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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

٠	Executive Committee Meetings	Mon. Jun. 9, Mon. Jul. 14 , 6:45 pm
٠	BOD Meetings	Mon. Jun. 16, Mon. Jul. 21, 6:45 pm
٠	ACC Meetings	Wed. Jun.25, Wed. Jul. 23, 6:45 pm
٠	* Garbage pickup, *Yard Waste	Every Friday
•	* Recycling	Fri. Jun. 13, 27, Jul. 11, 25
•	* Junk Pickup * Large Trash	Fri. Jun. 27
•	* Tree Waste Pickup	Fri. Jul.25

* Subject to change or delays per City of Houston Solid Waste Department Call 311 or 713 837 0311 for delayed pick up information.

JUNE Sat. 14 Flag Day Sun. 15 Father's Day

JULY Fri.. 4 Fourth of July Sun. 27 Parent's Day

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

Contact information correct at time of printing.

BARC (Roaming Dogs)

Online Newscaster

The Newscaster is delivered to members' homes by the 1st of February, April, June, August, October and December. View it online at www.springshadows.org.

Office Information

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713-837-0311

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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 <u>ssmomsclub@gmail.com</u> for more information.

*Has no affiliation with the Association

AUTHORIZED SPRING SHADOWS CIVIC ASSOCIATION ONLINE SITE www.springshadows.org on Facebook LIKE Spring Shadows Civic Association

Check the website often for current updates.

DISCLAIMER:

The Facebook page entitled *Spring Shadow Neighborhood* group is not maintained nor sanctioned by SSCA.

> It is privately owed by a Spring Shadows resident.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Our temperatures are starting to climb and it's beginning to look a lot like... summer! Lawns are getting greener, trees have begun to thicken with foliage, and plants we thought were lost during the winter are beginning to push out new growth.

As a reminder to all of our residents, any exterior work being performed to your homes must be approved in writing by the ACC. Please note that this includes any and all work, even if you are just replacing an existing fence (cedar or redwood only for the pickets, overall height seven (7) feet) or repainting your home the same color. This ensures that only the highest quality materials are used and that our neighborhood remains a beautiful and harmonious place to live.

When submitting your application, it is imperative to include as much detail as possible. This will speed up the approval process and will reduce frustration levels for all involved. The ACC tries to deliver a decision on each application within 7 business days, but we are often able to make a decision sooner if all applicable details are included. Applications can be found at <u>www.springshadows.org</u>.

Finally, I want to thank our great volunteers for the service they provide to our neighborhood as well as the support we get from our office staff. Everything we do is intended to keep up the appearance and beauty of our wonderful neighborhood. For any ACC related questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Liz Anderson at the SSCA office at 713-460-1718 or <u>office@springshadows.org</u>.

YARD OF THE MONTH

APRIL	MAY
AREA 1 2506 TALINA WAY	AREA 1 2619 ROSEFIELD
AREA 2 2718 QUINCANNON	AREA 2 2614 SHADOWDALE
AREA 3 3003 SHADOWDALE	AREA 3 2930 DURBAN
AREA 4 9714 PHILMONT	AREA 4 9643 COLLEEN
AREA 5 2402 ROSEFIELD	AREA 5 2118 LEXFORD



The HTX Collects mobile app can remind you of your collection day, so you'll never <u>forget</u> again! The new tools are also on our website at HoustonRecycles.org where residents can print a personalized collection calendar, sign up for service reminders by email or phone, and/or download your personal collection schedule to your iCal, Google or Outlook calendar.

CALL 311 or 713 837 0311 for all missed garbage, recycling, trash or yard waste pickups.

CALL CENTERPOINT ENERGY at 713-207-2222 : Street lights that are not working.

Oppfolio

HOMEOWNER PORTAL

If you have not activated the homeowner portal, please call the office and provide your current email address. 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 ofice@springshadows.org

PATROL AND SAFETY - ROBERT COOMS

In case you have an emergency, either security related or health-related, the responders need to be able to find your address quickly, whether during the day or at night. We strongly urge each resident to have your street number clearly marked and as visible as possible so that your house can be quickly identified.

When you are out walking, please walk facing traffic so that you can see what is approaching you. If you are walking at night, please wear light clothing so that cars and trucks can see you. It is also suggested that you wear something reflective or has flashing lights.

It has been observed that a lot of vehicles speeding on our residential streets and failing to stop at stop signs is being done by residents. Please, for the safety of yourself and our residents, please follow all traffic regulations. Also, please remember that the Pct. 5 Constables can issue traffic citations.

Our crime rate is very low compared to housing in our surrounding area. We attribute this to the Constables patrolling Spring Shadows, and the watchfulness of our residents and their calling **Pct. 5 Dispatch (281-463-6666)** when seeing something suspicious.

Please keep up the good work and do not hesitate to call. As we always say, "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING." The Houston Police Dept's non-emergency number is: 713-884-3131.

Should you have a life-threatening emergency, please call **911** first, and then, if you can, call Pct. 5.

New Spring Shadows Civic Association Website – Karen Snead

We encourage curious homeowners to explore the new Spring Shadows HOA website; same address but with a new look and organizational structure (<u>https://</u><u>www.springshadows.org/</u>).

In response to some past feedback from residents trying to find specific relevant documents and needed HOA information on the old website, we simplified the navigation structure of the site and provided a viewing experience that hopefully reflects our neighborhood ambience.

Much of our **specific HOA information**, including news updates, current editions of the Newscaster, bylaws, deed restrictions, leadership and upcoming board meeting dates and agendas can be accessed directly from the <u>HOA information page</u>.

Also included on the site is information pertinent to Spring Shadows such as neighborhood school links, City of Houston public utility/trash/recycle links and future neighborhood updates affecting our homeowners.

Other more sensitive information that residents seek is, and will continue to be, posted within the homeowner account, *Appfolio* portal (an explanation of how to create a resident account can be found here <u>https://www.springshadows.org/appfolio</u>).

To maintain the relevance and utility of our website to our homeowner community, we encourage all to visit it frequently and share thoughts and suggestions when so inspired. And please, for those of you wanting to help us save trees and postage costs, sign up for exclusively emailed/electronically shared editions of the NewsCaster and other general HOA communications. You can sign up by completing the *'Email/ Electronic Opt In'* form on the NewsCaster webpage of our site - <u>https:// www.springshadows.org/e-newsletter</u>. Happy surfing!

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE USES THIS FORM FOR VIOLATIONS

Alleged Deed Restriction/City Ordinance Violation Report

DateAddress	Reported By:
UNAPPROVED CONSTRUCTION	STANDBY ELECTRIC GENERATOR Unapproved (Tx 202) RAIN BARRELS (Tx202) Unapproved Height > 42" In front of building Vol > 50 Gal Color inconsistent w/house NO Top Cap Does NOT look like barrel NO Top Cap Downspout does NOT match gutters FLAG POLES NOT USA, TX, Armed Forces > 1 Pole w/o AC App > 2 flags/pole Halyard Clangs
□ Structure/hedge in front of building line	SOLAR DEVICES (Tx202) Unapproved Higher than roofline NOT in fenced backyard RELIGIOUS ITEMS (Tx202) NOT on entry door/door frame > 25 sq. in
PAINTING/REPAIR	City Ordinance LAWN
CLUTTER/DEBRIS (Guidelines) Junk/clutter/trash in yard Pool Junk/clutter/trash in driveway BBQ Patio Furniture BBQ	VEHICLES(Ch 28 & Ch 26) Vehicle on lawn Trailer in street > 2 hrs Parking in street > 24 hrs

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT JANET MARTON

Spring Branch Fest Concept. A proposal is developing for the Spring Shadows Neighborhood to participate in a "Spring Branch Fest" being planned for late 2025 or early 2026. In addition to a good time, this activity will further the Association's social welfare purpose. (002370) There is much to do to bring this idea all the way to a "festival." If you are interested in participating, please contact Executive Vice-President, Sean Gambini, at 281-853-5133, or <u>sean@houstonrealestatetx.com</u>.

Terrace Elementary School Rebuild. Spring Shadows resident Shari Robey, is on the Terrace Elementary Project Advisory Team. The Team has a beautifully designed school, which includes the following:

- 1. A welcoming and inviting facility for students, staff, and parents.
- 2. A learning environment including contacts with the outdoors.
- 3. An engaging and collaborate learning environment.
- 4. A campus reflecting the community's diversity and engagement.

Pictures of the school building design will soon be available to view in the Terrace Elementary lobby. For more information go to <u>https://www.springbranchisd.com/</u><u>about/bond-2017/campus-bond-work/terrace-elementary</u>.

<u>City of Houston Short-Term Leasing Ordinance</u>. The City recently passed an ordinance (Chapter 28) regulating short-term rentals of less than 30 consecutive days. The ordinance requires a registration certificate, and regulates noise and sound, waste and litter, building and neighborhood protections, listings and notices, and emergency contacts. (This ordinance does not override the Spring Shadows restriction prohibiting rentals of less than 6 months.) Visit the Short Term Rental webpage: <u>https://www.houstontx.gov/ara/str.html</u>.

Spring Shadows Neighbor Assistance Program ("SSNAP"). SSNAP is a nonprofit corporation (501(c)3) established in 2001, the mission of which is to further the Association's social welfare purpose under 501(c)4. The purpose of SSNAP is to help homeowners in the Spring Branch area who cannot maintain their property because of various hardships. If you are interested in more information about SSNAP, volunteer opportunities, or making a donation of money, time or talent, please contact Robert Blum, Director 13A, at 713-827-0303, or <u>rbblum@comcast.net</u>.

WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS



2723 Bernadette	
2723 Bernadette	2507 Palo Pinto
2620 Durban	2611 Palo Pinto
2003 Eaglerock	9723 Philmont
2122 Elmgate	2914 Riata
2719 Fontana	2930 Riata
2723 Fontana	2630 Shadowdale
2814 Fontana	2050 Shadowdale
2011110110110	2803 Shadowdale
9914 Hornpipe	2831 Shadowdale
2406 Lexford	2823 Stetson
9615 Moorberry	2519 Teague
2415 Moss Hill	8
	2826 Triway

A FEW REMINDERS

Your garbage cans and trash bins should be hidden from sight when they are empty.

Garbage and recycling containers should be put out no earlier than 6:00 pm the Thursday before pickup.

The City of Houston has a leash law that includes Spring Shadows. Please leash your dog when walking them (or they you!), and as a courtesy, please pick up and dispose of their waste!

Cars, trucks or other motorized vehicles, working or not, should not be parked on the grass, your lawn or partially on the grass and the driveway.

All exterior construction requires a permit from the SSCA. Once approval is received you or your contractor must obtain any required city permits.. Your permit number, received from the office, must be displayed prominently until the work and cleanup is finished.

To prevent flooding issues, lawn trimmings and tree clippings should not be blown, shoveled, or swept down the drainage gratings. These gratings must remain open as they are what carries away rainwater, especially during heavy rainfall.

Following our by-laws will ensure that Spring Shadows remains a beautiful and well maintained subdivision.

SPRING SHADOWS MARKET UPDATE - THERESE LANDA

Market Analysis as of May 5, 2025

This Current Market Analysis evaluates SOLD properties from the past 180 days, as market conditions from 90-180 days provide the most accurate reflection of current property values.

- Active Listings: 29
- Number of Homes Sold: 48
- Average Days on Market: 92 (indicating a longer selling period)
- Sold Price Range: \$260,000 \$880,500

Price Per Square Foot:

- Highest: \$334.86
- Average: \$217.10
- Lowest: \$140.05

Mortgage Rate Update

Interest rates have seen a slight decline this week, with national averages as follows: All Higher

- **30-Year Conventional Loan:** Around 7.25% (varies based on borrower profile)
- FHA 30-Year Loan: ~ 6.99%
- VA 30-Year Loan: ~6.99%
- Jumbo 30-Year Loan: ~6.99%
- **5 Year Arm** ~ 6.725

These rates fluctuate daily and are subject to individual financial qualifications.

Market Insights

The **average days on market** suggest a slight slowdown, with increased inventory contributing to a more balanced market. Currently, Spring Shadows has 3.8 months of inventory. (Lower)

• A **six-month inventory** typically signals a buyer's market, while the current four-month supply suggests market equilibrium rather than a strong advantage for buyers or sellers.

MOSQUITO & HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT - DEBBIE DILL

On behalf of the Mosquito & Health Committee, I wish to extend a warm welcome to the neighborhood's new Spring Shadows Residents.

Summer is quickly approaching which means warmer weather, rainstorms and prime conditions for mosquitoes. In order to protect our residents from mosquitoes and the diseases they carry, Spring Shadows Civic Association contracts with a pest control service during the months of April through November for a weekly spraying/fogging service in our neighborhood. The chemicals used in the spraying and the manner that they are sprayed is in compliance with the formulas approved and suggested by the County and City Board of Health. We don't know as yet which day of the week (last year it was usually Wednesday) the spraying will occur, but it is usually in the evening. If for some reason (such as the weather) the contractor is unable to spray, it will take place on the next date/time the contractor has available.

Please remember that mosquito control is an ongoing battle and we all must be proactive and do our part to help by eliminating <u>any and all</u> standing water on your property. Please be sure to check any low areas in and around your home and yard, wherever standing water may accumulate. Don't forget to check under leaves in your garden and yard and please regularly empty your plant saucers and rain gauges. Of course, always clean and maintain your swimming pools, hot tubs, fountains and bird baths.

Also, please check the curb in front of your home for leaves, debris and standing water. Keep in mind that when it rains, the seemingly small amount of leaves in front of our homes all wash down the street towards the drains, which together with our neighbor's leaves can easily block the too few drains in our neighborhood. Just a reminder, never put anything into our street drains including yard clippings. Doing so is not only against the city ordinance, it may cause street flooding and possibly home flooding during rainstorms.

\$75.00 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.

HILLENDAHL LIBRARY HOURS

6 pm

6 pm

8 pm

6 pm 5 pm

5 pm

Monday	10 am -
Tuesday	10 am -
Wednesday	Noon -
Thursday	10 am -
Friday	1 pm -
Saturday	10 am -

832-393-1940

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

FEEDING STRAY CATS & DOGS

According to Houston City Ordinance section 6-22, "It shall be unlawful for any person intentionally to cause, suffer, or permit the maintenance of an attractive environment for the assembly of a congregation of unconfined and unlicensed stray cats or dogs by the placement of dog food or cat food," however colony managers who follow city TNR guidelines are permitted to feed community cats "subject to a trap, neuter, and return program approved by the Director (BARC)."

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.

*email address will be used for Association business only





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KITCHEN REMODELING BATHROOM REMODELING INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PAINTING
FINE FINISH CABINET PAINTING AND RE-FINISHING CUSTOM CABINETRY
BUILT-INS CUSTOM ACCENT WALLS CABINET RE-FACING
DRYWALL INSTALLATION AND REPAIR
TILE FLOORING INSTALLATION
CUSTOM TILE BACKSPLASH INSTALLATION CUSTOM TILE SHOWER INSTALLATION

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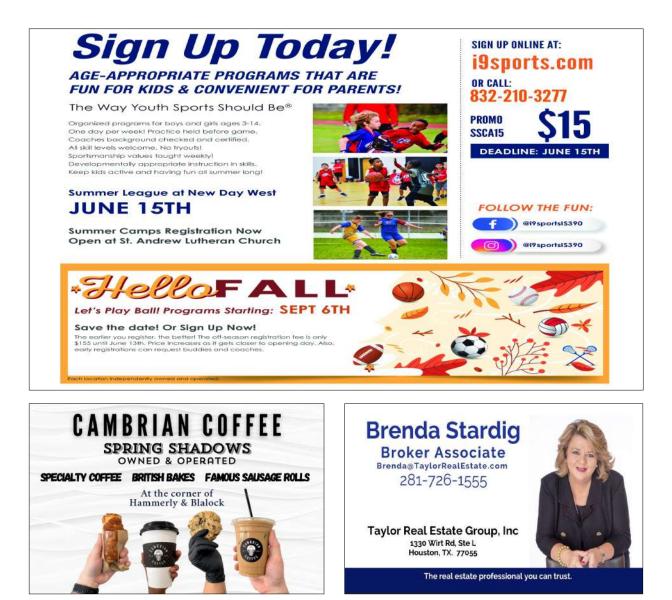
Estate Sales

10690 Shadow Wood Drive Suite 132 Houston Texas 77043



Info@applegateauctions.com Website: applegateauctions.com





Bob's Home Repair 832-875-1612



Free Estimates for Spring Shadows Residents

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Ivan 346-448-1373

fers.propainters@gmail.com

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

The next issue of the SSCA Association Newscaster will be August 2025. Please advise the Association office if you plan to discontinue or change your ad for the year no later than June 30, 2025. The price is \$50.00 per issue for standard size and \$200.00 for $\frac{1}{2}$ page. 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 1,967 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 3.25" x 1.80" (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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