131
Houston Fire (Admin) 832-394-6700
SBISD Police 713-984-9805
Brenda Stardig Council Member District A
832-393-3010
BARC (Roaming Dogs) 713-229-7342

Contact information correct at time of printing.

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SPRING SHADOWS CLUBS

Spring Shadows Moms Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:45 pm. Contact Caroline Clay or Heather Morse at ssmomsclub@gmail.com for more information.

Breakfast With Santa

The Mom’s Club will be hosting **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00am until 11:00am at John Knox Presbyterian Church.

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.



SPRING SHADOWS WOMEN’S CLUB

invites you to join us for our social and speaker gatherings on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm.

For more information, please contact:
 PRESIDENT | Cindy Portis: cindy.portis@gmail.com

RECYCLING, YARD, JUNK & TREE WASTE COLLECTION

Curbside recycling will be suspended until further notice. Customers may take recyclables to neighborhood depository locations or the Westpark recycling center at 5900 Westpark. Mon.-Sat. 8a.m.—5p.m.

Yard, junk, and tree waste collections will be suspended until further notice due to the need of extra personnel for debris collection related to disaster recovery.

<http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/press-08302017a.html>

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again,

WOW!! What a week we just had in Houston and Spring Shadows. Unfortunately the forecasters were right about what Hurricane Harvey was going to do. I know we had a few homes in Spring Shadows flood once again but our area overall was very fortunate compared to much of Houston. I hope as you read this that life has returned to “normal” after Harvey. I also hope each of us is still helping to look out for our neighbors. I saw this happening during some of the worst parts of the storm in Spring Shadows and it made me proud.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE OUT IN THE STORM
CLEARING DEBRIS FROM DRAINS AND STREETS!!

Some exciting things have been happening in our neighborhoods. Two that I know about are the formation of groups that are helping at both Spring Shadows and Terrace Elementary schools. These groups will be working with the PTA and principals helping with specific projects requested by them to help improve these schools even more. There is more information in the Newscaster (p.12) about these groups.

Meritage Homes continues to build the infrastructure for the detention basins and waterways as well as for the Model Park and the 1st section of Spring Brook Village (formerly Pinecrest Golf Course). If you have any questions about what is going on with the development please contact Mr. Robert Moore with Meritage Homes at 713-358-0352 or Robert.moore@meritagehomes.com.

I have posted other information about infrastructure improvements in our area on page 13 in this issue of the Newscaster.

Meanwhile please always remember to be neighborly!!

David Van Bergen

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

This year, 2017, has seen a doubling in the number of letters from the AC Committee to homeowners asking them to address mold/mildew growing on their house siding, trim, gutters, gables, and brick. We attribute this to the unusually warm and wet weather. If the temperature, humidity, wind, and lighting conditions all align just right you can have mildew “bloom” on your house in a matter of days – “That wasn’t there 4 days ago.”

Many homeowners have called the SSCA office stating they have power washed the mildew off but it keeps coming back, and because they are at wit’s end on how to deal with the situation they ask what else can they do.

It must be noted that mold and mildew are fungi so you need a fungicide to kill them. Plain soap and high pressure water will not kill it; it may remove most of it, but it won’t kill it. There are many fungicides available at Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware, and other stores. Two of the most popular are “Spray and Forget”®, and “Wet and Forget”®, but there are others. Be sure to read the labels and follow the directions and take all the necessary safety precautions noted on the labels. These products can be applied with a pump-up garden sprayer, there is no need for a high pressure washer (more on this later). Best of all they keep working for many months!

Be sure to read the label to ensure the product can be safely applied to the material you are planning to use it on.

Regarding high pressure washers: These can remove the paint and damage the underlying material (whether it be metal, brick, wood, vinyl, or a concrete product such as Hardi® Board or Hardi® Plank). In fact, the James Hardie Company issued Technical Bulletin #20[†], June 2013, explicitly recommending NOT to use a pressure washer but instead that you use Jomax®, Mildew Check®, or Mold Armor® along with a soft cloth or soft sponge and garden hose. For oil and grease they recommend a mild liquid dishwashing soap (Dawn®, Ivory®, or Joy®) and water.

So if you see mold/mildew on your house use a fungicide and low pressure water source (garden sprayer or a sponge) to apply it and avoid damaging the paint and underlying material. You will have the peace of mind that the mold/mildew has been removed and won’t return for several months.

[†] <https://www.jameshardie.com/JamesHardieMainSite/media/Site-Documents/TechnicalBulletins/20-james-hardie-siding-cleaning-and-maintenance.pdf>

PATROL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

John Arnold, Joe Canales, David Durham, Jerry Gilcrease,
Ben Gillis, Tom Pizzo, and Sgt. R. Gonzales

We extend our thanks for the services of our Harris County Pct. 5 Constables for a job well done in our subdivision. Their presence in Spring Shadows subdivision is the reason we have considerably less crime activity compared to the other residential areas around us. It is not the intent of the Constables to replace calling 9-1-1, but by calling **Pct. 5 Dispatch at (281) 463-6666** you will get a much faster response since the constables are already in our neighborhood.



MEANINGFUL CHANGE, NOT SPARE CHANGE

Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the launch of a public awareness campaign addressing panhandling on Houston streets. The campaign, known as “Meaningful Change, Not Spare Change” is a partnership between at least 50 local faith leaders, executives with Clear Channel Outdoor, iHeart Radio, and the Coalition for the Homeless Leadership, to put an end to homelessness and panhandling in downtown and other areas of Houston. This initiative is a way to encourage people to stop paying panhandlers.

The campaign launch comes less than a month after the Houston City Council enacted a **city ordinance** addressing panhandling on city streets, which also made public homeless encampments illegal in the city.

The campaign advises motorists that simply giving spare change directly to the panhandler merely enables the person to keep begging, instead of getting the help they need. The campaign encourages those people who want to help to make donations at <http://www.meaningfulchange.org>, which goes directly to The Way Home Houston that provides the services to help those who are homeless get off the street, and find homes and employment.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is the **highest candy sales day of the year** with nearly 600 million pounds of Halloween candy sold and an average household spending of about \$44. Sadly, it is also the **deadliest night** for pedestrians with twice as many child pedestrians being killed while walking on Halloween as compared to any other day. As a driver, slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are very excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways. Anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances. Ensure that your children carry glow sticks, flashlights, or wear reflective clothing when trick-or-treating in the dark.



SSCA 2017 NEIGBORS NIGHT OUT
(aka National Night Out)
OCTOBER 3th - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

3003 Bernadette
9702 Colleen
2751 Durban (2600 & 2700 blocks of Durban)
2927 Durban
2214 Eaglerock
2403 Elmgate
2918 Fontana
2330 Greyburn (Greyburn & Truscon)
2914 Kenross
2919 Kevin
2631 Kismet
9835 Knoboak (Knoboak & Canoga)
2819 Manila
3007 Manila
2403 Moss Hill (Hornpipe, 2300 blocks of Moss Hill, Pomeran, Rosefield)
2522 Pine Village
2626 Pomeran
2630 Quincannon
2914 Quincannon
2806 Stetson
2907 Stetson
2811 Triway
2926 Triway

For the most current list of party locations check the web site at www.springshadows.org on October 3rd

Spring Shadows
Market Information for July 2017

Current Active Listings 20

Average days on the market 47

12 months ending July 31, **2017**:

Number of Homes Sold	112
Average Sales Price/SqFt	\$141.46 (an increase of 2.8% over prior year)
Highest Priced Home	\$439,000
Average Sales Price	\$323,114 (an increase of 3.2% over prior year)

Prior month - June 30, 2017

Active Listings	28
Average days on the market	50

Prior year - 12 months ending July 31, **2016**:

Number of Homes Sold	85
Average Sales Price/SqFt	\$137.56
Highest Priced Home	\$485,000
Average Sales Price	\$312,940

MLS Report for July 2017

LUXURY MARKET LEADS THE WAY DURING ANOTHER POSITIVE MONTH FOR HOUSTON HOME SALES HOUSTON — (August 9, 2017) — Houston home sales rose for the tenth consecutive month in July, however prices, which have seen steady gains over the past year, began showing signs of moderation. The luxury market, defined as homes priced from \$750,000 and up, recorded the strongest sales volume, followed by homes in the \$150,000 to \$249,999 range.

The median price was statistically flat at \$230,000. That figure has increased each month since May 2016, when it also was flat. The average price increased 2.4 percent to \$299,131.

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

- \$1 - \$99,999: decreased 11.9 percent
- \$100,000 - \$149,999: decreased 1.8 percent
- \$150,000 - \$249,999: increased 7.8 percent
- \$250,000 - \$499,999: increased 3.2 percent
- \$500,000 - \$749,999: statistically unchanged
- \$750,000 and above: increased 19.8 percent

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Information obtained from HAR MLS, is believed to be accurate but is not guaranteed. This should not be considered an opinion of value.

Soliciting Candidates Interested in Running for a Position on the Spring Shadows Civic Association Board of Directors

At the October 10th, 2017 General Meeting, to be held at The Pavillion, 2500 Gessner, Houston, TX 77080 at 7pm, members will be voting for directors of sub-sections A, C, and E.

Listed below are current directors, new members, and open sections that no one has expressed interest in. You can throw your name into the hat for directorship of your section, regardless of whether the current director has agreed to run again or not. Texas Law requires that HOA's solicit their members for directorship before a general meeting election; the association complies with this law by placing signs in the subdivision, posting a notice on the association website, and emailing those members who have registered their emails with the association.

If you are interested in becoming a director in one of the sections listed below, please call or email Michelle (713-460-1718 or sscaoffice@yahoo.com) **by Monday, September 25th, 2017** and your name will be added to the ballot at the General Meeting.

SECTION - CANDIDATE

1A	Cassie Poulos (i)
1C	Chris Zoch (i)
1E	Matt Bormann
2A	Charles Frey
2C	Joe Canales (i)
3A	Scott Harbison (i)
4A	Arlene Novick (i)
4C	Ron Mink
5A	Don Toellner (i)
7A	Open
8A	Chris Boyles (i)
8C	Open
9A	Susan Riemer (i)
9C	Sam Jones (i)
10A	Ron Knight
11A	James Weiss (i)
12A	Jerry Gilcrease (i)
13A	Robert Blum (i)
14A	Rob Cooms (i)
15A	Barbara Nytes-Baron (i)
16A	Open
17A	Open
17C	Peggy Ricks
18A	Bart Portis (i)
19A	Kris Von Hohn (i)

(i) = incumbent

Candidates subject to change; please check the website at www.springshadows.org for an updated list.

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Houston Department of Health and Human Services

Pooper Scooper Law -- Section 6-24 summarized (dog and cat poop)

Defecation by dogs or cats

Pet owners must remove all fecal material deposited by their pets on property they do not own, including neighbors' yards, city parks, school property, public rights-of-way, etc.

Defecation by dogs or cats

- ⌘ A person in control of a dog or cat must promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by their dog or cat, when walking outside of your own yard with their pet.
- ⌘ Each person in control of the dog or cat must have materials to remove feces left by their dog or cat when they are off their own property.
- ⌘ If the person in control of the dog or cat is the owner of the property, this law does not apply.

Violation of this section is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75 or more than \$500. Each violation of this section is a separate offense.

For more information

www.houstontx.gov/health/BARC/scooperlaw.html

YARD of the MONTH

AUGUST

- Area 1: 2615 Anniston
- Area 2: 2631 Manila
- Area 3: 3007 Kevin
- Area 4: 9726 Lawngate
- Area 5: 9826 Vogue

SEPTEMBER

- Area 1: 2502 Talina
- Area 2: 2726 Kismet
- Area 3: 3011 Bernadette
- Area 4: 9631 Philmont
- Area 5: 2107 Rosefield

Holiday Decorating

The day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 24, 2017, you may begin your Christmas Holiday decorating. This year the judging for the Christmas Decorating Contest will be the weekend of December 16th and 17th. During the weekend have your handiwork lit from 7pm to 9pm both days so the judges can see your display. Winners will be listed on the website;

www.springshadows.org by December 18th so you can drive around and see the winners for yourself. You can also call the office at 713-460-1718 after December 17th to get a list of the contest winners. The February 2018 issue of the Newscaster will also have a list of the winners. (010840)

Christmas holiday displays and lights must be removed by January 15th, 2018.

The **Spring Shadows Elementary Support Group** was formed to give residents the opportunity to take an active role in supporting one of our neighborhood schools and make it a place where our children attend and thrive. Goals of the group include:

- Provide community support to teachers and students by helping with administrative & program assistance, teacher appreciation activities and classroom assistance.
 - Improve academic performance and provide learning enrichment opportunities through mentoring, tutoring, and professional development programs.
 - Promote community involvement by supporting school events such as carnivals, book fairs, family nights, and school celebrations.
 - Advocate at the district-level for improvements to the school in areas such as physical/building improvements, technology, and introduction of new programs.
- The group hopes to enrich the school and neighborhood by not only supporting current students and teachers, but all that live in the area now and in the future.

Hidden Number The Prize is \$75.00

Your six digit account number is the top line of your address label. The number is included in one of the articles in this issue. When you find your number, contact the office by letter or email. Give us your name, your account number, the article in which you found it and a check will be in your mail box soon. Prizes must be claimed within 45 days and unclaimed prizes roll over into the next issue. The numbers are randomly picked by SCCA's CPA firm. Association dues are not used to fund the prize.

BUTTERMILK CREEK IMPROVEMENTS

As of this writing Buttermilk Creek, which runs from the Addicks Reservoir to Spring Branch Creek and specifically in the Centerpoint and Harris County easement through Spring Shadows, is currently scheduled to be desilted and repaired as necessary, including drainage pipe outfalls, from Spring Branch Creek to at least Beltway 8. Construction will begin at Spring Branch Creek and work upstream from that point. It is estimated that this construction will be completed sometime in October.

BRICKHOUSE GULLY TRIBUTARY IMPROVEMENTS

The gully between Kemp Forest and Kempwood has been desilted and the 3 drainage pipe outfalls that are damaged West of Gessner are also scheduled to be repaired. Currently the contractor on that project is working East from Gessner continuing with the desilting and removal of vegetation. This work will continue to its intersection with Brickhouse Gully.

K B HOMES UPDATE

After much work behind the scenes by Council Member Stardig and others such as Ken Arnold, a Spring Shadows resident, KB Homes applied for and obtained a replat to make their most southerly roadway an exit only onto Gessner Road. This drive will empty into the southbound lanes and will not have an esplanade opening to cross over to the northbound lanes. Hopefully this will help with the anticipated uptick in traffic onto Kemp Forest from this project. As this is a new design for their project it will take some time for design, permitting, etc. to happen, but this is good news for Spring Shadows residents using Kemp Forest west of Gessner.

WELCOME YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS!

2702 Manila

If you are a new homeowner, please return your welcome packet questionnaire. We look forward to including your new address in the next issue of the Newsletter!

ATTENTION MEMBERS

If the Association office does not have an email contact for you, please call Michelle at 713-460-1718 or email sscaoffice@yahoo.com with your information.

Honey-Do Helpers Light Home Maintenance

The following people would be happy to lend a helping hand (for a fee, of course) with projects around your home, including, but not limited to, minor painting, minor carpentry, computer set up, repair/replace fences, power wash driveways, clean out garages.

Jim Hunt - 713-829-9772 or 713-460-1651

Richard Evans - 281-989-9331

Steve Maher - 713-269-8982 or 713-460-2538

Frank Peters - 713-505-7750 - Remodeling/Repair

Tony Wheat - 713-376-5306-home repairs; Redo's

Umberto Ricciardo - 832-518-0203- A/C Certified

Effective January 1, 2018, the Honey-Do Helpers list will no longer appear in the Newscaster. Those interested may pay to place an ad.

Spring Shadows Civic Association does not endorse any of the workers listed, and is not responsible for any of their actions.

**Calling all teenagers....
Are you looking for extra money from babysitting, pet sitting, plant care or mowing lawns? Complete the application on this page and return it to the office. You will be added to the list of Teenage Job Seekers below.**

TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS

Please place my name on the Teenage Job Seekers List

Check appropriate jobs:

Babysitter Pet/Plant Care

Pet Care Lawn Care

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ Birthday-Mo/Yr. _____

Phone _____

Return to:

**Spring Shadows Civic Association
10355 Centrepark Drive, Suite 220
Houston, Texas 77043**

The SSCA office has decals for your car that identify you as a Spring Shadows resident. Be sure to pick one up for each of your vehicles.

Spring Shadows Teenage Job Seekers

L - Lawn care P - Pet Care Only
B - Babysitting P/P- Pet/Plant Care

Name	Address	Phone
Blake, P/P	Kempwood	832-443-8868
Bethany-B,P/P & Piano Lessons		832-577-4174
Alexander-P/P	Kempforest	713-252-2423
Leslie- B,P/P	Shadowdale	713-722-8689
Charlotte-B,P/P	Palo Pinto	832-581-6958
Courtney-B/P	Parana	956-998-1130
Matthew-P/P	Emnora	713-542-0494

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I can help you make sure your coverage is up-to-date.
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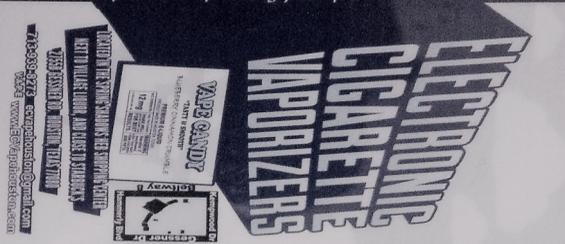
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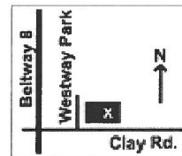
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