



# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB



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### Share Your News!

Please pass along any news of note about SPP residents so we can spotlight them in future issues of the Pulse.

If you have news to share, please let us know by emailing [pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com) or by contacting Romi Sandel at 713-962-4171.

## 4th of July Patriotic Parade and Celebration

Save the date for this fantastic annual event! It's a great opportunity to get out and socialize with the neighbors and see how the kids are growing. The 4th falls on a Friday this year, and we hope you will be in town as we want to see you there! We have a big change this year, too—the parade begins at 10 am (instead of 9 am as in past years due to the Fire Truck scheduling)

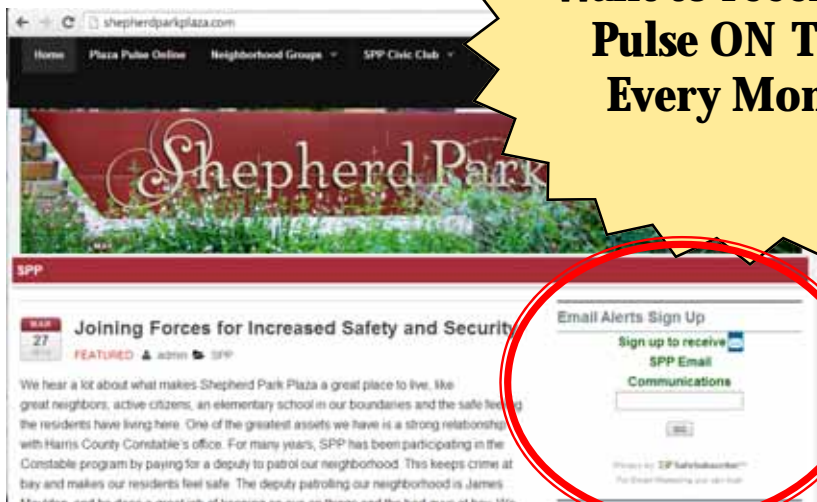
**When** Friday, July 4th, 10 AM—Noon

**Where** Parade begins at the corner of Bethlehem and Apollo

Bikers and faster vehicles start here, and slower walkers with strollers, wagons and such can jump in at Bethlehem and Alba. Follow the parade route with us along Alba to Candlelight to Dunsmere and all the way to Shepherd Park for a post-parade celebration.

We again welcome our constable deputies and local firefighters to join the fun! We hope you will be there, too.

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# around the neighborhood



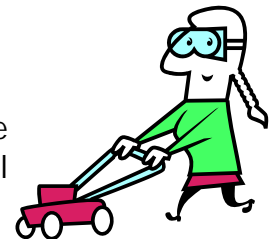
## Graduation Announcement!

Tony and Vicki Cangelosi's daughter, **Valeri**, recently graduated 8th grade from St. Ambrose School. We are so proud of her accomplishments over the past 10 years! A former Girl Scout, Valeri was a Beta Honors Student, as well as Varsity Cheerleader and Varsity Volleyball Star!! We wish her All The Best at Lutheran High North!!! Go Lions!!!



## Tips for Safety:

Thank goodness for all the wonderful rain! Be sure to keep your grass mowed and beds tidy as ill-kept lawns can attract mischief.



Remember that school is out, so beware of children on bikes and skateboards, or just walking along the road (beware of the adults doing the same, too!). Patrollers have reported increased use of the streets for walking—please use the sidewalks for walking, and if you must walk in the street, be especially aware of your surroundings and passing vehicles. Pedestrians may have the right of way, but that doesn't change the fact that if a car and a person are in a collision, the car is likely to come out on top!

Please remember to use the locks on your house and car and gates! Leave no visible valuables in your car, especially if your car is parked in the driveway or on the street.



Turn on your porch lights, and if you are going to be on vacation, call the Constable Dispatch to schedule a vacation watch.

Constable Dispatch  
713-755-7628

# May 2014 Citizens Patrol Stats

## Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	Hours Patrolled
1	11.5
2	16
3	16
4	28.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72</b>

**New Patrollers are Needed!!** Contact **Karen Cruse** at 713-824-4799 or [kjcfm4954@yahoo.com](mailto:kjcfm4954@yahoo.com) for information.

Training for Citizen Patrol certification is the second Tuesday of each month at 9455 West Montgomery at 7 pm. Anyone who regularly walks in the neighborhood is invited to join the COP group. More eyes on our neighborhood means more watching for suspicious activity.

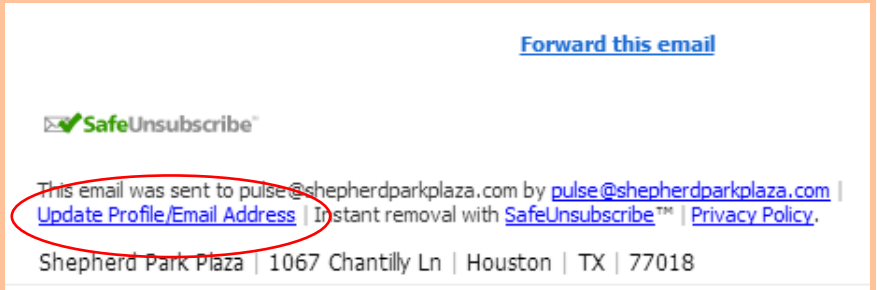
The winner of the random \$10 gas bonus for May is **Ernie Gessner**.

Congratulations Ernie! Patrollers who turn in at least 4 hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for a random drawing for a \$10 gas card. Gift cards for accumulated driving hours will be distributed at the monthly meeting.

Already receiving emails via Shepherd Park Plaza email communications? What if your email address changes? Here is how to manage your information.

Every email message you receive from SPP has the following information at the bottom of the message:

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## Call s handled by Deputy Constabl e



### May 2014

<p>Arrests..... 0</p> <p>Alarm Responses ..... 4</p> <p>Contract Check..... 57</p> <p>Information Calls ..... 15</p> <p>School Check ..... 1</p> <p>Park Checks ..... 25</p> <p>Welfare Check..... 3</p>	<p>Vacation Watch .....56</p> <p>Vehicle—Speeding..... 0</p> <p>Traffic Hazard..... 0</p> <p>Traffic Stop..... 9</p> <p>Medical Emergency..... 1</p> <p>Miles Patrolled.....2,305</p>	<p>Meet the Citizen.....379</p> <p>Discharge of Weapon..... 1</p> <p>Follow up on the above ..... 5</p> <p>Home invasion..... 1</p> <p>Suspicious Persons.....4</p> <p>Information Call ..... 15</p> <p>Animal (Humane) ..... 0</p>
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### Dining South of Houston

*by Carol Jean Hebert*

Those who were raised in the 40's, 50's and 60's will remember how often the big event of the week was a Sunday afternoon drive for a meal at a Restaurant. The days of fast food and dining out every other night had yet to become a reality. Those trips were a joyous occasion of family bonding and new experiences.

In tribute to this historical tradition and the warm memories that linger in many a mind of Shepherd Park Plaza residents, why not consider taking your own Sunday Afternoon Drive to one of the many interesting restaurants south of Houston. As you might suspect, most that shall be mentioned are "on the water" or very near.



As you go down I 45 towards Galveston, why not detour to San Leon. There on the southern most point of the San Leon Peninsula, where the Dickinson and Galveston Bays meet, you can experience the local restaurant called The Topwater Grill, 815 Avenue O. Most of the shrimp and oysters served here are caught by boats that call this dock their home. Additionally, if you are fortunate, you will spot a green monk parakeet. This marina has one of their largest nests in addition to an abundance of pelicans.



Should you continue on I 45 to Galveston you will find The Pelican Rest Marina on the south side of the Causeway Bridge and the north side of Offatts Bayou. This is a post Ike, recently opened facility which is a pleasure to the eye. Additionally, the Marina is home to Number 13, an upscale steakhouse featuring prime steaks and local seafood.

Where 61s Street meets the Seawall, a right turn leads to both Waterman's and The West End Restaurant.

Waterman's, at 14302 Stewart Road, boasts an open kitchen and 100 year old hardwood floors. The upstairs is island formal and the downstairs is an open air bar with casual ambience. From both there are stunning sunset views.

Further down the west end of the island you will find The West End Restaurant, 21706 Burnet Drive in The Sea Isle subdivision. It is about four miles west of Jamaica beach. Again, you will dine or liquid refresh waterside.

Should you opt for some adventure, then you should turn east where 61s meets the Seawall and head to the Bolivar Ferry Landing. Experience the freedom of riding across the Ship Channel on one of the Free Ferries. You might see Dolphins and you are sure to have many a Seagull begging for a crust of bread. When you debark on Bolivar, head to Stingaree Restaurant and Marina, 1295 North Stingaree Road in Crystal Beach on the Intercoastal Waterway. Their motto is "You hook 'em, we cook 'em". Does this give you a clue to the casual and relaxed atmosphere that prevails?



The next time you decide to go out for a meal, why not consider making it a memorable experience!!

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Deed Restrictions  
713-316-5255

Plaza Moms  
281-779-5623 or 713-775-0307

New Neighbor/Greeter  
713-688-5016

Garden Club  
713-681-1552

Architectural Guidelines  
713-316-5255

Plaza Pulse News  
713-628-4210

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713-824-4799

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713-755-7628

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713-683-6502

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713-683-9945

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713-688-0574 or 713-681-3600

Men's Group  
713-683-9945

HPD  
713-884-3131



# SPP CALENDAR

July 2014



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		July 1 	2	3	4 10 am 4th of July Parade 	5
6	7	8  	9	10 Men's Group MEETING  SPP TRAVELERS 	11	12
13	14	15 	16	17 Heavy trash TREE waste	18	19 Plaza Moms Infant Play Date! 
20	21	22  	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 	30	31	Aug 1	2
3	4	5  	6	7	8	9
<p><b>Reminder about Heavy Trash:</b> Our heavy trash pickup is the <u>3rd Thursday</u> of each month. Tree waste is picked up in ODD months, and Junk waste in the EVEN months.</p>						



*Join us for our  
Annual Patriotic Parade  
and Celebration!*

**Friday, July 4, 10 am**—Parade begins at Bethlehen and Apollo; Strollers, walkers, wagon pullers and slower movers can jump in at the halfway point (Bethlehem and Alba) Post-Parade celebration at Shepherd Park til noon. Spoiler Alert: there will be a Sno Cone Truck!!

**Saturday, July 19, 11 am—Infant Play Date!**

We know there are many of you with new babies who would like to meet other moms in the neighborhood! Shauna Tysor and Ally Hilsher have set up a play date for July 19th at 11 a.m., at Ally Hilsher's house: 1062 Curtin. Please RSVP via Big Tent to let Ally know how many of you to expect! Questions, contact Shauna (thetysors@gmail.com)



## Men's Group

The SPP Men's Group continues to meet for lunch during the summer! Our next luncheon and meeting is Thursday, July 10 at 11:30 at Whitney Oaks Hall, 816 East Whitney.

For more information on the group, contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945.



## Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers

The SPP Travelers are going by bus to Orange, Texas on Wednesday, July 9th to visit the W. H. Stark House and the Stark Museum of Art. The group will have lunch at the Old Orange Cafe. Call Chuck Blesener for details and to reserve your spot.

For more information about the SPP Travelers, contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945. Chuck sends periodic emails to the Travelers group—send him an email if you'd like to be included in future messages.



## Garden Club

### Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club Working With Durham Elementary

On May 26 and May 27, 2014 Durham Elementary held a Book Celebration Event.

Over 500 children were able to choose up to six books to start or add to their own personal Home Library.

Several SPPGC Members, Jeanette Blesener, Vickie Brandt, Annie Marie McReynolds and Cindi Phelps assisted in this endeavor.



Mrs. Margaret Welker, Durham Elementary Librarian (Center) and Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club Members, Cindi Phelps (Left) and Vickie Brandt (Right).

The SPPGC does not have monthly meeting during the summer but the Officers will be diligently working on designing and preparing for an interesting and rewarding 2014 -2015 season.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Carol Jean Hebert, 1103 Cheshire Lane.

This will be our social and organizational meeting. Anyone interested in the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club is most welcome and encouraged to attend this or any meeting.

*Garden Club meetings are held on the Second Monday of the month, September through May at 7:00 p.m.*

*If you are interested please contact **Carol Jean Hebert** at (713) 681-1552 or CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com for further details.*



The Garden Club's  
**June**  
Yard of the Month Award  
goes to:

**Shirley Correll**  
1055 Martin



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<b>MAY</b> Yards of the Month	
<b>Section 1:</b> 1110 Chamboard Diana Quintana	<b>Section 3:</b> 1002 Cheshire Matt & Angie Hoover
<b>Section 2:</b> 1038 Thornton Mr. & Mrs. Charles Heinrich	<b>Section 4:</b>

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New to the neighborhood?

Even if you are not-so-new, but haven't gotten around to introducing yourself yet, contact **Sheri Beasley** at 713-688-5016 or [MammaMia\\_54@yahoo.com](mailto:MammaMia_54@yahoo.com) so we can welcome you officially.