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- BOD Meetings Mondays, AUG.15, SEPT.19, 6:45 pm
- ACC Meetings Wednesdays, AUG. 24, SEPT. 28, 6:45 pm
- Garbage pickup* Every Friday
- Recycling* Fridays, AUG.12, 26, SEPT. 9, 23
- Large Trash, Junk Pickup* Friday, AUG. 26
- Tree Waste Pickup* Friday, SEPT. 23
- Neighbors Night Out..... Tue. Oct. 4

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

AUGUST

Sun, Aug 21 Senior Citizens Day

SEPTEMBER

Mon. Sept. 5 Labor Day

Sun. Sept. 11 Patriot Day

Thurs. Sept. 22 Start of Fall Season

Sun. Sept. 25–27 Rosh Hashana

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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

SPRING SHADOWS NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT

Tuesday October 4, 2022

If you are interested in hosting a gathering in your neighborhood contact Liz at the office 713-460-1718. She has information regarding how to get involved and how to set up your gathering plus information about signs, sign up sheets and information about how to ensure everyone in your section is involved.

AUTHORIZED SPRING SHADOWS CIVIC ASSOCIATION ONLINE SITE

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updates

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy Neighbors

I hope this finds everyone staying cool or finding ways to stay cool during these recent blazing hot temperatures we have been having.

Regarding the October General Meeting, we will more than likely have another “Hybrid” General Meeting much like we did in April, it will be open for homeowners to attend in person as well as participate and/or listen online depending on your preference. This October, we will once again conduct elections for the Spring Shadows Civic Association Board of Directors. Sharing your talents as a board member is one of the best ways that you can give back to this neighborhood that we all call home. Please consider serving. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Board, contact the office to indicate your interest. Our Bylaws do allow for mail-in voting and for votes to be dropped off at the SSCA office. Instructions for both of these methods will be clearly provided when ballots are delivered. Further, due to the anticipated reliance on mail-in and drop-off voting, it is more necessary than ever for candidates to provide their names to the SSCA office as soon as possible.

As always, the SSCA office will continue to provide information through the website, regarding any SSCA activities, any neighborhood items of interest and including the October General Meeting and Elections.

Given that it still is summer, some of you may be taking vacations in the near future and I encourage you to submit a Vacation Watch Form to the Constables to inform them of your plans so that the Constables can keep an eye on your residence while you are away.

Sincerely,

Greg Janak, Executive Vice President

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE - DANIEL J. KUCERA

Greetings fellow neighbors!

July was an extremely hot month with several record-breaking heat days recorded. This combined with the lack of precipitation is producing drought-like conditions which make it unfavorable for our lawns and landscapes. Our irrigation systems are struggling to keep up with the extreme demand for water causing many yards in the neighborhood to become heat soaked. Because of the current conditions, and with the recent increase in city water prices (among many other things), we know that it is becoming increasingly expensive to water lawns enough to keep them healthy. Because of this, I have asked for the committee to provide some leniency when driving the neighborhood and to use best judgment when deciding what constitutes a yard violation. Yards, while parched, should still maintain an attractive appearance as much as possible by being regularly mowed, edged, and trimmed. If you are continuing to water your lawn regularly, please keep in mind that the City of Houston (at time of writing) has issued a voluntary water conservation request which specifies the specific dates and times to run your sprinkler or irrigation system. As a rule of thumb, the best times to water your lawn will be early in the morning, between 4am and 9am. Our ground temperatures are cooler at this time, which means less surface evaporation and more water absorbed into the soil. Watering in the evening or at night has the potential to breed fungal diseases.

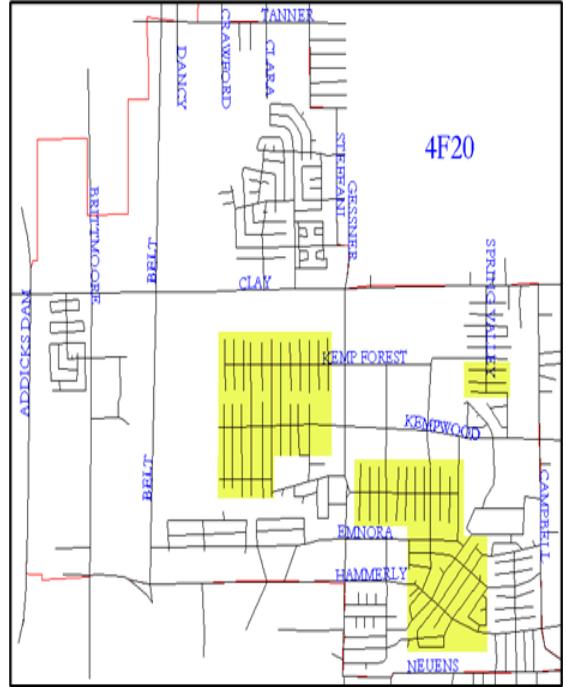
Another topic I would like to discuss involves fences. This seems to be popping up more and more in the neighborhood with residents either replacing their fences or having discussions around replacement via social media or other websites. Many of you are familiar with the requirements, but just in case you are not, our deed restrictions state that “All fences located along the perimeter of any lot must be six (6) feet in height, and constructed of cedar/redwood, unless otherwise approved by the Architectural Control Committee in writing.” The ACC has expanded upon these requirements to allow for the use of a treated pine rot board of up to twelve (12) inches, limiting the overall height of the fence to no more than seven (7) feet. As lumber prices have continued to soar in recent years, we understand the appeal of using treated pine pickets for your fencing needs. While these type of pickets are more affordable, they are far inferior to cedar or redwood in many ways, some of which include resistance to heat, rotting, and insects. Not only are pine fence pickets specifically prohibited by our deed restrictions, but most pine fences will also begin to deteriorate within 2 years of placement. Please avoid making a costly mistake and build your fences to last by using quality cedar or redwood lumber for your fence project. As always, please remember to submit your applications to the office or through AppFolio. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact SSCA.

Regards,
Daniel J. Kucera
Chair, Architectural Control/Deed Restrictions

PATROL & SAFETY COMMITTEE — MICHAEL PEEL

According to HPD statistics in the 4F20 region of Houston, vehicle theft is at an all-time high! In fact, for the first 5 months of the year it is up 37% when compared to last year. Most of these crimes are from people walking the streets checking if a car door is unlocked. Please lock your vehicles to help deter this crime! We have been recording locations of these crimes in SSCA and have been working with Constables to help reduce the impact to our community by focusing on those hot areas.

As we always say, “IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.” Please call the Constables Pct. 5 Dispatch Number at: (281) 463-6666.



Harris County Constable Pct 5 Beat Activity Report - Yearly Trend

Description	2021												2022					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
ANIMALS	3	1	7	1	2	1	1	1	4	3	5	4		1				3
ARREST	1	2	2						2	2		2						
ASSAULT			1				1					1	2			1		
THEFT-GARAGE/SHED/OTHER	1		1	1	1		2	2		2	3				1	3		4
BURGLARY-HOME					2					1								
THEFT-HOME				2														1
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	5	1		1	3			1	3	6	1	1		1	4	3	6	6
THEFT-VEHICLE															1			
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1			1		1		1	1			1	3	4	1	4	4	4
DISTURBANCE	3	2	13	15	10	5	3	5	5	11	12	14	7	5	7	4	7	3
DISCHARGE FIREARMS													10	3	2	4	5	3
NARCOTICS	1				1						1							
ROBBERY											1							
Grand Total	15	6	24	21	19	8	6	10	15	27	21	23	22	10	19	16	25	21

EXTERNAL BRANDING COMMITTEE — KEN ARNOLD

The Committee believes the most important thing we can do to improve the image of Spring Shadows is to improve the reputation of our local schools. You can see an extended version of this article and additional information about our schools at <https://springshadows.org/schools/>

Spring Shadows Neighborhood Students Featured on SBISD Television Commercials

The commercials, airing on local television, cable, and streaming services, feature some Northbrook and Spring Woods high schools, Spring Woods Middle School, and Terrace Elementary students.

Northbrook High School Graduates return to SBISD and are named 2022 Teachers of the Year

Two Northbrook High School graduates have been named SBISD's 2022 Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year. Lorenza (Lori) Garay, librarian at Ridgecrest Elementary, is the Elementary Teacher of the Year. Secondary Teacher of the Year is Sara Russo, 12th grade social studies teacher at Stratford High School.

Garay notes that it was her dream to teach in Spring Branch ISD schools. "This is where I grew up, and it's so rewarding to be teaching here. Our students and community are so deserving, and our teachers are so amazing and inspiring."

Russo who is a resident of Spring Shadows says, "I went to Spring Branch elementary, middle and high schools. Spring Branch has been an integral part of my life. I know the traditions here, and it feels great to give back to my community," she adds. "I try to go to most of the school games, especially softball. Spring Branch is a tight community, and I try to be active in it. This is home." (015938)

Spring Woods High School Student Receives Amazon's Future Engineer College Scholarship

Sebastian Guevara received the Amazon Future Engineer College Scholarship in the amount of \$40,000 with a summer internship. Sebastian plans on studying computer science at Carnegie Mellon University At SWHS, Sebastian is involved in multiple extracurricular activities, including Speech and Debate Club, Beta Club and National Honor Society. "All my extracurriculars have helped solidify my resume," shared Sebastian. "I am extremely grateful for my debate coach and Mrs. Wilkes for helping me be successful." Sebastian also shared gratitude for EMERGE, a community-based organization that empowers and prepares high-performing students to attend and graduate from selective colleges and universities. EMERGE, helped Sebastian understand the college process. In the past five years they helped an average of 25 students per year from Northbrook and Spring Woods.

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JUNE YARD of the MONTH

AREA 1
2614 SOUTHWICK

AREA 2
2714 BERNADETTE

AREA 3
2922 MANILA

AREA 4
9723 COLLEEN

AREA 5
2102 EAGLEROCK

JULY YARD of the MONTH

AREA 1
2539 PALO PINTO

AREA 2
2806 DURBAN

AREA 3
2926 QUINCANNON

AREA 5
9610 COLLEEN

AREA 5
2210 LEXFORD

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Northbrook High School senior receives \$200,000 scholarship from U.S. Navy
Junior Gonzalez, cadet lieutenant of the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program at The Guthrie Center and Northbrook High School, recently received a \$200,000 from the U.S. Navy. The scholarship covers tuition, books, fees and a monthly stipend. He plans to study mechanical engineering and hopes to return to college, study criminal justice and join the FBI. Gonzalez has been part of the NJROTC throughout his four years at Northbrook.

Northbrook and Spring Woods High School students sign letters of intent to play collegiate sports

"I am very proud of our students and I am confident that they will excel in their future endeavors," said Jennifer Collier, Spring Woods principal. "They have worked extremely hard on their skills on the field, as well as their academics, in order to fulfill this dream," said Northbrook athletic director Andres Gomez.

Northbrook High School: Gilberto Arreozola, University of St. Thomas (Baseball); Miguel Grijalva, Our Lady of the Lake University (Baseball); Arnez Semien, Erie College (Football); Ramon Urbina Vasquez, University of Texas (Baseball); Tyler Wilson, McPherson College (Football)

Spring Woods High School: Cy Cripps, Texas Lutheran University (Football); Francisco Cruz, Huston-Tillotson University (Soccer); Abigail Davila, Angelina College (Soccer); Alijah Hall, Texas Lutheran University (Football); Isaiah McKnight, East Texas Baptist University (Football); Anthony Rodriguez, East Texas Baptist University (Football)

WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

2535 Rosefield
2318 Pomeran
2415 Moss Hill
2930 Durban
2210 Elmgate
3014 Shadowdale
9922 Emnora
2830 Kenross
2630 Fontana
2610 Pine Village
2807 Durban
2903 Durban
2419 Moss Hill

3034 Stetson
3002 Kevin
2411 Elmgate
9730 Moorberry
2630 Bandelier
2755 Durban
2610 Bandelier
9711 Philmont
2835 Shadowdale
2406 Rosefield
2603 Southwick
9714 Weatherwood
2534 Talina Way



HOMEOWNER PORTAL IS LIVE!

Neighbors, our new homeowner portal AppFolio is now live. You should have received an email with a link to activate your account during the month of June. If you did not receive a link to the portal, please contact the office via email or by phone so the link can be sent to you.

With the online portal, you can:

- View the SSCA Calendar
- Submit payment for maintenance fees
- Submit Architectural Control Applications
- Access SSCA documents, including deed restrictions and policies

If you do not receive an email, are unsure if you have one on file, or would like to create an account for a second owner, please contact the SSCA office at 713-460-1718 or office@springshadows.org

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - DAVID VAN BERGEN

SSCA is continuing to work with Council Member Amy Peck's office and Harris County Precinct 3 on moving various projects forward. The Neuens Road project between Blalock and Gessner is complete except for the addition of speed bumps.

Council Member Amy Peck found funding for the Spring Shadows South drainage and paving project. She presented an amendment to the COH budget which Mayor Turner refused to hear. She is still pursuing funding from local to federal levels to move this project forward. County Commissioner Tom Ramsey is in full support of all of our proposed infrastructure projects and is working with CM Peck to move this forward.

The Spring Shadows North (Westray) project needs more detention. Harris County Flood Control and Houston Public Works continue to meet with CenterPoint to determine what portions of their easement, if any, might be used for detention. Public Works will keep us updated on progress. Once detention and redesign are completed this project is funded and construction should be able to start in late 2023 or 2024.

The new Kemp Forest/Rosefield intersection roundabout design is complete. Council Member Peck's office has fully funded this project which is expected to be constructed and completed before the end of July.

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.

GENERAL MEETING October 11, 2022

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, the Spring Shadows Civic Association will hold their fall general meeting. As you may know, director elections are a part of this meeting, and you will be voting for directors of sub-sections B and D. If you are interested in running as a director for one of these subsections, please watch for the posting of **director solicitation signs** within the subdivision in September. Director solicitation is part of the Texas Chapter 209 Property Code, specifically **Sec.209.00593. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.**

If interested in a directorship, the Association invites you to forward a brief email message stating your name, property address and your desire to serve on the board to office@springshadows.org no later than September 12, 2022. You could be in a runoff with an incumbent director or your section might be open; either way you are eligible to run. These are the sections which have director elections on October 11, 2022

5B - 9800 Foxrun Court, 9600-9700 Moorberry
7B - 9900 Moorberry, 2100 Rosefield
11B - 2200,2300,2400 Elmgate
17D - 2900 Durban, Fontana & Shadowdale
18B - 2600 Manila & Shadowdale

Other sections may become available should current directors decide not to run for the 2023-25 term.

Open sections that are currently not represented.

4A - 2500 – 2600 Pine Village
5A - 9800 Emnora & Vogue, 9500 Moorberry
10A - 2622, 2626 & 2630 Durban, 2700-2800 Durban
14A - 9600 - 9700 Philmont
17A - 3000 (East side) Durban, 2900-3000 Kenross

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Association, you may qualify as a candidate for a Director Position:

if you reside in the section (numbered section - you can reside in any lettered subsection within that section) which the director serves,

if you do not cohabit at the same primary residence with another director of the Association and

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if you have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude within the preceding 20 years.

Once the solicitation of candidates has been received for the ballot, a letter with agenda and proxy will be sent to all members. Proxies need only be completed if you are NOT planning on attending the general meeting; members attending the meeting will complete a ballot at the meeting.

If you have any question please contact the office at 713 460 1718, or office@springhadows.org or Alexis Loving at director3a@springshaow.org

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AND CARRY AWAY YOUR PET WASTE**

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

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

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

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

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

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

Thank you.

*email address will be used for Association business only



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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

The next issue of the SSCA Civic Association Newscaster will be October 2022. Please advise the Association office if you plan to discontinue or change your ad for the year no later than September 1, 2022. The price is \$50.00 per issue and there are six (6) issues per year. Your support by advertising in the Newscaster is greatly appreciated.

Advertising Policy for Spring Shadows Civic Association

Approved by the Board of Directors on May 15, 2017

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

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

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

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

December 1st for the following year's February Newscaster

February 1st for the April Newscaster

April 1st the June Newscaster

June 1st for the August Newscaster

August 1st for the October Newscaster; and

October 1st for the December Newscaster.

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

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

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