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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.



Holiday Decorations

The lights and decorations have risen to a new level this year! Well Done SPP!

Winter Holiday Decoration Judging will be held on Monday, December 15, so be sure to turn those lights on!

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## SPP Offers Free Christmas

### Hay Rides

Dec 20th and 21st

6-8 pm on the half hour



Take steps to jump on board one of the Christmas hay rides scheduled between 6 & 8 PM each night on Saturday and Sunday evenings, Dec 20th and 21st. The Civic Club is making arrangements to provide this event at no cost for riders. The ride will begin and end from our neighborhood park, Shepherd Park, on Dunsmere @ Martin. The route will include touring all the decorated streets in SPP and Candlelight. Music will be on board to accompany any carolers. And who knows? Santa may make a visit.

To reserve your spot send a text to 713-301-5205 with title: SPP Christmas Hayride, your name and number in your party. Or call the number to reserve your spot. Those not making a reservation can arrive and ride standby if seats are available. Each ride will hold 25 riders, so don't wait too long to reserve. Dress appropriately if it is cold and in your favorite Santa hat. Bring your hot chocolate or cider to help keep you warm. If it rains, this event will be rescheduled for Dec 22-23.

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### Goodbye to Karen and Charli!

We are sad to report that our friends and neighbors Karen Cruse and Charli Merchant have moved from SPP to be closer to their grandkids. While we are happy for them in this new chapter of life, we will miss them terribly! Both Karen and Charli have been leaders in the neighborhood Civic Club by serving as our liaison with the Constable's office as well as coordinating our Citizens on Patrol group. Former coordinator and liaison, Chuck Blesener is filling in for the meantime until the official leadership change in April.

### Thank You to SPP Constable Early Bird Donors

As of November 15th there are 296 or 41% of residents participating in the SPP Constable Program. This is a great start and Thank You! Another mailing will go out in January as a reminder to those who have not yet contributed. Please remember that we are trying to increase participation this year in order to cover additional costs for our second constable. Please take steps to pitch in to help our neighborhood maintain this program.

Data as of November 17

|                  |                       |                  |                |                   |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 4614 ALBA        | 1050 CHAMBOARD        | 1008 CHESHIRE    | 1150 CURTIN    | 1014 RICHELIEU    |
| 4435 APOLLO      | 1058 CHAMBOARD        | 1009 CHESHIRE    | 1154 CURTIN    | 1016 RICHELIEU    |
| 4507 APOLLO      | 1059 CHAMBOARD        | 1011 CHESHIRE    | 1159 CURTIN    | 1019 RICHELIEU    |
| 4703 APOLLO      | 1063 CHAMBOARD        | 1012 CHESHIRE    | 1162 CURTIN    | 1020 RICHELIEU    |
| 4715 APOLLO      | 1102 CHAMBOARD        | 1013 CHESHIRE    | 1163 CURTIN    | 1023 RICHELIEU    |
| 4723 APOLLO      | 1103 CHAMBOARD        | 1017 CHESHIRE    | 1170 CURTIN    | 1024 RICHELIEU    |
| 4725 APOLLO      | 1106 CHAMBOARD        | 1021 CHESHIRE    | 1174 CURTIN    | 1025 RICHELIEU    |
| 4823 APOLLO      | 1107 CHAMBOARD        | 1024 CHESHIRE    | 1183 CURTIN    | 1026 RICHELIEU    |
| 4827 APOLLO      | 1111 CHAMBOARD        | 1029 CHESHIRE    | 4611 DUNSMERE  | 1029 RICHELIEU    |
| 4831 APOLLO      | 1115 CHAMBOARD        | 1034 CHESHIRE    | 4619 DUNSMERE  | 1031 RICHELIEU    |
| 4907 APOLLO      | 1119 CHAMBOARD        | 1035 CHESHIRE    | 4707 GOLF DR   | 1037 RICHELIEU    |
| 4706 BRIAN HAVEN | 1138 CHAMBOARD        | 1039 CHESHIRE    | 4711 GOLF DR   | 1038 RICHELIEU    |
| 4714 BRIAN HAVEN | 1143 CHAMBOARD        | 1043 CHESHIRE    | 4714 GOLF DR   | 1039 RICHELIEU    |
| 1002 CANDLELIGHT | 1146 CHAMBOARD        | 1045 CHESHIRE    | 4718 GOLF DR   | 1043 RICHELIEU    |
| 1006 CANDLELIGHT | 1147 CHAMBOARD        | 1046 CHESHIRE    | 1002 MARTIN    | 1056 RICHELIEU    |
| 1008 CANDLELIGHT | 1151 CHAMBOARD        | 1049 CHESHIRE    | 1004 MARTIN    | 1057 RICHELIEU    |
| 1011 CANDLELIGHT | 1155 CHAMBOARD        | 1051 CHESHIRE    | 1009 MARTIN    | 1063 RICHELIEU    |
| 1014 CANDLELIGHT | 1159 CHAMBOARD        | 1052 CHESHIRE    | 1026 MARTIN    | 1064 RICHELIEU    |
| 1017 CANDLELIGHT | 1162 CHAMBOARD        | 1054 CHESHIRE    | 1017 MARTIN    | 1102 RICHELIEU    |
| 1029 CANDLELIGHT | 1163 CHAMBOARD        | 1057 CHESHIRE    | 1018 MARTIN    | 1107 RICHELIEU    |
| 1034 CANDLELIGHT | 1167 CHAMBOARD        | 1058 CHESHIRE    | 1019 MARTIN    | 1110 RICHELIEU    |
| 1036 CANDLELIGHT | 1174 CHAMBOARD        | 1059 CHESHIRE    | 1021 MARTIN    | 1111 RICHELIEU    |
| 1038 CANDLELIGHT | 1175 CHAMBOARD        | 1103 CHESHIRE    | 1024 MARTIN    | 1114 RICHELIEU    |
| 1040 CANDLELIGHT | 910 CHANTILLY         | 1106 CHESHIRE    | 1025 MARTIN    | 1118 RICHELIEU    |
| 1042 CANDLELIGHT | 922 CHANTILLY         | 1107 CHESHIRE    | 1026 MARTIN    | 1122 RICHELIEU    |
| 1043 CANDLELIGHT | 935 CHANTILLY         | 1108 CHESHIRE    | 1027 MARTIN    | 1123 RICHELIEU    |
| 1044 CANDLELIGHT | 938 CHANTILLY         | 1111 CHESHIRE    | 1030 MARTIN    | 1134 RICHELIEU    |
| 1046 CANDLELIGHT | 939 CHANTILLY         | 1113 CHESHIRE    | 1031 MARTIN    | 1135 RICHELIEU    |
| 1049 CANDLELIGHT | 1002 CHANTILLY        | 1115 CHESHIRE    | 1032 MARTIN    | 942 THORNTON      |
| 1050 CANDLELIGHT | 1010 CHANTILLY        | 1119 CHESHIRE    | 1035 MARTIN    | 943 THORNTON      |
| 1053 CANDLELIGHT | 1018 CHANTILLY        | 1125 CHESHIRE    | 1038 MARTIN    | 950 THORNTON      |
| 1054 CANDLELIGHT | 1022 CHANTILLY        | 4703 CLIFT HAVEN | 1040 MARTIN    | 954 THORNTON      |
| 1056 CANDLELIGHT | 1030 CHANTILLY        | 4715 CLIFT HAVEN | 1042 MARTIN    | 966 THORNTON      |
| 1059 CANDLELIGHT | 1031 CHANTILLY        | 947 CURTIN       | 1043 MARTIN    | 971 THORNTON      |
| 1065 CANDLELIGHT | 1034 CHANTILLY        | 951 CURTIN       | 1045 MARTIN    | 974 THORNTON      |
| 1066 CANDLELIGHT | 1043 CHANTILLY        | 955 CURTIN       | 1046 MARTIN    | 1010 THORNTON     |
| 1103 CANDLELIGHT | 1047 CHANTILLY        | 958 CURTIN       | 1047 MARTIN    | 1027 THORNTON     |
| 1106 CANDLELIGHT | 1051 CHANTILLY        | 978 CURTIN       | 1048 MARTIN    | 1039 THORNTON     |
| 1107 CANDLELIGHT | 1063 CHANTILLY        | 979 CURTIN       | 1049 MARTIN    | 1042 THORNTON     |
| 1119 CANDLELIGHT | 1066 CHANTILLY        | 982 CURTIN       | 1052 MARTIN    | 1043 THORNTON     |
| 1126 CANDLELIGHT | 1067 CHANTILLY        | 1006 CURTIN      | 1055 MARTIN    | 1046 THORNTON     |
| 1130 CANDLELIGHT | 1106 CHANTILLY        | 1007 CURTIN      | 1057 MARTIN    | 1051 THORNTON     |
| 1131 CANDLELIGHT | 1122 CHANTILLY        | 1010 CURTIN      | 1061 MARTIN    | 1055 THORNTON     |
| 1134 CANDLELIGHT | 1123 CHANTILLY        | 1011 CURTIN      | 1063 MARTIN    | 1059 THORNTON     |
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| 987 CHAMBOARD    | 1147 CHANTILLY        | 1062 CURTIN      | 1108 MARTIN    | 1122 THORNTON     |
| 991 CHAMBOARD    | 1150 CHANTILLY        | 1071 CURTIN      | 1111 MARTIN    | 1123 THORNTON     |
| 994 CHAMBOARD    | 1166 CHANTILLY        | 1075 CURTIN      | 1115 MARTIN    | 1127 THORNTON     |
| 1003 CHAMBOARD   | 4618 CHANTILLY CIRCLE | 1078 CURTIN      | 1004 RICHELIEU | 1134 THORNTON     |
| 1011 CHAMBOARD   | 4619 CHANTILLY CIRCLE | 1107 CURTIN      | 1005 RICHELIEU | 1135 THORNTON     |
| 1014 CHAMBOARD   | 1002 CHESHIRE         | 1110 CURTIN      | 1006 RICHELIEU | 1138 THORNTON     |
| 1023 CHAMBOARD   | 1003 CHESHIRE         | 1111 CURTIN      | 1007 RICHELIEU | 1146 THORNTON     |
| 1038 CHAMBOARD   | 1004 CHESHIRE         | 1119 CURTIN      | 1008 RICHELIEU | 1147 THORNTON     |
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| 1042 CHAMBOARD   | 1007 CHESHIRE         | 1127 CURTIN      | 1012 RICHELIEU | 4718 THORNTON CIR |

**Patrol Hours** *Prepared by Chuck Blesener*

| WEEK         | Hours Patrolled |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1            | 18              |
| 2            | 22              |
| 3            | 15              |
| 4            | 28              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>83</b>       |

**New Patrollers are Needed!!** 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 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 for October is **John Scardino**.

Congratulations John! Patrollers who turn in at least 5 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. Please turn in your hours on time!

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## Call s handled by Deputy Constabl e



October 2014

Arrests.....0  
Alarm Responses..... 4  
Contract Check..... 179  
Information Calls ..... 3  
School Check..... 2  
Park Checks..... 53  
Subject Stop..... 1

Vacation Watch.....22  
Vehicle—Speeding..... 1  
Indecent Exposure..... 1  
Traffic Stop..... 3  
Vehicle Stolen..... 1  
Miles Patrolled..... 3,544

Meet the Citizen.....328  
Welfare Check..... 2  
Criminal Mischief..... 2  
Theft of Residence..... 1  
Suspicious Persons.....7  
Suspicious Vehicle..... 6  
Animal (Humane) ..... 2

### Out of Town? Schedule a “House Watch” with the Deputy Constable!

For those of you who’ve been around for a while, you remember the “old days” of Citizen Patrolers with CB radios, base stations and assigned patroller time slots. Back in the day, this system allowed for the Citizens on Patrol group to help monitor homes when folks were away from home.

Now-a-days, though, all house watch information is handled by our Deputy Constables. Because we have two deputies under contract, as well as others who monitor the area and frequently respond to our calls, we can now use the county’s online watch request. You can go to <http://pct1constable.net/> and select “SIGN UP” and then “VACATION WATCH” to enter the requested information. If you do not have access to a computer, paper copies are available. Just contact Chuck at 713-683-9945 at least one week in advance of your time away.



### Autumn Decoration Awards



#### Best Overall

**1st Place: 1107 Richelieu**  
**2nd Place: 1047 Candlelight**

#### Most Original

**1st Place: 1101 Martin**  
**2nd Place: 1162 Curtin**

#### Best Scarecrow

**1st Place: 1024 Richelieu**  
**2nd Place: 1071 Thornton**

### Holiday Safety

... by Ted Dwiggins

During the holiday season, protect yourself, your family and your property by increasing your awareness of potential criminal activity.

**While Shopping...** stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Shop with a friend, avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay for purchases with another method of payment such as a credit card or check. If possible, carry only your driver’s license and necessary method of payment. Avoid large bags and do not wrap straps around your arms and shoulders—you could risk injury from a would-be purse snatcher.

**In Parking Lots...** shop early to avoid evening darkness. Park in a high visibility area and check for lighting in case you leave after dark. Do Not park next to a vehicle with darkly tinted windows as they can obscure your view upon your return. Before shopping, lock all your valuables in the trunk prior to parking in the parking lot.

**At Home...** keep the outside of your home well-lit with doors locked and window curtains closed. Don’t display gifts beneath the Christmas tree that can be seen from windows or doors. After the holidays, don’t advertise gifts received by the boxes left for trash collection. Break down boxes and conceal for pickup.

**If you are Traveling...** get an automatic timer for your lights. Ask a neighbor to watch your home, collect mail and packages, park in your driveway, and otherwise give the appearance of activity at the home. Stop mail and newspaper deliveries if gone for an extended time.

And finally, remember that emergencies happen, so have friends and neighbors upon which you can rely for help.

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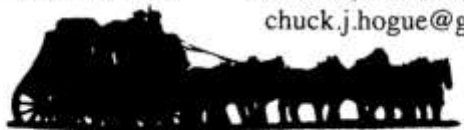
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713-316-5255

Plaza Moms  
713-775-0307

New Neighbor/Greeter  
713-688-5016

Garden Club  
713-681-1552

Architectural Guidelines  
713-316-5255

Plaza Pulse News  
713-628-4210

SPP Historian  
713-681-1552

Traffic & Safety  
713-683-9945

Constable Dispatch  
713-755-7628

SPP Membership  
713-683-6502

City Liaison  
713-688-7979

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

Men's Group  
713-683-9945

HPD  
713-884-3131



## SPP CALENDAR

Nov/Dec 2014



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY








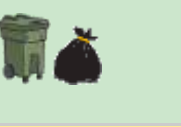







TUESDAY

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. |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                            | Dec 5 |  6<br>Plaza Moms<br>Breakfast<br>w/ Santa |    |    |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                             |  Plaza Moms<br>Meeting<br> Garden Club | 8                                                                                      |  9                        | 10                                                                                                         | 11    |  Men's Group<br>MEETING                     | 12 | 13 |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                            | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">Holiday<br/>Decoration<br/>Judging</div>                                                                                                               | 15                                                                                     |  16                      | 17                                                                                                         | 18    | <b>Heavy trash<br/>JUNK waste</b>                                                                                            | 19 | 20 |
| 21                                                                                                                                                                            | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  23 | 24                                                                                                         | 25                                                                                                         | 26    | 27                                                                                                                           |    |    |
| 28                                                                                                                                                                            | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  30 | 31                                                                                                         | Jan 1                                                                                                      | 2     | 3                                                                                                                            |    |    |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                             | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  6  | 7                                                                                                          | 8                                                                                                          | 9     | 10                                                                                                                           |    |    |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                            | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  13 |  SPPCC<br>Board Meeting |  Men's Group<br>MEETING | 15    | 16                                                                                                                           | 17 |    |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                            | 19                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  20 |  SPP<br>TRAVELERS       | <b>Heavy trash<br/>TREE waste</b>                                                                          | 22    | 23                                                                                                                           | 24 |    |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>MLK<br/>Holiday</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | 20                                                                                     |  21                     | 22                                                                                                         | 23    | 24                                                                                                                           |    |    |





Breakfast with Santa was a great success! Thanks to all for your help.

Most of us have to take a moment to think about



whether we've been naughty or nice... Well, give yourself a little break and enjoy the holidays!

Join Plaza Moms in the new year! It's only \$35 and gets you subscribed to our Facebook page as well as Big Tent. Contact us at [plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com](mailto:plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com).



## Men's Group

The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's Group will treat themselves and their wives or girlfriends to a holiday dinner on Thursday, Dec. 11th at 11:30 a.m. at Spaghetti Western, 1951 W. T. C. Jester Blvd. The group will meet at Live Oak Grill on January 8th.

The group is open to all men of the neighborhood with no officers, no dues, and no rules. Just come when you can and enjoy good food, good conversation, and great neighbors. For more information on the group, contact Chuck Blesener at [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto:ccbles77@gmail.com) or 713-683-9945.



## Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers

The SPP Travelers' next trip will be on Wednesday, January 14th. The group will travel to Texas City to see a special exhibit at the Texas City Museum.

For more information about the SPP Travelers, contact Chuck Blesener at [ccbles77@gmail.com](mailto: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 in future messages.



## Garden Club

The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club met on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the home of Sheri Beasley, 1138 Thornton. Beth Galiano presented a very informative program on Gingers. Much to the joy of those in attendance, Beth brought a Ginger for each and every person.

Sheri demonstrated her kitchen prowess by serving a delicious Italian Sausage Quiche. Sarrah Moseley's salad disappeared in a flash. Sheri's other co hostesses were Lori Kubin, Pat Kubin and Fran Marino.



During the business meeting, Eagle Scout Candidate, Adam Capfer, presented his project. The SPPGC was very impressed by Adam and his plans. A monetary contribution was made and much moral support was offered. Directories were passed out to those in

attendance. The Yard of the Month for November was given to Sheri Beasley, 1138 Thornton.

Door Prizes were won by: Linda Altimore, Carol Jean Hebert, Carolyn Long, Fran Marino, Cindi Phelps and Addie Smith. A gorgeous Ginger, grown by Sheri Beasley, was the grand prize. Anne Marie McReynolds was the fortunate winner.

The next month's meeting, our Christmas Party, will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at Spaghetti Western on T. C. Jester. Everyone sincerely appreciates what the Figueroas do for the neighborhood!

*Anyone interested in the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club is most welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting. Please contact **Carol Jean Hebert** at (713) 681-1552 or [CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com](mailto:CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com) for further details.*

*Garden Club meetings are held on the Second Monday of the month, September through May at 7:00 p.m.*

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

Sheri Beasley  
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### Section 4:

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Ray & Lynette Bartula

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