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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 or by contacting Romi Sandel at 713-962-4171.

New Neighborhood Email Alert System



In July, we launched a new email system to manage electronic communications and alerts to the neighborhood. Many of you were already subscribed from our previous system, and we carried you over to the new system.

Have you received an email yet from our new system? Feeling left out? Subscribe to receive emails on our website:

www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com

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Back to School—What's New with Durham Elementary?

Angela Sugarek (asugarek@houstonisd.org) has been selected and accepted the position to be the **new Principal** for Durham Elementary School! Welcome Ms. Sugarek!

Durham has also been experiencing some physical changes this summer with some work included under the previous (2007) bond funds. From HISD's website, here is a description of the scope of work:

Renovations including safety/security systems improvements, mechanical/electrical/plumbing systems improvements, a new PA system, window replacements, and ADA code compliance.

Follow Durham updates by "liking" the "Durham Elementary School PTA" page on Facebook.



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around the neighborhood

► **Melissa Wendt** graduated from Lamar High School on June 9th and is headed to the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in the fall to study elementary/special needs education. Congratulations, Melissa!

► The City Parks Department recently had a crew at Shepherd Park with several dump trucks of crushed granite and several tractors. They have cleaned out the culverts, poured granite on the trail, and graded the trail smooth. Cross that off your list of reasons to avoid exercise!

► STORM SEWERS—What goes in them?

If you remember nothing else from this blurb, remember this—WATER. Water goes in the storm sewers as their purpose is to drain away rain water when it rains so our streets do not flood.

If you or your lawn service use a leaf blower, please do not blow grass clippings and leaves into the storm sewer. Likewise, please do not sweep or dump clippings in the sewer (see February 2013 Pulse article on composting for alternate ideas).

When the sewers function well, we avoid street flooding. For more information about other impacts of sewer misuse to our bayous and waterways, see my son's 1st grade project on Galveston Bay.



Neighborhood Directory Coming Soon!

One of the biggest indicators of how attractive our neighborhood is can be seen in how quickly homes sell, bringing new families into our neighborhood on a monthly basis! Our latest directory doesn't include many new families, so the Civic Club Board is working to assemble a new one. You'll see more information in your mailbox, on our website or in the next Pulse issue. The benefits of this directory are numerous, including being able to call a neighbor when you need a favor, want to offer assistance or calling a neighbor on another street to inquire about who did their landscaping. We hope you'll take a few minutes to complete this information when it's distributed.

Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	HOURS PATROLLED
1	27
2	17.25
3	23
4	29
TOTAL	96.25

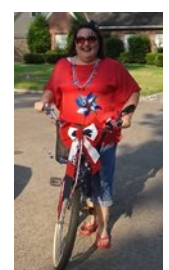
Interested in patrolling? Contact **Karen Cruse** at 713-824-4799 or kjcfm4954@yahoo.com for information.

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.

The winner of the random \$10 gas bonus this month is **Deborah DeBram** — congratulations, Deborah! Patrollers who turn in at least 4 hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for a random drawing for a \$10 gas card. Gift cards for accumulated driving hours will be distributed at the monthly meeting.

4th of July Photo Album

The Annual 4th of July Patriotic Parade and Celebration was a hit once again this year! With a location change to Shepherd Park and the addition of a WATER SLIDE, everyone had a blast. Thanks to our parade participants, cheering sections and everyone who helped with the morning.



CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY CONSTABLE



JUNE 2013

Arrests.....0
 Alarm Responses..... 1
 Citizen Contacts..... 149
 Disturbances..... 1
 Investigations..... 0
 Park Checks..... 15

Vacation Watch..... 69
 Burglary of Motor Vehicle. 0
 Burglary of Habitation..... 0
 Family Disturbance..... 0
 Accident Reports..... 0
 Miles Patrolled.....1,931

Traffic:
 Verbal/Written Warnings... 1
 Citations..... 0
 Suspicious Persons..... 5
 Suspicious Vehicles..... 8
 Medical Emergencies..... 1



SPP Travelers

at the Houston Emergency Center in July.



JOIN US AT SHEPHERD PARK
 FOR **CHARLIE'S FIRST BIRTHDAY**
 AND NEIGHBORHOOD STROLLER WALK!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 9:00AM

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*FOOD TRUCK ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! SEE YOU THERE!

The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club

Friendship and community commitment are as much a part of the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club as is love of nature. If you care for your neighborhood and neighbors, you might consider membership. You do not have to have a "green thumb" or be a Master Gardener to find a home in this warm and dedicated organization.

Meetings are held on the Second Monday of each month, September through May, 7:00 p.m. It is a wonderful break from the demands of family and work.



*If you are interested please contact Carol Jean Hebert
 at (713) 681-1552 or CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com
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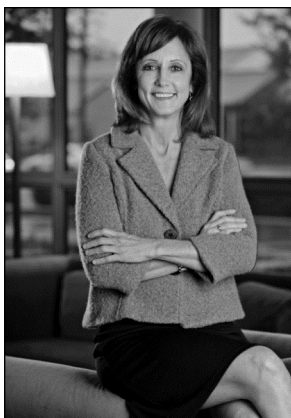
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Plaza Moms
281-779-5623 or 713-775-0307

New Neighbor/Greeter
281-344-7013

Garden Club
713-344-7013

CP Vacation Watch
713-682-5959

Architectural Guidelines
713-681-3600

Plaza Pulse News
713-628-4210

SPP Historian
713-681-1552

Traffic & Safety
713-824-4799

SPP Membership
713-683-6502

City Liaison
713-683-9945

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

Men's Group
713-683-9945



SPP CALENDAR

AUGUST 2013



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Heavy Trash is the 3rd Thursday of each month with Tree Waste in the odd months, and Junk Waste in the even months.

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Men's Group
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Heavy trash
JUNK waste

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TO SCHOOL!

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LABOR
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HOLIDAY

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9 AM
Firehouse Tacos
at Shepherd Park
(see ad p.4)



Join the Plaza Moms for our Annual Kick-off Party on Tuesday, August 6th.

This year's theme is "Napa Valley Picnic" and the food and drink will correspond! Come eat, drink, meet the officers and renew your Plaza Moms membership.

Event details*:

Tuesday, **August 6**, 2013, 7:00 to 9:30 pm
At the Home of Shannon Zierau, **1057 Cheshire**

**Current Plaza Moms members, please rsvp on Big Tent*



Men's Club

The SPP Men's Group met for lunch and discussions at Lyndon's Pit Bar-B-Q on Thursday, July 11th. They will meet again on **Thursday, August 8th**, at 11:30 a.m., at **Live Oak Grill**. There they will enjoy lunch with friends, discuss current events, neighborhood happenings, and be enlightened by one of August Galiano's always entertaining video presentations.

For more information on the group, contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945.



Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers

Friday, August 23—Summer Night Out!

If dinner and a show sounds like a good time to you, then join the SPP Travelers in August! We have planned a cool and comfortable trip for a hot August evening and are not going very far. It will be a lovely Summer Night Out with friends and neighbors.

Our first stop is for dinner at Fornos of Italy Restaurant. We should have plenty of time to enjoy our meal in a private dining area and still get to the show on time.

We then travel out a little further to Way Out West Drive and arrive at Theatre Suburbia. There we will be entertained by one of their famous melodramas entitled "LITTLE NELL THE ORPHAN GIRL or FIGHT FOR A WOMAN'S HONOR". You can clap, cheer, or boo the actors and even throw popcorn at the villain. The cost for the bus and theatre ticket is \$15/person and participants must be over age 50.

For more information contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945. Chuck sends periodic emails to the Travelers group—send him an email if you'd like to be included on future messages.



Garden Club



The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club does not meet during June, July and August. The previous and current Board members met on June 10, 2013 for an informal gathering to exchange ideas. The current Board and all appointed Chairs and Committees will meet on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 to consider the programs for next year, to exchange ideas on how we can make SPP an even better place to call home and oh so much more. For nutritional substance, each attendee will bring their Favorite Finger Food to share with all.



As mentioned last month, the work of the **Beautification Committee** does not stop. Many SPPGC members have donated a week of their time this summer to ensure that the Entrance Beds, the Labyrinth and the Butterfly Garden are watered. Please give a big thank you to the Beautification Committee for putting together a schedule for the entire summer and to those who have watered.

All interested in learning more about the SPPGC or joining are encouraged to contact:

Carol Jean Hebert, President 2013-2014 at caroljeanhebert@yahoo.com or 713-681-1552

The Garden Club's July Yard of the Month Award goes to:

Sarrah Moseley
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Section 4:

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New to the neighborhood?

Even if you are not-so-new, but haven't gotten around to introducing yourself yet, contact **Evonne Alford Sturm** at 281-344-7013 or EvonneAlford@comcast.net so we can welcome you officially.