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Civic Association:
HOA Newsletter**

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The **NEWSCASTER** is delivered by email and is posted on the [website](#) by the 1st of :
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Information Hub

Important Phone Numbers

- Pct. 5 Constable 281-463-6666
- Graffiti Removal 311 (713-837-0311)
- Emergency 911
- Houston Police (Non-Emergency) 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) 713-837-0311

Contact information correct for the publication date

SSCA FEB/MARCH 2026 MEETINGS

- **Executive Committee**
Mon. Feb. 9, Mon. Mar. 9, 6:00 pm
- **Board of Directors**
Tues. Feb. 17, Mon. Mar. 16, 6:00 pm
- **Architectural Control Committee**
Wed. Feb. 25, Wed. Mar. 25, 6:45 pm

SPRING SHADOWS MOMS CLUB

Spring Shadows Moms Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 pm.

Please contact our leadership team at: ssmomclub@gmail.com for more information. *Has no affiliation with the Association

CALL CENTERPOINT ENERGY at 713-207-2222 for all street lights that are not working. Provide the number listed on the street light pole or the address of affected light.

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

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"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

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APPFOLIO [mobile app link \(iphone\)](#)
APPFOLIO [mobile app link \(android\)](#)

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

February 2026

- Valentines Day
February 14
- Presidents Day
February 16

March 2026

- St. Patricks Day
March 14
- SBISD Spring Break
March 9 -13

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR HVAC SYSTEM

Have a cozier, more efficient home this year! JW East Mechanical is your neighborhood HVAC expert and can help you with any of these upgrades.

1 Schedule a Professional HVAC Maintenance Check

Our certified technicians can identify and address potential issues before they become major problems, saving you time and money in the long run.

2 Upgrade to a Smart Thermostat

Many Houston homeowners report saving up to 15% on their energy bills after installing a smart thermostat.

3 Improve Your Home's Insulation

Proper insulation is key to maintaining comfortable temperatures and reducing energy waste.

4 Invest in an Air Purification System

This is particularly important for us Houstonians, where high humidity can contribute to mold growth and other air quality issues.

5 Start Saving for an Energy-Efficient HVAC Upgrade

If your current HVAC system is over 10 years old, it might be time to start planning for an upgrade.



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Announcement from a Homeowner

This is Wayne Howell, a Spring Shadows homeowner living on Teague. I thought I would share something with the entire community of Spring Shadows.

Mr. Mike H. Graul, a homeowner living on Hollow Hook, passed away Sunday night, January 4th. He had battled tongue cancer for several years and finally succumbed to the cancer.

Mr. Graul and his family were already living here when my family and I arrived in June of 1967. I was his next door neighbor on Hollow Hook for many years. I now live directly behind him on Teague.

I just wanted to point out that Mr. Graul may in fact have been the oldest and longest living original home owner and resident of Spring Shadows Section 1.

He was 91 when he passed away. We moved here in June Of 1967 so I know that Mr. Graul and his family had to have moved here in early 67, possibly 1966. Being this neighborhood was built in 1966, or at least our section, this would definitely place him in the category of one of our longest living original home owners, if not **THE LONGEST LIVING** and oldest original resident.

He will be missed and all of us in Spring Shadows send our to deepest condolences to his family and friends.



Real Estate Market Trends & Welcome New Neighbors

by Therese Landa; Real Estate Broker:
Owner of Houstonian Properties 281.236.6348

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: 24
- Number of Homes Sold: 38
- Average Days on the Market: 103
- Sold Price Range: \$215,000-\$835,000
- Price Per Square Foot:
- Highest Price Per Square Foot : \$298.01
- Average Price Per Square Foot: \$210.69
- Lowest Price Per Square Foot : \$108.04

Mortgage Rates Update

Mortgage rates have dropped slightly this week.

- 30-Year Conventional Loan: 6.49%
- FHA 30-year Loan: 6.124%
- VA 30 Year Loan: 6.20%
- Jumbo 30-Year Loan: 6.30%

Rates are based on the National Average and change daily. Rates have dipped slightly this quarter, while homes are spending more days on the market, showing a slowdown. Inventory has decreased to 3.2 months' supply. A six-month inventory typically signals a buyer's market, while the current four point seven month supply suggests market equilibrium, leaning for toward a buyers market . Prices per square foot are lower than last month.

WELCOME NEIGHBORS!

- 2000 Block Anniston
- 2800 Block Bernadette
- 9900 Block Emnora
- 2800 Block Fontana
- 9900 Block Hornpipe
- 2100 Block Lexford
- 2600/3000 Block Manila
- 2500 Block Moss Hill
- 2500 Block Palo Pinto
- 2300 Block Parana
- 3000 Block Riata (3)
- 2500 Block Talina Way
- 3000 Block Triway



Therese Landa, Broker/Owner,
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Debut of the Digital

by Karen Snead: Director/EC at Large Position 1

The SSCA is thrilled to debut the digital Newscaster as the very first issue for the 2026 year. It is our hope that this format will provide greater content flexibility, piqued interest, and more opportunities for homeowners and community partners to contribute to each issue, creating a space for many Spring Shadows voices to ring forth.

We also recognize that some readers may not be familiar with this new digital format and that it may take a little experimentation and patience to become comfortable with the medium. We do hope that it will be worth it in the long run for all of our readers.

To help facilitate this process, below are a few suggestions for easy (and fun) navigation that you can share if you discover anyone struggling:

Thanks to the more natural *Flip Book* format, if you have a touch sensitive screen on your reading device you can now turn pages by hand with the action of swiping/flipping each page with your fingers like you would with a real magazine.

You may also click on (with your mouse)/finger tap the arrows in the bottom right and left area of each page to turn pages.

The final option you have for turning pages is to click on (with your mouse) and drag the slider bar underneath the pages to turn pages. For those with touch sensitive screens you may also use your finger to drag the slider bar and turn pages.

Turning to the content of the Newscaster, it is our intent to add more articles of interest, integrating newly added regular columns with regularly contributing writers.

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If you are a Spring Shadows home owner and have an interest in contributing to the Newscaster on a voluntary basis, please consider the following opportunities with the **specified due dates as follows:**

- January 5 for the February Newscaster
- March 5 for the April Newscaster
- May 5 for the June Newscaster
- July 5 for the August Newscaster
- September 5 for the October Newscaster
- November 5 for the December Newscaster

1) Submitting photos for the current edition, photo contest for Spring Shadows capturing the essence of Spring Shadows life in all its glory. One winner will be chosen for each published edition. For exact requirements please review our [Photo Contest requirements.](#)

2) Submitting anecdotes, stories, narratives of life in Spring Shadows that capture the spirit of our neighborhood. One winner will be chosen for each published edition.

For exact requirements please review our [Writing Contest requirements.](#)

3) For those with experience in digital magazine creation using programs such as Canva, Adobe Express, and Affinity, volunteering for the Newscaster production including design, page layout/formatting, proofreading, etc., would be greatly appreciated. If interested in volunteering for Newscaster creation please review our [Newscaster volunteer document.](#)

4) For those with professional level expertise in areas like landscaping, roofing, gardening, etc., and who simultaneously enjoy communicating in a written format, we encourage you to submit expert articles of interest for Spring Shadows homeowners. For exact requirements please review our [Writing Contest requirements.](#)

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Architectural Control Committee Report

by Felix Angel - Vice President /
ACC-ACDR Chairman

Hello Neighbors,

January has certainly started off strong, bringing us those chilly temperatures dipping into the 20s. We hope everyone has taken steps to protect your pets, your plants, pipes, and of course yourselves during the cold spells.

I understand that all of us are using whatever methods we can to protect our pipes or plants right now. My own hose bibs look a little unsightly with towels wrapped around them, but as soon as temperatures rise back above freezing (or return to normal), we'll be removing those towels — and I hope you will too.

That brings me to my next point. Our ACC and ACDR Committees have done an outstanding job over the years in keeping our neighborhood looking its best. Maintaining the appearance of our homes — including those visible exterior valves — is an important part of preserving the overall appeal of Spring Shadows for all homeowners.

In 2009, my wife and I searched several neighborhoods looking for a place we could truly call home. After touring the area, we both agreed that the community of Spring Shadows had done — and continues to do — an excellent job of keeping the neighborhood a wonderful place to live. With that in mind, we committed ourselves to carrying on the tradition that has made Spring Shadows stand out above the rest by doing our part as homeowners.

As your AAC/ACDR Chair, I hope to serve our neighborhood with openness, communication, and fairness. In the coming months, I look forward to your support as we work together to stay aligned on maintaining our home valves and upholding the standards that make Spring Shadows such a great place to live.

As a reminder, we all have access to the updated [Exterior Maintenance Guidelines](#), revised in November 2025. It may be helpful to review them in the coming weeks to refresh our memories. And if you're anything like me, you're already looking forward to Spring and saying goodbye to Winter. But for now, let's make the most of the season by staying safe, staying prepared, and using the resources available to us.

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I would also like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in volunteering in whatever capacity you can. We have several open opportunities within the neighborhood neighborhood, including:

Directors – serving as a representative for your section

Drivers – helping cover designated areas within the neighborhood

Beautification Committee

Budget Committee

Communications Committee

Patrol & Safety Committee

Yard of the Month

I'm grateful for the many volunteers over the years who not only spoke up but stepped up, helping keep our community strong, connected, and vibrant. Their efforts have made a lasting difference, and I hope we can continue that spirit of involvement.

May we all do our part. Call the Association Office if you are interested. 713-460-1718, Between 8:30am to 3pm.



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Beautification Committee Report

by Alex Rome: Committee Chair

January, February, and March are typically cold, wintery months during which limited landscaping activity occurs. Freezing conditions may require winterization of the backflow units until temperatures warm.

The Committee budgeted \$10,500 for Plant and Sign Maintenance, allocated as follows:

- \$2,500 – New SSCA metal signs throughout the subdivision
- \$2,500 – Esplanades/Medians at Kempwood (redo end caps)
- \$5,500 – Tree maintenance along Kempwood and Hammerly

Since the budget was approved in November, three PVB irrigation valves were stolen along Hammerly. These valves will be replaced, and protective steel cages will be installed to prevent future theft. The cost provided by LMC is \$2,500, which includes replacement of the PVB valves, City of Houston inspection, and installation of the steel cages.

All other beautification projects are currently on hold until spring planting begins.

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Communications Committee Report

*by Brian Stanfill
Committee Chair*

The Communications Committee has made substantial progress toward creating a clearer, more usable, and more practical resource for incoming directors.

Our vision with the revision is to make it easier for directors to understand how the Association operates and where their role fits.

Legal and procedural topics—such as duties, governing documents, and committee roles—have been rewritten or supplemented with plain-language explanations to reduce intimidation and improve comprehension for first-time directors.

The packet now emphasizes what directors actually need in their first months of service, including how meetings work, how committees function, how to communicate with homeowners, and where to find key documents and tools.

Committee feedback was reviewed and

incorporated across all sections to improve consistency in tone, terminology, and expectations. Redundant or outdated content from prior materials was reduced or clarified.

The document is now organized in a way that allows individual sections to be updated over time as policies, procedures, or laws change, without requiring a full rewrite.


The Communications Committee is now focused on moving the draft from internal review to adoption and use. The current draft has been completed at the committee level and is ready for Executive Committee review and feedback. The committee has requested that the document be placed on an upcoming Executive Committee agenda for discussion.

Once Executive Committee feedback is incorporated, the packet will be finalized and prepared for board approval. Once approved, the orientation packet will be made available to directors as soon as

practicable, even if it is after the upcoming scheduled new director training session. After rollout, the committee expects to treat the packet as a living document, refining it based on director feedback and future governance needs.

The Communications Committee believes this updated orientation packet will help new directors become effective more quickly, promote consistent governance practices, and ultimately improve communication and transparency for the benefit of all homeowners.

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COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

by Janet Marton : Committee Chair

Short Term Rentals. On July 18, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Spring Shadows Civic Association prohibited short term rentals for less than 6 months. The policy adopted by the Association allows persons or entities other than an Owner, to possess and use an Owner’s home for residential purposes only, for a term of at least 180 days. The Policy also prohibits Owners from renting a room or any portion less than the entire home. See Tex. Prop. Code §204.020(a)(6).

For the complete Short Term Rental Policy (as well as all other Deed Restrictions, Policies, and Regulations) please view the Association’s website posting of the 2022 (Leasing and Short Term Rental) Supplemental Notice of Dedicatory Instruments OCR, or call the Office to request a copy of the Policy, at 713-460-1718.

METRO. Service to the Airports. For \$4.50 one-way, you can get to and from the George R. Brown Convention Center Transit Center and Bush IAH. Buses will operate non-stop service every30 minutes, seven days a week, between 5:35 a.m. – 8:05 p.m. to IAH Terminal C, and 5:45 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. to Downtown Houston.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority Police encourage citizens who see suspicious

persons or activity along bus routes or at bus stops to call or text the Metro Police at 713-224-2677. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For general information about METRO, visit RideMETRO.org.

Spring Branch Super Neighborhood North. Spring Shadows Civic Association was once a part of the Spring Branch North (Spring Shadows) Super Neighborhood Council, Inc. and participated with the Spring Branch Super Neighborhoods Central, West, and East, to have a voice before the City’s Neighborhood Alliance on matters specific to Spring Branch.

The newly formed Spring Branch Super Neighborhood Council, led by Catherine Barchfield-Alexander (Central) is intended to be an umbrella group comprised of Central, North (Spring Shadows), East, and West Super Neighborhoods and will hold an organizational meeting in February. The purpose of this umbrella Super Neighborhood is more effectively to advocate before the City concerning issues directly affecting the Spring Branch area. (See Chapter 2-621, et seq Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Alliance and the City of

Houston dated March 17, 2003.)

If you have an interest in participating in this endeavor, please contact the Association Office.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

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Mosquito & Health Committee Report

By Debbie Dill - Committee Chair

A very warm welcome to all the new Spring Shadows residents on behalf of the Mosquito & Health Committee! And, I hope all our neighbors had a great holiday season.

As you know, Houston is known as the Bayou City, which means we have an ongoing battle trying to control the mosquito population. Mosquitoes are not just a nuisance, they may also carry serious diseases for both people and pets. Years ago, Spring Shadows Civic Association formed a Mosquito and Health Committee to help control them in our area.

One way we do this is by contracting from mid-March through November (the peak mosquito activity months) with a pest control service to fog/spray weekly. The chemicals used are sprayed in a manner that is in compliance as suggested and approved by the County and the City's Board of Health. During the spraying months, service usually occurs late on Wednesday evenings. However, if for some reason the contractor is unable to spray (such as inclement weather or a holiday) the service will occur on the next date and time the contractor has available.

Another control effort is to educate residents to remove breeding areas of mosquitoes around your property. This is important year

around. Please be sure to check for low areas in your yard. Remember to empty plant saucers and rain gauges regularly and of course, always clean and maintain your swimming pools, hot tubs, water fountains and bird baths. This should be checked often, as the life cycle of the mosquito from egg to an adult is only 8-10 days.

Please check the curb in front of your home for leaves and debris which can cause street flooding. As it washes towards the drains it accumulates with our neighbors' leaves and can block the too few drains in our neighborhood. Also never put anything into our street drains especially yard clippings. To do so is not only against the city ordinance, it causes street flooding and neighborhood home flooding during rainstorms.

Although winter is not peak Mosquito Season, you should continue to be vigilant to protect yourself and your family when outdoors by using repellent and wearing protective clothing. You also should discuss with your vet about ways to protect your pets from pet mosquito borne illnesses.

Thank you and have a very Happy New Year!

I can help you make sure your coverage is up-to-date.
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Patrol and Safety Committee Report

by Rob Cooms: Committee Chair

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Precinct 5

Hi Neighbors,

We hope that you had a very happy and safe holiday season!

From a security standpoint, 2025 was a good year for Spring Shadows! We only had a total of three (3) home burglaries reported to the Constables during all of 2025. While there were only a few burglaries, if your house was one of the three that was burglarized, you'd be unhappy about it. The good news about this is that arrests were made in two of the three home burglaries. Only three home burglaries is an amazingly low number considering that we have almost 2000 homes in Spring Shadows. Our low rate is directly attributable to the Constables and the alertness of our residents in calling the Constables when something looks suspicious!

Even though this has been commented on before, once again, we ask that if you are walking or biking in the early morning hours, or after sunset when it is dark, please wear something light colored, something that is reflective, or a device that has a small flashing light. That will make it easier for people/drivers to see you. Since we don't have sidewalks in most of Spring Shadows, we also suggest that it is better to walk facing traffic so that you can see what is coming at you. Also, if you are in a small group, for your safety, and the safety of the other walkers in your group, please walk single file when a vehicle is approaching.

Those of us on this Committee are extremely happy with the performance of our Constable Deputies. A question has come up regarding whether we have the same deputies for a long period of time. We do! The deputies who patrol Spring Shadows have an on-going relationship with us and have been with us for an extended period. One of our deputies has been patrolling Spring Shadows for more than five years.

Others have been patrolling Spring Shadows for more than a year. In 2025, we did get a new Sergeant (Sgt. Valencia) and a new deputy to replace transferred officers. This is as close to neighborhood policing as it gets. They really get to know our neighborhood and many of our residents. If you happen to talk to the deputies, please be sure to thank them for their service to Spring Shadows! Our Constables are fully licensed and trained law-enforcement personnel. Our deputies can, and do, make arrests and issue traffic tickets. They will issue traffic tickets to anyone living in, or passing through, Spring Shadows who speed or do not obey traffic signals, such as Stop Signs.

One other matter that has come up, "doggonit", is to ask our residents to please pick up after their pets. It's not only the right thing to do, but it is also required by city ordinance and the violator can be fined. Please do your duty, thanks!

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https://myneighborhoodnews.com/stay-vigilant-how-to-keep-west-memorial-safe-with-harris-county-constable-precinct-5. Photo used with permission from myneighborhoodnews.com

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As always, "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING." Please call Precinct 5 Constable Dispatch to report suspicious people or vehicles. The Constables Pct, 5 Dispatch Number is: 281-463-6666. When you call, the first thing you should say is that you are a Spring Shadows resident.

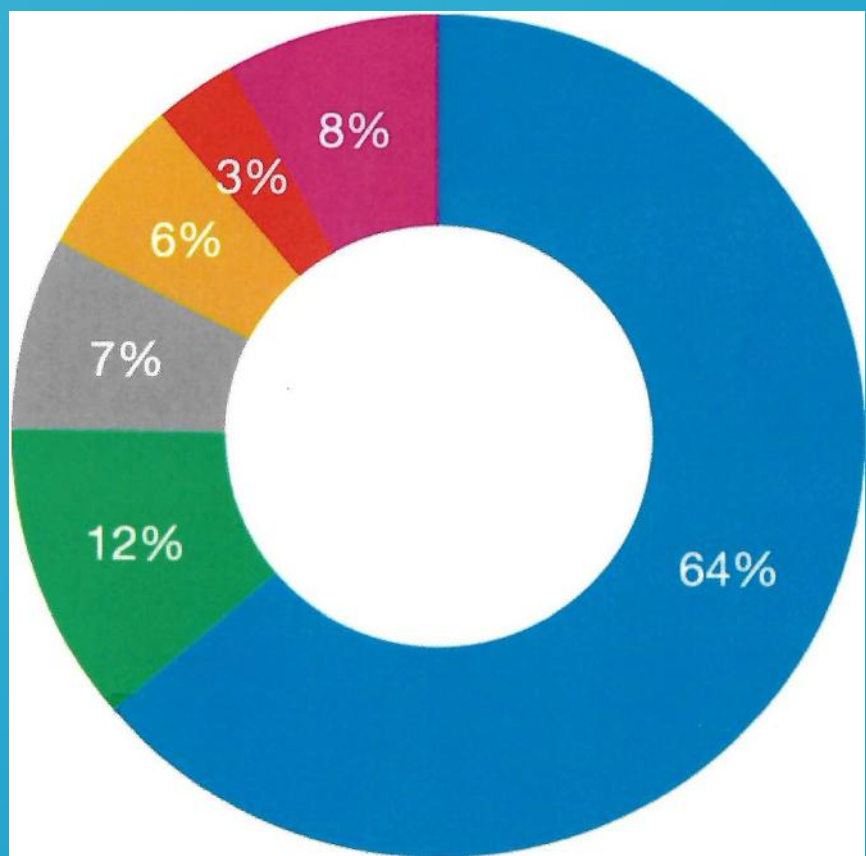
If you have a life-threatening emergency, you should first call 911. If you have a chance, then call the Constables. If you do not have a life-threatening emergency, and you wish to call HPD instead of the Constables, please call the HPD Non-Emergency number at: 713-884-3131. If you call HPD, we ask that you also call the Constables.

CONSTABLES INCIDENTS REPORT FOR SPRING SHADOWS 2025

Table with 14 columns (Description, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, YTD) and 15 rows of incident data including Murder, Robbery, Assault, Theft, Burglery, Arrest, and a TOTAL row.

SSCA: 2026 EXPENSE PERCENTAGES

- Patrol / Safety 64%
- Payroll 12%
- Beautification / Esplanades 7%
- Office Related 6%
- Legal 3%
- Other 8%



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Our Stories:

the **'best of'** winning
Feb/March story/experience
from our Spring Shadows
homeowners



This is the space for your stories, your anecdotes, and your impressions of life in Spring Shadows. This life, whether it be la vida loca, la vida tranquila, or la vida compeja (complex), is often uniquely Spring Shadows-ish and we would love to hear about it.

To view the requirements for submissions like length, format etc., visit our Newscaster web page:

(<https://www.springshadows.org/e-newsletter>)

Since we haven't solicited any submissions yet, please enjoy the following collection of old photos posted in the Houston Chronicle including a few from Spring Shadows spaces like Terrace Elementary and Northbrook High School.

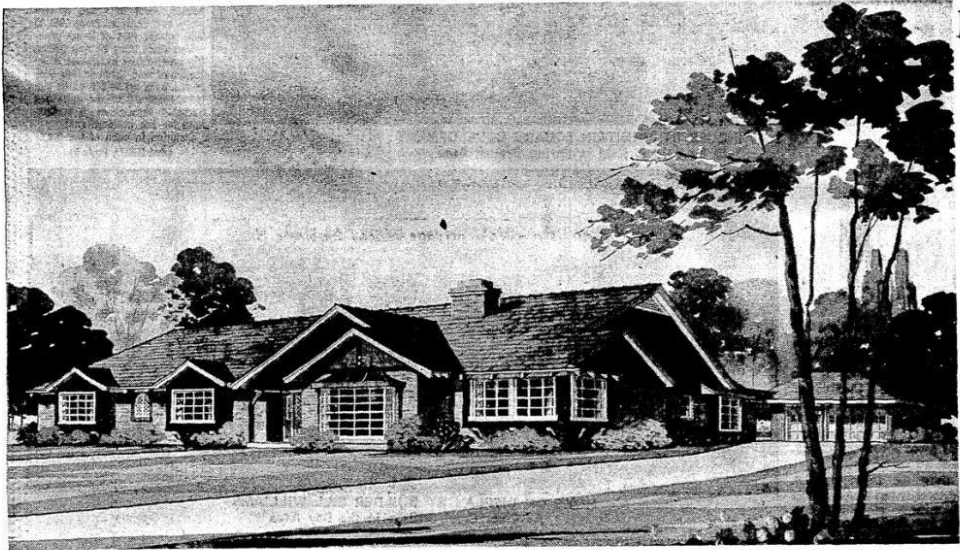
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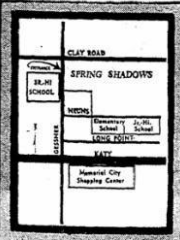


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Best of Spring Shadows
Homeowner Photo Winner
February/March 2026
5" x 7.5" submission size
Rules for future entries



Our neighborhood, communal pet, George.
Photo Credit: Spring Shadows Homeowner
Nancy Miles Smith



TASTIES & MUNCHIES CORNER

BY SPRING SHADOWS RESIDENT
EXTRAORDINAIRE - AKA ???

This space is being saved for any and every food interest held by Spring Shadows homeowners. If you're a good cook, love exploring Spring Shadows food history, growing edible flowers, and/or discovering new ethnic grocery stores, this may be the platform for you.

The only caveat, we can't have restaurant reviews submitted for this content.

We do ask that you keep your submission to 700 words or less and that you follow the written guidelines outlined under [Narrative/Anecdote requirements](#) outlined on our website Newscaster page.

Since we have no content yet, I'm sharing one of my favorite chicken recipes - a hit with family, friends, and hopefully, you.

Lemon Chicken with Olives:

Ingredients

Olive oil
6 boneless chicken thighs
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
One yellow onion finely chopped
Two cloves of garlic chopped
1/2 cup of pitted green olives rinsed
1/2 cup of kalamata olives rinsed pitted
Zest and the juice of 1 lemon
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
1/2 cup chicken stock
1/2 cup of 15% or 35% cream

- In a large pan heat a drizzle of olive oil and cook chicken until golden brown all over. Season with salt and pepper.
- Add the onion and garlic. Cook for three more minutes.
- Add the olives, lemon zest and juice, chicken stock and cream; let it simmer for 15 minutes. Add the parsley and adjust the seasoning if necessary.

Feta Couscous (Great Side Accompaniment)

One tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/4 cup vegetable oil
One teaspoon sugar
One teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 cup finely chopped parsley
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
One cup of water
One cup fine grain couscous
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

- In a large bowl combine the Dijon, vegetable oil, sugar, oregano, parsley, and Feta.
- In a small pot, bring the water (one cup) to a boil and then remove it from the heat, add the couscous, cover, and set it aside for 8 minutes, or until the water is completely absorbed. Do not stir.
- Transfer the couscous to a large bowl.
- Add the Feta mixture, stir well, and adjust the seasoning

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SBISD News Updates

This space is ideally reserved for all Spring Shadows, zoned schools information. We are seeking contributors on an ongoing basis for relevant SBISD content. Hopefully for the next Newscaster we will have successfully found the appropriate school district staff and or very engaged parent homeowners to contribute to this section.

In the interim, we thought it might be interesting to provide links for SBISD web pages that may be currently undiscovered by some of our homeowners.

A) Above all, an A-Z index page for large school institutions can provide a wealth of interest and informational opportunities. For Spring Branch ISD:

[A-Z index](#)

B) It's always helpful to know which SBISD bond projects have passed and what they include. Following the money and plans helps in making informed educational choices for your family.

[2017 Bond](#)

[2022 Bond](#)

[2025 Bond](#)

C) Discovering what SBISD schools used to be like in the early Spring Shadows neighborhood years is a really enlightening blast from the past. And the links between the old and the new provide many fascinating conduits for understanding our community tapestry.

[SBISD 75 Year Media](#)



Spring Shadows Moms Club Report


Did you know Spring Shadows has a thriving, active Moms Club? Established in 2014, the Spring Shadows Moms Club has grown to more than 220 active members and brings together a wonderful mix of moms in every stage of life, raising children of all ages. What began as a small effort to help neighbors connect has become one of the most vibrant and supportive community groups in our area.

At the heart of the club's success is its mission to foster friendships, provide support, and strengthen neighborhood ties. Members enjoy regular play-dates, family gatherings, monthly meetings, and fun Moms' Nights Out, creating countless opportunities to build meaningful relationships. The club also hosts a very active, private Facebook group, an invaluable resource where moms can ask questions, share advice, or simply feel connected during those busy or challenging days when it's easy to feel alone.

In addition to social activities, the Moms Club offers hands-on support for families. One of the most cherished traditions is coordinating meal trains for new moms, helping lighten the load during the postpartum period and ensuring families feel cared for from the very beginning. Through these thoughtful efforts, the Spring Shadows Moms Club continues to build a connected, welcoming community where parents and children truly thrive.

If you're interested in joining or want to learn more, the club would love to welcome you! Simply email ssmomsclub@gmail.com to get connected.

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