



# NEWSCASTER

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## Calling all Superheroes!

Spring Shadows Civic Association Spring Fest

Saturday, April 21st

3:30-6:30pm

Spring Woods Baptist Church

10131 Emnora Houston, TX 77080

# ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

## CALENDAR

- Executive Committee Meetings: Monday Apr. 2, May 7 6:45 pm
- Board of Directors Meetings: Monday May 21 6:45 pm
- ACC Meetings: Tuesday Apr. 3, May 8 6:45 pm
- General Meeting: Tuesday Apr. 10 The Pavillion on Gessner, 7:00 pm
- Garbage pickup: Friday
- Recycling: Friday: Apr.13, Apr. 27, May 11, May 25
- SSCA Spring Festival: Sat. Apr. 21
- Large Trash, Junk Pick-Up: Fri. Apr, 27
- Tree Waste Pick-Up: Fri. May 25

### April

Sun. Apr. 1, Easter Sunday  
Sat. Apr. 7, Last day of Passover  
Tues. Apr. 17, Last day to file Taxes  
Sat. Apr. 21, Spring Festival  
Sun. Apr. 22, Earth Day

### May

Sun. May 13, Mother's Day  
Tues. May 15, Start of Ramadan  
Mon. May 28, Memorial Day

### Important Phone Numbers

**Pct. 5 Constable** 281-463-6666  
**Graffiti Removal** 311 (713-837-0311)  
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**Houston Police (Non Emer)** 713-884-3131  
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**SBISD Police** 713-984-9805  
**Brenda Stardig Council Member District A**  
832-393-3010  
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 updates

**SPRING SHADOWS CLUBS**

**Spring Shadows Moms Club** meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 pm. Contact Caroline Clay or Heather Morse 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.



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



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## **WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to Spring!

March 1st is the official meteorological beginning of spring. Our recent weather has challenged us in many ways. After a rough end of summer/beginning of fall (Harvey) we had an actual winter this year! Prolonged cold and freezes along with three winter precipitation events has taken a major toll on Spring Shadows landscaping. As a community that prides itself on beautiful homes and landscaping I ask each of you to help us recover from the winter onslaught. First, please trim your landscaping of all of the dead limbs and leaves. Since there shouldn't be any more dead leaves falling from our beautiful trees, please rake them up and dispose of them properly. Either use City of Houston approved bags, have your yard person take them away or use them as mulch in your gardens. Check around your house for mold and mildew, especially on North facing walls. Several different products are available at local home and garden stores that you can simply spray on and it will get rid of the mold and mildew without additional spraying. This makes the whole neighborhood look fresher when we do this. Do you need to do spring painting touch up? If so, please remember to contact the SSCA Architectural Control Committee.

Over the winter two Harris County Flood Control District Projects that should help with flooding issues in our area have been completed. Buttermilk Creek was desilted and dug out to its' original design flow line from the Sam Houston Tollway to its' confluence with Spring Branch Creek. Since this was completed residents have noticed that individuals trying to get from the Harris County Easement to the South side of the creek have continued to dump grocery carts and other debris in the flow line to provide a "bridge" to the South side. SSCA has made a request to the City of Houston and Harris County Flood Control to install a pedestrian bridge at Teague Road and the creek to help alleviate this problem. If the city installs this bridge it would also provide a safer way for students from Northbrook High School to get home instead of walking in our yards and along Emnora in the roadway.

The ditch designated W-114-13-00 between Spring Shadows and Campbell Woods was recently desilted and dug out to its' original design flow line. There is additional information elsewhere in the Newscaster concerning this project. (Page 8)

Once again, we ask each resident of Spring Shadows to help our constables keep our subdivision safe. Remember -"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!" This approach has helped recently in the apprehension of some individuals in the process of breaking into resident's vehicles/homes. Please be aware of your surroundings at all times and be neighborly. If you have new residents in your neighborhood, go introduce yourself and welcome them to Spring Shadows.

David Van Bergen

## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Here we are at the start of another spring. After six long months the City of Houston will resume Heavy Trash in Spring Shadows on Friday March 23, 2018 -- and they will be picking up Heavy Tree Waste. So now is the time to prune your trees and shrubs. The first Heavy Junk waste pick-up will be on Friday April 27, 2018.

Early spring, which is where we are, is the first time to feed your lawn. It's been through winter and giving it some help at the beginning of the growing season will get it off to a good start. There are a variety of products available and they fall into 2 basic categories: lawn feed, lawn weed & feed. As always, read and follow the labels application instructions.

This is also a good time to give your gas powered lawn mower and edger, or 'weed whacker' as the case may be, its yearly tune-up. Put on new blades or take them to a lawnmower repair shop and have them sharpened. While you can do this yourself you will have to ensure the blades remain balanced after you sharpen them. An off-balance blade will result in additional wear on the axle and bearings holding the blade. Also change the oil, oil filter (if it has one), and air filter. Don't think that you can use compressed air, or a vacuum cleaner, to clean the filter and then reinstall it. The filter materials are not designed to withstand the pressure difference created by either of these methods. Even using a brush is not recommended. The end result is that you will put tiny holes in the filter thereby letting dirt into the engine which in turn increases the internal wear & tear on the engine from 3 to 7 times normal wear. Filters are inexpensive, engines are not. Always use new filters and change them at least once a year.

For electric lawn equipment this is a good time to consult the owners' manual and perform any needed lubrication. For electric hedge trimmers, don't forget to clean and oil the blades.

This past month the SSCA office has received an above average number of phone calls from residents asking about the rules regarding fences. The Deed Restrictions limit the fence picket material to either cedar or redwood, and a maximum length of 6'. You are allowed up to 12" of rot board. Putting these together gives a maximum fence height of 7'. The structural components of the fence (posts, cross-members, and so on) can be treated pine or other material. Be sure to submit an AC Application, available on the SpringShadows.org website, detailing what you are planning to do with your fence before you start your fencing project. Be sure to include a photo of the front of your house (street view) and a plan view of your property detailing which part(s) of property are going to be affected.

## **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 Civic Association 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.

### **MEET YOUR NEW DEPUTIES**



Deputy M. Rodriguez began his career with Pct. 5 on December 8, 2017 and is currently assigned to the Spring Shadows Civic Association and works the power shift. Prior to working for the Harris County Constables office, he worked for the Harris County Sheriff's office in the 701 N San Jacinto County Jail Downtown. He enjoys outdoor activities, socializing, and being involved with his community.



Deputy S. Alvarado began her career with Pct. 5 on 06/10/2017 and is currently assigned to the Spring Shadows area; she works the evening shift. She previously worked in sales while attending school and the police academy. Once graduated she began her career as a Peace Officer and has been with Pct. 5 for a little over 8 months.

**LEASH LAW**—The committee feels it necessary to remind all Spring Shadows Civic Association residents that the City of Houston has a **Leash Law** which states that dogs and cats may not run at large in the City of Houston; this is also a state law. Running at large means going on public or private property without the owner or another person having direct physical control of the animal. An animal on a leash is considered to be under physical control of a person.

The Association office has received calls from homeowners stating their pet or themselves have sustained physical harm from dogs running at large. If you walk with your dog along a ditch or trail your dog must be on a leash.

When animals are not on a leash they must be otherwise restrained, either behind a fence or in some other enclosure that will prevent their escape. Running at large may result in impoundment of the animal, the issuance of one or more citations, and fines.

**For more information go to** <http://www.houstontx.gov/barc/index.php>

**With summer approaching** don't forget to fill out a Vacation Watch while you're away. The form can be found on our website [www.springshadows.org](http://www.springshadows.org), in the office, or at the Harris County Precinct 5 website [www.constablepct5.com](http://www.constablepct5.com). Have peace of mind while you're away knowing the Constables will be checking your property daily.

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

By Don Toellner

As the Association begins preparation for the Spring Shadows Civic Association (SSCA) elections at the October 9, 2018 general meeting here are a few things that you need to know.

A listing of directors in subsections B and D, who are up for election at the October general meeting, will be published in the October issue of the Newscaster. Current directors in subsections B and D, who intend to run for re-election, should let the SSCA office know if you are interested in re-election so that you can be identified as an incumbent.

Any non-director member who is interested in running for a director position may call the office or submit their name during the director solicitation period occurring in September 2018. Signs for director solicitation will be posted in the SSCA subdivision and notices will be on the Association website and the SSCA Facebook page. The Association will also send out emails to those members who have signed up to receive Association news via email.

Regarding Officers of the Association; Association Bylaws states that all officers must be directors. The term of an officer will be one (1) year and the officer can serve for a consecutive year; thus, all officer's serve a two (2) year term except for the Vice President, who is also the AC Chairman, and serves a three (3) year term. The current slate of officers is term limited. Being the chairman of the Nominations Committee, I shall be preparing and nominating a slate of officers to be voted on by the Board of Directors at their November meeting.

## APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 Spring Shadows Civic Association will host their general spring meeting for all members. Guest speakers will be representatives from Meritage Homes and Jones/Carter Engineering, HPD Northwest Division Captain James Bryant, and HPD Officer Christopher Engelhardt.

The meeting begins at 7pm and is held at the *Pavillion on Gessner, 2500 Gessner.*

**See you there.**



## SPRING MARKET DAY

Saturday, April 21, 2018

10:00 AM—4:00 PM

(Rain Date – Saturday, April 28)

We will have outdoor spaces for rent under our beautiful, old oak trees. Come bring your treasures—old and new—to sell. Booth rentals will be \$25 each. We will have food trucks available and music all day. For more information please contact:

**John Knox Presbyterian Church**

2525 N. Gessner Rd. Houston, TX 77080

713-462-5448 [www.johnknoxhouston.org](http://www.johnknoxhouston.org)

Applications and Rules are available on our website!

## Harris County Ditch Improvements

Harris County Flood Control District has completed work on ditch W-114-13-00 which flows from Weatherwood to Hammerly between Spring Shadows and Campbell Woods Subdivisions. This has included a new and improved drainage structure at Hammerly Boulevard to handle possible overflows as well as desilting and cleaning the ditch to its' original design flow line between Weatherwood and Hammerly. This has included trimming overhanging foliage that could have blocked flow as well as stabilizing possible bank failures as indicated in the pictures accompanying this article and the repair of any drainage structures entering the ditch. Harris County Flood Control District has already come back out and repaired a bank collapse near Vogue Lane and is going to add additional stabilization with some sodding in the area of the original collapse.

BEFORE



AFTER



**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.**

**MAKE SURE THE DRAINS AND STREET GUTTERS ARE  
CLEARED IN YOUR AREA.**

**THIS HELPS LESSEN POSSIBLE FLOODING.**

# Spring Shadows

## Market Information for March 2018

Current Active Listings

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12 months ending February 28, **2018:**

Number of Homes Sold	105
Average days on the market	67
Average Sales Price/SqFt	\$141.42
Highest Priced Home	\$439,000
Average Sales Price	\$327,282

Prior year - 12 months ending February 28, **2017:**

Number of Homes Sold	106
Average days on the market	76
Average Sales Price/SqFt	\$139.30
Highest Priced Home	\$485,000
Average Sales Price	\$315,599

### MLS Report for March 2018

#### **HOUSTON HOME SALES ENJOY A HEALTHY START TO 2018**

*January brings a year-over-year increase in sales and stable inventory*

**HOUSTON — (February 14, 2018) —** The Houston real estate market kicked off the new year in generally positive territory, with sales up, a mixed pricing performance and a stable supply of homes available to buyers in January.

Overall sales of single-family homes rose 8.9 percent, according to the latest monthly report from the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR). However, January marked the third consecutive month of declining sales among luxury homes – those priced at \$750,000 and above. The strongest sales performance took place among homes in the \$250,000 to \$500,000 range. Housing inventory was unchanged from the 3.3-months supply a year earlier, in January 2017.

The single-family home median price (the figure at which half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less) rose 3.8 percent to \$218,000 – the highest median ever for a January. The average price declined 2.1 percent to \$270,303.

#### **Single-Family Homes Update**

Coming off the holidays – a traditionally sluggish time of year for real estate – single-family home sales rose in January, with 4,469 units sold. That is up 8.9 percent from January 2017 when sales volume totaled 4,104.

The median price reached the highest level ever for a January in Houston, climbing 3.8 percent to \$218,000. The average price declined 2.1 percent to \$270,303.

Days on Market (DOM), or the number of days it took the average home to sell, increased slightly from 65 to 67 days. Inventory held steady year-over-year with a 3.3-months supply.

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

- \$150,000 - \$249,999: increased 15.0 percent
- \$250,000 - \$499,999: increased 22.0 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.



## **Donate to the USO – Help support American’s Heroes – [uso.org](http://uso.org)**

In honor of our Military and to support our troops who are serving in Kuwait, we will have a **donation barrel at the Spring Shadows Civic Association Spring Festival on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018** to accept the following items. These will be donated to USO, who will prepare and send Care Packages overseas. Please bring any of the following items that you wish to donate.

### **Snack Items:**

Variety pack chips  
Pringles  
Raisins  
Trail Mix  
Pretzels  
Beef Jerky  
Crackers  
Peanuts  
Mixed Nuts  
Sunflower Seeds  
Granola Bars  
Protein Bars  
Cookies  
Chewing Gum  
Hard Candy

### **Toiletry Items:**

Baby Powder  
Shaving Cream  
Deodorant (men’s and women’s)  
Toothbrushes  
Lip Balm/Chap stick  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Toothpaste  
Liquid Body Wash  
Disposable Razors

## **Start Prepping up for Mosquitos**

In the June 2017 issue of the Newscaster, pages 12 and 13, we listed an inexpensive option and some natural ways to keep mosquitoes under control. Check our website at [www.springshadows.org](http://www.springshadows.org) Check on Community, then Newscaster to see last year's issues. Prevent mosquito breeding by getting rid of containers that hold water: cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other potential water traps. Keep your gutters clear of debris and standing water. If you have water dishes out for your pets, change the water daily. Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times a week. Maintain backyard pools or hot tubs. Water your lawns and gardens carefully so water doesn't stand for several days. Standing water is what mosquitoes breed in. Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns. Treat the areas around your doors with residual insecticides if mosquitoes are abundant nearby. Consider pesticide applications for vegetation around your house. Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved insect repellents if necessary. A bit of prevention will make for, if not a mosquito free summer, at least one less irritated by mosquitoes.



# Calling all Superheroes!

Spring Shadows Civic Association Spring Fest

Saturday, April 21st

3:30–6:30pm

Spring Woods Baptist Church

10131 Emnora Houston, TX 77080

4:00 pm Flag Ceremony & Veteran / Hero Recognition

Free Pizza

Live music performance by the Jubilee Band

Food trucks (food for purchase)

Cake Walk

Fire Department and HPD Mounted Patrol

Super Hero appearance (come find out to see who is coming!)

Face painting, petting zoo, bouncy house and balloon artist

Super Hero costume contest (prizes will be awarded)

Are you a veteran? Submit your photo and information to  
[sscaoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:sscaoffice@yahoo.com) to be recognized at the event.

Questions or inquiries? email [sscaoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:sscaoffice@yahoo.com), call the office at  
(713)460- 1718 or contact Cindy Portis, Chairwoman at (713)240-5228

\*event open exclusively to SSCA members\*

## **\*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](mailto:sscaoffice@yahoo.com) with your information.

**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.**

### **WELCOME YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS!**

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 Newscaster!

## **No Winner**

### **\$50.00 prize this issue!**

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 SSCA's CPA firm. Association dues are not used to fund the prize.

## **Yard of the Month**

Start working on your yard. The June issue of the Newscaster will have the YOM winners for April and May.



## **Memorial Day**

Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May. It honors the men and women who have died while serving in the US Military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War. It became an official holiday in 1971. Many observe the holiday by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season. Memorial Day traditions have evolved over the years.

Despite the increasing celebration of the holiday as a summer rite of passage, there are some formal rituals still on the books: The American flag should be hung at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff. And since 2000, when the U.S. Congress passed legislation, all Americans are encouraged to pause for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time. The federal government has also used the holiday to honor non-veterans—the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 1922. And, while its origins have little to do with fallen soldiers, the Indianapolis 500 has certainly become a Memorial Day tradition of its own—this year marks the 102nd time the race will be run to coincide with the holiday.

## What is DRT?

By HPD Officer Christopher Engelhardt

DRT- Differential Response Team- Specially trained police officers practicing Problem Oriented Policing utilizing non-traditional police methods.

How is the quality of life in your neighborhood? Is there that one neighbor that allows his property to become overrun with weeds and trash? Or that property that attracts vandals? Let us help you to make crime less appealing to the criminals by changing the environment of these properties. Regardless if the property is residential or business, contact the local HPD DRT unit to investigate and help your community. Increasing the quality of life in all of our communities will reduce the need for police services.

Here in the Northwest Division of the Houston Police Department, we have a veteran group of DRT officers that all have more than 20 years of service to the Department. These officers respond to your complaints and follow up with you on the results. Some of the more common complaints involve weeds/trash, illegal parking, parking in the yard where prohibited, noisy neighbors, illegal gambling facilities, and soliciting- vagrancy.

Most of the city issues that we investigate can be found in chapter 10 of the city municode.

Please call us at the Long Point storefront if you have a complaint that we can investigate, 832-394-0100 or email us [NWSpringbranch.Storefront@houstonpolice.org](mailto:NWSpringbranch.Storefront@houstonpolice.org) attention DRT complaint.

## HAPPY RETIREMENT SGT. GONZALES



Sgt. Ruben Gonzales has made the decision to retire from the Harris County Pct. 5 Constables Office effective April 1, 2018.

Sgt. Gonzales has been in law enforcement over 37 years. He began working for the Harris County Pct. 5 Constables office in January 1996. After working in the Copperfield and Katy areas he was promoted to Sergeant in 2000 and assigned to Spring Shadows Civic Association. He stated that he has enjoyed working in our subdivision for the past 17 years.

We appreciate his dedicated service to our Association and his daily efforts to protect all our homeowners. We wish him only the best in his retirement. (009600)

## Calling all teenagers...

Are you looking for extra money from babysitting, pet sitting, plant care or mowing lawns? Call the Association office at (713) 460 -1718 to have your name placed in the Newscaster for jobs you are wanting to do and be added to the Teenage Job Seekers list below.

### Spring Shadows Teenage Job Seekers

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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
Abigail-B/P	Talina Way	832-640-0127
Josiah-P,P/P,L	Shadowdale	713-384-8986
Gabriela-B	Shadowdale	713-384-8986

**Note: Spring Shadows Civic Association does not endorse any of the teenagers listed, and is not responsible for any of their actions.**





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## John Knox Presbyterian Church



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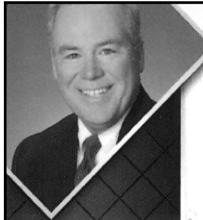
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## Advertising Policy for Spring Shadows Civic Association

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 2018 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, 1/8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> for the following year's February Newscaster  
February 1<sup>st</sup> for the April Newscaster  
April 1<sup>st</sup> for the June Newscaster  
June 1<sup>st</sup> for the August Newscaster  
August 1<sup>st</sup> for the October Newscaster; and  
October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Spring Shadows Teens ages 13 years to 18 years, who offer a service to Spring Shadows residents, may be listed in an Association advertisement at no cost. Teens interested in offering a service should contact the Association's office.

**April General Meeting Tuesday April 10**

**Spring Festival information on page 11  
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