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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

- Executive Committee Meetings Mondays, DEC,5. JAN. 9, 6:45 pm
- BOD Meetings Tues. DEC.12, JAN..17, 6:45 pm
- ACC Meetings Wednesdays, DEC.28, JAN. 25, 6:45 pm
- Garbage pickup* Every Friday
- Recycling* Fridays, DEC. 2,16,30 JAN. 13, 27
- Large Trash, Junk Pickup* Friday, DEC.23
- Tree Waste Pickup* Friday, JAN.27

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

DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance
 Sunday 18th-Monday 26th Hanukkah
 Wednesday 21st Winter Solstice
 Saturday 24th Christmas Eve
 Sunday 25th Christmas Day
 Saturday 31st New Years Eve

JANUARY

Sunday 1st New Years Day
 Monday 16th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

 January is National Blood Donor Month

Important Phone Numbers

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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 ssmom-sclub@gmail.com for more information.

* Has no affiliation with the Association

NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT

There was a large turnout for this years event. A grand total of 857 individuals attended the various neighborhood gatherings. 648 adults and 209 children.

Thank you to those of you who organized your neighborhood gatherings and thank you to all who attended.

The weather cooperated! It was a great night to be out and about greeting neighbors and friends.

YARD of the MONTH will resume in April
2023

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updates

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy, Neighbors!

First, I want to wish you all very Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! I hope you get to spend plenty of time with loved ones, friends, and family, and get plenty of good food (certainly my favorite part of the holidays). During this holiday season, I encourage you to take stock of all the people and things you are thankful for. I am thankful for my health, my family, the amazing local schools, and my wonderful neighbors.

I am also thankful that election season is finally over. Just a friendly reminder to take down any political signs that you put up during the election, as these should be removed no later than 10 days following an election.

In case you haven't heard by now, we have a new billing and account management system called Appfolio. If you haven't already done so, please register your email with the office and activate your homeowner portal (<https://ssca.appfolio.com/connect/>), where you can access all of our governing documents, submit Architectural Control applications for any exterior work you plan on doing to your home, see the SSCA calendar, and, one of the most requested features, **pay your annual HOA maintenance fees online!** Be on the lookout in December for your statement with your 2023 maintenance fee. If you have activated your portal, you can also elect to receive all official SSCA documents electronically by checking the box on your account profile page—this includes annual statements as well.

Finally, I am thankful that I have been given the opportunity to serve you, my neighbors, as president for the last two years. It has been my great honor and I encourage you to welcome and support the next president as you have supported me.

I want to take this time to thank our wonderful office staff — Liz and Sharon. They are the backbone of our neighborhood and we couldn't accomplish anything without them.

I also want to thank our volunteer Board of Directors for all their hard work throughout the year. Spring Shadows is one of the largest self-managed HOAs in Texas and our directors and other volunteers work diligently to keep the association running. We currently have a number of open director positions that we are looking to fill. These positions and addresses served are listed on page 8. Our committees are always looking for new members and there is a wide variety of opportunities to participate, from beautification to patrol and safety to budget and finance, there is a place for every interest. If you are interested in participating either in a committee or joining the board as a director, please contact the office.

I would also like to thank you, my neighbors, for supporting your community and local schools, and for choosing to live in Spring Shadows. I hope you all have a wonderful 2023!

Sincerely,

Matthew Bryant, President

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE - DANIEL J. KUCERA

Greetings neighbors!

I hope everyone is enjoying some much-needed relief from the heat. 2022 was such a challenging year weather-wise. We saw periods of extreme heat and drought, long periods of rains/flooding, and even a few windstorms that blew over fences and caused power outages for some. Speaking of power outages, this topic seems to be a growing concern among those in Spring Shadows and the surrounding communities. While disruptions in power can be expected during severe weather, a lot of these outages occurred on a calm, sunny day. This caused frustration for many in the neighborhood (myself included) and left us wondering why this was occurring without good cause. When this happens, the best thing you can do is file a Power Quality Complaint with CenterPoint which will open an investigation on their end to determine what is causing the outage(s). Many times, aging infrastructure can be the issue, and filing this type of complaint may be the only way that CenterPoint will fully resolve the issue.

At the time of this writing, early voting has commenced with the midterm election fast approaching. As is the case with any election cycle, our residents like to show support for their favorite candidates by displaying yard signs. I wouldn't be doing this committee any justice if I did not take a moment to remind everyone of the rules surrounding yard signs. Below are the highlights. The full version can be accessed on the Spring Shadows website.

- Signs should not be displayed sooner than the 90th day before the election or beyond the 10th day after the election
- All signs must be ground-mounted and not larger than 4' X 6'
- No more than one sign should be displayed per candidate or ballot measure

We ask that everyone please be respectful of all political signs being displayed regardless of affiliation.

As I wrap up my tenure as chairman of this committee, I just want to say what a pleasure it has been to work with such a great office staff and volunteers who donate their time to this committee. Each and every one of the individuals who contribute to the ACC and SSCA care deeply about the quality and future of our great neighborhood and I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to lead this wonderful group of people who make my life a lot easier.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyful holiday season!

PATROL & SAFETY COMMITTEE – MICHAEL PEEL

HOME SECURITY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Planning on going out of town over Thanksgiving or Christmas? Make sure you keep your home secure by doing the following suggestions:

Submit a Vacation Watch Request. 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 (www.constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/).

Stop your mail and newspaper before you leave or ask a neighbor/family member to pick up your mail while you are gone.

You can stop your USPS mail online at <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/UPS> and FedEx have a messaging service that sends an e-mail or text to you once a package has been delivered. Go to their websites and inquire about signing up for this service and or placing packages on hold.

Make sure it looks like someone's home. Set timers on lights, radios, and televisions so they'll automatically turn on at varied times during the morning and evening. Make sure your grass is freshly cut. Have someone park their car in your empty driveway.

Enlist your neighbors. Tell a neighbor that you'll be gone for a while and ask them to keep an eye on your house. Instruct them to call the Constables if they see anything suspicious occurring on the premises.

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

SRING WOODS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "OKLAHOMA!"

**"Get Yer Boots and Head on Over to Spring Woods High School's
Production of Oklahoma!"**

The Spring Woods High School Safari Players will whisk away theater-goers to "Oklahoma!" in the coming weeks as they present the groundbreaking musical that set the stage for all that followed. Rodgers and Hammerstein's exuberant classic is a lively, tuneful musical full of cowboys, farmers, romance and fearless optimism!

Bring the whole family to Spring Woods High School (2045 Gessner Rd) for a fun-filled night and support our talented Spring Branch (and Spring Shadows!) students.

The show runs January 27-February 4, 2023:

- **1/27—7:30pm**
- **1/28—2:30pm and 7:30pm**
- **1/30—7:30pm**
- **2/3—7:30pm**
- **2/4—2:30pm, & 7:30pm**

"Oklahoma!" tells the story of a Western territory just after the turn of the 20th century with a high-spirited rivalry between local farmers and cowboys. It provides a colorful background for the story of Laurey, a feisty farm girl, and her courtship by two rival suitors: Curly, a charming cowboy, and the sinister and frightening farmhand Jud. The drama and romance of this love triangle contrasts with the secondary romance featuring the comic exploits of brazen Ado Annie, hapless Will Parker, and slick Ali Hakim in a musical adventure embracing hope, determination and the promise of a new land.

The show features one of musical theater's greatest scores including, "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," "The Surrey With the Fringe On Top," "I Cain't Say No," "People Will Say We're In Love" and "Oklahoma."

The cast and crew of talented students are working tirelessly to provide audience members a great experience, and we want to do everything we can to ensure their hard work is enjoyed by as many in the community as possible! Please come out to support the amazing talent just down the road. (012220)

Tickets are available online at www.safariplayers.com. Ticket sales for each night will cut off the afternoon on the day of the show (10am for Saturday matinees) and remaining tickets will then be sold at the door. A family event will also be planned with games, crafts, and snacks, so keep an eye on social media for more information. Group rates are also available for groups of 10 or more. Contact info@safariplayers.com for more information.

DIRECTOR POSITIONS REMAIN OPEN

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. After the election this October, there are still many director positions that remain vacant. Directors to those positions may be appointed at any time by the current board of directors.

The following director positions are currently open:

- 1B 2600 Southwick, 2500 - 2600 Talina Way
- 2C 2500 - 2600 Rosefield
- 4A 2500 - 2600 Pine Village
- 4B 2500 - 2600 Palo Pinto
- 5A 9800 Emnora & Vogue, 9500 Moorberry
- 5B 9800 Foxrun Court, 9600 - 9700 Moorberry
- 7B 9900 Moorberry, 2100 Rosefield
- 8A 2000 Eaglerock, 1900 Knoboak Cir, 9800 - 9900 Knoboak
- 10A 2622, 2626, & 2630 Durban, 2700 - 2800 Durban
- 10B 2700 - 2800 Fontana
- 12A 2700-2800 Shadowdale
- 14A 9600 - 9700 Philmont
- 15A 2631 Durban, 2630, 2631 Fontana, 2630, 2631 Kismet, 2700 Kismet, 2630, 2631 Manila, 2630, 2631 Quincannon, 2630, 2631 Shadowdale
- 15B 2800 Kismet & Quincannon
- 17A 3000 (East side) Durban, 2900-3000 Kenross
- 17B 2900 - 3000 Bernadette & Triway
- 18A 2600 Durban & Fontana
- 18B 2600 Manila & Shadowdale

If you live in any of the above sections and are interested in joining the board, please reach out to the SSCA office or the Nominations Committee Chair to express your interest.

WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

2619 Southwick
9822 Canoga
2223 Elmgate
2518 Palo Pinto
2719 Kenross
2642 Palo Pinto
2511 Talina Way
2527 Talina Way
2602 Durban
2730 Shadowdale

2631 Teague
2631 Southwick
2602 Talina Way
2214 Pomeran
9919 Vogue
2931 Fontana
9626 Colleen
2506 Talina Way
2718 Quincannon
9638 Lawngate



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. County Commissioner Tom Ramsey is in full support of all of our proposed infrastructure projects and is working with CM Peck to move them forward.

Council Member Amy Peck is still pursuing funding from local to federal levels to move the Spring Shadows South project forward. In the meantime CM Peck is working with the COH to identify portions of the entire project which might be able to be done under the SWAT program which can provide some interim relief to some areas till the whole project can move 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 is completed. Council Member Peck's office funded this project. SSCA and its residents thank her for her help in moving this project forward to provide better safety for our school children and residents. 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.

The concrete panel replacements on Gessner between Neuens and Emnora are expected to begin by years end and take 4 months to complete. Concrete panel replacement on Kempwood between Stetson and Gessner has also been requested. Hopefully the city will be responsive to this request also in the near future.

The homeless problem in our area has become worse than it previously was. SSCA is working with CM Peck and Commander Nguyen at HPD to improve the problem in our area. Also, one way for each of us to help alleviate this problem is to donate to local organizations that work with them instead of giving them money on the street. It has been proven that they will move on if they are not making enough to sustain themselves in the area they are working.

**Spring Shadows Civic Association
2023-24 Term Director Elections for subsections B, D
General Meeting – October 11, 2022**

Teller's Report

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>		<u>SECTION</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	
Section 1			Section 10		
Position B	OPEN	---	Position B	OPEN	---
Position D	Doc Lee	16	Section 11		
Section 2			Position B	Brian Miller	2
Position B	Casey Pruet	8	Section 12		
Section 3			Position B	Matthew Bryant	10
Position B	David Van Bergen	12	Section 13		
Section 4			Position B	Write-In	
Position B	OPEN	---	Miral Gandhi		10
Section 5			Section 14		
Position B	OPEN	---	Position B	Michele Whitebread	6
Section 7			Section 15		
Position B	OPEN	---	Position B	OPEN	---
Section 8			Section 16		
Position B	David Durham	12	Position B	Greg Janak	5
Position D	Annette Littleton	10	Section 17		
Section 9			Position B	OPEN	---
Position B	Daniel Kucera	18	Position D	Write-In	
			Connie Brooks		1
			Section 18		
			Position B	OPEN	---
			Section 19 –		
			Position B	Billy Wolfram	5

All candidates in the unchallenged positions won.

Total votes cast October 2022 115

Total votes cast October 2021 275

As prepared by Sharon Noake, verified by Liz Anderson October 12, 2022

MOSQUITO & HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT - DEBBIE DILL

On behalf of the Mosquito & Health Committee, welcome to all new Spring Shadows Residents!

In order to protect our residents from mosquitos and the diseases they carry, Spring Shadows Civic Association has implemented a two part control program that targets mosquitos in both their larval and adult stages. We have contracted with a pest control service which services our area the months of April through November. The first part of the control program is a larvicide control that places dunks in the neighborhood's 206 storm drains and the second part targets the adult mosquitos with a weekly truck-based chemical fogging at night. If weather does not permit service, the service will occur the next time the provider has available. Chemicals used and the manner sprayed are in compliance with the formulas approved and suggested by the County and City Board of Health.

In order to be most effective, we ask that you please do your part to help with mosquito control by eliminating any and all standing water on your property. Please clean and maintain your pools, hot tubs and bird baths. Also, please keep leaves and debris clear in the street in front of your homes. This will help alleviate standing water in the street as well as help with drainage and flooding in our area.

You may find various consumer products for your backyard protection on the shelves of your local home improvement or hardware stores. Some that have been recommended by our neighbors are:

- Dunks—May be placed in standing water on your property to interrupt the mosquito life cycle;
- Traps—Attracts and kills mosquitos and other flying insects without chemicals; and
- Spartan Eradicators—Water solution designed to attract and kill mosquitos.

You may also choose to hire a pest control service to combat mosquitos in your yard.

Please continue to stay informed about the global pandemic caused by the novel COVID-19 virus. You should continue to follow updates by the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov>) or by the Harris County Public Health **website** (<https://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov>) or on local news stations. Of course, always talk to your personal physician and follow his advice for your personal medical needs.

**No Winner last issue!
\$125.00 is the 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.

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Monday	10 am - 6 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 6 pm
Wednesday	Noon - 8 pm
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Friday	1 pm - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm

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

HOLIDAY DECOR

You can start your exterior holiday decorating Friday November 25. It should be finished by December 10, Saturday. Judging will be December 12-15, Monday through Thursday, so have your displays lit from 6 pm-9pm so that the judges can see them.

**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 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.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Please let the office know your email* address so you can be included on important Association news.

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.

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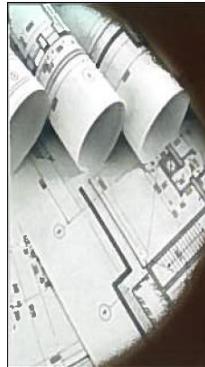
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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

The next issue of the SSCA Civic Association Newscaster will be February 2023. Please advise the Association office if you plan to discontinue or change your ad for the year no later than December 15, 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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