



# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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## Constable Alan Rosen Visits Shepherd Park Plaza

Precinct One Constable Alan Rosen spoke to the SPP Civic Club board at our March meeting, and shared some valuable information we'd like to pass along to our neighbors.

Individuals can sign up for Crime Alert emails directly from the Constable's office! Go to [www.pct1constable.net](http://www.pct1constable.net) and click on "Crime Alerts Sign Up"



### Other Resources of Interest...

CitizensNet—the City of Houston email newsletter  
<http://cohapp.cityofhouston.gov/citizensnet/Registration.aspx>

### There's an App for That!

City of Houston 311 App  
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## SPP Spring Garage Sale April 13

by Patricia Dornak

Date: Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to Noon

Rain Date: Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to Noon

To have your address in Garage Sale advertisements and on handout maps, please contact Patricia Dornak at [Pdornak@gmail.com](mailto:Pdornak@gmail.com) or 713-683-6502.

This year our neighbors in Candlelight Plaza will be joining us in having garage sales. Have fun selling or shopping!

Here are a few 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 or in your garage.
- Make items visible. Consider moving some items to your driveway, toward the front of your house.
- Hang clothes. Don't leave them in boxes.
- 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 denomination bills ready.
- Be prepared for early bird shoppers arriving at or before 8 AM!

As in the past, for residents wanting to donate unsold items, a nonprofit organizations providing assistance to the needy in our part of Houston, **MANNA** (Ministry Assistance of the Near Northwest Alliance), located on 43<sup>rd</sup> at Rosslyn Rd will pick up your unwanted items beginning at 1 PM. Please indicate your participation in a MANNA pickup when contacting Patricia Dornak.

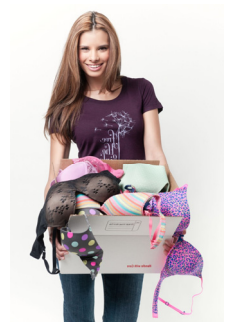
## Free the Girls! Campaign

By Emily Leffler

While you are cleaning out your closets and drawers for the garage sale, don't just throw away your old brassieres! That's right, I'm talking about ladies' undergarments or "foundations" as my mother would call them.

Surely you jest, Emily! Who would want my worn out bras? Well, I'll tell you. The Heights Life and A 2nd Cup Coffee Shop are teaming up to collect bras through the month of April in order to support (seriously) women who are caught in the web of human trafficking. Houston is a hub for human trafficking due to our proximity to the Port, the border and I-10. To learn more about how sending used bras to these women in their countries of origin helps them earn a living and never consider selling their bodies, go to [FreeTheGirls.org](http://FreeTheGirls.org).

Candlelight resident, **Megan Rasmussen**, is collecting our neighborhood bras! Drop yours by her house at **4907 Dunsmere**. Sports bras, nursing bras, underwire or not—they take them all!



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

WEEK	HOURS PATROLLED
1	27.75
2	25.25
3	38
4	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</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.

Winner of the random drawing for the \$10 gas bonus this month is **August Galliano**. To be eligible, auto patrollers must turn in at least 4 hours by the 5th of the month. Gift cards for accumulated driving hours will be distributed at the April meeting.

**Safety Tips from the Citizens on Patrol**

- Remember to turn on your porch lights.
- When traveling, please arrange for mail and newspapers by either suspending service or having a friend or neighbor pick it up for you. Leave a light or two on while you are away, and communicate with your neighbors that you will be gone and for how long.

**Houston Selected Winner and the Fan Favorite in Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayors Challenge**

*\$1 Million Prize Awarded for the City's Revolutionary One Bin for All Idea*

Thanks to your support, Houston's *One Bin for All* idea has been named one of the five winners in the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayors Challenge, a competition to inspire American cities to generate innovative ideas that solve major challenges and improve city life - and that ultimately can be shared with other cities to improve the well-being of the nation.

Houston will receive a \$1 million innovation prize to help implement its *One Bin for All* idea and as the winner of the Mayors Challenge Fan Favorite Selection, Houston will also receive a \$50K in-kind grant from IBM to support the implementation of its *One Bin For All* idea.

*One Bin for All* is a first-of-its kind innovation that will revolutionize the way the City of Houston handles trash, achieving high-volume recycling and waste diversion, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and lower operating costs. More information will be forthcoming as the program moves forward.

*One Bin for All* utilizes game-changing technology to separate trash from recyclables, allowing residents to discard all materials in one bin. The anticipated end result is a dramatic increase in the amount of waste diverted from our landfills. Implementation will be achieved through a public/private partnership.

For more information contact Baker Goldsmith in the Mayor's Office of Sustainability at [baker.goldsmith@houstontx.gov](mailto:baker.goldsmith@houstontx.gov). To learn more about recycling in Houston, visit [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling.html) and [www.greenhoustontx.gov](http://www.greenhoustontx.gov).

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Arrests..... 3  
 Alarm Responses ..... 5  
 Citizen Contacts ..... 147  
 Disturbances ..... 1  
 Investigations ..... 0  
 Park Checks..... 26

Vacation Watch ..... 22  
 Burglary of Habitation ..... 1  
 Family Disturbance..... 1  
 Runaway ..... 1  
 Miles Patrolled ..... 2,350

### Traffic:

Verbal/Written Warnings... 1  
 Citations ..... 8  
 Suspicious Persons..... 5  
 Medical Emergencies ..... 2

## What's Happening Around Houston?

By Carol Jean Hebert

### Miller Outdoor Theater

Since its beginnings 89 years ago, Miller Outdoor Theatre has provided a unique resource for the City of Houston and its visitors. Steadfast in the founding principal that the theatre shall provide cultural and educational events free of charge for the public, Miller has evolved like the city itself. What was once "a permanent bandstand" in Hermann Park is now a first-class proscenium theatre, professionally operated and committed to providing quality and diverse performances worthy of the great international city that Houston has become.

Located on nearly eight acres in the heart of Hermann Park, Miller Outdoor Theatre is the only free open-air theatre of its kind in the United States. It is a home away from home for some of Houston's most dynamic arts organizations such as HITS Theater, Houston Grand Opera, Dance of Asian America, Festival Chicano, Houston Symphony, Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) and a host of other multi-cultural groups and theater companies. Every performance in its March to November season is free.

Miller's Hill" was created in 1948 with dirt from the excavations of Fannin Street. In 1968, the city built a new theatre with bonds approved by public vote. The new theatre building, designed by Eugene Werlin and Associates, won several awards: the *American Iron and Steel Institute's Biannual Award (1969)*, the *American Institute of Steel Construction's Award of Excellence*, and the *James E. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Award*. The 1968 Miller Theatre building was then refurbished starting in 1996, jointly funded by the city of Houston and Friends of Hermann Park.

For 90 years, Miller Outdoor Theatre has been a place where special memories are made: of squealing with delight while rolling down the hill--over and over again...of first dates and surprise proposals...of the Houston Symphony and fireworks on July 4th...of the first time to experience Shakespeare or an opera or mariachi or the music of Motown...of crowds of thousands simultaneously leaping to their feet to offer a standing ovation ...of sharing great performances with friends and family and total strangers...these are Miller memories. The stately oak trees on either side of the stage that flanked the original bandstand built when Miller opened in 1923 still stand sentry today. Miller Memorial Theatre, as it was originally called, looked a bit different back then, but one thing remains the same: audiences have never been charged admission for the quality and quantity of entertainment it provides.



Miller Outdoor Theatre  
 6000 Hermann Park Drive  
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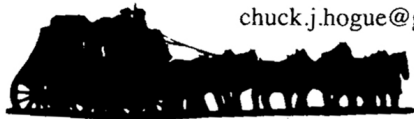
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**CITY HELPLINE: 311**

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713-305-5035

Plaza Moms  
713-775-0307 or 832-477-7871

New Neighbor/Greeter  
713-305-5036

Garden Club  
713-344-7013

CP Vacation Watch  
713-682-5959

Architectural Guidelines  
713-301-4054

Plaza Pulse News  
713-628-4210

SPP Historian  
713-681-1552

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713-824-4799

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713-683-6502

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713-683-9945

Pulse Advertising  
713-688-0574 or 713-681-3600

Men's Group  
713-683-9945



## SPP CALENDAR

APRIL 2013



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	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	29	30	<p>Note that our heavy trash has been moved to the 3rd Thursday of each month with Tree Waste in the odd months, and Junk Waste in the even months. Learn more at <a href="http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/2012_heavytrashroute.html">www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/2012_heavytrashroute.html</a></p>			



There is no April Meeting for Plaza Moms, but the officers will be meeting to discuss plans for next year. Please email co-chairs Shannon Zierau (szierau@yahoo.com) and Emily

Eldridge (emilyhayden@yahoo.com) to share your ideas for what can make Plaza Moms even better!

**April 18**—8pm, Ladies Night Out, Petrol Station



## Men's Club

The guys in the group are craving tex-mex this month, and have chosen a new area restaurant to try out. The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's Group will meet for lunch on April 11 at La Hacienda at 1431 W. 26th St. (just behind Lowe's). See you there at 11:30—newcomers welcome!

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



## Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers

Our merry band of travelers will be Central Texas bound on a Precinct Four bus on Thursday, April 18. They will tour four of Texas' historic painted churches and have lunch at the Oakridge Smokehouse in Schulenburg. The trips are open to all residents and their friends over the age of 50. For more information contact **Chuck Blesener** at [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto:ccbles77@gmail.com) or 713-683-9945.

## Easter Decorations Winners!

1103 Thornton - Frank & Mary Maxwell  
Best Overall, 1st Place

1056 Cheshire - Pete & Sharon Santikos  
Best Overall, 2nd Place



## Garden Club

March Madness was evident at the home of **Romi Sandel**, hostess, on March 11, 2013 as the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club held its annual "Brown Bag" event. Each member attending brought a donated gift, raffle tickets were sold, and a ticket drawn to determine the winner of the gift. A total of \$367 was raised to be placed in the club's special project fund for beautification efforts and needs within the neighborhood.

Assisting Romi with the wonderful bar-be-que brisket meal with all the trimmings were **Sharon Boone, Sharon Correll, Geraldine Gurley, Monica Krause**, and others. Thirty-one members attended the event, and all enjoyed the meal, the "Brown Bag", and the abundant laughter.

March Yard-Of-The-Month winner was **Colette Robichau**, 1014 Candlelight.

**Sarrah Moseley**, chairman of the Beautification Committee within the Garden Club, reported that maintenance work has been completed on the JoAnne Payne Memorial Garden in the cul-de-sac of the 1000 block of Richelieu and the club beds within Shepherd Park. These two projects, as well as the entrance beds at Thornton near Ella, are the responsibility of the Garden Club, while all other beds fall under maintenance thru the Civic Club. A work weekend has been initiated and will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, and will include maintenance and planting as needed for the Thornton St. entrance beds, the Shepherd Park beds, the JoAnne Payne Memorial, and the Neighborhood Vegetable Garden. The Committee also addressed a long-standing issue with watering these beds, and has recruited volunteers for a watering schedule.

In new business, the outgoing officers will serve as the nominating committee for the election of officers for the 2013-2014 term, and the elections will be held at the April meeting. Our general membership meetings end in April each year, and our installation dinner for the new board will be held in lieu of the May meeting.

April meeting will be the 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m., in the home of **Lori Kubin**. Merrill O'Neal will present a program on "Tropical Plants, Interesting and Unusual". Guests are welcome at all our meetings.

**Share Your News**—Please pass along any news of note about SPP residents so that 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 contacting **Romi Sandel** at 713-962-4171.



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### Section 1:

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EDWARD & LYNN HERRERA

### Section 3:

1040 CHESHIRE  
LEE & LOIS HADLEY

### Section 2:

1135 THORNTON RD  
JOE & LIISA KIURU

### Section 4:

1130 RICHELIEU LN  
CHRIS & ANN BROCK

# SPP

## Wants to Welcome You

Thanks to **Spaghetti Western**, 1608 Shepherd Drive (713) 861-1313, who graciously donated gift certificates for our newest neighbors.  
<http://www.spagwesthouston.com/>.

New to the neighborhood? Even if you are not-so-new, but haven't gotten around to introducing yourself yet, contact **Eileen Hartman** at 713-305-5036 or [Eileen@greenwoodking.com](mailto:Eileen@greenwoodking.com) so we can welcome you officially.

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