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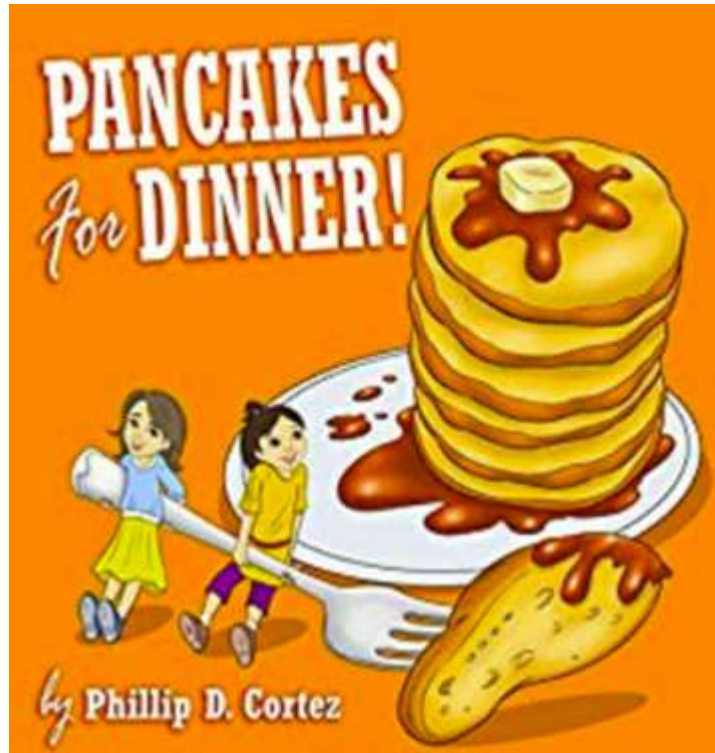
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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA

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.

The Garden Club will have items for purchase as well.

SPP SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

LEARN ABOUT WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AND UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

FIND OUT HOW TO GET A CHRISTMAS ARCH

MEET THE CONSTABLE AND HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE DRAINAGE PROJECT

DURHAM ELEMENTARY

4803 Brinkman St,
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Sunday March 24th

4pm – 6pm

SPP
Wants to Welcome You

New to the neighborhood?
Contact Shannon Zierau at
713-775-0307 or
szierau@yahoo.com so we can
welcome you officially.



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on
Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 5, 2019
FIRST ANNUAL CINCO DE BBQ

We know we live in a neighborhood of fierce competitors, so we thought we'd add another opportunity to show your stuff...your BBQ grilling skills! You need a grill, meat, a pit and a winning spirit! And the net proceeds benefit the Constable Patrol program. Here are all the meaty details:

May 5, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. until the cows come home

Candlelight Westside cul-de-sac (near Brian Haven in SPP)

\$20 per adult, \$10 for children under 12, and free for kids under 5. This fee gets you hearty samples, sides, drinks and tickets to vote for the best.

Contact Courtney Selinidis at Courtney.Selinidis@gmail.com if you want to participate in this first ever BBQ Cookoff!



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**Responsible Gun Ownership Prevents Accidental Deaths of Children
From Constable Alan Rosen and the Harris County Precinct 1 Constable's Office**

Keeping guns out of reach

Young children are curious. Even if you have talked to them many times about gun safety, they can't truly understand how dangerous guns can be. If they come across a loaded weapon, they can accidentally hurt or kill themselves or someone else.

Your most important responsibility is ensuring that children do not encounter loaded firearms.

To keep your children safe please follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Unloaded firearms should be stored in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case when not in use. The storage location should be inaccessible to children.
- ◆ Use a gun lock. Gun locking devices render firearms inoperable and can be used in addition to locked storage.
- ◆ Ammunition should be stored in a locked location separate from firearms.
- ◆ Thoroughly double check firearms to confirm that they are unloaded when you remove them from storage.

Safe Handling

Before handling any firearm, familiarize yourself with these safety procedures:

- ◆ Know how the firearm operates — including safely opening and closing the action of the firearm, and removing ammunition from the gun or its magazine.
- ◆ Always keep a gun pointed in a safe direction, even when handling an unloaded gun.
- ◆ Never assume that a firearm is unloaded. Immediately open the action and look into the chamber(s) or magazine for ammunition.
- ◆ Always keep your finger off the trigger, even when handling an unloaded gun. The only time you should touch the trigger is when you are ready to safely fire.

Remember, nearly all firearms accidents in the home can be prevented simply by making sure that guns are kept unloaded and locked up, with ammunition secured in a separate location.

The Precinct One Constable's Office provides free gun locks to the public. To obtain a free gun lock, call our office at (713) 755-3372.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

The Annual SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th. If you are interested in participating, just clean out the garage, the spare bedroom and some closets and set up shop! The SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale has been occurring since 2012 and has become more popular every year. Have fun selling and shopping!

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 place an ad in The Leader. In years past, we've had maps available, but this year we're going to advertise in The Leader instead. Good luck!

January 2019 (Positive Interaction Program) PIP Report

Those in attendance at the January 2019 PIP meeting were introduced to the new Director of PIP. Sgt. Mike Flores, who has 28 years of experience with the Houston Police Department (HPD) in Jail, Vice, Special Ops, and Community Service. At the next meeting, he will provide us with information about the schedule of Citizens on Patrol Training for 2019.

HPD is introducing a new neighborhood program by making available a number of Ring Camera Doorbells which can be hooked up to police monitor and network for aid in catching video of a crime. There will be a small yearly maintenance fee. For information about eligibility for obtaining this equipment in our Precinct 1, text contact is HPD555888 app:NeighborsLiveStream. We will hear more about this new program at the next PIP meeting.



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 download the app to your SmartPhone.

February Yards of the Month

Section 1: 1043 Chamboard Irene & Damon Brotherton	Section 3: 1032 Martin Melissa & Alex Taylor
Section 2: 1002 Chantilly Cazell Tooker	Section 4: 1115 Richelieu Faye Bartinski



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January 2019

TRAFFIC STOP...5	Contract checks...162	DISTURBANCE/LOUD NOISE...2
Follow-Up...2	Miles Patrolled...3066	Vehicle Speeding...1
Writ...1	MEET THE CITIZEN... 174	Disturbance/Fireworks...1
Suspicious Vehicle...4	Suspicious Persons...5	Discharge Firearms...1
Alarm...2	Traffic Hazard...3	Open Door/Window...2
Information call...2	Park Checks...5	Other...2
Vacation Watch...38	Traffic Citations...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

It's finally arrived!! Durham Elementary's 50th Anniversary Celebration! Join us on Saturday, April 6th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Durham Campus. Go to durhamturn50.com to RSVP for the party and for more information. We would be honored to have any former Durham students or teachers join the party and share your experiences at this wonderful neighborhood school. And don't miss the cookbook coming soon!!



North Shepherd Community Alliance January 2019 Meeting

Shepherd Park Plaza representatives attended the Alliance's monthly meeting on January 15th, 2019. NSCA Activities for this month have consisted of having North Shepherd area curbs and gutters cleaned for better drainage, replacing missing manhole covers, and replacing non-operating lights.

Other projects to be addressed are getting new stoplights on North Shepherd to manage the additional traffic generated by the residential developments being built along North Shepherd. Turning safely onto the main thoroughfare from the side streets has become more difficult.

An on-going concern is getting the railroad bridge area cleaned up and brush cut. These are matters that require teamwork and cooperation of several entities, such as the City of Houston, TEXDOT, the Railroad, and getting the aid of our councilperson who represents our interests.

NSCA encourages anyone with neighborhood concerns to attend the meeting, represent your subdivision, become a member, and bring your suggestions and/or helpful contacts. The meetings are monthly, every third Wednesday. The Alliance can be reached at 713-516-4282 if you want more information on joining.

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Citizens Patrol Stats

January 2019 Patrol Hours Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Driving
1	0	12
2	0	9
3	0	14
4	0	18
TOTAL	0	53

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 Bruno Majewski. 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 SPP Garden Club Biennial Garden Tour planning is in full swing! The date is set for Sunday, April 7th and backyards are being sought and assessed. In March Garden Club members will be selling tickets and seeking items you may have from the garden center such as black plastic trays and pots (like the 4" pots that hold bedding plants) and any pots up to 8-10". We are busy getting plants potted for the plant sale.

Our March meeting is Monday, March 11th, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Julie Hetrick at 1019 Chamboard Lane. All visitors are welcome! We will be signing up volunteers to work the Garden tour at this meeting and would love to have you.

Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club is open to all SPP residents, whether green thumb or brown. Meetings and outings are held monthly throughout the school year. For information about any of our events, please reach out to Colette Robichau 713-201-3322 crobichau@comcast.net

YARD OF THE MONTH:

Genevieve Erdbruegger at 1138 Chantilly Lane is the Garden Club's February Yard of the Month. To welcome visitors to their home, Kyle and Genevieve planted seasonal cyclamen in red, pink, and white. Framing the flowers are green and white brake ferns, purplish green ajuga, violas with delicate flowers and azaleas sprouting new growth. Glazed blue pots contain a lime green hosta and frogfruit. One of the 2 live oaks hosts a bat house.



It's Texas Bluebonnet time! Take a break from the hectic city life and drive to the outskirts of Houston to enjoy rolling hills covered in bluebonnets. With the heavy rain we've had over the last few months, nature lovers are predicting an extraordinary year of the bluebonnets splendor!



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March Ladies Night Out

Thursday, March 7th, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. @ Cottonwood

Take your own Spring Break with the ladies of Plaza Moms. We will be heading to Cottonwood for some drinks and some adult time. We look forward to seeing you there!

Note: There is a no March Social due to Spring Break.



Donuts with Dad

Saturday, March 23rd, 9:00am - 10:00am @ Shepherd Park Playground

Join us for Donuts with Dad at the park. Bring the whole family! Plaza moms will provide donuts, coffee, juice, and water. Plus there will be some fun games to play!



Save the Date! Plaza Moms Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13th 9:30am - 11:30am @ Shepherd Park

Join your fellow Plaza Moms for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. More details to come in next month's issue. **As a reminder, this will be a Member Only Event.**



April Social - Tuesday, April 16th, 7:30pm

Plaza Mom Member Courtney Siegmund's Home @ 1035 Martin Street

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.

New Plaza Moms Officers Needed for the 2019/20 School Year

Would you like to be more involved in Plaza Moms? Well you are in luck as we are looking for some new fresh faces to replace those of us that are finishing up our terms as Plaza Moms Officers in August. We would love to have you join us! **If you are interested please don't hesitate to reach out at our next Social or via Facebook.**

Join Plaza Moms Today!

Pay your dues online at <http://groupspaces.com/PlazaMoms/> - 2018/19 dues are \$35 per 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

***Note: All Plaza Moms events as well as our FB page will be members only again this year. We wouldn't want you to miss out on all of the fun, so join/renew your membership today!**

Important Numbers Police/Fire: 911 City Helpline: 311

Citizens Patrol 713-812-7626	Deed Restrictions 713-316-5255	Plaza Moms 281-216-3452	New Neighbor/Greeter 713-775-0307	Garden Club 713-201-3322
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 March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			SPPCC Board Mtg			
	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Garden Club Meeting					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				HEAVY TREE Waste		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Annual SPP Business Meeting						
31	April 1	2	3	4	5	6
			SPPCC Board Mtg			Durham Elementary – 50th anniversary!

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

Reminder about Heavy Trash: Our heavy trash pickup is the 3rd Thursday of each month. Tree waste is picked up in ODD months, and Junk waste in the EVEN months.

Although the City of Houston's website doesn't indicate a change in Heavy Tree Waste/Junk pickup, these items are not being picked up on schedule.



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