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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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Madison Roe, daughter of Chad & Christine Roe, receiving her gift bag from Santa.

The Annual Plaza Moms Breakfast with Santa was a great success with over 100 folks young and old arriving to see the jolly old elf. **Eileen & Billy Hartman** provided a delicious breakfast for the crowd to enjoy as the kids made crafts and visited with Santa Claus.

Christmas Carolers were spotted in the neighborhood. Was your home visited?





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around the neighborhood

By Romi Sandel & Laurie Hardwick

- Christmas came a little early to the Edmiston house! **Courtney & Matt Edmiston** & big brother **Collin** welcomed little sister **Presley Kate** on December 5. She weighed 6lbs 5oz and was 18 3/4 inch long.
- SPP residents and their family members made a strong showing at TXU Energy's Annual Turkey Trot benefiting Sheltering Arms recently. Sheltering Arms provides advocacy, service and support for older adults to promote their independence and dignity. The participants representing SPP were Billy & Eileen Hartman, Marshall & Nicole Hartman, Dee Davis, Sylvie Millete, Brian Lamb, and Creston & Josh Inderrieden. Great participation for a great cause!
- Sharon Boone is on the mend from her recent health problems and is currently in a rehabilitation facility. She's had many visitors, including her whole family on Thanksgiving Day. We miss you on Martin Street Sharon!
- Shirley Boone's big vacation to visit her son, daughter-in-law, daughter and grandchildren in California got derailed when she fell and broke her hip. Despite her injury, she attended her grandson's play in San Francisco while she was there.
- James Arthur Marciano was born on December 13 at 4:45pm to Caroline & Christopher Marciano. He was 7 lbs 11oz and 21.5 inches long and was welcomed home enthusiastically by big sister Katie!

Share Your News—Please pass along any news of note about SPP residents so that we can spotlight them in future issues of the *Pulse*. If you have news to share, please let us know by emailing <u>pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com</u> or contacting **Romi**

Shepherd Park Trees Die By Chuck Blesener

During Hurricane Ike we lost 50 trees in Shepherd Park. Due to the recent drought the City cut several dead trees earlier this year and has now had a contractor cut another 130 dead trees out of our park. They are supposed to come in at a later date and remove all the stumps and possibly plant some new native trees. The heavy equipment the contractor used did leave a mess in the park. The City is sending water trucks into the park regularly to water the remaining trees, and some volunteer groups have adopted some of the trees on the Dunsmere side. We have cleaned up the labyrinth and it is usable as is the playground equipment. The jogging/walking path is damaged some but is still being used also. We have contacted Trees of Houston and they will work with the City in planting new trees but probably not until October of next year. Bear with us as we work with the Parks Department to try and get our park back into a usable condition and into the beautiful location it formerly was

Know the Trash Facts By Chuck Blesener

Here are the basic trash rules for those new to the neighborhood or those residents who need a refresher. Our garbage collection day is on Tuesday unless Monday or Tuesday is a City Holiday and then it is on Wednesday. Household garbage must be put in the city-provided 96 gallon black container which should be placed at the curb between 6 pm the day before and 7 am on the scheduled collection day. The container must not be placed in the street, must be accessible to the automated collection truck, and not blocked by obstacles or parked cars. All containers must be at least 3 feet apart for the trucks automated

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NOVEMBER 2011

CITIZENS PATROL STATS

Patrol Hours Prepared by Charli Merchant

WEEK	AUTO/BIKE PATROL	AUTO PATROL	TOTAL HOURS
1	18	20.5	38.5
2	18	19	37
3	18.5	15	33.5
4	24.5	23.5	48
TOTAL	79	78	157

Interested in patrolling? Contact **Karen Cruse** at 713-824-4799 or <u>kjcfm4954@yahoo.com</u> 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.

Ernie Gessner is the winner of the \$20 gas bonus this month. Please note that the patrol hour reporting has been changed to align with HPD reports.

CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY	CONSTABLE
Miles Patrolled 936	
Arrests0	-
Alarm Responses 3	O
Citizen Contacts 58	2
Disturbances 0	0.
Investigations 3	Ü
Park Checks 18	VOVEMB
Vacation Watch 24	Ш
Misc. Calls 13	<u> </u>
Dispatched Calls 19	Ş
Total Calls 117	_
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Traffic:	
Verbal/Written Warnings 1	
Citations 0	

equipment to easily access them. Containers must be removed from the curb and public view by 10 pm on the day of collection. Do not put household chemicals, construction or remodeling debris, dead animals, computer equipment, recyclables, or yard trimmings in your container. You may request additional 96 gallon containers for a fee of \$15.15 each plus tax, per month, for a minimum of 1 year added to your water bill. You must have a current City sticker on the second can for it to be collected. For those who require extra service only occasionally, they may purchase Tags For Bags at most grocery stores or online at houstonsolidwaste.org for \$2 plus tax per bag in increments of 5. All bags containing garbage must have a tag.

Yard trimmings, grass clippings, small branches, and leaves must be in city-approved compostable bags weighing less than 50 pounds and placed at the curb at least 3 feet away from the garbage container on the same days of collection. Small branches may be tied in bundles less than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter and

weighing less than 50 pounds. Any waste created by work performed by a contractor must be removed by the contractor.

The green 96 gallon city-provided automated recycling containers can be used to recycle newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, used motor oil, plastic containers, cleaned aluminum and tin cans, flattened cardboard, and rinsed glass bottles and jars. You should never place paints, household chemicals, electronics, batteries, fuel, tires, or anything dangerous in these bins. They are collected on the same days and times as the garbage containers but only every other week. Consult this newsletter or call 311 for specific dates. They should be placed at the curb at least 3 feet from your garbage container or any lawn refuse bags.

Our heavy trash collection day is the FOURTH Tuesday of each month, not necessarily the last Tuesday since some months have five. The City will collect tree waste (Christmas trees, tree trunks, tree limbs, branches, or stumps) on the odd numbered months and junk waste (furniture, appliances, and bulk material) on the even numbered months. These items should be placed at the curb, not in the street or on the sidewalk or over water meters, between the hours of 6 pm the Friday before, and 7 am on the scheduled collection day. No more than 8 cubic yards will be collected with no more than 4 cubic yards being building material (not to include shingles, brick, plaster, or concrete). Sheet rock must be bagged and appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached certifying that a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant. The Solid Waste Management Department is not allowed to collect any material that was generated by contractors retained by a resident to perform work on his or her residential property. The City has sometimes been picking up tree waste on junk waste months, but this material winds up in the landfill instead of being recycled as intended. They never pick up junk waste on tree waste months.

Find more information here: http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/ schedule.html

Christmas trees will be collected on your scheduled Tree Waste collection day in January.

Christmas trees are being accepted for recycling December 27, 2011 - January 8, 2012 at the N. Main Neighborhood Depository 9003 N. Main. Remove tinsel, plastic bags, tree stands and water bowls. Flocked trees are not accepted.

Garden Club Delivers Poinsettias by Evonne Alford (photos by Sheri Beasley)

On December 6 more than 250 Poinsettia plants were delivered to area residents who graciously ordered plants during our annual fundraising event. **Alice Bongers** chaired the project, and was assisted by several club members on delivery day.



Tie-Dye Elf **Sheri Beasley** delivers an order to Texas Bus Company on 34th

Pat Hebert

Mark Sonier



The **Mohels** load up their van with an order of 36 plants to deliver.



Calvin & Alice Bongers unloading the last of the 300 Poinsettia plants.

Holiday Decorating Winners Announced

Best Overall				
1st	1106 Richelieu	Ryan & Kathy Moroney		
2nd	939 Chantilly	Jeremy & Colleen Cockrum		
	BEST REI	IGIOUS DISPLAY		
1st	1012 Richelieu	George & Beverly Rubenstahl		
2nd	1162 Curtin	Bill & Aileen Hartman		
	Most O	RIGINAL DESIGN		
1st	1159 Curtin	Philip & Leann Salmons		
2nd	1151 Chantilly	Matthew & Adriane Schultea		
	BEST TRAI	DITIONAL DISPLAY		
1st	4707 Apollo	Chris & Kim Schultea		
2nd	4615 Dunsmere	Karen Cruse & Charli Merchant		
	BEST NO	VELTY DISPLAY		
1st	1121 Cheshire	Larry & Lori Dewitt		
2nd	1028 Candlelight	Nikki Bui & Greg Walls		
	BEST LIC	HTING DISPLAY		
1st	1110 Richelieu	Chris & Deborah Campos		
2nd	4727 Apollo	Michael & Kelly Matula		
BEST DOOR DESIGN				
1st	4706 Thornton Cir.	Melvin & Susan Clayton		
2nd	1067 Thornton	Whanell & Cecile Spriggs		
Best Window(s) Display				
1st	1111 Cheshire	Andrew & Sadie Barcia		
2nd	1115 Richelieu	Faye Bartniski		

	4706 Thornton Cir.	Melvin & Susan Clayton	
	1067 Thornton	Whanell & Cecile Spriggs	
	BEST WIN	IDOW(S) DISPLAY	
	1111 Cheshire	Andrew & Sadie Barcia	
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Charles Hebert

Joey Hebert

Best Cul-de-sac Decoration/Lighting				
1st	Candlelight			
2nd Chantilly				
	SECTION 1			
Favorite	1051 Chamboard	Katherine O'Rourke		
Children's Favorite	1051 Curtin	James & Brenda McKee		
	SECTION 2	!		
Favorite	4702 Brian Haven	Nelson & Sylvia Schmidt		
Children's Favorite	1131 Thornton	Michael Pate & Bob Warren		
	SECTION 3			
Favorite	1024 Martin	Miriam & Brandon Smith		
Children's Favorite	1055 Cheshire	Craig Potton and Ron Kerr		
	Section 4			
Favorite	1037 Candlelight	Larry Scott Ruch		
Children's Favorite	1021 Richelieu	Chip & Sandi Cherry		
Moms Favorite				
	934 Chantilly	Jay & Christy McKinzie		
	PRESIDENT'S A	WARD		
	1139 Chamboard	Beverly Mattocks		



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CP Vacation Watch Architectural Guid

Traffic & Safety **713-824-4799**

New Neighbor/Greeter 713-305-5036

Garden Club 713-344-7013

CP Vacation Watch **713-682-5959**

Architectural Guidelines **713-956-1167**

Plaza Pulse News **713-503-2552**

SPP Historian **713-683-9945**

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Men's Group **713-683-9945**



SPP CALENDAR

JANUARY 2012



= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Appinevite, 1	2	3	SPPCC Board Meeting	5	6	7
8	Garden Club MEETING	10	11	Men's Group MEETING	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	Plaza Moms MEETING	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Heavy trash TREE waste only + Christmas trees	A Note About	•	tch • 713-7	



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Garden Club

SPP Garden Club had a busy, busy December filled with activities and adventures! Poinsettias were delivered

on December 6. Thank you to everyone for your support. December 12 was the annual Christmas Party held at Collina's on 19th St. in the Heights. Great food, great friends, and great laughter highlighted the evening as club members and their guests gathered for this very special holiday celebration.

December Yard-Of-The-Month was awarded to one of our newest residents and club members **Lori Kubin** at 1107 Cheshire. The landscaping and house have undergone an extensive updating and remodeling in the past several months. Welcome Lori, and thanks for all your efforts to beautify your new home, and therefore help make our neighborhood as a whole just a little bit nicer.

The January meeting will be held at 1038 Richelieu, the home of **Alice Bongers**, with guest speaker Lucia Bettler from Lucia's Garden. The topic will be "herbs from the garden to the kitchen". Meeting begins at 7 pm with a light meal, the speaker, and business meeting to follow. Guests are invited to attend, and memberships are welcome throughout the September thru May fiscal year of the club.



Plaza Moms

Plaza moms will hold their next meeting on January 23 at **Emily Eldridge**'s house at 1003 Cheshire and the topic will be edible gardening.

The next exciting event from Plaza Moms will be the Valentine's day mixer on February 11. Plaza Moms and their significant others are invited to mix and mingle. More information to come.



Creston & Holly Inderrieden contact us today at: 713.301.4054 or creston@indyquest.net





Gardening Tip of the Month: Since none of us are spending much time in our yards and gardens right now, how about taking a look at those living indoor plants? To clean dusty houseplant leaves, add ¼ cup instant nonfat dry milk to 2 cups of water. Dampen a soft cloth, and wipe on. Leaves are nourished and given a nice shine



Men's Group

Because of the busy Holiday season, the members of the Shepherd Park Plaza Men's Group did not meet in

December. They will meet again for lunch at the Live Oak Grill in January on their regularly scheduled date, the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 am. At this luncheon the wives are invited to join the guys to help congratulate the Groups newest John Wayne Award winner, **Jeanette Blesener**. Jeanette will be honored for her inspiration and hard work in building Ann's Labyrinth in Shepherd Park, as well as her efforts to control gang graffiti and pick up trash in the park. **August Galiano** will provide a short video presentation and we will discuss neighborhood events and our upcoming trip.

The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's Group is open to all men of the neighborhood and has no formal rules, officers, or dues. Just drop in and introduce yourself anytime. For more information contact **Chuck Blesener** at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945.



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Thanks to **Spaghetti Western**, 1608 Shepherd Drive (713) 861-1313, who graciously donated gift certificates for our newest neighbors. http://www.spagwesthouston.com/.

If you have moved into the neighborhood recently and have not yet been greeted by the SPP Civic Club, please contact **Eileen Hartman** at 713-305-5036 or eileen@hartmanassociates.com.



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Deed Restrictions – Proposed Updates

The Civic Club is interested in updating the deed restrictions. SPP's deed restrictions were created in 1962 and in some ways are outdated. In recent years, some residents in neighboring subdivisions have made decisions which have hurt neighborhood home prices. These proposed deed restriction changes seek to preempt some of the major issues that have occurred in neighboring subdivisions.

Wait, didn't I hear something about an HOA (Home Owners Association)? Based on feedback from residents at the town hall meetings, the SPP Civic Club is not pursuing an HOA, and only seeks to update the deed restrictions.

How did you come up with these items? A committee was formed consisting of some Civic Club members and other interested residents who were opposed to the idea of an HOA, but saw the need to modernize the deed restrictions. The committee brainstormed potential issues. Some of the items discussed were dismissed because they are already prohibited by City ordinance.

What is required to change the deed restrictions? – Written approval by over 50% of the residents. What's your goal for today? – To inform residents of the proposed changes and solicit feedback.

Restriction	Issue With Current Restrictions	The Proposed Change
Vehicle on	No current deed restriction prevents	All vehicles and trailers must be parked on
Front Lawn	vehicles or trailers from being parked	paved driveway. Limit continuous parking
	on the front lawn.	of oversized vehicles in driveway.
Time Limit	New construction or major home	Place a limit on new construction (18 mths),
for	renovations are sometimes abandoned	remodeling (6 mths), PODS (60 days).
Construction	or postponed for years Storage	Allow exceptions for major hardship,
	containers, such as PODS, which	extreme weather events, or dispute with
	remain in a driveway for a long	insurance co.
	extended period of time.	
Roofing	Current deed restrictions specify wood	Specify a minimum 25 year architectural
Materials	shingles, which are now outlawed by	grade shingle, metal, slate, or tile.
	city ordinance due to fire risk.	
Height	Current deed restrictions wouldn't	In order to remove any ambiguity, a
Limitations	prevent a neighbor from building a	residence is limited to two stories not to
	very tall three or four story building	exceed 39 feet.
	which would overshadow your house.	
Business in	Currently deed restrictions ban all	Reaffirm residences are to be a single family
Residence	businesses operated from the home.	home, and that any business use of home must
	The goal is to better define a business	be unobtrusive. Define business by: a)
	as those whose operations would	Regular deliveries to or from house made by
	disturb neighbors or would adversely	truck (not UPS, Fedex, or USPS), b) Open to
	affect home values.	public, c) Regular customers.
Garage Sizes	Sizes are limited to 2 car garage for	Define a 2 car garage as two 10 ft doors or
	Section 1 and a 3 car garage for other	one 20 ft foot door and define a 3 car garage
	sections. The size of a 2 or 3 car	as three 10 ft foot doors or one 10 ft foot and
	garage is ambiguous.	one 20 ft foot door. All doors must be
		contiguous.
Architectural	Three specific people are named who	Annually elect a person who provides
Committee	are either deceased or no longer in	recommendations to the Board. The Board
	neighborhood.	will vote on all architectural issues brought
		forth.

<u>Deed Restriction – Proposed Changes - Feedback Form</u>

Deed Restriction Change	Support	Oppose	Undecided
Vehicle on Front Lawn			
Height Limitations			
Roofing Materials			
Time limit for Construction			
Business in Residence			
Garage Sizes			
Architectural Control Committee			

Comments	
We appreciate all positive feedb	eack and constructive criticism. All constructive feedback will be unications.
Name	(You may leave blank)
Contact Info	(You may leave blank)

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