



THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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March 2014

Spring Fling 2014



The semi-annual general meeting of Shepherd Park Plaza will be held on **Saturday, March 29th, 6-8pm** at Durham Elementary.

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Board elections will be held and information about upcoming neighborhood events will be made available. You can also learn more about getting involved in the neighborhood through various organizations including Citizens on Patrol, Plaza Moms, Men's Group and Garden Club. There will also be a silent auction with proceeds going to support our neighborhood.

Watch for more details on our website and in your mailbox.

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 or by contacting Romi Sandel at 713-962-4171.

Schedule of Events:

- 6:00 pm Event begins; Silent auction opens.
- 6:30 pm Dinner by Spaghetti Western will be served. Desserts provided by the Garden Club
- 7:00 pm Membership meeting begins
- 8:00 pm Silent Auction closes, event ends

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around the neighborhood

Neighbors in and near the 1100 block of Martin Street attended an enjoyable block party hosted by Eugene & Terri Toy on Sunday January 12. New neighbors were introduced and welcomed and old neighbors shared stories.

EAGLE SCOUT ANDREAS ZIERAU

Congratulations to Andreas Zierau, 1057 Cheshire, for receiving his Eagle Scout Award on January 4, 2014 at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. Andreas became a Cub Scout in fifth grade and most recently experienced the Boy Scouts via Troop 604. Andreas has earned 31 Merit Badges and the World Conservation Award.



Andreas' Eagle Project was the improvement of Ann's Labyrinth in Shepherd Park. This Labyrinth was built by the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club to



honor one of their founding members, Ann Scardino. Alice Bongers who worked closely with Andreas and Troop 604 on this project was present at his award ceremony. Also present were Andreas' mother, Rebecca Zierau, his parents Andreas and Shannon Zierau, grandparents Sigfried and Lore Zierau and Roger and Mary Golden along with many other family members and friends.

Andreas is now studying at a college in New Jersey and he is considering a career in law or engineering.

Home Security Tips from the Citizen Patrollers

- If you have a driveway gate, remember to close it!
- Keep porch lights on at night.
- Lock doors.
- Keep cars in garage or inside gate. Lock car doors.
- If you have a house alarm, USE IT!

Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	HOURS PATROLLED
1	13.5
2	16
3	20.5
4	16
TOTAL	66

Interested in patrolling? Contact **Karen Cruse** at 713-824-4799 or 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 this month is **August Galiano** — congratulations, August! 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.

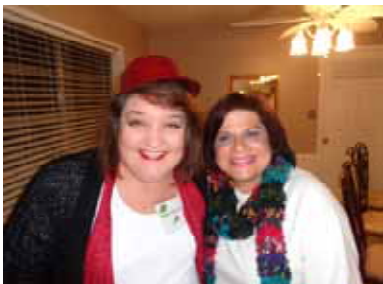
A Win-Win Opportunity!

Do you love to read? Would you like to share that joy with a child?

Durham Elementary is looking for additional mentors to help under-performing readers. Just 30 minutes a week; either helping a child read or reading to a child from books of his or her interest found in the Durham library, is all that is needed. Of course, if you want to volunteer multiple times a week, the students would be grateful!

Reading mentors are very important because young children who aren't strong readers by 4th grade are more likely to drop out of high school. Through the personal mentor/student bond established while enhancing a child's reading skills, you can make a difference.

If you would like to help make a bright future for young children, please consider becoming a reading mentor at Durham. For more information about how you can best help, contact Amelia Roman-Angeles, Teacher Specialist at Durham: 713-613-2527; armoanan@houstonisd.org. As coordinator, she can help find the right match for you. Also, if you would like to talk to someone in the neighborhood who is currently mentoring a student, contact Vicki Brandt: brandts2@yahoo.com



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 Alarm Responses 3
 Citizen Contacts 70
 Disturbances 1
 Investigations 0
 Park Checks..... 20
 Discharge of Firearm..... 2

Vacation Watch 61
 Burglary of Motor Vehicle . 0
 Burglary of Habitation 0
 Other Theft 2
 Fire 1
 Miles Patrolled..... 1,585

Meet the Citizen..... 154
 Accident Reports 2
 Verbal/Written Warnings... 0
 Traffic Citations..... 0
 Suspicious Persons..... 9
 Suspicious Vehicles..... 4
 Medical Emergencies 0

This year has brought numerous changes... this move being the best!



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SPP Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale April 12



Date: Saturday, April 12th, 8 AM to Noon

Contact Patricia Dornak at PDornak@gmail.com or 713-683-6502 to participate and have your address included in handout maps. Our neighbors in Candlelight Plaza will join us in hosting garage sales. This event has had a healthy participation over the past three years. Last Spring 26 SPP Residents and 11 Candlelight Residents held a Garage Sale. Have fun selling and shopping!

Here are a few tips for a successful garage sale:

- Be visible from the street. Put a sign or balloons in your yard if you are holding your sale at the back of your driveway or in your garage.
- Make items visible. Consider moving some items to your driveway, toward the front of your house.
- Hang clothes instead of leaving them in boxes or folded on tables.
- Price some items. It is not necessary to price every single item, but give shoppers an idea of what prices you expect so they aren't scared to ask.
- Save your used grocery sacks to bag up items shoppers buy.
- Have plenty of change and small denominations ready.
- Be prepared for early bird shoppers arriving at or before 8 AM!

MANNA (Ministry Assistance of the Near Northwest Alliance) located at 43rd St @ Rosslyn will pick up any unsold or unwanted items beginning at 12 noon if desired. Or you can take steps to deliver to them. If you plan to participate, please contact Patricia Dornak at Pdornak@gmail.com or 713-683-6502 to get your address included in the advertising publications and indicate whether you want to donate to MANNA.

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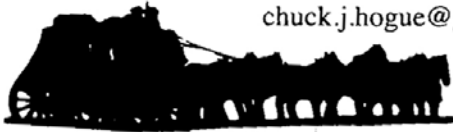
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SPP CALENDAR

March 2014



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Reminder about Heavy Trash: 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.								1
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9	Garden Club MEETING	10	11	Men's Group MEETING	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	Heavy trash TREE waste	20	SPP TRAVELERS	21	22
23	Plaza Moms Meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5		



Spring News...

Plaza Moms love the spring when we can get outdoors and shake the dust off our children. Save the date for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 12 at Shepherd Park.

Thursday, March 6—Ladies Night Out , 8pm, Crisp

Monday, March 24—Monthly Meeting, 7pm, 4819 Apollo, the home of Stacey Grazak

Thursday, April 3—Ladies Night Out, 8pm, Petrol Station

Saturday, April 12—Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am, Shepherd Park

Want to learn more about Plaza Moms? Email Megan Rasmussen at chefmegan@gmail.com.



Men's Group

All men of the neighborhood are invited to join the SPP Men's Group for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, March 13th at La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant at 11:30 am. No rules, no dues, no commitments—just good food and conversation. Bring a friend, a few stories to tell and your appetite.

For more information on the group, contact Chuck Blesener at cbbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945.



Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers

The next voyage for the SPP Travelers is Friday, March 21, when they will tour the US Coast Guard Air Station, take a boat tour of the Port of Houston and have lunch at Brady's Landing. Contact Chuck Blesener for details.

For more information about the SPP Travelers, contact Chuck Blesener at cbbles77@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

The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club met on Monday, February 10, 2014 at the home of Romi Sandel, 1057 Martin. Barbara DePrato, Cindi Phelps, Lou Rice and Bob Warren were co-hostesses. To give a little Valentine and American Heart Month acknowledgement, Members wore red, including many stylish hats (see photos on p.3).

Ms. Nancy Greig, Director of The Cockrell Butterfly Center at The Houston Museum of Natural Sciences, gave an informative presentation on "Butterflies". Her power point program was outstanding.

Joseph Aguilar, a SPP Boy Scout, explained his troop's special project and he asked for SPPGC Member involvement. Thanks Lou Rice for introducing us to Joseph and this project.

Plans for the SPPGC participation in the Spring Fling are progressing. The Dessert Table promises to be better than ever.

The SPPGC Yard of the month for February 2014 was awarded to Sheri Beasley, 1138 Thornton. Our Italian Gardener sure has a green thumb!

The night concluded with our traditional door prize awarding. Winners were: Sheri Beasley, Vickie Brandt, Linda Morgan, Michael Pate, Cindi Phelps, Anne Marie McReynolds, Romi Sandel and our guest speaker, Nancy Greig. Anne Marie was a big winner because her prize was a beautiful necklace – earring set designed and created by our own Michael Pate.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Colette Robichau, 1014 Candlelight. This will be our Annual Brown Bag event. In keeping with the season, Members will dress in a Rodeo Theme.

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 **February** Yard of the Month Award goes to:

Sheri Beasley
1138 Thornton





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February Yards of the Month

Section 1:

967 Chamboard
J. Royce & Vikie Simpson

Section 3:

1055 Martin
Shirley Correll

Section 2:

939 Chantilly
Jennifer & Thomas
Peterson

Section 4:

1066 Candlelight
Evan & Lucia Nail

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Wants to Welcome You

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 so we can welcome you officially.