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HOLIDAY HAYRIDES

Friday, December 21st, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Rain Date: Saturday, December 22nd, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

It's HAYRIDE time again! Shepherd Park Plaza residents who want to see our neighborhood's beautiful lights and decorations in a fun, lively way can hop on board one of our hayride trailers. The ride will begin and end from our neighborhood park, Shepherd Park on Dunsmere and Martin. While you're enjoying the lights, be on the lookout for Rudolph flying overhead!

All participants wanting to ride will be given a hayride on a first come, first serve basis. So bundle up (if it's cold), grab your Santa hat and a cup of hot cider and join us. And why not bring a song list to get the party going!?!?

Wine & CRAFT BEER

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SATURDAY, DEC 1, 2018 3:30-5:30 P.M.

BENEFITING THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA AND
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SPP
Wants to Welcome You

New to the neighborhood?
Contact Shannon Zierau at
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welcome you officially.

See page 2 of this issue for more details on the Wine & Craft Beer Crawl, including how to buy tickets!

WINE AND BEER CRAWL DETAILS

CHECK-IN AT 1067 CHANTILLY LN

TICKETS ARE \$50 PER ADULT (21 AND OVER)

\$30 FOR 5 TASTES OF FOOD ONLY

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<http://shepherdparkplaza.com/pay-constable-and-membership-dues/>

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AWARD JUDGING SET TO BEGIN DECEMBER 15TH

It's that time of year again where our residents, nearby neighbors and other Houstonians look forward to the yard decorations for the holidays in Shepherd Park Plaza. So gather your neighbors for a little eggnog, set up those arches, test the lights and dust off the garland! But you better hurry—the judges (aka Santa's elves) will have their tally sheets ready to go on several evenings in mid-December. Try your hand at one of the categories below to see if you can win one of the following in 1st or 2nd place:

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| * Best Overall | * Best Religious | * Most Original |
| * Best Traditional | * Best Novelty | * Best Lighting |
| * Best Door | * Best Window | * Best Street or Cul-de-sac |

After winners in the above categories are chosen, the following categories are judged by Section Representatives for each of the four sections. Homes that have already received an award are not eligible in these categories.

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| * Section Favorites | * Children's Favorites |
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Note: Judges have the discretion to recognize only one winner per category if participation within a category is limited. No home may receive more than one award.

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HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Please note the Trash and Recycle schedules for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's in this issue's calendar.



Prevent Porch Package Theft NOW!



Don't let the GRINCH steal your Christmas! We are days away from the holidays and the delivery of thousands of packages at homes in the area. Thieves know this and are planning, right now, to rip you off!

Precinct One Constable Alan Rosen would like to remind you to consider these options in protecting yourself from porch package theft:

- Use a lock box or locker.
- Consider delivering packages to your office instead of home.
- Install security cameras.
- Give instructions to package delivery service. Both UPS and FEDEX will allow you to designate a specific location other than the porch where a package can be left or you can instruct them to leave it with a neighbor.
- Sign up for alerts so you know when your package arrives. Some delivery services will tell you when a package has been delivered. That can help you realize it's there so you can get it before someone else does.
- Require a signature for delivery if you can require it. That keeps the delivery person from leaving the package on the porch for someone to steal.
- Check your front porch frequently if you are expecting a package.

Taking a few simple steps can protect you from falling victim to these unscrupulous thieves. Ruin their plans not your Christmas!

More Holiday Safety Suggestions

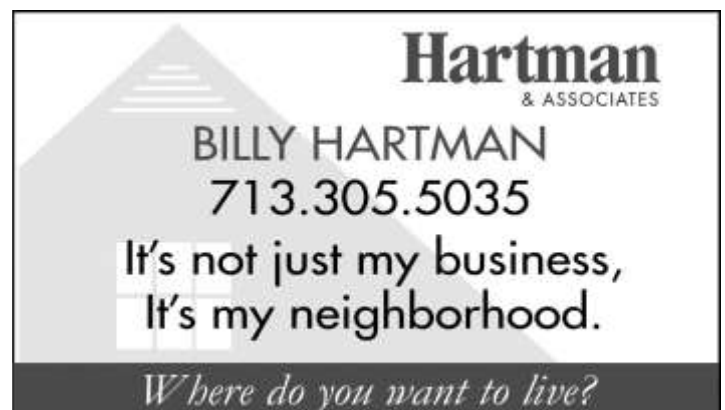
Houston Police Department also had some holiday safety tips that they passed along during their most recent Positive Interaction Program (PIP) Meeting.

- ◆ Be aware of surroundings.
- ◆ Maintain personal safety zone.
- ◆ Be aware of who is just sitting in a car.
- ◆ Park close to store entrances or in well-lit areas.
- ◆ Look under, behind and inside your car before getting in.
- ◆ Carry only what is necessary and use non-descript shopping bags.
- ◆ Watch for skimming devices at credit card machines and ATMs.
- ◆ Stay 1 1/2 car lengths behind car in front of you, especially at stop lights and stop signs.
- ◆ Don't park next to panel vans.



November Yards of the Month

<p>Section 1: 1027 Curtin Gloria & Jesse Bounds</p>	<p>Section 3: 1046 Martin Bobbie Kelly</p>
<p>Section 2: 4618 Chantilly Cir Priscilla & Malcolm Phillips</p>	<p>Section 4: N/A</p>



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October 2018

ANIMAL/HUMANE... 1	Contract checks...72	DISTURBANCE/LOUD NOISE...2
Follow-Up...3	Miles Patrolled...3230	Special Assignment...7
Writ...7	MEET THE CITIZEN...291	Welfare Check...4
Suspicious Vehicle...6	Suspicious Persons...4	Traffic Stops...4
Alarm...1	Traffic Hazard...1	Traffic Initiatives...9
Information call...1	Park Checks...1	Other...5
Vacation Watch...4	Meet the Officer...2	*****

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

SIGN UP FOR THE CONSTABLE OFFICE'S NEWSLETTER...<http://pct1constable.net/sign-up> then click Newsletter



Durham Elementary News

WOW! We're almost through the first semester of the school year. Thank you for your patience as the city continues to progress the drainage project on Brinkman.

Durham's International Festival is fast approaching and the SPP community is invited to come experience this unique and much anticipated event on Saturday, December 8th from 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Each grade level turns their area into a little corner of their country of focus and showcases their culture through food, drinks, and crafts. This is a great opportunity to come see what makes Durham ES an amazing International Baccalaureate school.

Applications for Durham's Pre-K program for the 2019-2020 school year are available on our website. Students must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2019. All interested parents, regardless of zoned status, must complete the application. As always, prospective parents are welcome to attend tours on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Last call for recipe submissions for our ***Durham Turns 50! Cookbook and Durham Stories***. To be included in this community document, your submissions will need to be received by midnight on December 31st, 2018. You can submit your stories and recipes on our website www.DurhamTurns50.com. Or, if you'd prefer, contact the school at 713-613-2527, and someone will help you.

New Year's Eve Safety Tips

If you are planning to celebrate the arrival of 2019, please remember a few safety tips:

- ◇ If you drink, don't drive. When you head out for the evening, have the number of a taxi service or Uber in your cell phone.
- ◇ Have your cell phone fully charged before going out.
- ◇ Keep your money, phone and credit cards in a pocket or pouch under your clothing.
- ◇ Use marked sidewalks/crosswalks.
- ◇ Use the "buddy" system. If you go out alone, let someone know when to expect you home and at what time.



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Citizens Patrol Stats

October 2018 Patrol Hours Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Drive
1	0	12
2	0	11
3	0	13
4	1	20
TOTAL	1	56

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 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 Deborah DeBram. 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 November Garden Club meeting was held at Genevieve Erdbruegger's home where she and Kyle had concrete ready for us to make pots for succulents. Look for the results at the SPP Garden Club Plant Sale, which is in the planning stages for April 2019.

Our Christmas party is set for Monday, December 3rd at Spaghetti Western. The gift exchange is always the highlight of our party; we laugh, swap and steal as presents are opened. RSVP's are required.

The January meeting date has changed to MLK day, January 21st. Our neighbor from Thornton St. in Oak Forest, Lauren Jansen Simpson, a clinical assistant professor at the University of Houston Law Center, has the day off and graciously offered us a tour of her wildlife habitat garden which attracts pollinators with native plantings. She was recently featured in the Houston Chronicle.

We are growing! We welcomed 3 guests at our last meeting and we would love for you to join us.

Shirley Correll at 1055 Martin St. is the recipient of the Garden Club's yard of the month. There is a beautiful magnolia tree, crape myrtles and large loropetalum shrubs. Red and yellow roses and seasonal annuals provide additional color. This yard looks great any time of year.



GONE TO THE DOGS!

By: Romi Sandel (Pulse Editor)

As the Pulse Editor, quite a few residents have reached out to me in the last six months about two things:

1) Unleashed dogs running loose, and 2) Dog walkers failing to clean up their dog's waste. Houston has a leash law, so please abide by it for your safety and the safety of your dogs. Owners must have direct physical control of their dogs (and cats) or risk a fine. And as a courtesy to homeowners, walkers, people with strollers and gardeners, please carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog!

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Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 1st, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Durham Elementary School
Please join us for the Annual Plaza Moms' Breakfast with Santa. IndyQuest Properties will be sponsoring breakfast and we will have a photographer on hand to capture pictures with Santa (personal cameras welcome). There will also be craft stations. While we would love to have friends join, this will be a Member Only Event.



December Social - White Elephant Gift Exchange
Tuesday, December 18th, **Chelsea Steiner's Home @ 1103 Richelieu Lane**
Eat, drink and be merry! Join us for our Annual White Elephant Party, each guest is asked to bring a \$10 gift to exchange (not required). We will have a few extra surprises as well!



January Social - Houston Yard Art Craft
Tuesday, January 15th - **Elizabeth Cardner's Home @ 1046 Candlelight Lane**
The Holidays have come and gone, and now it's time to craft! Join us as we create personalized yard art!
Space is limited so if you would like to participate please reply to the event on GroupSpaces/Facebook.
More details provided next month.

Join/Renew Membership:

Pay your dues online at <http://groupspaces.com/PlazaMoms/> - 2018/19 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. All events and FB page are members only.

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer for these events, please contact us via email or Facebook. Volunteer opportunities are available for prep well before the event date, set-up before the event begins, help during the event and take down after each event.

FALL DECORATING AWARD WINNERS		
Category	1st Place	2nd Place
Best All Around	975 Curtin Sandy & Randy Klander	1147 Thornton Sarrah & Gary Moseley
Best Scarecrow	1126 Candlelight Lynette & Ray Bartula	1119 Candelight Carolyn & Daniel Barrett
Most Original	1162 Curtin Ailene & Bill Hartman	1043 Martin Daniel Melott

TIME CHANGE AND SAFETY TIPS!

With the recent return to standard time, it gets darker earlier than the previous months. Combine that with holiday shopping frenzies and a little too much alcohol on occasion, and walkers and joggers and bikers can be at a higher risk. Please wear reflective clothing or blinking lights and stick to the sidewalks.

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Architectural Guidelines 713-316-5255	Plaza Pulse News 713-316-9688	SPP Historian 713-851-3000	Traffic & Safety 713-681-7479	Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628
SPP Membership 713-338-2989	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 December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1 Wine & Beer Crawl Breakfast with Santa
2 HAPPY HANUKKAH	3 Garden Club Christmas Party	4	5 SPPCC Board Mtg	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Christmas Yard judging starts	15
16	17	18 PLAZA MOMS security General Meeting	19	20 HEAVY JUNK Waste	21 SPP HAYRIDES!	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31	Jan 1 Happy New Year	2 SPPCC Board Mtg	3	4	5



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