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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.

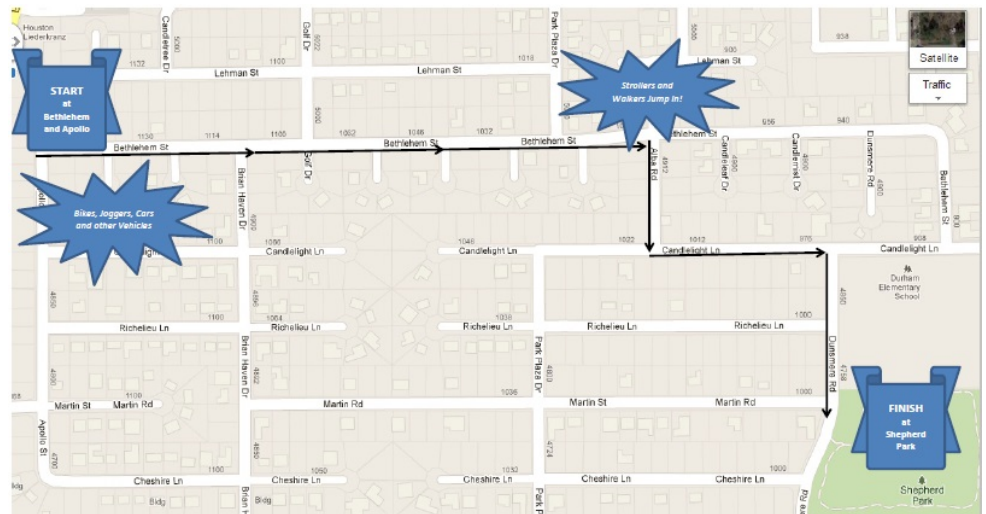
If you have news to share, please let us know by emailing pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com or by contacting Romi Sandel at 713-962-4171.

Plaza Moms' Annual Patriotic Parade and Celebration!

When: Thursday, July 4, 2013, 9:00 am

Where: Parade begins at the corner of Bethlehem and Apollo

Post-Parade Celebration at Shepherd Park



Calling all Shepherd Park and Candlelight Plaza neighbors! Pull out your stars, flags and red, white and blue! Decorate your bikes, trikes, wagons and strollers in preparation for our annual Patriotic Parade and Celebration on Thursday, July 4th. Led by a fire truck and escorted by our neighborhood constable, the parade starts at 9 am at the corner of Bethlehem and Apollo. We will ride to Shepherd Park where we will cool off in the shade with sno cones and water play!

How can I participate?

- We encourage our bikers and faster vehicle participants to arrive at Bethlehem and Apollo a bit before 9 am to wait for the fire truck. Be ready to pedal, because no matter how slowly we tell the fire chief to drive, he's just not used to parade pace!
- For those not riding in the parade, please cheer the parade along Bethlehem, Alba, Candlelight and Dunsmer! See the map above to choose your favorite spot.
- For those walkers, joggers, stroller pushers, wagon pullers and otherwise short-legged peddlers and scooters (aka slower than a fire truck), we recommend jumping in at Bethlehem at Alba or Alba at Candlelight.



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5th Annual Crawfish Boil Review

by Tom and Patricia Dornak

Thanks to everyone, the 5th annual Crawfish Boil was a huge success! A super huge thanks to Shawn & Amy Boatman (Candlelight), Mike Chassion (the cook!), Mike & Kim Evans (Candlelight) and everyone else who had their hand in the cooking! And of course John & Dee Davis (Thornton Circle) who opened up their home to host the event.

We made \$2,890 this year with 138 guests, setting records for both attendance and funds raised for the Civic Club!

Thank you also to the following neighbors and friends for volunteering and helping underwrite the event:

Tom & Amber Caver on Richelieu, Bill & Cathy French on Martin, Mike & Connie Clark on Candlelight, Joel & Romi Sandel on Martin, Brandon & Jennifer Brown on Candlelight, Billy Hartman on Curtin and Tom & Patricia Dornak on Richelieu.



around the neighborhood

Taylor Ryan of Chamboard graduated from St. Agnes Academy in May. She will be studying finance at the Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business in the fall.

Kendall Salmons recently was awarded 2nd place in the Houston Online art contest open to students in Harris and Ft. Bend counties who attend private, parochial and home school networks. Her category was students in grades 3 thru 5, ages 9-12. Kendall is pictured with her 3rd grade art teacher at St. Ambrose Catholic School. Proud grandmother Evonne Alford Sturm is credited with teaching Kendall to paint, beginning at age 3. Kendall's parents are Philip and Leann Salmons.



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**Fred Stephens**, born January 26, 1932, passed away May 28th, 2013. Fred was a long time resident of SPP, Civic Club board member, and Men's Group member. He was an architect and designed some of the homes in our area.

Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

| WEEK  | HOURS PATROLLED |
|-------|-----------------|
| 1     | 30.0            |
| 2     | 38.5            |
| 3     | 39.5            |
| 4     | 47.0            |
| TOTAL | 155             |

**Interested in patrolling?** 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 who regularly walks in the neighborhood is invited to join the COP group. More eyes on our neighborhood means more watching for suspicious activity.

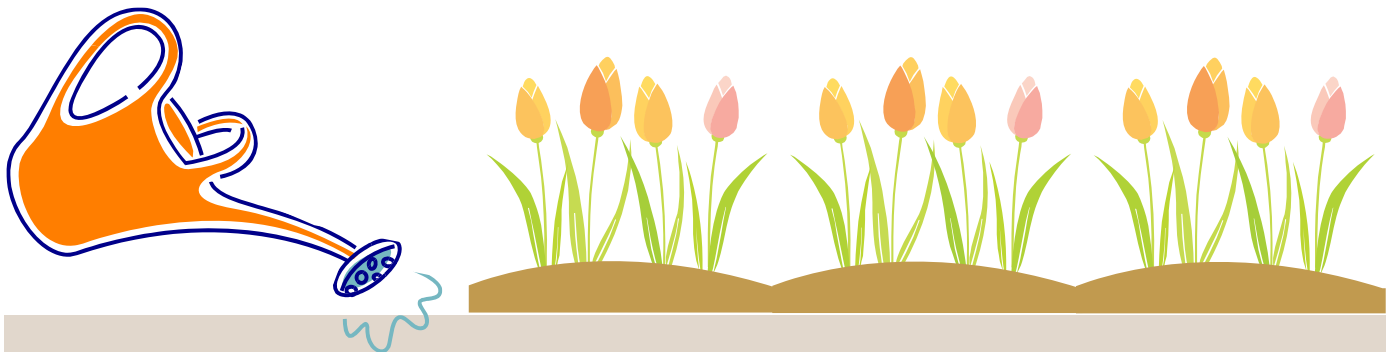
The winner of the random \$10 gas bonus this month is **Ernie Gessner** — congratulations, Ernie! Patrollers who turn in at least 4 hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for a random drawing for a \$10 gas card. Gift cards for accumulated driving hours will be distributed at the monthly meeting.

Here’s an idea for a summer activity... **Check out the bats at the Watonga Street Bridge!**

A large bat colony lives under the bridge, and emerges at dusk each night. The emergence can be seen from the bike trail along White Oak Bayou. SPP Neighbor Jeanette Blesener reports the following, “We took lawn chairs and sat on the east edge of the bayou about 20 ft. from the end of the bridge. About 15-20 minutes after sunset, the lights came on for the hike/bike trail and the bats began to emerge. A large cloud of bats flew out and was silhouetted against the western sky. We stayed and stragglers flew very close to where we were sitting.”



Parking is allowed on T. C. Jester. Jeanette also advises bringing a flashlight for the walk back to the car. Thanks for the tips, Jeanette!



**Interested in Neighborhood Beautification?**

The work of the Garden Club’s **Beautification Committee** does not stop. This year, they have been very active and attentive to various areas in SPP. When you pass the entrance beds, see the Labyrinth in the Park or rest on the bench in the Butterfly Garden, please know that these areas do not just happen. Much effort is given to creating and maintaining these attractive spots in our neighborhood.

If you have an interest in assisting the Beautification Committee in garden maintenance throughout the neighborhood, contact Garden Club President, **Carol Jean Hebert**, at [CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com](mailto:CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com) or 713-681-1552



## CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY CONSTABLE



MAY 2013

Arrests..... 0  
Alarm Responses ..... 3  
Citizen Contacts ..... 64  
Disturbances ..... 1  
Indecent Exposure ..... 1  
Park Checks..... 19

Vacation Watch ..... 37  
Burglary of Motor Vehicle . 0  
Suspicious Vehicles ..... 7  
Welfare Checks..... 1  
Accident Reports ..... 1  
Miles Patrolled..... 3,187

### Traffic:

Verbal/Written Warnings... 0  
Citations ..... 0  
Suspicious Persons..... 1  
Medical Emergencies ..... 2

### ***What's Happening Around Houston—Old Seabrook***

*by Carol Jean Hebert*

Seabrook is a small town on the Texas coast just 30 minutes south of downtown Houston. Residents and visitors treasure this vibrant community for its resort-style experiences that encompasses Clear Lake and Galveston Bay.

Seabrook celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011. However, historic records date back to 1832 when Ritson Morris, a native Virginian, obtained a league of land from the Mexican government. A portion of the land was purchased by Seabrook W. Sydnor in 1895 and a plat was filed with the Harris County Courthouse the following year.

In March 1903, the Seabrook Company of Houston filed a revised layout of the proposed Seabrook town site, which appealed to local farmers, fishermen and merchants. Some years later, in 1961, local leaders had the city incorporated.

In 1964, a bridge was built between Kemah and Seabrook and State Highway 146 was established as a four-lane highway. In 1986, the decision was finally made to start the construction of a fixed span bridge that was tall enough for sailboats to pass under. After this bridge was finished, Highway 146 was linked all the way from Galveston to Texas State Highway 225. This resulted in an increase in the population of Seabrook to its present level of approximately 12,000 people.

Old Seabrook is a must see. Rich in history, Old Seabrook has an array of unique shops, fine dining and cozy bed and breakfast style lodging. Seabrook is conveniently located just minutes from several bay area attractions including the Kemah Boardwalk and NASA Space Center.

Seabrook parks cover over 100 acres and include two boat ramps, two public pools plus a 1,000-foot salt water fishing pier. Additionally, Seabrook has an extensive hike and bike trail system. The trail system connects several Seabrook parks and is perfect for those who enjoy nature.

The 1,000 foot fishing pier can be found at Pine Gulley Park. Pine Gulley is more than fifty acres and this park encompasses a Karankawa Indian camp site, wetlands, wooded area and nature trails. The park has several amenities such as restrooms, picnic tables, barbecue grills and playgrounds.

Seabrook is a bird lovers' paradise. Approximately three hundred diverse species, including several varieties of pelicans, ospreys, wax-wings, warblers, sandpipers, buntings and many migrant songbirds visit throughout the year.

The Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, offers a sailing school and charters. Classes and charters are available daily, overnight and on weekends which include classes for children and dinner cruises. Houston Party Boats and The Spirit of the Texas Paddle Wheeler are located in Seabrook just inside the marina on Nasa Parkway.

Seabrook is known for its fish markets on Waterfront Drive where resident shrimpers and fishermen bring in their catches daily.

***For a relaxing, back to nature and on the water day,  
you just might want to visit Seabrook!***





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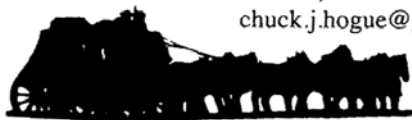
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Deed Restrictions  
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Plaza Moms  
281-779-5623 or 713-775-0307

New Neighbor/Greeter  
281-344-7013

Garden Club  
713-344-7013

CP Vacation Watch  
713-682-5959

Architectural Guidelines  
713-681-3600

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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

JULY 2013



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

|                                                                                                                     |                             |        |    |                                         |    |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----|-----------------------------------------|----|----|
|                                                                                                                     | 1<br>                       | 2      | 3  | 4<br><br>9 am Patriotic Parade          | 5  | 6  |
| 7                                                                                                                   | 8<br>                       | 9<br>  | 10 | 11                                      | 12 | 13 |
| 14                                                                                                                  | 15<br><br>LADIES' NIGHT OUT | 16<br> | 17 | 18<br><b>Heavy trash<br/>TREE waste</b> | 19 | 20 |
| 21                                                                                                                  | 22                          | 23<br> | 24 | 25                                      | 26 | 27 |
| 28                                                                                                                  | 29                          | 30<br> | 31 | AUG 1                                   | 2  | 3  |
| 4                                                                                                                   | 5                           | 6<br>  | 7  | 8                                       | 9  | 10 |
| Heavy Trash is the 3rd Thursday of each month with Tree Waste in the odd months, and Junk Waste in the even months. |                             |        |    |                                         |    |    |





July is a big month for Plaza Moms! We host our annual **4th of July** Patriotic Parade and Celebration (see cover for details). Contact Erin Field if you are interested in helping at [erinbfield@gmail.com](mailto:erinbfield@gmail.com) or 713-806-6931

**July 4**—Annual Patriotic Parade and Celebration!

**July 15**—8pm, Ladies Night Out, Corkscrew

We've also begun a Plaza Moms Facebook page to supplement Big Tent., so look us up and join in the network!



## Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers

The Travelers will enjoy a pleasant air conditioned trip on **Tuesday, July 9th** to tour the Houston Emergency Center and the Transtar Traffic Control Center. This is an afternoon trip with an early dinner at La Hacienda. Contact Chuck to reserve your spot on the bus.

The group is planning an **October 17** guided tour of the South Texas Project Nuclear Generating Station. More details to come.

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For more information 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 on future messages.



*from the "Daylilies & Baseball" trip the Travelers took back in May*



## Garden Club

The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club does not officially meet during June, July and August, but that doesn't stop these ladies from taking care of business!. The previous and current Board members met on June 10, 2013 for an informal gathering to exchange ideas and to give a positive sense of continuity to the SPPGC. All attendees brought "a little something" and the result was a very tasteful and nutritious Super Salad Supper.



The current elected Board and Ladies appointed to various Committees will meet in July and August with the goal of providing a satisfying and rewarding upcoming year for all members.



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

Carol Jean Hebert, President 2013-2014 at [caroljeanhebert@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljeanhebert@yahoo.com) or 713-681-1552

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

**Corinne Oppermann**

1115 Thornton





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# SPP

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around to introducing yourself yet, contact

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