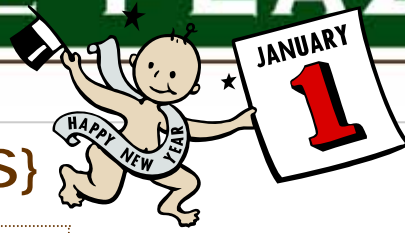




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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB



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Some Notes About Deed Restrictions and Architectural Guidelines

As I begin to take down the Christmas lights from the eaves of my roof, I notice that the paint is in pretty rough shape. Hmm... might be time to get the house re-painted. Since this is a change to the exterior of my home, it's time to call one of the nicest neighbors in SPP, Darryl Rickaway. Darryl is our current Civic Club Committee Chair for Deed Restrictions and Architectural Guidelines. Any time neighbors make changes to the exterior of the home, we need to give Darryl a ring to check in. Here are some facts about this matter:

- Some residents have asked whether our **Deed Restrictions** have expired—they have not. All four sections of Shepherd Park Plaza have a renewal clause in the deed restrictions, so our deed restrictions are automatically renewed for successive ten year periods indefinitely, unless a majority of property owners in each section petition and vote to change them. Our deed restrictions are currently valid, and enforceable.
- The **Architectural Guidelines Committee** assigned by the developers of Shepherd Park Plaza, and listed in the deed restrictions, has expired. However, the Civic Club Board created and maintains an Architectural Guidelines Committee duly elected by the members serving the same purpose.
- **Get a permit!** It is necessary for any resident that is remodeling, reroofing, making additions or any exterior changes to their home, to get a City of Houston building permit. When applying for the permit, the owner must sign a notarized Deed Restriction Affidavit swearing they are aware of all applicable restrictions and the plans are in full compliance with them. Submitting your plans in advance to the SPP Architectural Control Committee, and getting their approval, will make the process much easier. Without this approval you may be falsifying a legal document which could result in application denial, or the City could force you to remove the completed work.
- **An Exception!** While our deed restrictions specify wood shingles or a built up roof, state law has for many years outlawed the enforcement of such restrictions for fire safety reasons. Your civic club has previously sent out copies of our deed restrictions with a cover letter recommending the use of architectural grade shingles in earth tone colors. You or your roofing company should submit the shingle and color of your choice for approval by the Architectural Control Committee.

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.

Time to Take Down the Tree? Please Recycle!



Please recycle your tree! Here are two ways:

Easy: Put your tree curbside on Thursday, January 16 for Heavy Trash—TREE Waste Pickup. Trees picked up this day will automatically be recycled.

Fast: Take your tree to any City of Houston Solid Waste Depository through January 8 (locations found online at http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/christmastree_recycling.html)

Be sure to remove all decorations, lights and tinsel. Flocked trees are not recyclable.

Recycled Christmas trees are ground into mulch that is available in bulk directly from Living Earth or available in bags at Houston retailers.

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2013 Holiday Decorating Awards!

Here it is... the time of the year everyone has been waiting for... the issue of the Plaza Pulse where our holiday decorations award winners get to see their names in print!! Please let us know if we've gotten your name wrong—we don't always have a chance at the time of judging to meet our winners face to face, and if we haven't heard from you yet for the new directory (shameless plug), chances are we are listing names as they appear in public county records (HCAD.org). Tell us if we goofed by emailing pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com.

Thanks to everyone—winner or not—for a magical holiday season!

Category	Winner Name	Winner Address
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Best overall

1st place	George & Mary Parnham	1003 Chamboard
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2nd place	Chris & Deborah Campos	1110 Richelieu
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Best Religious Display

1st place	Mary Kleinhenz	1062 Cheshire
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2nd place	Bill & Ailene Hartman	1162 Curtin
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Most Original Design

1st place	Nelson & Marti Turner	1071 Thornton
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2nd place	Ken & Liz Kuntz	1005 Richelieu
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Best Traditional Display

1st place	Michael Erickson & Marcia West	943 Chamboard
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2nd place	Ron & Donna Kleist	1049 Martin
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Best Novelty Display

1st place	Philip & Leann Salmons	1159 Curtin
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2nd place	Chris & Kim Shultea	4707 Apollo
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Best Lighting Display

1st place	Kenneth & Pat Thompson	4725 Apollo
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2nd place	Felix Pacheco	1146 Chantilly
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Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	HOURS PATROLLED
1	13.5
2	12.0
3	15.0
4	19.0
TOTAL	59.5

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. However, the last training for 2013 was in October. Make your New Year's Resolutions now to join Citizens on Patrol! 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 **August Galiano** — congratulations, August! 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.



Category	Winner Name	Winner Address
Best Door Design		
1st place	Jack & Karen Key	1046 Cheshire
2nd place	Michael & Robin McClung	1178 Curtin
Best Window Display		
1st place	Andrew & Sadie Barcia	1111 Cheshire
2nd place	Clifton Caskey & Pamela Bosman	1062 Martin
Best Cul-de-Sac Decoration/Lighting		
1st place	Thornton Street arches (from Apollo to Brian Haven)	
2nd place	Cheshire snowmen (Cul-de-Sac at Park Plaza)	
Section Favorites		
Section 1 Favorite	Adelle & Lynn Durden	987 Curtin
Section 1 Children's Favorite	Nathan & Rachel Gallagher	1142 Chamboard
Section 2 Favorite	Bob Warren & Michael Pate	1131 Thornton
Section 2 Children's Favorite	Karen Cruse & Charli Merchant	4615 Dunsmere
Section 3 Favorite	David & Stacey Bartula	1051 Cheshire
Section 3 Children's Favorite	Tony & Vicki Cangelosi	1018 Cheshire
Section 4 Favorite	Norma Salazar	1044 Candlelight
Section 4 Children's Favorite	Evan & Serena Kramer	1047 Richelieu
Moms' Favorite	Matt & Angie Hoover	1002 Cheshire
President's Award	Adolph & Janice Benys	1104 Cheshire

Call s handled by Deputy Constabl e



November 2013

Arrests..... 0
 Alarm Responses 2
 Citizen Contacts 208
 Disturbances 1
 Investigations 0
 Park Checks..... 17

Vacation Watch 86
 Burglary of Motor Vehicle . 1
 Burglary of Habitation 1
 Accident Reports 0
 Criminal Mischief 1
 Miles Patrolled 2,118

Traffic:
 Verbal/Written Warnings... 0
 Citations 0
 Suspicious Persons..... 4
 Suspicious Vehicles..... 5
 Traffic Stops 5

Bess Moseley Turns 90!

On Saturday, November 30, long time resident Bess Moseley was surprised with a birthday party to celebrate her upcoming 90th birthday.

The party was held during the Thanksgiving holidays, so Bess got to see some extended family that had traveled in for the holiday and stayed to celebrate with her! About 70 people were able to join in the festivities, including her son Gary Moseley and his wife Sarah, and Bess’s long time friend, Addie Smith.



Bess, whose actual Birthday is December 23rd, was showered with a multitude of cards and warm greetings.

Bess received an “elegant” Spanish Hat which made her relatively easy to spot as she bobbed around the room.

Congratulations and Warm Wishes, Bess!!!

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In Memory...



One of our long-time neighbors, Jim Kelly, passed away on December 8, 2013. Jim was a good neighbor and friend to many. He served in the Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club and was an active member of our Citizens’ Patrol. Jim was also very active in our greater community at St. Rose of Lima (in many roles, but particularly with the food pantry) and with the Boy Scouts. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Garden Club Christmas Party



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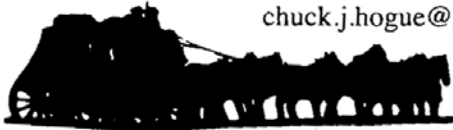
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713-884-3131



SPP CALENDAR

January 2014



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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.			1	2	3	4
5	6		8	 Men's Group MEETING	10	11
12	 Garden Club MEETING		15	 LADIES' NIGHT OUT	17	18
19	 MLK Day	 Plaza Moms Meeting	 SPP TRAVELERS	23	24	25
26	27		29	30	31	Feb 1
2	3		5	6	7	8



*The Members of Plaza Moms
wish all the neighborhood ladies a
Happy New Year!*

Plaza Moms is not just an organization for mothers—we welcome women of all choices and stages of life! Come join us for one of our get-togethers in January and check us out.

Thursday, January 9—Ladies Night Out , 8pm, PLONK!

Tuesday, January 21—Monthly Meeting, 7pm at the home of Megan Rasmussen, 4907 Dunsmere



Men's Group

All men of the neighborhood are invited to join the SPP Men's Group for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, January 9th at Hibachi Grill on 34th St at 11:30 am. 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

Our merry band of travelers will be bound for San Leon and League City on a Precinct 4 bus on Wednesday, January 22nd. The group will tour the Eagle Point Distillery, home of Railean Rum, have lunch at Topwater Grill on the bay and visit the Butler Longhorn Museum.

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, December 9, 2013 at Fratelli's Restaurant, 1330 Wirt Road. Lori Kubin, Second Vice President, did a wonderful job with the reservations and the coordination of this event. A special thank you goes to Susan Fitzpatrick, for her assistance at the sign in table.

Because this was our Holiday celebration, which included husbands and guests, the only business was Bob Warren's awarding of the December 2013 Yard of the Month to Cindy and Bob Wolfram, 4507 Apollo.

A fun gift exchange was one of the highlights of the evening. Our personal Santa, Jim Krouse, was a total delight. He was here, there and everywhere making sure that all had a great time.

Another evening highlight came when Evonne Alford Sturm was presented with a framed collage of photos of her taken over her many years in the SPPGC. Around the photos were individually signed best wishes from all members of the Garden Club. A big thank you goes to Corrine Opperman for all her efforts which made this a very, very special gift.



Evonne and her husband, Tom, are moving to the Brenham area.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Anne Marie McReynolds, 1044 Martin. Cindy Wolfram will speak on "Easy Composting For Your Garden".

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
December
Yard of the Month Award
goes to:
Cindy & Bob Wolfram
4507 Apollo





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December Yards of the Month

Section 1:

943 Chamboard
Marcia West & Michael
Erickson

Section 3:

1049 Martin
Donna & Ron Kleist

Section 2:

4603 Dunsmer
Mark Reed

Section 4:

To Be Listed in
February Pulse

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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 **Evonne Alford Sturm** at 281-344-7013 or EvonneAlford@comcast.net so we can welcome you officially.