



# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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#### Share Your News!

Please pass along any news of note about SPP residents so 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 by contacting your section rep (see names on p.2)



**All proceeds to support the SPP Civic Club. Limited to first 100 guests.**  
**Price includes all you-can-eat crawfish, fixins', beer and margaritas.**

**Tickets price until March 31st:**

**Adults: \$30**

**Children(5-12): \$10**

**Ticket prices at the Event:**

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**Children (5-12): \$15**

**To Purchase or RSVP please contact Patricia Dornak, at [PDornak@gmail.com](mailto:PDornak@gmail.com) or 713-504-5486**

## Board of Directors

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*Editor's Note: Apologies for leaving Easter Sunday off of the calendar in the March Pulse.*

## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE SET FOR APRIL 9TH



Have you finished that Spring cleaning project? Has the oldest moved off to college? Have you got a piece of exercise equipment collecting dust? If so, **why don't you participate in the Annual SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale** scheduled for Saturday, April 9th? Resident Patricia Dornak is coordinating the event, so if you are interested in participating and having your address (or street name only if you prefer) posted in in The Leader and various neighborhood Facebook pages, please submit it to her at [PDornak@gmail.com](mailto:PDornak@gmail.com) or leave a voice message with info at 713-683-6502. Please indicate if you want to be included for a pickup of your unsold items to be donated to MANNA, a neighborhood resale store located on 43<sup>rd</sup> St @ Rosslyn, whose mission is to help the needy in our area. MANNA will begin pickup right after the garage sale from noon to 3 p.m. or you can deliver to them at your convenience. 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. Consider moving 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.

As a result of new SPP Board positions for 2016 we have a new Membership Director. After 6 years Tom Dornak has decided to move on from this position. Our new Membership Director is Philip Billeaud on Chamboard Ln. His address will be on future correspondence regarding membership; and anyone wishing to make contributions for our 2016 Membership or Constable programs may send them to:

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## Plaza Moms Easter Egg Hunt



*The Easter Bunny made an early appearance in Shepherd Park to the delight of many young children eager to find the perfect Easter egg with the perfect prize inside. These pint-size participants enjoyed the Easter egg hunt, sitting on the Easter Bunny's lap, face painting and games. The Plaza Moms' members did a wonderful job of planning this annual event as is evident by all the sweet smiles in the pictures below!*



Plaza  
Moms

## Plaza Moms Group

**April Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**1102 Candlelight**

Do you want to exercise and get in shape but are short on time as a busy mom?! Come to the April Plaza Moms meeting at Rebecca Johnson -Edgerly's home, 1102 Candlelight, and learn from personal trainer Brittney Light of Brittney Light Fitness who works with a lot of moms in one-on-one training and by creating personalized workout routines. Her workouts are tailored to your fitness level, needs, wants and goals. Learn the essentials to getting and staying fit! You won't want to miss this one!

**Ladies Night Out**  
**Wednesday, April 20 at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Berryhill (43rd/Ella)**  
Join us on the patio for the April's LNO!

### Membership Dues

We are in the process of updating all of our member only social media pages (Facebook, Big Tent) and our email distribution list. Please remember to pay your membership dues so that you don't lose access to our event info. If you have any questions please email [plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com](mailto:plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com). You can pay your dues at the next event via cash or check (made out to Plaza Moms), or credit card by emailing a pay by credit card link, or you may drop off a check at 919 Bethlehem in an envelope.

### Officers for 2016– 2017 Season

If you would like to get more involved with Plaza Moms think about becoming an officer next season. We are in search of a new Treasurer, Ladies Night Out Coordinator, Sponsorship Officer, and a new role of Play Date Coordinator. If you would like more information on any of these roles email [plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com](mailto:plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com). An added perk is your dues for the season will be waived.

Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms](https://www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms)

## Citizens Patrol Stats

### February 2016 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Chuck Blesener

WEEK	Driving	Walking/ Biking
1	17	5
2	18.5	3
3	15	4
4	18.5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>17</b>

The winner of the random \$10 bonus for February is Bruno Majewski. Patrollers who turn in at least 4 hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for a random drawing for a \$10 card. Gift cards for accumulated driving hours will be distributed at the monthly meeting. Please turn in your hours on time!

### SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS! YOU CAN SIGN UP TODAY

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 respected volunteer by signing up today!

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 nationwide.

Contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945 or [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto:ccbles77@gmail.com) for information. Training for Citizen Patrol certification is the second Tuesday of each month at 9455 West Montgomery at 7:00 p.m. Anyone in the neighborhood is invited to join the COP group. More eyes on our neighborhood means more awareness of suspicious activity. HPD Citizen Patrol Applications can be downloaded at [http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip\\_citzpatrol.htm](http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip_citzpatrol.htm). The applications must be sent in one week prior to the training.

### CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY CONSTABLE

\*FIGURES ARE FOR ENTIRE CONTRACT INCLUDING SPP AND CANDLELIGHT PLAZA



FEBRUARY 2016

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...3	MILES PATROLLED...4993	TRAFFIC STOP ...16
TRAFFIC HAZARD...1	INFORMATION CALL...1	TRAFFIC INITIATIVE...5
ALARM RESPONSE...1	CITIZEN CONTACTS...390	VACATION WATCH...6
BURGLARY VEHICLE...1	THEFTS...3	PARK CHECK...7
VEHICLE SPEEDING...1	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...9	SOLICITORS...4

VACATION WATCH REGISTRY (1 WEEK IN ADVANCE)...[HTTP://PCT1.CONSTABLE.NET/SIGNUP/VACATIONWATCH/](http://PCT1.CONSTABLE.NET/SIGNUP/VACATIONWATCH/)



### Recycling Changes Are Coming!



The City of Houston and Waste Management have reached a tentative agreement on a new 2-year contract that will allow the city to continue offering recycling services without any disruption. The only change in service that Houstonians will notice is the elimination of glass from the list of items that are acceptable for placement in the green curbside single-stream recycling bins. **We'll keep you posted on this topic, or you can go to [http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/2015\\_Recycle\\_Cal.pdf](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/2015_Recycle_Cal.pdf)**, for the latest updates.

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# ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



The Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club held its Annual Business Meeting at Durham Elementary on March 5th. The crowd of nearly 115 was a mix of long-time residents, new residents, and young children. Also in attendance were the neighborhood's two Deputy Constables, James Moulden and Michael McKinney. We are appreciative of the Garden Club for offering dessert treats again, to Spaghetti Western for a tasty dinner and to Courtney Selinidis for organizing the event. In addition to electing officers for the 2016-2017 term, the meeting included an expression of appreciation for those Board members rolling off, with a moment of silence in remembrance of long-time Board member Monica Krause, who passed away in December of 2015. A brief update was provided on the curb painting project (one section per year with Section III slated for 2016) and questions were answered from those in attendance. The new Board members and representatives were elected by those in attendance (see listing below).



Pictured above are a few of the 2016-2017 Board members and representatives: From Left—upper row: Bill Scheel, Robin McClung, Romi Sandel, Darryl Rickaway. From Left—Middle Row: Ken Covington, Carolyn Long, Fatima Gilbert, Laurie Rickaway. From Left-Bottom row : Tom Caver, Holly Inderrieden, Courtney Selinidis, Shannon Zierau.

## 2016-2017 SPPCC Board Members & Representatives

Position	Member
President	Tom Caver
Vice President/Website Publisher	Aurelien Bouchet
Treasurer	Ken Covington
Secretary	Courtney Selinidis
Constable Patrol Coordinator	Bill Scheel
Citizens Patrol Coordinator	Rick Zebrak
Deed Restrictions/Architectural Control	Darryl Rickaway
Entrance Bed Maintenance Coord.	Carolyn Long
Greeter	Shannon Zierau
Hospitality	Holly Inderrieden
Membership	Philip Billeaud
Parks/City Liaison	To be announced
Publicity/Advertising	Laurie Rickaway
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## SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA MEN'S GROUP

The SPP Men's Group will meet for their regular monthly luncheon on Thursday, April 14th at 11:30 a.m. at Gabby's Bar B-Q, 3101 N. Shepherd. The group is open to all men of Shepherd Park Plaza and has no dues or rules or officers. For more information about the group contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945, or [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto:ccbles77@gmail.com).



## SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA TRAVELERS

The Travelers will leave from Shepherd Park on Saturday, April 16th, and travel by bus to Burroughs Park in North Harris County to enjoy the Precinct Four 'Shakespeare Festival In The Park'. After enjoying the many events of the festival and food from a variety of food trucks, the group will have reserved seats at the County's 7:30 production of Shakespeare's comedy 'Much Ado About Nothing'. Bus trips are open to all SPP residents and their friends over the age of fifty. For more information about this and all future trips, contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945 or [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto:ccbles77@gmail.com).



Thanks to all our families who came out to help beautify the campus on our habitat work morning.

### **You're invited to travel around the world at the 2016 International Festival at Durham Elementary.**

Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a Parade of Nations displaying multiple flags from around the world. Each grade level will create a national booth for the country they are studying, provide authentic food and drink to be sampled by visitors, and offering games or activities that all students can enjoy. This is a fun event for the whole family to enjoy!

Buddy Field Day is around the corner - Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please donate watermelons with seeds beginning April 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are also needed to set up the event that morning. Please contact Ms. Z. or call 713 613-2527 for more information.



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## SPP Garden Club Meeting

The March meeting featured the Club's annual Brown Bag Raffle where plants, flags, yard art, and decorative baskets were on display. Lucky winning ticket holders went home with some very nice additions for their homes and gardens!

The special event of the night, however, was the celebration of long-time member and rose aficionado Addie Smith's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cake, card, and of course roses, were presented to her.



## March Yard of the Month

**Geraldine Gurley –1043 Martin**

Geraldine shared the secret of her beautiful yard filled with tulips, daffodils, and other spring flowers – The Houston Bulb and Plant Mart! (Save the date for this year's mart – October 13 – 15). This is an annual shopping event for her; she loves to learn about new varieties of bulbs and tubulars that are Houston friendly. She is an 'A' student and her gorgeous yard is proof of her efforts.



Our April meeting will be held Monday, April 11th at Lori Kubin's home, 1107 Cheshire at 6:45 p.m. Be prepared to play in the dirt as we each create our own container garden. Members and guests should bring a pot with a 10-12 inch opening; the Garden Club will provide soil and plants. If you would like more details, please call Colette Robichau at 713-201-3322 or Vicki Brandt at 281-888-6306.

## **April Adventure – High Island Bird Sanctuary**

The Garden Club is sponsoring a day trip to High Island Bird Sanctuary - THE place for Spring Migration of song birds, shorebirds and coastal birds. Here are the particulars:

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- ⇒ 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- ⇒ Transportation provided – Precinct County 4 Bus (Note: SPP residents and guests must be over 50 years old) – Meet at Shepherd Park
- ⇒ Cost: \$7.00
- ⇒ Lunch will be at Stingaree Restaurant on Crystal Beach

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## March Yards of the Month

### Section 1:

991 Curtin  
Sandra Dorrell

### Section 3:

1018 Martin  
Alice Teter

### Section 2:

1150 Chantilly  
Addie Smith

### Section 4:

1028 Candelight  
Dan & Nikki Wallis

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## SPP CALENDAR










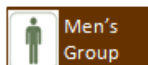


APRIL 2016



= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Reminder about Heavy Trash:</b> Our heavy trash pickup is the <u>3rd Thursday</u> of each month. Tree waste is picked up in ODD months, and Junk waste in the EVEN months.					MARCH 25	26
 27 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	28	 29	30	31	APRIL 1 	2 CRAWFISH BOIL 
3	4  Plaza Moms Meeting	 5	 6	7	8	9 GARAGE SALE 
10	11 Garden Club Meeting	 12	13	14 Men's Group 	15	16 SPP Travelers Trip
17	18	 19	20 Garden Club Trip to High Island Bird Sanctuary	21 HEAVY JUNK Waste	22	23 International Festival-Durham ES
24	25	 26	27	28	29 Buddy Field Day—Durham ES	30

### Easter Yard Decorating Awards

Thanks to all the participants! The Winners are:



Section 1- 1134 Chamboard~Judy Bunosky  
 Section 2- 4618 Chantilly Circle~Malcolm and Priscilla Phillips  
 Section 3- 1056 Cheshire~Pete and Sharon Santikos  
 Section 4-1119 Candlelight ~ Daniel and Carolyn Barrett

1st Best Religious-1011 Thomton~Charles and Rose Marie Sacco  
 2nd Best Religious-1070 Chamboard~Louie Pali  
 1st Best Overall- 1103 Thornton~Frank and Mary Maxwell  
 2nd Best Overall-1147 Thornton~Gary and Sarrah Moseley