



# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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## New Neighborhood Phone Directory



One of the biggest indicators of how attractive our neighborhood is can be seen in how quickly homes sell, bringing new families into our neighborhood on a monthly basis!

Our latest directory doesn't include many new families, so the Civic Club Board is working to assemble a new one. You've likely received a slip of orange paper in your mailbox recently—please complete the updates or acknowledge your information is correct, and then submit the form in one of the following ways:

- To Membership Director Tom Dornak, 1135 Richelieu
- To your section representative via mail or email
- To any Board Member via mail or email
- Visit [ShepherdParkPlaza.com](http://ShepherdParkPlaza.com) and click "Download Directory Form"

### 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.



October 1, 2013

National Night Out—America's Night Out Against Crime **Celebrating 30 years!**

The introduction of National Night Out in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Despite what you might believe by watching the news, crime is on the decrease locally and nationwide. There has been a significant drop in the number of category one crimes and in all property crimes. We know that in Shepherd Park Plaza, we work hard to keep crime low—through our Constable program (paid for entirely by neighbor donations), our active Citizens on Patrol Group, and through the willingness of neighbors to insist on community—that is, greeting neighbors by name, smiling and waving when out walking, just being outside and "around."

Take a few moments out of your busy fall schedule on October 1 to join with your neighbors to celebrate our community. And if you are interested in hosting one of the many events in the neighborhood that evening, contact Romi Sandel at 713-962-4171.

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# around the neighborhood

### ► Changes to Vacation Watch

In case you are planning an upcoming trip, SPP has recently closed a former internal process for vacation notices. Now, you can simply call the Constable dispatch and alert them of the dates you will be away so the Constable can keep an extra close watch on your home. You can reach dispatch by calling 713-755-7628. They're super friendly.

- Tony Cangelosi of Cheshire Ln, along with his son Tony Jr., recently returned from a 10 day fishing trip to Seward, Alaska! The weather was perfect this time of year, mid-70's. Their group spent 4 days on a Charter Boat in the Gulf of Alaska and the remainder fishing the rivers. Their main catch was Sockeye Salmon and Halibut. What a trip!!



- Take a drive down Montrose Blvd, and you will see this awesome art installation by former SPP resident, Patrick Renner (whose proud parents, Linda and David, still live on Curtin).



Patrick's *Funnel Tunnel* is a 180 ft long temporary civic art sculpture made of steel and reclaimed wood. It snakes down the Montrose Blvd esplanade opposite Art League Houston (ALH). Commissioned by ALH, the sculpture reflects the creative people and businesses in the Montrose area, and is the first of its kind in Houston!

**Patrol Hours** *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	HOURS PATROLLED
1	42
2	37.5
3	36
4	49.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165</b>

**Interested in patrolling?** 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 this month is **Bruno Majewski** — congratulations, Bruno! 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.

**Durham Elementary Principal's Corner**

*by Emily Leffler, for Principal Sugarek*



Well, unless you have been lucky enough to be out of town all summer or have the misfortune of living under a rock, you will know that Durham Elementary has a new Principal!

**Angela Sugarek** ([asugarek@houstonisd.org](mailto:asugarek@houstonisd.org)) has been hard at work since late July getting up to speed with the state of the current school, team-building with her staff and faculty, and meeting with parents, students and community members. And boy does she know how to get the physical plant looking good! I recommend the Garden Club give the school an honorary Yard of the Month award when all the plantings are in.

Ms. Sugarek asked if she could please have a space in the Pulse to send SPP neighbors information and updates about the school. Of course, I said yes. So for our inaugural "Principal's Corner", instead of extending the introductions (which you can read about in The Leader and on HISD's website), I know all my Plaza Pulse readers are like the many SPP neighbors who have asked Ms. Sugarek, "what can I do to help the school?"

**BE A VOLUNTEER**

Ms. Sugarek is thrilled to welcome neighbors as volunteers to the campus in a variety of roles. What are you good at? What do you enjoy? Ms. Sugarek can find a place for you.

Here's what you do. Whether you want to be a reading buddy or help dig in the butterfly garden, you must be registered with HISD's Volunteers in Public Schools, or VIPS, program. Everyone who volunteers must first be approved through this system.

Step 1: Register online at [www.HoustonISD.org/VIPSLogin](http://www.HoustonISD.org/VIPSLogin)

Step 2: Take your drivers' license or other proof of identification to Durham

Step 3: Staff at Durham will coordinate with the VIPS database to approve you. Durham will tell you when this process is finished and you are cleared to volunteer.

Step 4: Volunteer!

Call s handled by Deputy Constable



July 2013

Arrests..... 0  
 Alarm Responses ..... 6  
 Citizen Contacts ..... 196  
 Disturbances ..... 1  
 Investigations ..... 0  
 Park Checks..... 20

Vacation Watch ..... 81  
 Burglary of Motor Vehicle . 0  
 Burglary of Habitation ..... 0  
 Theft ..... 1  
 Accident Reports ..... 0  
 Miles Patrolled..... 1,540

Traffic:  
 Verbal/Written Warnings... 1  
 Citations ..... 0  
 Suspicious Persons..... 3  
 Suspicious Vehicles..... 8  
 Medical Emergencies ..... 0

Fall Save the Dates

- October 1—National Night Out
- October 12—All-neighborhood Garage Sale
- October 19—Fall Fling at Durham Elementary

Some Reminders about Vehicle Safety

- As mentioned before, crime rates are on the decline. However, the exception to that decline is in the area of **theft and burglary of motor vehicles**. HPD says these are the most preventable crimes because in most cases they are the direct result of leaving vehicles unlocked, parking in a vulnerable place, or leaving valuables in plain sight.
- Vehicles are burglarized most frequently at and around ATM machines and cell phone store fronts. Another trend is individu-

als burglarizing vehicles at gas stations when car owners run inside, and also at daycares and preschools when parents run in to quickly pick up children—sometimes leaving the car running to keep the interior cool. And as always, your vehicle is not immune to crime just because it is parked on your property. Be sure to park the vehicle in a locked garage or behind locked gates. If the vehicle is left in the driveway outside a gate or parked on the street, lock the doors and remove valuables.

When driving in your vehicle, know that while fatal car crashes are down 6% for the last year, **alcohol related crashes are up 8%**. Harris County leads the nation in DWIs. In examining the 200 vehicular deaths per year certain statistics stand out - speed and alcohol are primarily responsible, Saturday and Sunday are the most dangerous days and 10pm to 6am the most dangerous time on the road. The worst intersection is Westheimer at Beltway 8. Clay Road (which is what 43rd St becomes going west) is the most deadly roadway in our area.

SPP Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale Scheduled for Saturday, October 12th

by Patricia Dornak



The SPP Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th from 8 am to noon. Rain date for this event is the next Saturday, October 19th. Advertising will run in numerous publications and the Civic Club will provide maps indicating your location. Our neighbors in Candlelight Plaza will again be participating this Fall. This event has had a healthy participation since it started 2 years ago. Last Spring 26 SPP Residents and 11 Candlelight Residents held a Garage Sale.

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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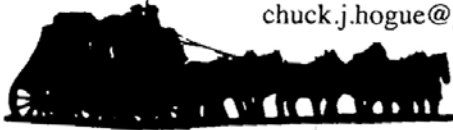
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713-824-4799

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713-681-3600

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

New Neighbor/Greeter  
281-344-7013

Garden Club  
713-681-1552

Architectural Guidelines  
713-681-3600

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713-628-4210

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713-681-1552

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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

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713-683-9945

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713-884-3131



# SPP CALENDAR September 2013



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day Holiday					9 AM Firehouse Tacos at Shepherd Park
8	Garden Club MEETING		11	Men's Group MEETING	12	13
15	16	Plaza Moms Meeting	17	18	19	20
22	23		24	25	26	27
29	30	Nat'l Night Out	Oct 1	2	3	4
6	7		8	9	10	11
						SPP-Wide Garage Sale



Celebrate back to school time and join us for the first meeting of the new Plaza Moms Year!

**Event details:**

What: September Meeting

When: Tuesday, **September 17**, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Where: At the Home of Lorraine Cole, **5019 Alba**



**Men's Club**

The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's group will have their September luncheon and meeting at Whitney Oaks Hall, 816 E. Whitney on Thursday, September 12th, at 11:30 a.m. Come have a plate of spaghetti and discuss neighborhood events with a great bunch of guys as diverse as our neighborhood itself.

While the ladies have their Plaza Moms Group and the Garden Club (editor's note: the Garden Club welcomes men, too!), the men of SPP have the Men's Group for networking, camaraderie, and the free exchange of ideas and information. Open to all, there are no rules, no dues, and no officers - just come for lunch when you can.

For more information on the group, contact Chuck Blesener at [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto:ccbles77@gmail.com) or 713-683-9945.



**Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers**

**Thursday, October 17 Road Trip!**

After staying in Houston on the last two trips, the Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers will be on the road again for their next trip on Thursday, October 17th.

After a delicious family style lunch right off the stove at Hotel Blessing in Blessing, Texas, the group will be treated to a guided tour of the STNP Nuclear Power Plant in Palacios.

To reserve your seat on the bus, contact Chuck Blesener at [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto:ccbles77@gmail.com) or 713-683-9945.

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For more information about the SPP Travelers, contact Chuck Blesener at [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto: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**



*The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club*

*Invites all interested Residents to the first meeting of the upcoming year.*

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

*7:00 p.m.*

*1103 Cheshire Lane*

*Meetings are held on the Second Monday of 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](mailto:caroljeanhebert@yahoo.com)*

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

**Shirley Correll**

1055 Martin





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<b>AUGUST</b> Yards of the Month	
<b>Section 1:</b> 1119 Chamboard Mike & Candi Patterson	<b>Section 3:</b> 1109 Cheshire Michael & Ann McClellan
<b>Section 2:</b> 955 Thornton Camilo & Haley Arizmendi	<b>Section 4:</b> To Be Announced In October Pulse

**SPP**  
 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 **Evonne Alford Sturm** at 281-344-7013 or [EvonneAlford@comcast.net](mailto:EvonneAlford@comcast.net) so we can welcome you officially.