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# **ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**

## **CALENDAR**

- Executive Committee Meetings: Mondays, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, 6:45 pm
- BOD Meetings: Mondays, Feb. 17, Mar. 16, 6:45 pm
- ACC Meetings: Wednesdays, Feb. 26, Mar. 25, 6:45 pm
- Garbage pickup: Fridays
- Recycling: Fridays: Feb. 14, 28, Mar. 13, 27
- Large Trash, Junk Pick-Up: Friday, Feb. 28
- Tree Waste Pick-Up: Friday Mar. 27
- General Meeting April 14, Spring Woods Baptist Church 7:00 pm

### **FEBRUARY**

SUN. FEB. 2 Super Bowl Sunday  
SUN. FEB. 2 Groundhog Day  
FRI. FEB. 14 Valentine's Day  
MON. FEB. 17 President's Day  
TUES. FEB. 25, Mardi Gras  
TUES. FEB. 25 Shrove Tuesday  
WED. FEB. 26 Ash Wednesday

### **MARCH**

SUN. MAR. 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins  
MON. MAR. 9 Purim starts  
TUES. MAR. 17 St. Patrick's Day  
THURS. MAR 19. Start of Spring

### **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  
**Amy Peck Council Member District A**  
832-393-3010  
**BARC (Roaming Dogs)** 713-229-7342

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**\* Clubs have no affiliation with the Association**

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## **WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Neighbors, Happy New Year!

As the clock chimes each new year, we are invited to look back at the year in review while, at the same time, we look forward in optimism. My name is Carl Thompson, and I am pleased to have been elected by the Board of Directors to serve this great neighborhood as President of the Spring Shadows Civic Association. In review, I would first like to thank Rob Cooms for his service as President in 2019 and look forward to working in partnership with him in 2020. I would also like to thank each of the Directors for their volunteer service in the past year.

Did you know that the Association contains almost two thousand homes? You also may not know that our neighborhood is the largest, self-managed Homeowners' Association in the state of Texas. Meanwhile, the Association employs only two part-time employees with quite a bit of work performed on a volunteer basis by you and your neighbors. Accordingly, I appreciate and thank the dozens of volunteers that comprise the Board of Directors and various committees.

Whether it is the Branding Committee attracting businesses and prospective homeowners to the neighborhood, Patrol & Safety working with our partners at Precinct 5 and HPD, or Community & Government Relations working with our partners in City Hall and on the Commissioners' Court, this Association will continue to work to protect and improve our neighborhood.

Additionally, there are committees that work to welcome new neighbors and communicate with our current neighbors. The Beautification Committee works to maintain several signs and esplanades in the neighborhood while the ACC Committee works to maintain and enhance the beauty that is each of our homes. Without these committees (and others that space prevents me from mentioning) and their respective chairs, the Spring Shadows neighborhood would not be the desirable community that it is.

Now, I know, first-hand, that this neighborhood is full of talented people. As we look in retrospective at 2019 and look forward to 2020 and beyond, I want you to ask yourself "Can I do anything to help my neighbors?". Please consider joining one of these committees and sharing your talents with your neighbors. Joining a committee and attending our monthly meetings is one of the best ways to get involved in making Spring Shadows the best place to live and raise a family in Houston. Please contact the office or me for more information.

Once again, Happy New Year and my best to you and your loved ones in 2020.

Sincerely,  
Carl Thompson, President

## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Greetings and I hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season and are enjoying the New Year and decade. It was again great to see the wonderful Christmas displays this year and I want to congratulate all the winners. Having all these wonderful displays is just another reason that makes Spring Shadows a wonderful neighborhood to live in.

Even though we are in the middle of winter, it is not too early to think about the spring. Now is time to get that first feeding on our lawns and gardens so that the grass and plants will have a great start once the weather warms up. Spring is also a great time to get to those repair chores before our all too familiar summer comes around. Our humid weather along with the warming temps is a recipe for mildew growth on our siding and brick. I ask everyone to please keep an eye on your houses and not let this get out of hand. There are many products on the market that treat and retard mildew growth and are not hard to apply.

I would like everyone to please remember to fill out an architectural control application whenever you are doing exterior changes to your house. This includes painting, roofs, siding, and fence repair and replacement. This is a requirement in our deed restrictions and having a review of your project will keep you from having to redo a project because of a violation. There are two important things I want to point out that will save a lot of time and money. First, our deed restrictions require our fences to be constructed with either cedar or redwood pickets. A rot board can be added and can be of cedar, redwood, or treated pine. The overall height of the fence can be up to 7 feet. The other issue is roofing material. The association requires asphalt shingles to be of a dimensional architectural style. The lesser expensive 3-tab shingles are not approved for use within Spring Shadows. You can use the AC application form on our website and it includes a list of approved manufacturer lines and colors.

David W. Jurgens

## **PATROL & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Joe Canales, Lynda Cooms, Rob Cooms, David Durham, Ben Gillis, Jerry Gilcrease, Tom Pizzo, Will Stephens, and Alexis Thompson

### **See Something, Say Something**

As has always been the case, the best way to catch criminals is by neighbors watching out for their neighbors. If you see something, say something – and by that we mean call the **Constables' Dispatch at: 281-463-6666** and report the suspicious activity. Dispatch will immediately send a deputy to the scene. The deputies will investigate and determine if a possible crime was committed. Please keep this number handy and on speed dial.

As an example, on December 11th, a neighbor reported a possible burglary in progress at a house in Spring Shadows. Constables were dispatched to check out two males who appeared to be breaking in to a neighbor's house. One suspect was apprehended in the back yard. The second suspect fled the scene but was later apprehended outside our subdivision by our Spring Shadows Constable Sgt. F. Hernandez. The suspects were found to be in possession of drugs, a loaded firearm, and had matching ski masks. Due to the swift action of our observant resident, the two burglary suspects were arrested and charges were filed.

On January 2nd, deputies were dispatched to another call made by a resident that heard what was thought to be glass breaking from behind their residence. The deputies were able to arrest two suspects inside the house. Both were charged with burglary of a habitation. One arrested suspect was one of the ones arrested and charged with the December 11th attempted burglary. Without these neighbors' actions, these suspects may have succeeded in their burglaries. If you see something, say something. Please help keep Spring Shadows safe!

### **Speed/Radar Signs**

In December, your Board of Directors ordered two (2) replacement speed/radar signs to be placed along Kempwood between Gessner and Quincannon (one for each direction of traffic). The signs are expected to arrive in January, and should be up and running by the time you read this. The speed signs are helping to lower the speeds of the traffic on Hammerly and Kempwood, making the streets safer.

### **Ongoing Concerns**

As a reminder of ongoing concerns, please keep your cars locked if they are outside your house, to help keep them from being broken into. Also, if you go out walking after dark, you should wear light-colored clothing so that drivers can more likely see you. Please shut and lock your garage doors if you are not outside. Open garage doors attract thieves.

# Vacation Watch

Residents who live within a Precinct 5 Contracted Patrol Area may submit a Vacation Watch Request whenever they will be away from their home for more than a day. A Vacation Watch lets the deputies who patrol your area know to keep an extra eye on things while you are away.

The quickest way to submit the request is to fill out the online form. If you prefer, you may contact our dispatch office and have a deputy come to your residence to take the request. If you are unsure whether you live inside a Precinct 5 Contracted Patrol Area, contact our dispatch office and they will be able to help you. 24 Hour Dispatch (281) 463-6666.

**ALARMS:** Precinct 5 recommends that you notify your alarm company to make the Constables office, (281)463-6666, the first contact point when your alarm is triggered, even above yourself. This will save valuable time and get law enforcement en-route immediately should your alarm go off.

**LIGHTS:** If you are going to leave lights on, consider placing them on timers, or ask a neighbor to turn them on and off for you. Exterior lights should only be left on if they are equipped with dusk to dawn sensors. Lights left on overnight are ok, but exterior lights left on through the day can be a sign that no one is home.

**VEHICLES:** No matter where you leave your vehicle, do not leave valuables inside. If there will be no vehicles parked in front of your house or in the driveway, ask a neighbor if they would park their car in your driveway.

**PETS:** Having a friend watch your pet for you while you're gone is a great idea, but make sure your dog or cat has updated ID tags with good contact information for you on them. That way, in the event your pet gets out, they can be traced back to you.

**VISITORS:** The best way to avoid having your house look empty is to not have an empty house. Finding a friend to "house sit" for you is not only a smart idea, but it takes care of other issues as well, like a pet sitter, parking a car in the driveway, etc.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Some homeowners want to be notified in the unlikely event of an emergency. This is completely understandable, but it's always a good idea to have a point of contact that is close by to ensure deputies receive them in time. If you're within three days, you may still submit on-line, but call the dispatch line at (281) 463-6666 so that your request can be expedited.

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## **Explaining the Trump Tax Reform Plan** Investopedia DAVID FLOYD Updated Aug 2, 2019 <sup>(1)</sup>

Tax season, for some, came to a close on April 15, 2019, leaving many taxpayers surprised to find they had to pay more taxes than last year or received significantly fewer refund dollars from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). As of early 2019, many taxpayers have reported that their tax bill is higher or their refund check is lower than last year, even though their financial circumstances haven't changed. How did this happen? Let's take a closer look at President Trump's changes to the tax code, the largest overhaul made in the last 30 years, and how it stands to impact taxpayers and business owners.

The "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" was the largest overhaul of the tax code in three decades. The law creates a single corporate tax rate of 21%. Many of the tax benefits set up to help individuals and families will expire in 2025.

President Trump signed the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" into law on Dec. 22, 2017, bringing sweeping changes to the tax code. The reforms could make individual tax cuts permanent and encourage retirement savings and business innovation. The law cuts corporate tax rates permanently and individual tax rates temporarily. It permanently removes the individual mandate, a key provision of the Affordable Care Act, which is likely to raise insurance premiums and significantly reduce the number of people with coverage. The highest earners are expected to benefit most from the law, while the lowest earners may actually pay more in taxes once most individual tax provisions expire after 2025.

The law retains the old structure of seven individual income tax brackets, but in most cases it lowers the rates: the top rate falls from 39.6% to 37%, while the 33% bracket falls to 32%, the 28% bracket to 24%, the 25% bracket to 22%, and the 15% bracket to 12%. The lowest bracket remains at 10%, and the 35% bracket is also unchanged. The income bands that the new rates apply to are lower, compared to 2018 brackets under current law, for the five highest brackets. The law raised the standard deduction to \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly in 2018 (from \$12,700), to \$12,000 for single filers (from \$6,300), and to \$18,000 for heads of household (from \$9,550). These changes expire after 2025.

The law suspended the personal exemption, which was \$4,150, through 2025. The law also ends the individual mandate, a provision of the Affordable Care Act or "Obamacare" that provides tax penalties for individuals who do not obtain health insurance coverage, in 2019. (While the mandate technically remains in place, the penalty falls to \$0.) According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), repealing the measure is likely to reduce federal deficits by around \$338 billion from 2018 to 2027, but lead 13 million more people to lack insurance at the end of that period and push premiums up by an average of around 10%. Unlike other individual tax changes, the repeal will not be reversed in 2025.

The law temporarily raises the child tax credit to \$2,000, with the first \$1,400 refundable, and creates a non-refundable \$500 credit for non-child dependents. The child credit can only be claimed if the taxpayer provides the child's Social Security number. (This requirement does not apply to the \$500 credit.) Qualifying children must be younger than 17 years of age. The child credit begins to phase out when adjusted gross income exceeds \$400,000 (for married couples filing jointly, not indexed to inflation). These changes expire in 2025.

The law leaves the head of household filing status in place.

The law limits the application of the mortgage interest deduction for married couples filing jointly to \$750,000 worth of debt, down from \$1,000,000 under the old law, but up from \$500,000 under the House bill. Mortgages taken out before December 15, 2017, are still subject to the current cap. The change expires after 2025. The new law caps the deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) at \$10,000 through 2025.

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# National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 25

(Last Updated: Wednesday, November 6, 2019)

<https://takebackday.dea.gov>

Gather your unused or expired prescriptions and safely dispose of them on April 25th.

The next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be April 25, 2020. National Take Back Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs.

The October 2019 Take Back Day brought in 882,919 pounds (almost 442 tons) of unused or expired prescription medication and vape devices. This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to nearly 12.7 million pounds. Check DEA's official Take Back Day website for more information and to find year-round collection sites near you.

DEA will accept electronic vaping devices and cartridges as part of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

## **Here are the closest year-round collection sites near Spring Branch.**

WALGREEN CO. 14616 MEMORIAL DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77079 4 miles

CVS PHARMACY, INC. 15010 MEMORIAL DR. HOUSTON, TX 77079 5 miles

BRIARGROVE PHARMACY 6435 SAN FELIPE ST HOUSTON, TX 77057 8 miles

## **Other Houston locations are:**

Harris County Sheriff's Office 5202 Aldine Mail Route, Houston, TX 77039

281-449-6600

Houston Walgreens 5280 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77005 713-838-7704 24/7

Houston Walgreens 3822 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, TX 77021 713-741-7323

7am- 11pm

Houston Walgreens 5300 N Braeswood, Houston, TX 77096 713-721-1516 8am-12am

Houston Walgreens 6610 Tidwell Road, Houston, TX 77016 713-633-2230 6am-12am

Houston Walgreens 388 Uvalde Road, Houston, TX 77015 713-455-9944 6am-12am

Houston Walgreens 105 West Road, Houston, TX 77037 281-445-1308 24/7

Houston Walgreens 6768 Highway 6 S, Houston, TX 77083 281-530-9768 24/7

Houston Walgreens 8206 Highway 6 N, Houston, TX 77095 281-550-2169 24/7

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**2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)  
 Beautification Committee

Budget/Finance Committee  
 Community/Government Committee  
 Communications Committee  
 External Branding Committee  
 Health & Mosquito Committee

Nominations/Personnel Committee

Newsletter  
 Social Committee  
 Patrol & Safety Committee

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 Ben Gillis, Co-VP

<b>2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meetings</b>
<b>(Third Monday of the Month) - 6:45pm</b>
January 20
February 17
March 16
<b>April-General Meeting—April 14 , 7:00 pm</b>
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
<b>October-General Meeting— October 13, 7:00pm</b>
November 9
December 14

**MEMBERS OF THE  
 SPRING SHADOWS  
 CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
 ARE ENTITLED  
 TO ATTEND AND OBSERVE  
 THE BOARD’S  
 MONTHLY MEETINGS.**

## 2020 Director Listing with Email and Section Description

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*If you live in any of the numbered sections marked "OPEN" and are interested in serving as a director, please contact the SSCA office, Carl Thompson, and Greg Janak.*

The law leaves the charitable contributions deduction intact, with minor alterations (if a donation is made in exchange for seats at college athletic events, it cannot be deducted, for example). The student loan interest deduction is not affected. Starting on Jan 1, 2019, taxpayers can only deduct the amount of the total unreimbursed allowable medical care expenses for the year that exceeds 10 percent of their AGI, (adjusted gross income). The law does suspend a number of miscellaneous itemized deductions through 2025, including the deductions for moving expenses, except for active duty military personnel; home office expenses; laboratory breakage fees; licensing and regulatory fees; union dues; professional society dues; business bad debts; work clothes that are not suitable for everyday use; and many others. Alimony payments will no longer be deductible after 2019; this change is permanent.

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) are not affected by the law, and traditional 401k contribution limit in 2019 increased to \$19,000 and \$25,000 (a \$6,000 catch-up) for those age 50 and older. The law leaves these limits unchanged but repeals the ability to re-characterize one kind of contribution as the other, that is, to retroactively designate a Roth contribution as a traditional one, or vice-versa.

The House bill would have repealed the deduction for student loan interest expenses and the exclusion from gross income and wages of qualified tuition reductions. The new law leaves these breaks intact, and 529 plans may now be used to fund K-12 private school tuition, up to \$10,000 per year, per child.

### **Deductions You Can Itemize**

Mortgage interest on a loan of \$750,000 or less-or \$1million, if you bought the home before Dec.15, 2017

Charitable contributions

Medical and dental expenses (over 10% of AGI)

State and local income, plus either personal property or sales taxes up to \$10,000

Gambling losses

Investment interest

\$2,500 in student loan interest

\$250 (for educators buying classroom supplies)

### **Deductions You Cannot Itemize**

Mortgage interest: loan amounts over \$750,000-unless you bought your home before Dec. 15, 2017

State and local income, sales and personal property taxes beyond \$10,000

Alimony payments

Moving expenses (except active-duty military)

Unreimbursed employee expenses

Tax-preparation expenses

Natural disaster losses (unless in an area designated by the president)

(1) Note that much of the information here is from 2017/ 2018 when political players, think tanks, and the media first responded to the changes to the tax code

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**NO DUMPING ALLOWED**

It has come to the Association's attention that some residents and or yard crews are dumping yard waste in the Harris County Flood Control ditches and rights-of-way.

**DO NOT** use the ditches or rights-of-way for any type of waste dumping. Instead, please use the City of Houston approved yard waste bags for all yard debris.

Also, remember, **DO NOT** dump or blow any kind of waste into the street drains.

Consider using the City of Houston Adopt-A-Drain program. Learn more about this program at [www.HoustonAdoptaDrain.org](http://www.HoustonAdoptaDrain.org).

**CONGRATULATONS**

Congratulations to the winners of the annual Yard the Month Holiday Lights Contest. A big thank you to all of the residents who participated. There have been cars up and down the streets & cul-de-sacs slowing to see your creations. Thanks again to all who participated.

By now, all of your holiday décor should have been taken down and stowed away for next year.

**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 **[sscaoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:sscaoffice@yahoo.com)**.

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Thank you.

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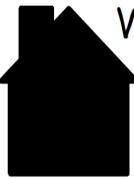
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## NOTE TO ADVERTISERS

The next issue of the Spring Shadows Civic Association Newscaster will be April 2020. Please advise the Association office if you plan to discontinue or change your ad for the new year no later than March 2, 2020. 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.

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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 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, 1/8<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> 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.

