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- BOD Meetings..... Mondays, Feb. 21, Mar.21, 6:45 pm
- ACC Meetings..... Wednesdays, Feb. 23, Mar. 23, 6:45 pm
- Garbage pickup* Every Friday
- Recycling* Fridays, Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 11, 25
- Large Trash, Junk Pickup* Friday, Feb. 25
- Tree Waste Pickup* Friday, Mar. 25

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

FEBRUARY	
Wednesday 2	Groundhog Day
Sunday 13	Super Bowl
Monday 14.....	Valentine's Day
Monday 21.....	Presidents Day

MARCH	
Tuesday 1	Mardi Gras
Wednesday 2.....	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 13	Daylight Saving Begins
Wednesday 16.....	Purim Starts
Thursday 17.....	St. Patrick's Day
Sunday 20	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
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Amey Peck Council Member District A	832-393-3010
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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*

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, Neighbors!

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy new year!

As you may have noticed, recycling was not picked up on Friday, December 31st, due to the New Years Day holiday. According to a press release posted by the City of Houston Solid Waste department before Christmas, recycling pickup for 'A' week would be skipped on Friday, December 31, and would resume on the regularly-scheduled Friday, January 14. The best way to stay up-to-date with any schedule changes or delays to our trash and recycling services is to download the HTX Collects app on your smartphone or tablet. This is the City of Houston's new trash and recycling app, and now includes real-time updates about delays. In fact, the app notified users of the skipped recycling day.

If you're in dire need to get rid of large trash or recyclables before your next scheduled pickup day, you can visit the Sommermeyer Depository and Recycling Center, located at 14400 Sommermeyer St, and drop off large trash, tree waste, and most of the recyclable materials collected by the City of Houston.

District A Council Member Amy Peck's 2021 Annual Report has been released and provides a wealth of information related to flooding and drainage, infrastructure, public safety and quality of life, with many projects specifically affecting residents of Spring Shadows. The report is available on CM Peck's City Council page (<https://www.houstontx.gov/council/a/>).

As the number of cases of COVID rises dramatically due to the Omicron variant, many things that had finally resumed in-person meeting are once again being cancelled. I hope you are all staying safe and I encourage you to continue practicing safe social distancing and mask usage wherever appropriate. If you haven't already received the vaccine or booster, there are a number of resources around Spring Branch that can be utilized.

The Spring Shadows Civic Association will continue to meet virtually for our monthly board meetings. We are hopeful that we may be able to return to in-person general meetings, and perhaps even can schedule a social event or two later this year. Be on the lookout for more information.

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

Sincerely,
Matthew Bryant

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE - DANIEL J. KUCERA

Greeting neighbors!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and trust that everyone's New Year's resolutions are still intact!

One of the most frequently addressed issues by this committee and the civic association office is the presence of mold/mildew on residences. This can take many shapes and forms across our neighborhood. The most common problem areas include gables (primarily north-facing, but can include others), the lower section of brick behind landscape beds, and on chimneys. It has come to my attention that some homeowners may be at a loss for how to address these types of issues. One method that can be utilized is pressure washing the area. This can be effective at quickly removing any discoloration from your home. While the results are instantaneous, this method does not 'kill' the spores that produce this discoloration. You may see the issue rear its ugly head again in a few short months. For a longer term solution that will effectively kill off any organic matter, I'd recommend using a soft chemical wash solution. Many of these products do not require pressure and can be hooked up to a garden hose for application. They typically can be found at local home improvement stores and garden centers/nurseries. It should be noted that some of the stronger solutions may contain bleach, so you will want to cover any plant material that may come into contact with the product. Before performing any wash on your home, please consult with the manufacturer of your home's siding as some companies have specific maintenance guidelines to follow.

Another item to keep in mind this time of year is holiday decorations. Every year there are a few homes that seem to try to stretch the spirit of the season well into the middle of the year. While most people enjoy the beautifully decorated homes throughout the holidays, the decorations tend to shift from enjoyable to annoying for most people by mid-January or so. There is a very good chance that if you still have holiday lights up at the time of this newsletter, there are likely some neighbors whose holiday spirit has long since worn thin.

A new year means new elections and many of our residents will be displaying signage for an upcoming election. I do want to take the time to remind everyone that Spring Shadows follows the political signage guidelines as outlined in the Texas Election Code. To summarize, residents may display up to one (1) ground-mounted sign for each political candidate or ballot item. Signage should be displayed no sooner than the 90 days before and no later than 10 days after the election date. Signs should be no larger than 4' x 6'. The full set of guidelines can be found on the Spring Shadows website under the 'Political Sign Policy' in our deed restrictions and bylaws area. Please direct any questions on the policy to our office.

Regards,
Daniel J. Kucera
Chair, ACDR

PATROL & SAFETY COMMITTEE — MICHAEL PEEL

We hope that you've had a good, safe, and healthy holiday season!

Thanks to the incredible work and patrol of our Constables the total incidents from 2020 to 2021 have decreased by 61! Below is a summary of incidents for the 2021 year.

CONSTABLES INCIDENTS 2021 - Year to Date													
DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ASSAULT	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
THEFT-VEHICLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT-HOME	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
THEFT-GARAGE/SHED/OTHER	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	3	0	13
NARCOTICS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
BURGLARY-HOME	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	5	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	3	6	1	1	22
BURGLARY-GARAGE/SHED/OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARREST	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	11
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	6
DISTURBANCE	3	2	13	15	10	5	3	5	5	11	12	14	98
ANIMALS	3	1	7	1	2	1	1	1	4	3	5	4	33
TOTAL	15	6	24	21	19	8	6	10	15	27	21	23	195

*Excludes Fireworks, etc. during holiday "celebrations"

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.

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.

YOUR HARRIS COUNTY PCT. 5 CONSTABLES



Sergeant Jimmy Cessna began his law enforcement career with Harris County Constable Pct. 5 on August 19, 2006. He has worked in various divisions such as Contract Patrol, K9 Patrol, Toll Road, and Special Operations. In September 2017, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal in the Special Operations Division and then promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October 2017 and assigned to the Toll Road Division. Sergeant Jimmy Cessna transferred back to Contract Patrol in 2018, and is currently assigned to the Spring Shadows neighborhood. When he is not serving his community, Sergeant Jimmy Cessna enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.



Deputy J.C. Flores born September 24, 1990 in Houston, TX. Always have been intrigued with serving my country either through military and/or law enforcement growing up. First generation born in the U.S., making me the first Police Officer in the family; a trend I hope continues. I am a father of two beautiful girls and happily married. Very family oriented so on my time off I like to spend as much time with my family as I can. I look forward to serving and protecting the residents of Spring Shadows.



Deputy Victoria Ensley has been with Harris County Constable Precinct 5 for the last five and half years on nightshift patrol. Prior to, she worked in Harris County Jail for 4 years and attended the University of Houston Downtown to obtain her Basic Peace Officer's license. Deputy Ensley is currently in the process of obtaining her Bachelors in Criminal Justice as well. Deputy Ensley enjoys travelling, especially cruises and loves cooking when she is not serving. Deputy Ensley has done a lot of community service outreach programs, such as being a Girl Scout troop leader and mentoring youth.



Deputy Antonio Garcia joined Harris County Constable Precinct 5 in 2021, after completing the Police Academy at Houston Community College and obtaining his license to become a police officer within the State of Texas. Being a native Houstonian and growing up in the inner city has allowed for there to be a sincere connection to the people within the communities of Harris County. It was a life goal and dream to become part of a great law enforcement team who will make a difference in the community. Deputy Garcia is currently patrolling the Spring Shadows Neighborhood with a commitment to serve and protect. In addition to serving and protecting, his desire and passion is to make an impact and inspire the lives of children and youth that he encounters. While patrolling, he may join the neighborhood kids at the hoop to play basketball that help build long lasting relationships that can being to shape the lives of children and youth with the community. For fun, Deputy Garcia likes to play baseball, basketball and train in the boxing ring as well as travel to California coast to enjoy fun in the sun or snow on the mountains with family and friends. Dreams do come true and hard work does pay off with dedication, discipline and drive. If you can dream it, you can do it.



Deputy J. Ramirez started her career with Harris County precinct 5 on February 28, 2021. She attended the University of Houston Downtown police academy and soon after she began her career in law enforcement. She previously worked in customer service call center which has helped her in her career path. Deputy J. Ramirez loves spending time with her family and friends. Deputy J. Ramirez is excited to meet each and every one of you.

SSCA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2022

Congratulations to the new officers for 2022

Matthew Bryant President

Greg Janak..... Executive Vice President

Daniel Kucera Vice President

Alexis Loving Secretary

David Van Bergen..... At Large

Robert Blum..... At Large

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Glossary of Engineering Terms

Percussive Maintenance - Whack with your fist

High Impudence Air Gap – It's not plugged in

Cycle Power to the Panel – Turn it off then on again

Thermally Reconfigured – It melted

Kinetic Disassembly – It blew up

WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

9706 Philmont	11/03/2021	2631 Southwick	12/02/2021
2726 Durban	11/03/2021	2930 Triway	12/03/2021
9614 Moorberry	11/05/2021	9707 Lawngate	12/03/2021
2518 Bandelier	11/05/2021	2803 Fontana	12/07/2021
2714 Manila	11/08/2021	2526 Anniston	12/10/2021
2415 Lexford	11/08/2021	9838 Canoga	12/13/2021
9707 Philmont	11/10/2021	2926 Fontana	12/14/2021
2723 Stetson	11/10/2021	2206 Lexford	12/17/2021
2630 Bandelier	11/17/2021	9811 Foxrun	12/17/2021
9827 Knoboak	11/22/2021	2719 Bernadette	12/21/2021
2606 Pomeran	11/23/2021	2323 Rosefield	12/22/2021
2607 Bandelier	11/23/2021	1902 Knoboak Circle	12/29/2021
2511 Hollow Hook	11/30/2021	2622 Teague	12/30/2021
2811 Fontana	11/30/2021	9711 Lawngate	12/31/2021
		2610 Bandelier	01/04/2022



COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE—DAVID VAN BERGEN

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

The Neuens Road project between Blalock and Gessner currently is progressing westerly from Blalock Rd. towards Gessner Rd. Most of the work is completed between Blalock and Witte with minor completion work needed for sidewalks, right of way and ditch grading. New pavement and infrastructure currently under construction is close to completion between Witte and Gessner. Completion of the entire project is expected in January 2023 or 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 is meeting with CenterPoint to determine what portions of their easement might be used for detention. They will keep us updated on progress. Once these are completed this project should be able to move forward to obtain funding. SSCA continues to pursue the installation of stop signs at the newly opened Kemp Forest and Rosefield intersection. We are very concerned with getting the new Stop signs installed and bringing the intersection up to current ADA and city standards so there is no compromise on the safety of our neighborhood residents and students. The City of Houston Public Works Department has developed a design concept to improve the mobility in the area and bring the intersection to ADA compliance while making it pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Council Member Peck's office is currently coordinating rescheduling a meeting with the impacted community, SSCA, and the city as the original one scheduled for January 12th had to be postponed due to Covid concerns.

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MOSQUITO AND HEALTH COMMITTEE—DEBBIE DILL

Although we have entered the winter season, we still must be diligent in our battle with mosquitoes because of the various serious illnesses they may transmit. Please be sure to regularly check your property and eliminate any and all standing water and, please continue to maintain your swimming pools, fountains and bird baths.

Also, please be sure to regularly check and clear the curb in front of your home for any leaves or debris that could wash into our neighborhood street drains during a rain storm. We want to be sure to keep these areas clean and clear so that the rainwater may flow freely out of our streets so that we do not have street and/or home flooding.

The recent news regarding COVID-19 is still a great concern. Vaccines and boosters are now readily available and you should contact your doctor or pharmacy regarding your health needs. 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.

In closure, please take an active part in maintaining your family's health and please eliminate any and all standing water on or in front of your property.(001920)

Wishing you a very happy and healthy New Year from the Mosquito Committee.

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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.

Spring Shadows
Market Information for December 2021

Active Listings on 01/6/2022 14

12 months ending December 31, **2021**:

Number of Homes Sold	151
Average days on the market	48
Highest Priced Home	\$743,950
Average Sales Price/SqFt	\$184.36
Average Sales Price	\$423,903

Prior year - 12 months ending December 31, **2020**:

Number of Homes Sold	118
Average days on the market	68
Highest Priced Home	\$545,000
Average Sales Price/SqFt	\$165.46
Average Sales Price	\$376,266

THERE'S NO THANKSGIVING BREAK FOR HOUSTON HOUSING

The \$500K to \$1M segment leads the way in another strong month of home sales

HOUSTON — (December 8, 2021) — Despite the Thanksgiving holiday, Houston housing never skipped a beat in November as buyers steered the market through positive territory even as inventory hovered at historically low levels.

According to the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR) November 2021 Market Update, single-family homes sales rose 3.9 percent compared to last November, with 8,320 units sold. That is up from 8,010 sales in 2020. On a year-to-date basis, local home sales are 12.0 percent ahead of 2020's record pace and up 22.2 percent versus 2019, the previous record-setting year.

The heavy volume of high-end buying and lack of inventory of homes under \$250,000 pushed overall prices upward. The average price of a single-family home rose 12.6 percent to \$383,807 while the median price rose 16.3 percent to tie the record high \$314,000 it originally reached in June 2021.

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

\$250,000 - \$499,999: increased 26.1 percent

\$500,000 - \$999,999: increased 49.1 percent

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\$25.00 is the prize this issue!**

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**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 it 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.

HILLENDAHL LIBRARY

The Hillendahl Library building is open for these hours

Monday	Noon - 7 pm
Tuesday	Noon - 5 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 5 pm
Thursday	Noon - 5 pm
Friday	9 am - 5 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm

832 393 1940

The library has a donation box for used glasses. Donate your old prescriptions to help others see.

Temporary closures for sanitation purposes dealing with Covid.

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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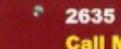
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Advertising Policy for Spring Shadows Civic Association

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.

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