



THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

April 2017

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All proceeds to support SPP Civic Club. Tickets are limited to the first 100 guests.

Pre-sale tickets until April 21st: Adults - \$30, Children (5-12) \$10

Tickets at the event: Adults \$35, Children (5-12) \$15

To purchase tickets, please go to our website or drop a check off at 1031 Candlelight.

Questions? Contact Tom Caver at 713-686-1917.

Call is handled by Deputy Constable
 *Figures are for entire contract including SPP and Candlight Plaza



February 2017

Alarm...5	CONTRACT CHECKS...123	Disturbance-FAMILY...1
Traffic Citations...3	MILES PATROLLED...3,201	Disturbance-Loud Noise...3
Information Calls...3	CITIZEN CONTACTS...241	Medical Emergency...1
Suspicious Vehicle...4	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...11	Traffic Stops...5
Burglary of vehicle...1	Burglary of Habitation...1	Park Checks...13
Traffic Initiative...2	Discharge of Firearm...1	Vacation Watch...12
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Complete your tour with a stop at the Durham Elementary Outdoor Classroom and Garden where students have been busy planting in their metal troughs and creating a secret garden!

Once inspired, plan to purchase plants (1139 Thornton) from the SPP Garden Club. Great deals will be offered. Haven't purchased your tickets? Get them from any Garden Club member, call 254-366-9804, or buy them online at the Shepherd Park Plaza website (shepherdparkplaza.com). They are \$10 in advance or \$15 day of the event at 1139 Thornton and Durham Elementary - cash, checks or credit cards. Children under 10 are Free.

This is a community-wide event. Net ticket proceeds will be donated to the neighborhood Constable Program and Durham Elementary PTA, while plant sale proceeds will benefit the SPP Garden Club.

Don't miss this inaugural spring event in our neighborhood! If you have questions, please call Genevieve Erdbruegger, SPP Backyard Garden Tour Coordinator at 281-450-9436.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

The Annual SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd. If you are interested in participating and having your address (or street name only if you prefer) on the map that will be distributed at each location. Please email Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com by April 14th (in the subject line please put Garage Sale!). 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 43rd 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 PM or you can deliver to them at your convenience. 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.



CONSTABLE PROGRAM FUNDRAISING UPDATE

In February we reported that we were running low on meeting our goal for Constable donations. Our updated running behind our projected donations, so please consider donating to this well-needed safety program.

The requested donation for each household is \$250, however, we'll take a partial donation as every amount helps us reach our goal.

Some benefits of having a Constable patrol our neighborhood:

- ◆ 80 hours of patrolling per week in SPP and Candlelight Plaza.
- ◆ Vacation watch when traveling (must be requested).
- ◆ Increased patrolling for speeding violations to protect our residents, children and pets.
- ◆ Lower crime rates for SPP.
- ◆ The Constables can issue tickets, arrest suspects, investigate crimes and provide a presence that deters criminals in our neighborhood.
- ◆ The Constables can perform a check of your home (by appointment) to determine areas where you can improve the security of your family and property.

Our goal is to raise \$108,000 for the 2017 Constable Patrol Program for 2 officers (shared with Candlelight Plaza). To date, we're about \$16,000 away from that goal (see graph to the right). Approximately 50% of households in SPP are donating to this program!

Please go to our website for options to pay using PayPal.



**PIP (Positive Interaction Program)
REPORT
By: Chuck Blesener**



Captain Baimbridge, Commander of Houston Police Department's North Division, says the new police chief, Art Acevedo, is very open and friendly. He wants the department to be more responsive and have more officers on the street. To this end there will be a lot of changes coming, especially in early April. The Overtime Initiative is still being funded by money contributed by the two Council Members in our area. This effort is being concentrated in the Antoine and Airline Drive corridors. Nothing has changed with HPD regarding the stopping of immigrants. They have always checked identities of everyone they stop and will continue to do so.

Jeff McShan, who lives in Garden Oaks and was a former reporter for KHOU TV, is now with Crimestoppers of Houston. He says the number of tips to Crimestoppers is down and they are trying to determine why. They may raise the amounts awarded to informers. All money awarded in the program is raised through donations and in fees charged to convicted criminals. The calls to the tip line are truly anonymous and therefore any money received for a tip that catches a criminal is not taxable. Since the program's inception 35 years ago, they have solved 33,000 cases with 26,000 criminals arrested. The group has a very active program in local schools having just reached their one millionth student. Over the years students have turned in tips that have resulted in 275 guns and \$17,000 in drugs being removed from schools. The most frequent tip reported by students is for bullying. After being located for years in various leased facilities, the organization has just moved into their new three story glass building - the Dave Ward Building.

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UTILITY EASEMENTS

By: Chuck Blesener

Most lots in SPP have a five foot utility easement in the back, with the exception of the South side of Chamboard and the West side of Apollo where special circumstances apply. Each home/lot has half of a ten foot utility easement where power poles and lines, telephone cables, cable company lines, CenterPoint gas lines, and city sanitary sewer lines are located. In most cases the water lines and storm sewer lines are located in the front of your home.

Residents/owners are prohibited from building on this easement and should refrain from planting large trees there. Normally this is not a problem unless you decide to go to two stories on your garage. The five foot easement becomes a ten foot utility easement on each side of the property line when you get to twenty feet in elevation and above. Be aware of this if you decide to build or remodel, especially if you will have tall ceilings or a gable roof.

around the neighborhood

March marked the unexpected passing of SPP resident James “Jake” Nielsen. He is survived by his wife, Kerstin Blankenburg and daughter Heidi and many friends and family members. Jake had been a photographer for the Houston Chronicle since 2006 and some of his beautiful pictures will be lasting images in the Chronicle’s history.



SPP MEN’S GROUP

The SPP Men's Group will meet for their next monthly luncheon and discussions on Thursday, April 13th at 11:30 a.m. This month the men are inviting their wives to join them for a delicious meal of Indian food at Govinda's Vegetarian Cuisine, 1320 West 34th Street.

The group is open to all men of the neighborhood. For more information contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945 or ccbles77@gmail.com.



SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA TRAVELERS

Our group of adventurers will be traveling by bus to the Armand Bayou Nature Center and Park on Thursday, April 27th. After lunch they will head to the Alvin area for a tour of the Bayou Wildlife Park. A trip to Galveston for a harbor tour is planned for Tuesday, May 16th.

For more information on this trip or to be put on the email list for all future trips, contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945 or ccbles77@gmail.com. All travelers on a County bus must be at least 50 years of age.

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

by: **Chuck Blesener**

In the deed restrictions of all four sections of SPP it plainly states that our homes are to only be used as single family residences. We understand that there are instances where members of an extended family live together. Grown children, parents, grandparents, siblings, and other close relatives often live with a homeowner for various reasons. Even visitors may stay for a short while on a temporary basis. It is never acceptable to rent out rooms to anyone, or to provide living quarters for domestic help. This is one of the instances where the City Legal Department will intervene on our behalf to enforce our deed restrictions.



Want up to the minute conversations on our neighborhood? Check out our Facebook page for the latest on traffic, lost pets, services, neighbors asking for tips or other social items.



Benefits local animal rescue. Donations accepted! New and used items.

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(Next door to Doyle's)

Tues: 11-3
Wed-Fri: 10-4
Sat: 10-3

CURB PAINTING UPDATE (REPEAT ARTICLE)

In early April a contractor hired by your Civic Club will be repainting the curb numbers in section four. The exact timing is dependent on weather conditions. This will complete one round of curb painting and next year we will start over by painting the numbers in section one again. We are doing basic numbers only, two per house, on each side of the driveway. On corner lots where the driveway is on the side street, the numbers will be in front of the home and near the corner. They will not do custom numbers nor paint over custom numbers. Try not to drive along the curb against the numbers, especially when the paint is fresh.

Citizens Patrol Stats

February 2017 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Rick Zebrak

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Drive
1	3	13
2	6	17
3	6	13
4	10	22
TOTAL	25	65

We need volunteers. Training is just a few hours and you can be on your way to helping us protect the neighborhood.

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 Rick Zebrak at 713-686-8873 or rickzee@att.net 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 nationwide.

Patrollers who turn in at least 4 hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for a random drawing for a \$10 gift card. The winner of the drawing for February is Bruno Majewski.



Durham Elementary News

By Principal: Amy Poerschke

Hello Spring!

The Spring semester is an exciting time at Durham. Students are preparing for end of year exams, but they're also enjoying the sunshine before the weather heats up. We're also welcoming our newest Dalmatians this month!

Do you love FRO-YO? **Support your local school by mentioning "Durham" all-day** at our Sweet Frog on Wednesday, April 5th.

Magnet Signing Day is Thursday, April 6th for those students who have been accepted to Durham for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Mrs. Davis if you'd like more information at sdavis19@houstonisd.org.

Come shop the Durham Spring "Buy One Get One" Book Fair from April 10th-13th to stock up for summer reading! Contact pta@durhampta.org for more info on what hours the book fair will be open for shopping.

Happy campers abound as our 5th grade class heads to camp during April 11th-13th. Don't forget your bug spray and sunscreen kids!

Stay in the loop with all of the exciting updates to Durham at the monthly PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 11th.

Support your school and have an easy dinner at Chick-fil-A on Tuesday, April 18th. Tell them you're a Durham supporter and a portion of the night's sales will benefit Durham PTA!

Buddy Field Day is a day filled with fun, laughter and plenty of exercise on Friday, April 28th. You'll notice a lot of visitors on campus since we rely on parent and community volunteers to help with this event. If you're feeling generous, please consider donating water, gatorade, watermelons (with seeds!) or your time to this event. Please contact Mrs. Barta (Zeringue) if you'd like to donate something at NZERINGU@houstonisd.org.

Save those Box Tops! Help us collect money for our school just by clipping Box Tops found on many items you already buy. Every box top is worth \$0.10, and they can add up pretty quickly! Contact pta@durhampta.org for porch pick up.



Upcoming Events

Friday, May 19th - Last Box Top collection day

Thursday, May 25th - Last Day of School

SPRING FLING UPDATE

The Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club held its Annual Business Meeting at the Spring Fling at Durham Elementary on March 25th. The crowd of around 65 was a mix of long-time residents, new residents, and young children. Dinner was provided by Spaghetti Western and a variety of desserts was provided by the Garden Club. The Hospitality team, including Holly Inderrieden, Diane Scardino, Leslie Bordelon and Courtney Edmiston, did a fabulous job of organizing this event. In addition to electing officers for the 2017-2018 term, outgoing President Tom Caver gave a brief update of events in the neighborhood. This was followed by a few comments from various members of clubs in the neighborhood that are open to all residents. The new Board members and representatives were elected by those in attendance (see listing to the right).



...to outgoing President Tom Caver for serving two years as the Civic Club's President.

Position	Name
President	Aurélien Bouchet
Vice President/Website Publisher	Courtney Selinidis
Treasurer	Ken Covington
Secretary	Fatima Gilbert
Constable Patrol Coordinator	Bill Scheel
Citizens Patrol Coordinator	Deborah DeBram Katherine Peale
Deed Restrictions/Architectural Control	Darryl Rickaway
Entrance Bed Maintenance	Carolyn Long
Garden Club Rep	Collette Robichau
Greeters	Shannon Zierau Mairtin & Sarah Morrissey
Hospitality	Leslie Bordelon
Historian	Robin McClung
Membership	Philip Billeaud
Parks/City Liaison	Chuck Blesener
Publicity/Advertising	Laurie Rickaway
Webmaster / Facebook	Jesse Yoburn
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Section III Rep	Courtney Siegmund
Section IV Rep	Ashley Hill



A few of the 2017-2018 Board members are pictured to the left. Top row from left to right: Leslie Bordelon, Robin McClung, Fatima Gilbert, Aurelien Bouchet, Bill Scheel. Bottom row from left to right: Deborah DeBram, Romi Sandel, Ken Covington, Shannon Zierau and Sarah Morrissey.

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MORE TRASH FACTS

by: **Chuck Blesener**

We continue with the City Of Houston rules for trash and recycling collection. Call 311 if your trash or recyclables are not collected after being placed out on the correct day and times, if you have problems with a broken cart, or if you have problems with Solid Waste Department vehicles or employees. In the latter case you will need to report the address, date and time, and the vehicle number.

Besides the garbage and recyclables placed in the black and green carts, each week residents can place for collection yard wastes and tree trimmings. These should be placed in City approved compostable plastic bags with the City logo on them. Small branches from bushes or trees can be tied in bundles of less than four feet in length, less than eighteen inches in diameter, and less than fifty pounds in weight. They should be placed at the curb at least three feet from all carts and other obstructions.

Once each month the city will pick up heavy trash on the third Thursday. In odd numbered months they collect tree waste - clean wood waste, tree limbs, branches, and stumps. In even numbered months they collect household junk waste - furniture, appliances, lumber - not over eight cubic yards and no contractor debris. All appliances with refrigerant must have a tag attached certifying that a technician has removed the refrigerant. Heavy trash can be placed at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on the Friday before collection day and must be placed there before 7 a.m. on the third Thursday. On junk waste months residents may place up to four tires at the curb for collection.

Used motor oil may be placed in sealed containers on the ground near your carts on any Tuesday collection day. Oil, paint, hazardous materials, flammables, or toxic materials should never be placed in your cart. If these materials leak out on the street, cause damage to or destroy the city trucks, or start a fire, every effort will be made to determine where they were picked up and the responsible party will be fined and billed for the cost of city equipment.



CITY OF HOUSTON CONNECT

Have you ever wondered how to contact particular Departments at the City of Houston? This new section of the Pulse should give you some direction. Check back frequently, as new items may be added. The main number is 713-837-0311.

Website—www.houstontx.gov/

City Ordinances—www.houstontx.gov/codes/

Non-emergency concerns (street issues, traffic signal problems, fire hydrant issues).

<http://hfdapp.houstontx.gov/311/index.php> or Dial 3-1-1. There is also a mobile phone app for this.

Permit questions—www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/

Interactive map (to find information about your City Council district, police department, solid waste schedule)—<http://mycity.houstontx.gov/public>

CenterPoint Energy has a new website to report street lights that are out at <http://gis.centerpointenergy.com/sloreporting/>

Rollout—check out the app for figuring out the COH trash pickup schedule.

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Crime Alert Sign up with Precinct 1:

<http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/crime-alerts/>

Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club

Yard of the Month – 1143 Chamboard, Ruth Rock

The January freeze only made this pretty yard lovelier. The large azalea bushes on either side of the front door were more resplendent than in previous years. The knock out roses on the west side of house loved the cold as well. Ginger plants will soon come into full bloom with the large, fragrant blooms. The cook of this house will certainly want to incorporate the rosemary found in the beds in recipes or just enjoy its aromatic scent in the kitchen.



Flower Arranging Tips – Taught at the March Garden Club Meeting

In March, our very knowledgeable speaker, Lauren Garza, instructed Garden Club Members in the art of flower arranging. She started with an empty vessel and created the gorgeous arrangement shown to the right in her time with us.



While she was creating, she shared these clever tips with us:

- Be creative with your containers – use interesting bowls, canisters, pitchers, etc.
- Be sure to have a sturdy base to secure the flowers in your arrangement
 - ♦ Two of Lauren's favorite materials to use are coated chicken wire and clear floral tape.
 - ◊ Twist the opposite corners of the chicken wire to form a ball and then stuff it into your container – makes for a very secure base.
 - ◊ Create a grid on the mouth of the container with the clear floral tape – makes for easy, durable support – your flowers will be snug and stay in place.
- Create your arrangement in three layers
 - ♦ The base
 - ♦ A big focal flower
 - ♦ Fillers – be sure to include interesting items – berries, ivies, branches from your garden
- The height of your arrangement should be 1 ½ times the height of the container
- To make roses last longer, snip the bottom and place them in warm water; also blow into the bud itself to encourage it to open! If you want an amazing arrangement for a special occasion, elegant affair, or wedding, consider Lauren's company, Flora & Fauna: www.floraandfauna.com

Garden Club April Monthly Meeting – April 10, 2017

We get to play in the dirt....literally! We will be planting our own container gardens. The club did this last year and it was a great hit, lots of fun, and showed off members' creative talents. The Garden Club will provide soil and plants – you bring the container.....be sure you can carry it home! Come join us and be creative! We will meet on Monday, April 10, 2017 at Colette Robichau's home, 1014 Candlelight at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Vicki Brandt at 281-888-6306 or Debbie Elliott, Membership Chair at 713-686-7571.



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****Please Note:** There is a combination LNO for March/April due to Spring Break and there will be no April General Meeting or Play Date due to the Easter Egg Hunt.**

March/April Ladies Night Out; Thursday, April 6th, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. @ Berryhill on 43rd

Take your own Spring Break with the ladies of Plaza Moms when we head to Berryhill at 43rd and Ella for some margaritas and Mexican food. Look forward to seeing you there!

Easter Egg Hunt; Saturday, April 8th, 9.00-11.00 a.m. @ Shepherd Park (rain date 4/15)

Join your fellow Plaza Moms for the annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Shepherd Park. A light breakfast will be provided by IndyQuest Properties (PMS Sponsor). Photos with the Easter Bunny by PMS Sponsor Bouchet Images - Wedding and Family Photographer (personal cameras welcome); face painting; and games will be provided. FREE for all member families. (Non-members: \$10 per family)

CALLING VOLUNTEERS- We need a few more volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt! We need help with set up and clean up and some possible advanced errands. Please email susannahcausey@gmail.com if you are available to help! Volunteers need to be available from 8:00 -12:00 p.m. (event is 9:00—11 a.m.). You will be able to enjoy the event with your kids! Or sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054badae2ba1f94-201617>

Babysitter Resource

Just a reminder that if you are looking for a sitter, PMS has a Babysitter Resource on Facebook under Files (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms/files/>). Some of the listed sitters even provide other services like pet sitting, lifeguarding, or decorative cookies for parties. If you know a sitter/nanny that would like to be added to our list please email us.

Join Plaza Moms Today!

Membership dues are \$35 per school year. Pay at our next event/meeting with cash or check OR drop a check off in envelope to Treasurer Elizabeth Cardner at 1046 Candlelight. If you would like to pay by credit card you may contact Membership Officer Sarah Morrissey at plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com and she will send you a Big Tent payment link. Make checks payable to *Plaza Moms Society*. Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms

DISCOVER HOUSTON!

Sometimes as Houstonians, we spend so much time dealing with traffic that we forget to look around us. There are so many great things to see and do in Houston, and so we thought we'd point some of these out to you. Whether you're a new empty-nester or new to Houston, we hope you'll take a few minutes to spend some time at some of the interesting sights in our city.

Just a sampling:

- ◆ Museums (Natural Science, Fine Arts, Holocaust, Children's, Contemporary Arts, African-American, Holocaust and many more).
- ◆ Space Center Houston
- ◆ Houston Zoo
- ◆ Bayou Bend Collection
- ◆ Discovery Green
- ◆ Memorial Park & Houston Arboretum
- ◆ The Galleria
- ◆ Old Town Spring
- ◆ San Jacinto Monument



What about the numerous golf courses, spas, running/walking tracks, bike paths, restaurants, markets, shopping areas? Maybe on the hot, humid days that are common in Houston, you can visit a water park. Maybe if Sports are your things, enjoy an Astros game in the Spring or Texans game in the Fall. Don't forget the Houston Rockets. And the ever exciting Roller Derby or Dynamos Soccer.


Check out the CityPass option to get a single ticket to visit several sights in Houston. For more info, check out this link: <https://www.visithoustontexas.com/>

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SPP CALENDAR

April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 26	27	28 	29	30	Mar 31	Apr 1
2 Backyard Garden Tour	3	4  	5 SPPCC Board Mtg	6 PLAZA MOMS Ladies Night Out	7	8 EASTER EGG HUNT 
9	10 Garden Club Meeting	11 	12	13 Men's Group	14	15
16 	17	18  	19	20 HEAVY Junk Waste	21	22 Neighborhood Garage Sale
23	24	25 	26	27 SPP Travelers Trip	28	29 Crawfish Boil 
30	May 1	2  	3	4	5	6

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.



= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling (no glass!)



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.





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March Yards of the Month

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1103 Chamboard
Merle & Bruno
Majewski

Section 3:

4729 Brian Haven
Natalie & Justin
Upton

Section 2:

1071 Thornton
Marti & Nelson
Turner

Section 4:

1026 Candlelight
Julie & Owen Crow

Oops! The February Section IV Yard of the Month's name and address were incorrect. The honor should have gone to Bill and Juanita Mei at 1023 Candlelight.

SPP
Wants to Welcome You

New to the neighborhood?

Even if you are not-so-new, but haven't gotten around to introducing yourself yet, contact **Shannon Zierau** at 713-775-0307 or szierau@yahoo.com so we can welcome you officially.

Spring Cleaning Checklist

All Rooms

- ☐ Dust & clean fans
- ☐ Dust surfaces
- ☐ Dust frames
- ☐ Clean windowsills
- ☐ Clean windows
- ☐ Clean baseboards
- ☐ Wipe walls
- ☐ Mop or vacuum floors
- ☐ Replace air filters

Kitchen

- ☐ Clean refrigerator
- ☐ Clean oven
- ☐ Clean microwave
- ☐ Organize pantry
- ☐ Clean out drawers
- ☐ Organize and wipe down cabinets
- ☐ Mop floor

Laundry

- ☐ Wash the ironing board cover
- ☐ Run washer on cleaning cycle
- ☐ Clean dryer vent
- ☐ Clean the backs of washer & dryer
- ☐ Clean floors under washer & dryer

Bathrooms

- ☐ Clean toilet and base
- ☐ Scrub bath or shower
- ☐ Clean sinks & faucets
- ☐ Polish mirror
- ☐ Clean out drawers
- ☐ Sanitize toothbrushes
- ☐ Organize and wipe down cabinets

Bedrooms

- ☐ Wash all bed linens
- ☐ Organize dressers
- ☐ Clean under bed
- ☐ Toss, sell or donate old toys
- ☐ Sell or donate old books and clothes

Closets

- ☐ Empty closet
- ☐ Clean walls in closets
- ☐ Clean shelving and hangers
- ☐ As you put items back – be sure to toss, sell, or donate old shoes, clothes, or other accessories

Garage

- ☐ 'Empty' garage
- ☐ Sweep and/or power wash floor
- ☐ Organize shelves
- ☐ Toss, sell or donate unwanted items
- ☐ Clean deep freeze or extra fridge

Exterior

- ☐ Sweep off roof
- ☐ Clean gutters
- ☐ Power wash home and driveway
- ☐ Wash windows
- ☐ Touch-up paint
- ☐ Prune trees
- ☐ Prep garden and beds

Grand Finale

- ☐ Empty garbage
- ☐ Create repair list
- ☐ Create project list
- ☐ Trip to donation center
- ☐ Sit down
- ☐ RELAX!

This helpful checklist is provided by your friends at:

