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MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2018  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



## SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

Come on out and mingle with your neighbors while finding out about the happenings around the neighborhood and electing our new Civic Club Board.

The leaders of the various groups and organization will give an update. There will also be guest appearances from the Constable. Also, find out how to get a Christmas arch in your very own front yard and receive an update on the drainage project. During these presentations, Plaza Moms will provide babysitting in the courtyard.

The Garden Club will have items for purchase in addition to the pancake breakfast.

*Brought to you by the SPP Civic Club Hospitality Group, Mens Group, and Plaza Moms. Donations accepted to benefit the Constable Patrol Program.*

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BUSINESS MEETING &  
ELECTION OF BOARD

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TO BE INVOLVED AND  
UPCOMING  
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EVENTS

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## MARCH 6, 2018 IS PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IN TEXAS

The 2018 primary elections in Texas are March 6th, when candidates will be vying for public office for state, county congressional and legislative offices. Texas has open primaries, which means voters don't have to formally affiliate with a political party, but they can only vote in one party's primary. For more information on early voting, voting locations, how to volunteer to vote and how to register to vote, please visit <https://www.votetexas.gov/> or for a more localized resources, try <http://www.harrisvotes.org>. For more information on the candidates, visit <http://vote411.org> to get a better understanding of who stands for what.



## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

The Annual SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th. If you are interested in participating and having your address (or street name only if you prefer) on the map that will be distributed at each location, please email [Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com) by April 21st (in the subject line please put Garage Sale!). The SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale has been occurring since 2012 and has become more popular every year. Have fun selling and shopping!

### HELPFUL TIPS

A few helpful 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.
- ◇ Make items visible. Move 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's 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 8:00 a.m.
- ◇ **Have a few very inexpensive items so people feel like they've gotten a bargain.**



Each home hosting a garage sale can place a sign in their yard and do other types of advertising. The Civic Club will have signs placed near the major entrances of SPP on the morning of the garage sale and pass out garage sale location maps to each host's homes the night before or day of the garage sale. **Good luck!**



## MEN'S GROUP NEWS!

By: Chris Wooldridge

On Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m., the 2nd Men's Group meeting for 2018 took place at the Foster Family YMCA. Attendance was triple that of our January meeting! Those with a wide variety of ages and interests were in attendance.

Moving ahead with the intent of adopting the park, The Men's Group has formalized the process by submitting an "Adopt A Park" program application with the City of Houston. Initial tasks will include de-littering. As membership grows, projects of greater scale will be considered. Jerod Gaddis will create our mission statement and submit for review and approval at our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Upcoming events for the Men's Group are:

- 3/3/18, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Men's Group Meeting at The Foster Family YMCA Chapel
- 3/22/18, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Lunch (held on the 4th Thursday this month due to Spring Break) Have Lunch with Your Neighbor At Miller's on Shepherd Dr.
- 3/24/18, 7:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m. – Assist The Plaza Moms with Park Clean Up & Set Up For The Easter Egg Hunt – Volunteers Needed!
- 3/24/18, 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. – Assist The Plaza Moms with Park Clean Up & Break Down For The Easter Egg Hunt – Volunteers Needed!

Before I close, I want to extend a special "Thanks!" to the men of the Flag Committee who worked into the evening hours and braved the January cold to remove and store all the neighborhood flags. Additionally, "Thanks!" to all our neighbor and civic club volunteers. We are a special community in Houston. We know each other and want to serve each other.

Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Foster YMCA Chapel. If you have questions, please contact Chris at 832-623-4268 or [chris@chris-properties.com](mailto:chris@chris-properties.com).



The Men's Group met at Gatlin's BBQ on Ella on February 15, 2018, for their third Thursday lunch. The group enjoyed good smoked BBQ and good conversation. See picture at right.



Street sign down? Traffic light blinking? Tree limb down over the street? The City of Houston has a dedicated phone line for these types of non-emergency related issues. You can dial 3-1-1 from any land or cellular line or you can



Check out the Shepherd Park Plaza Facebook page for the most recent discussions, news, alerts, ideas, recommendations and neighborhood events.

### February Yards of the Month

**Section 1:**  
N/A

**Section 3:**  
1104 Cheshire  
Janice & Adolph Benys

**Section 2:**  
1102 Chantilly  
Virginia & Harry  
Bell

**Section 4:**  
1016 Richelieu  
Oscar Towns



## Call handled by Deputy Constable

\*Figures are for entire contract including SPP and Candlight Plaza



January 2018

Discharge fireworks...1	Contract checks...315	FOLLOW UP... 1
Traffic Citations...1	Miles Patrol Led...6279	Disturbance Loud Noise...3
Traffic Hazard...3	MEET THE CITIZEN...411	Park Close...1
Suspicious Vehicle...5	Suspicious Person...5	Traffic Stops...6
Alarm...5	Open Window/Other...2	Park Checks...7
Theft/Other...1	Meet the Officer...1	Animal /Humane...1
Vacation Watch...10	Writ...1	Burglary/Motor Vehicle...1

Vacation Watch registry (1 week in advance)...<http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/>

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## Durham Elementary News

Spring is in the air at Durham Elementary! Students will participate in Go Texan Spirit Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the beginning of the 2018 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. We'll be dusting off our boots and proudly wearing our Ten Gallon hats to show our Texas Pride!

PTA's Dads and Dedicated Surrogates (D.A.D.S) will host their second annual mentoring Boot Camp for boys on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This free event encourages boys and male role models to spend time together. This year's workshop will focus on the use of power tools. If any men in the neighborhood would like to volunteer their time at this event, please contact the office at 713-613-2527.

Every March Durham Kindergarteners through Fifth graders participate in Jump Rope for Heart. Last year they raised more than \$6000 to fight heart disease while learning learn heart healthy habits and having fun jump roping. This year, the students will have their competition on the afternoon of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Come out and cheer them on as they show off their jump rope skills and raise funds for the American Heart Association.

**Mark your calendars for Durham's Primary Years Program (PYP) Exhibition on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Fifth graders will participate in this rite of passage as they conclude the PYP at our International Baccalaureate (IB) school and showcase community minded projects that celebrate what it means to be a PYP student, apply what they have learned, and who they have become throughout their elementary school journey. The community is encouraged to view these student-centered projects and learn about the IB program offered at Durham. If you have an interest in mentoring a student through this process, please contact IB Coordinator - Lisa Knupp - at [lknupp@houstonisd.org](mailto:lknupp@houstonisd.org) or call 713-613-2527 for more information.

Want to make a difference at your local school? You don't need to have a child that attends Durham to volunteer - just a desire to help out! Volunteers are needed to work one-on-one with students, in small groups, and to help teachers with behind-the-scenes tasks: 1 - 2 days a week, or as often as you are able. No experience is necessary! Visit the office, email Anne Baumgarten [abaumgar@houstonisd.org](mailto:abaumgar@houstonisd.org), or call 713-613-2527 for more information.

# Citizens Patrol Stats

## January 2018 Patrol Hours *Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale*

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Drive
1	2	10
2	2	10
3	1	10
4	3	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>

### SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS!

The Houston Police Department is concerned about crime in the neighborhoods and communities throughout the city. In response, the Citizen Patrol Program was established in an effort to bring the citizens and the police department together for a common goal, and that is to improve the quality of life by eliminating crime. You can become a volunteer by signing up today! Contact Deborah DeBram or Katherine Peale at 713-812-7626 or [algebrakp@aol.com](mailto:algebrakp@aol.com) for more information.

The Citizen Patrol Program is designed to provide a means for citizens to organize into patrol groups for the purpose of reducing crime in their community. Citizen Patrollers are the additional eyes and ears the police can count on to make Houston a safe place to live and work. The value of police/citizen cooperation is well illustrated by the success of the Citizen Patrol Program.

The winner of the \$10 random drawing is Michelle Ganter. Patrollers who turn in at least 4 driving hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for this drawing.

**We need volunteers. Training is just a few hours and you can be on your way to helping us protect the neighborhood.**



The Garden Club did something really different at our February meeting. We had a surprise baby shower for our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Genevieve. Yes a baby shower. No one at the meeting could remember the last time a Garden Club member had a baby. It was great fun for everyone and we are hoping this is a sign of changing times. The members still had enough time for a paper crafting activity drawing on our creative talents. The next Garden Club meeting will be at 1012 Martin on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and the program will be creating a terrarium. Contact Colette Robichau at (713) 201-3322 if you are interested in joining or just visiting during a meeting.

It's been one of those winters that seems like it will never end. And what a toll this cold weather has had on our gardens. Here are a couple of quick tips on how to handle your garden plants after a freeze:

- 1) Don't trim the dead leaves & stems until after the last freeze (maybe March 1<sup>st</sup>);
- 2) Think about waiting until it warms up some before you begin pulling out your dead plants or cleaning up around garden since many animals and insects use what looks like debris as a temporary winter shelter. To learn more about this here's an interesting article: <https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/02/10/opinion/sunday/let-your-winter-garden-go-wild.html?referer=http://m.facebook.com>

### Garden Club Yard of the Month—Sarra Moseley

Maintaining a colorful garden is a real challenge this time of year. Sarrah Moseley's yard has many of us green with envy. Beautifully landscaped it features colorful plantings including yellow and purple pansies, red cyclamen and colorful ornamental cabbage. Festive wreaths and an impressive pedestal container provide further pops of color. A beautiful yard!





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**March Ladies Night Out**

**Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. @ Petrol Station**

Put the little ones to bed and join your fellow Plaza Moms for craft beers, burgers and friendly conversation at Petrol Station (985 Wakefield Dr). Note: This is a combo LNO/March Social event due to the Easter Egg Hunt.



**Save the Date!!**

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. @ Shepherd Park**

Join your fellow Plaza Moms for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please look more details to come on GroupSpaces and the Plaza Moms FB page. As a reminder, this will be a Member Only Event.



**April Social – Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.**

**Plaza Mom Member Home – Host and Co-Host TBD**

As a mom you spend a lot of time taking care of others and it's easy to forget that you deserve to be pampered too. Take a break from your daily routine and pamper yourself. We have lots of surprises in store, so please join us for a night of pampering.



**Donuts with Dad (April Play Date)**

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. @ Shepherd Park**

Join us for Donuts with Dad at the park. Bring the whole family! Plaza Moms will provide donuts, juice, coffee, and water. Plus we will have fun games for the entire family.

**Join/Renew Your Plaza Moms Membership Today!**

We are excited to announce that we have a new website for Plaza Moms Society. The website: <http://groupspaces.com/PlazaMoms/> will allow you to pay your dues online and will be another way to keep up with Plaza Moms. Please login today to create your account. 2017/18 dues are \$35/school year and can be paid online or at our next event via cash or check. Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms](http://www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms) **Please Note:** All Plaza Moms events as well as our FB page will be for members only this year. We wouldn't want you to miss out on all of the fun, so join/renew your membership today!

**TAKE SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE & PREVENT CRIME**

Over the years, we've provided information on our Constable Patrol Program, so we hope you'll consider donating if you haven't already done so. It's easy to contribute online at <http://shepherdparkplaza.com/pay-constable-and-membership-dues/>. Either way, we want to pass along a few safety tips and some information:

- ◆ If you experience a crime, report it to both the Constable at 713-755-7658 and HPD asap. Social media posts don't get forwarded to the Constable or HPD. Reporting crimes provides statistics that drive manpower requirements and frequency of patrols, so it impacts us all when crime is reported.
- ◆ If you have a house alarm, use it all the time. If you use it occasionally, that "off" day might be the day the crooks hit.
- ◆ If you see suspicious vehicles or suspicious actions of unknown parties, report it to the Constable.
- ◆ Park your vehicles in the driveway or garage and LOCK them.
- ◆ Close and lock your backyard gates.
- ◆ Turn on your front porch, backyard and driveway lights at night.

Important Numbers Police/Fire: 911 City Helpline: 311

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SPP Membership 832-576-1353	City Liaison 713-688-7979	Pulse Advertising 713-688-0574 or 713-681-3600	Men's Group 832-623-4268	HPD 713-884-3131

## SPP CALENDAR March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27 	28	Mar 1	2 Go Texan Day at Durham ES 	3 Pancake Breakfast 
4	5	6   	7	8 	9 	10
11 	12 Garden Club Meeting	13 	14	15 ★ HEAVY Tree Waste ★	16	17
18	19	20  	21	22 	23	24 
25	26	27 	28	29	30 	31

**HEAVY TRASH RETURNS MARCH 1ST!!** For Shepherd Park Plaza, that means **March 15th** is our first HEAVY TREE WASTE pick up for 2018! Got tree trimmings or dead plants? Bundle them up with string and place it curbside.

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-   = Trash and Yard Waste
-  = Curbside Recycling (no glass!)

3 FEET!

The City of Houston requests that you leave 3 feet between your trash bin and recycle bin, and 3 feet between either bin and other trash, your car, etc. This gives the trash and recycle trucks plenty of room to pick up the bins without damaging nearby items.



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