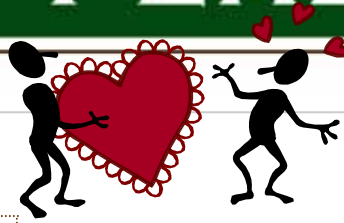




THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB



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Civic Club Volunteer Opportunities

The terms of several of our civic club volunteers come to an end this March, and it is time to begin the task of filling their shoes. Maybe your feet are interested!

If any of the below positions interests you, please contact our civic club vice president, Creston Inderrieden, at creston@indyquest.net.

Membership Coordinator—handles all aspects of civic club membership dues and constable patrol donations. This job includes preparing and mailing notices during annual membership drive, maintaining a database of neighbors, including accurate membership status. Coordinates with the Treasurer to deposit membership funds.

Plaza Pulse Editor—write, layout, send to print Plaza Pulse each month. Manage email communications with neighbors (shameless plug—I could use help in this area, so if you are familiar with Constant Contact or any other email system, and/or if you like using Facebook, contact Emily Leffler at pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com)

Website Coordinator—Create and coordinate the development of web content as appropriate for a website devoted to matters of interest to residents of Shepherd Park Plaza. Manages requests to join the neighborhood Facebook page; monitors content and posts.

Publicity—contacts area businesses to sell newsletter and website ads to defray costs

Hospitality—Coordinates Fall and Spring neighborhood gatherings; Coordinates all seasonal decoration awards

Greeter—Greet new neighbors and provide a brief orientation packet with neighborhood information

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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.

2014 SPP Civic Club Fundraising Campaign Update

Every year, Shepherd Park Plaza raises funds to support our Civic Club through neighbor dues. We also raise funds to pay for a full-time Deputy Constable to patrol our neighborhood exclusively. Time and again, we have agreed collectively that these are good things!

Our fundraising year runs on a fiscal year of September to August (this is a relatively new time frame as the old collection dates ran the calendar year). Therefore, the fundraising for the 2014 year began in September 2013.

Membership dues are \$25 per year. The requested donation to the Constable Patrol Program is \$200 per household. If you have not yet contributed (or if you are like me, and can't remember whether you've paid or not yet this year), contact Tom Dornak at **713-683-6502**. You can also pay online at shepherdparkplaza.com. We are currently up to about 50% of neighbors contributing, but our goal is 75% to be consistent with previous years. Please send in your donation!

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Citizens Patrol Karen Cruse

Constable Patrol Coordinator Karen Cruse

Deed Restrictions Darryl Rickaway

Entrance Bed Maintenance Monica Krause

Greeter Evonne Alford Sturm

Historian Carol Jean Hebert

Hospitality Shannon Zierau

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around the neighborhood

- ▶ My apologies to Mark and Brenda Reed—their beautiful home received yard of the month in December, and sadly, Brenda's name was omitted from the Pulse listing! So sorry, Brenda! Keep up the great gardening work!
- ▶ Jimmy Lee Kujawa of Curtin St passed away shortly before Christmas Day, 2013. Jimmy is survived by his sister, Bobbie Kujawa Kelly and her husband Kenneth on Martin St, along with many other family, friends and neighbors. Jimmy and Bobbie's parents, Rufus and Hazel, bought their lot in Shepherd Park Plaza before the street was paved. Jimmy owned K & K Office Supplies on Ella until he retired, and was a life long member of Our Savior Lutheran Church.



What do you LOVE about SPP?

This past weekend, I posted the question to our neighborhood Facebook group, and here were the results. See what you think!

Melissa Schwartz DeLaunay I love that we can walk to our park and that our neighborhood is filled with kids!

Emily Barra Leffler I love that we have so many family members tying the web of neighborhood connections together!

Sheri Sacco Beasley I love the feeling of a close knit SPP town. Walking down the sidewalks and knowing every ones name and their dogs too! Friendly neighbors who look out for each other.

Shannon Golden Zierau I love how everyone helps each other out in good times and through the challenging times. I love how so many are ready to share their talents and gifts to better the community and bring joy to everyone around, love peace and joy always in all ways!

Holly Armstrong Inderrieden I love the sidewalks and how that keeps my kiddos safe! I love holiday decorations! I love Plaza Moms! I love how diverse our little 'hood is too!

And... just in case you are surprised to hear we have a Facebook group, look for "Shepherd Park Plaza" on Facebook and request to be a member!

Save the Date!! SPP Spring Fling

Saturday, March 29
Durham Elementary



Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	HOURS PATROLLED
1	21
2	16
3	18
4	22
TOTAL	77

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 **Bruno Majewski** — congratulations, Bruno! 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.

Need a Hand?

Do you need some help rolling your trash bin to the curb? One of our neighbors sent the following information on a city service to assist residents with trash pickup days.



Special Collection Assistance for the Physically Challenged

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) offers physically challenged customers special collection assistance at no additional cost to them. The SWMD offers this service to residents who qualify.

To obtain this service, submit a Service Request (SR) by calling 3-1-1 and a "Citizens with Disabilities Application for Services" form.

Specific details are as follows:

- The individual requesting assistance or their representative must call the city's helpline at 3-1-1 to place an SR.
- After placing the SR, the "Citizens with Disabilities Application for Services" form must be submitted showing the physician's certification that the individual is physically challenged and unable to place the container at the curb for collection. If there is more than one individual living in the home, one form will be submitted certifying that all individuals living in the home are physically challenged. The form is available on-line at <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/services.html>.
- 311 will forward the SR to the SWMD who will then assign the SR to one of it's inspectors.
- The SWMD inspector will go to the home and confirm that the individual or individuals in the household are physically challenged.
- Special collection assistance will commence within seven to 10 days upon receipt of the physician's certification and completion of the home inspection.

Home Security Tips from the Citizen Patrollers

- **If you have a driveway gate, remember to close it!**
- **Keep porch lights on at night.**
- **Lock doors.**
- **Keep cars in garage or inside gate. Lock car doors.**
- **If you have a house alarm, USE IT!**

Emergency—911
Constable Dispatch
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HPD—713-884-3131

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December 2013

Arrests.....	0	Vacation Watch	81	Traffic:	
Alarm Responses	1	Burglary of Motor Vehicle .	0	Verbal/Written Warnings...	0
Citizen Contacts	139	Burglary of Habitation	0	Citations	0
Disturbances	1	Accident Reports	1	Suspicious Persons.....	7
Investigations	0	Driving While Intoxicated .	2	Suspicious Vehicles.....	5
Park Checks.....	12	Miles Patrolled.....	2,154	Medical Emergencies	0

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Civic Club Volunteer Opportunities (continued from p. 1)

Architectural Control Coordinator—Respond to and coordinate neighbor notifications of exterior work to the home per neighborhood deed restrictions. Work with the Deed Restrictions Coordinator on interpretation and compliance with existing restrictions. Report to the Board of Directors on all decisions, rejections, or matters under consideration.

Deed Restrictions Coordinator—Investigate and mitigate reports of homes out of compliance with deed restrictions, and bring issues before the Board of Directors. Preside over any committee necessary for the revision or renewal of deed restrictions. Be familiar with the by-laws and enforce adherence. Recommend revisions and preside over committees to change the by-laws as appropriate.

Citizens Patrol Coordinator—Serve as coordinator of Citizens Patrol Group and liaison between that organization and the Board.

Traffic & Safety—Obtain all available crime reports from HPD and furnish reports to the Board and the Plaza Pulse Editor. Work with HPD and/or Deputy Constable on all matters of crime and safety regarding neighbors or their property. Report missing or damaged signs and dangerous road conditions to the Park/City Liaison.

Deputy Constable Coordinator—Serve as the liaison between the Precinct 1 Constable Office and the contract Deputy Constable and the Board of Directors and contract participants. Provide a monthly report of Constable activity to the Plaza Pulse editor.

Park/City Liaison—Interface with the city regarding general park maintenance. Coordinate work groups for clean-up and park maintenance. Store, distribute, recover and manufacture civic club meeting and decoration award signs. Discourage use of illegal signs.

D.R.T./P.I.P Liaison—attend HPD-led meetings and report any impact on SPP

Historian—Research and document the early history of this neighborhood and the first residents. Preserve and store all important papers and publicity (including photos of various neighborhood events).

Entrance Flower Bed Maintenance Committee—Oversee maintenance of 6 entrances to SPP and other common areas

Section Chairperson—Determines yards of the month; keeps track of neighbors in that section (births, deaths, new neighbors, etc.)

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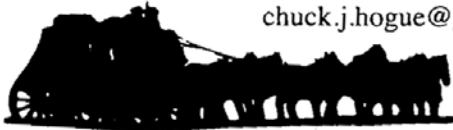
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Architectural Guidelines 713-681-3600	Plaza Pulse News 713-628-4210	SPP Historian 713-681-1552	Traffic & Safety 713-824-4799	Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628
SPP Membership 713-683-6502	City Liaison 713-683-9945	Pulse Advertising 713-688-0574 or 713-681-3600	Men's Group 713-683-9945	HPD 713-884-3131



SPP CALENDAR February 2014



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>Reminder about Heavy Trash: 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.</p>							1
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9	10 	11 	12	13 	14 	15 	
16	17 	18 	19	20 Heavy trash JUNK waste	21	22	
23	24	25 	26	27	28	March 1	
2	3	4 	5	6	7	8	



Love is in the Air...

Plaza Moms is excited to celebrate our annual Valentine's Mixer on Saturday, February 15 at the Eldridges' house, 1003 Cheshire. This

year's mixer will again include Plaza Moms members and partners, but this year, there is no fee to attend! The event begins at 8pm, so feel free to go have your Valentine's dinner before-hand (I mean, you're getting a sitter, so live it up!). We will then have appetizers, sweets and enjoy wine, beer and the like. Come join us for this, or any other event this spring!

Thursday, Feb 6—Ladies Night Out , 8pm, Tony's (bring cash since Tony's doesn't do separate checks)

Saturday, Feb 15—Valentine's Mixer, 8pm, 1003 Cheshire

Thursday, March 6—Ladies Night Out , 8pm, Crisp

Want to learn more about Plaza Moms? Email Megan Rasmussen at chefmegan@gmail.com.



Men's Group

All men of the neighborhood are invited to join the SPP Men's Group for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, February 13th at Live Oak Grill at 11:30 am with August Galiano's annual video presentation. Don't miss it! No rules, no dues, no commitments—just good food and conversation. Bring a friend, a few stories to tell and your appetite.

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



Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers



From the Travelers' recent trip to Eagle Point Distillery, home of Railean Rum

For more information about the SPP Travelers, 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 in future messages.



Garden Club

The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club met on Monday, January 13, 2014 at the home of **Anne Marie McReynolds**, 1044 Martin. **Shirley Correll, Barbara DePrato, Lou Rice** and **Dot Shepherd** were co-hostesses.

SPPGC Member, **Cindy Wolfram**, gave an informative presentation on "Easy Composting for your Garden".

The SPPGC voted to participate in the Spring Fling by doing a Dessert Table and by donating an item for the Silent Auction. The SPPGC Yard of the month for January 2014 was awarded to **Addie Smith**, 1150 Chantilly. Volunteers were requested to assist Romi Sandel, President of the SPPCC, with her work on updating the Directory.

The night concluded with our traditional door prize awarding. Winners were: Barbara DePrado, Sheri Beasley, Geraldine Gurley, Shirley Correll, Carol Jean Hebert, Carolyn Long and Fran Marino.



Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Romi Sandel, 1057 Martin. Nancy Greig, Director of the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science will give a presentation.

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

*If you are interested please contact **Carol Jean Hebert** at (713) 681-1552 or CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com for further details.*

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

Addie Smith
1150 Chantilly





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January Yards of the Month	
<p>Section 1: 1111 Curtin Lisa & Jim Petree</p>	<p>Section 3: 1105 Cheshire Fermina Reyes</p>
<p>Section 2: 4715 Clift Haven Sarah & Jorge Ordoñez</p>	<p>Section 4: None Listed</p>

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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.