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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

August 2020

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Wants to Welcome You

New to the neighborhood?  
Contact Courtney Siegmund  
at [ccarlson@jw.com](mailto:ccarlson@jw.com) so we  
can welcome you officially.

## JULY 4TH PARADE

We did things a little different this year, which was to have a car parade through Candlelight and Shepherd Park Plaza to celebrate our nation's independence. The spectators gathered along the parade route and cheered on the drivers, all while sporting their red, white, and blue! It was a little different, a lot of fun, and a ton of spirit.





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The SPP Garden Club meetings take a summer break June-August, so mark your calendar to join us when we resume in September. SPP Garden Club meetings are at 7pm on the second Monday of the month. More information to come closer to our fall kickoff meeting.

In the meantime, you may have seen Garden Club members weeding, mulching, and cleaning up the rocks at the park beds. If you have any extra river rock that you are looking to get rid of, we would gladly welcome it to be added to the front of the park bed.

Thank you to those who are painting and leaving rocks at the Shepherd Park sign! We have enjoyed seeing the colorful and inspiring rocks and look forward to many more.

### Garden Club Tip of the Month

Fall is just around the corner and now is the perfect time to be thinking and planning out your fall garden. Fall vegetable gardening in Houston is great due to our milder climate. If you don't want to plant vegetables, how about a monarch butterfly garden? Milkweed, coneflowers, zinnias, blue porterweed, and Mexican flame vine are just a few plants to consider adding to aid the annual monarch migration. Type the bit.ly link into your search engine for Vegetable Garden Planting Dates for Harris County or pick up a copy at Wabash. <https://bit.ly/3izBeV2>

What will you be growing and enjoying this fall?

### Garden Club Local Monthly Highlight

Are you looking for something to do with your kids? Check out the 'Growing with Plants & Nature' program sponsored by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension of Harris County. This program offers a free way for children and parents to engage in hands-on activities focused on learning, creating, and having fun with plants and nature. Due to the current environment, programs are available online via their public Facebook page - Growing with Plants & Nature Virtual Group (GPNVG).

**First Day of School: September 8, 2020**  
**Virtual Instruction Until October 16, 2020**

Back  
to  
School

All parents will be asked to complete the 2020-2021 Parent Introduction to Virtual Learning Online Course by August 28, 2020. The course will be available on July 31, 2020. Visit [www.houstonisd.org/reopening](http://www.houstonisd.org/reopening) for the latest information and updates due to Covid-19.

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JUNE 2020

TRAFFIC STOP...2	CONTRACT CHECKS...615	DRUG OD POSSESSION...1
FOLLOW-UP...2	MILES PATROLLED...2837	OCCUPANCY CODE VIOLATION...
WELFARE CHECK...2	MEET THE CITIZEN...60	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...4
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...10	DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE...1	ANIMAL HUMANE...2
ALARM...2	TRAFFIC HAZARD...4	SOLICITORS...4
INFORMATION CALL...2	PARK CHECKS...14	STOLEN VEHICLE...1
VACATION WATCH...48	BURGLARY OF HABITATION...1	OTHER...8

VACATION WATCH REGISTRY (1 WEEK IN ADVANCE)...[HTTP://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP/VACATION-WATCH/](http://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP/VACATION-WATCH/)

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### DURHAM ELEMENTARY



Hello Families!! I wanted to share the names of the new teachers that are joining our Durham Family. Please welcome: Ms. Gonzalez (K), Ms. Jimenez (1), Ms. Akhtar (2), Mr. Medina (3), Mr. Hampton (4), Ms. Yang (4), & Mr. McIntosh (5). At the time of writing, planning is in the works for some great lessons, exciting TEAMS meetings, and small group instruction. A community meeting will be held soon to share the plan. Hope everyone is enjoying summer! - Principal Flores



### Patriotic Awards



Congratulations to these residents that showed their American spirit in their front yards!

Section 1:  
1043 Curtin  
Laurie & Lloyd Lambert

Section 3:  
1105 Martin  
Raycene & Robert Hilsher



Section 2:  
927 Chantilly  
Valerie & Jared Bench

Section 4:  
1033 Candlelight  
Chad Owens & Kelly Philbeck



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



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### HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!

June 1st officially started Hurricane Season, so in case you ran out of supplies during the pandemic, it's time to replenish water, toilet paper (yes!), canned goods, batteries, matches, and other essentials. Also, if you have a generator, fill it up with gas and test it before you actually need it. Fill your cars up with gas in case a storm starts forming in the Gulf.

Check out the National Hurricane Center's website and the Weather Channel's website as shown in the links below: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> or <https://Weather.com>



## CITIZENS PATROL STATS

### JUNE 2020 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Driving
1	4
2	10
3	9
4	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</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.**

## TAX FREE WEEKEND!

Even though back-to-school certainly looks different this year, you can still take advantage on tax free shopping during the weekend of August 7-9. Tax free applies to clothes, backpacks, shoes and much more. This applies to online shopping too! Check out <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/98-490/> for more information.



### Save the Date! August 21, 2020 8 p.m.

Back to School and the start of the Plaza Moms year is looking a little different for everyone this year! We want to start the year cautious, hopeful, and positive. We are thankful for our strong community that can support each other throughout this tough time!

This year, for the Plaza Moms annual kick-off party, we are exploring options for having an outdoor happy hour for those who wish to come. We will send final plans via Facebook and e-mail.

For now, all events this year will be evaluated month-to-month. Please continue to check back for updates!

We will hopefully have many reasons to have volunteers this year! Please e-mail [plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com](mailto:plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering for an officer position, one-time, or however you wish! It is a huge help!



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

Interested in joining? Please e-mail [plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com](mailto:plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com) for more info or with questions you might have about membership, events, or anything else! Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms](https://www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms)

**Please Note:** All Plaza Moms events (except for Movie in the Park and Fourth of July Parade), as well as our FB page, are for Plaza Moms members only. We wouldn't want you to miss out on all of the fun, so join/renew your membership today!









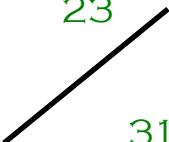



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS POLICE/FIRE: 911 CITY HELPLINE: 311

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SPP Membership 303-588-0424	City Liaison 713-688-7979	Pulse Advertising 713-688-0574 or 713-681-3600	Men's Group N/A	HPD Non-Emergency 713-884-3131

## SPP CALENDAR

August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 26	27	28 	29	30	31	AUG 1
2	3	4  	5 	6	7	8
9	10	11 	12	13	14	15
16	17	18  	19	20 	21	22
23 	24	25 	26	27	28	30
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= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling

**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.

### 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.

### July Yards of the Month

<b>Section 1:</b> 978 Chamboard Nina & Michael Cao	<b>Section 3:</b> 4627 Brian Haven Margaret Mock
<b>Section 2:</b> 1047 Thornton Dean Dicks	<b>Section 4:</b> 1056 Richelieu Jamie & Daren Bartula



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