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Mud Bugs were Bigger this year and so was the Crowd

By Tom Dornak

The 4th Annual SPP Crawfish Boil held on May 5th at the **Davis'** place on Thornton Circle was enjoyed by all and experienced its largest crowd ever this year. The event and fundraiser had a 25% increase in guests and funds raised. One hundred thirty seven adults and children enjoyed the mud bug boil. The cooking was headed up by the **Boatmans** on Candlelight and their friend from Louisiana, Mike Chiasson along with the **Evanses** on Candlelight. The recipe of spices for the crawfish also included red potatoes, corn on the cob, andouille sausage, mushrooms and garlic.

The event was underwritten by **Amy and Shawn Boatman, Amber and Tom Caver, Connie and Mike Clark, Dee and John Davis, Patricia and Tom Dornak, Kim and Mike Evans, Cathy and Bill French, Eileen and Billy Hartman, and Jennifer and Brian Lamb.** Ticket sales raised \$2,420 and was all donated to the SPP Civic Club.



Wave Your Flag

You have probably noticed the US Flags flying over the streets of SPP once again. This is the 4th year to fly these flags in SPP to show patriotism, to commemorate U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service, and to observe other U.S. Federal events. Enjoy the flags and add your own to the neighborhood for the summer days for observation:

- **Memorial Day**—May 28
- **Flag Day**—June 14
- **Independence Day**—July 4

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around the neighborhood

By Romi Sandel

- **Emily Thompson**, daughter of **Kenneth & Patricia**, is graduating from St. Pius X High School with honors, and will be attending Texas A&M to study Petroleum Engineering.
- The **Wendt** family celebrates 3 graduations this May! **Joey** graduates from 5th grade at Travis Elementary, his big sister **Rebekah** graduates from the University of North Carolina with a degree in Public Policy, and mom **Judy** graduates from the UT School of Public Health with a PhD in Epidemiology.
- Congratulations to **Mikayla & Matthew McClung**, children of **Michael McClung**. **Mikayla** is graduating from Clifton Middle School and will be going on to the 9th grade at Waltrip High School in the Fall. **Matthew** is graduating from Oak Forest Elementary and will be going on to the 6th grade at Black Middle School in the Fall.

Births

- **Vivian Louise** was born on April 25th at 4:33 am to **Arlene** and **Benjamin Moyer** of 4503 Apollo. Due on April 24th, Vivian made her appearance right on time - not bad for the first baby in the household!
- **Piper Mae Moore** was born May 10th at 5:39pm to **Emily** and **Scott Moore** of 1013 Richelieu. **Mallory** (2) and **Georgia** (6) are excited to welcome their new sister to the family.



These are the beautiful poinsettias **Addie Smith** has grown from plants purchased at the most recent SPP Garden Club Poinsettia sale. Here it is May, and they are still going strong! **Addie** is a long-time resident of Shepherd Park Plaza and of the Garden Club. Many days you can see her out front tending to her flower beds. She's also been the recipient of the Yard of the Month a few times over the years.

The Poinsettia's botanical name is *Euphorbia pulcherrima*. William Prescott, a historian and horticulturist, was asked to give the plant a common name as it became more popular in the U.S.

At that time Mr. Prescott had just published a book called the 'Conquest of Mexico' in which he detailed Joel Poinsett's discovery of the plant. Prescott's choice of a new name was, naturally, "Poinsettia." by *Beth Galiano*

Way to Go Graduates!

- **Grace Hardwick**, daughter of **Paul** and **Laurie**, recently graduated from Carnegie Vanguard High School. She received a President's Scholarship from Trinity University, where she will study psychology and biology. Mom, dad & her sister **Claire** are very proud!

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 pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com or contacting **Romi Sandel** at 713-962-4171.

Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	WALK/BIKE PATROL	AUTO PATROL	TOTAL HOURS
1	12	15.25	27.25
2	19.5	20	39.5
3	16.25	18	34.25
4	29.5	22.5	52
TOTAL	77.25	75.75	153

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.

Winner of the \$20 gas bonus is **Jose Carranza** (patrollers who log at least five hours, and who turn in reports by the 5th of the month are eligible for this award). We have a 15 hour increase in patrol hours since March!

CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY CONSTABLE

Miles Patrolled... 1230



Arrests..... 2
 Alarm Responses 3
 Citizen Contacts 135
 Disturbances 1
 Investigations 8
 Park Checks..... 28
 Vacation Watch 19
 Misc. Calls 33
 Dispatched Calls 24
 Total Calls 262

APRIL 2012

Traffic:
 Verbal/Written Warnings... 0
 Citations... 2

Clean Your Closets For A Cause

by Heidi Skiff, Candlelight Plaza Resident

It's spring and that means Spring Cleaning! From Now until June 30, for each kitchen-size trash bag of clothes that is donated to Goodwill, my company, Lilly USA, will donate \$5.00 to the United Way! What a win-win: you get an organized closet, Goodwill gets much needed clothing donations and the United Way gets \$5.00 for each bag donated!

All you need to do is drop off your kitchen-size trash bags of clothes. You can bring them to me, Heidi Skiff, at 1022 Bethlehem or you can drop them directly to our local Goodwill (1401 Wirt, Houston, TX 77055 or 10903 NW Fwy, Houston, TX 77092). If you take your bags directly to Goodwill, please call/email/text me with the number of bags donated, so I can add it to the count. I can be reached at heidiskiff@mac.com or

281-253-7899. My goal for our Plaza neighborhoods is 30 bags, so get cleaning and see if we can't positively impact the United Way & Goodwill!

To help get you started, I'm including some closet-cleaning tips provided by Goodwill & United Way. Thank you in advance for your support!

Effective Closet Cleaning Tips For a Great Cause

Goodwill Clothing Drive May 1 through June 30

- Use the golden rule, "If you haven't worn it in a year, put it in a bag and donate it to Goodwill."
- Sort out the duplications. After all, how many pairs of denim short shorts do you really need?
- Does the item go with at least three other pieces of clothing? If not consider donating to Goodwill.
- Try on each item. If it's more than a tiny bit too tight or smidge too big, put it in a bag and donate it to Goodwill.
- Think about style, do you really think your daughter will ever wear your old Prom Dress? Give it to Goodwill....many of us have bought garb for costume or time-period parties at Goodwill.
- Wrong color for you? Donate it to Goodwill for someone with a different complexion
- Fashion faux pas? OK you're not 18 anymore. Donate it to Goodwill for someone who is.
- Learn to allow things to go back into the Universe...it is the circle of life!

Celebrate! Your closet is more organized and roomy. You have supported a great cause!

Each bag of clothing

- Helps train and support workers in Goodwill Industries
- Receives a \$5 donation to a charity of each business unit's choice from the Lilly Foundation

Thanks for supporting the Lilly Goodwill Clothing Drive!

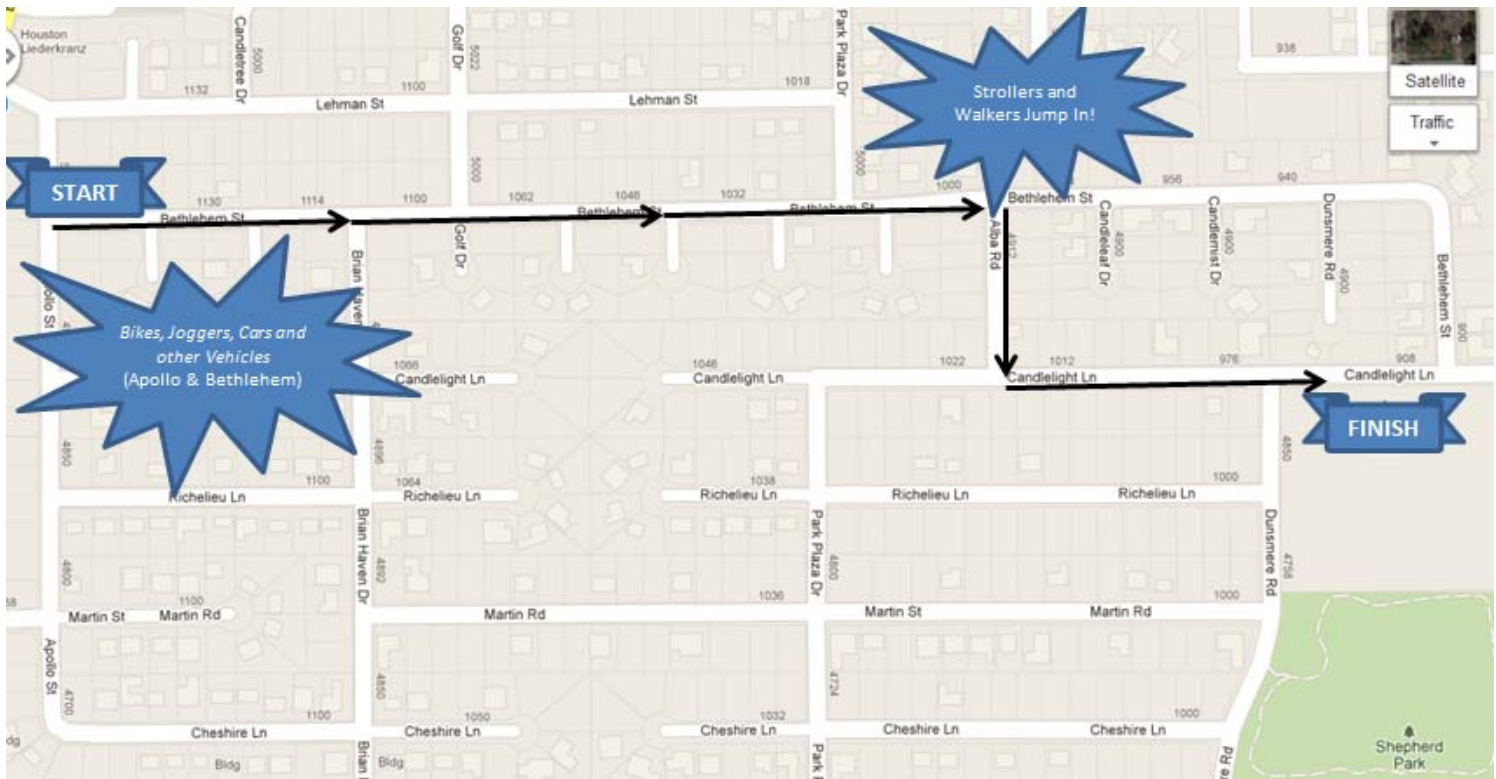


Plaza Moms Annual 4th of July Patriotic Parade and Celebration

When: Wednesday, July 4th at 9:00 am

Where: Parade begins at the corner of Bethlehem and Apollo. Cool-off celebration at Durham Elementary following the parade.

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 Wednesday, 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.



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 slow 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 and Candlelight! See the included map for choosing 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 and Alba or Alba and Candlelight.

Join us post-parade for a Cool Off Celebration at Durham Elementary featuring shaved ice, a bounce house, games and relays, and even an opportunity to get wet. Prizes will abound for participants!

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!



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713-344-7013

CP Vacation Watch
713-682-5959

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Men's Group
713-683-9945



SPP CALENDAR

JUNE 2012



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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A Note About Trash: You can legally put your heavy trash out at 6pm the Friday before your heavy trash day.

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
		 		 FLAG DAY			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
 Father's Day	 Plaza Moms MEETING		 Men's Group TRIP				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Men's Group

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On Wednesday, June 20th, our merry band of travelers will take a bus trip to Bellville where they will visit and have lunch at a real Texas castle. After lunch they will have a private tour of the Valmont-Newmark plant that manufactures spun concrete utility poles. On Thursday, July 29th, they will be traveling to Round Top to see the play HEART OF THE TIN TRUNK. Contact **Chuck Blesener** at 713-683-9945 or ccbles77@gmail.com for more information.



Plaza Moms

June Monthly Meeting :: PURGE > RECYCLE > SWAP > DONATE
Monday, June 18 from 7-9pm
Home of **Susan Fitzpatrick**, 902 Bethlehem

Come socialize with other Plaza Moms and join in on a clothing swap! Bring items you love, are in great shape, but for one reason or another, would be better served in someone else's closet. We will also collect clothing donations for the Goodwill drive being led by Heidi Skiff. Even if you don't have clothing to swap, please come to mix and mingle!



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Garden Club

The active fiscal year for the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club came to an end on the evening of May 14 with the installation of officers and dinner at Forno's Italian Restaurant. Twenty two members enjoyed the great food, the laughter, and the special presentations to all officers and committee persons who had donated their time, money, and energy to the efforts of the Garden Club. This energy was expended on flower bed entrances, park beds, the neighborhood vegetable garden, the labyrinth at Shepherd Park, and the memorial butterfly garden. The challenge was stated to take our extra plantings to help in beautification of our entrance beds and common areas in the neighborhood. All residents are encouraged to participate by contacting a club officer if you have plants that you can donate from your own yards.

New officers for the year beginning in Sept. 2012 thru May, 2013 are President, **Evonne Alford**; 1st Vice President, **Linda Morgan**; 2nd Vice President, **Corrinne Opperman**; Secretary, **Cindi Phelps**; and Treasurer, **Sheri Beasley**. Standing committees will be established during the summer.

A special moment in the evening was the return of two long time members whose presence has been sorely missed most of this past season. Present for the evening were **Monica Krause** and **Sharon Boone**, and both received many warm hugs and well wishes for continued healthy days ahead.

Retiring 2nd Vice President **Pat Kubin** was recognized with a beautiful ornamental plant, in recognition for the time, service, and devotion to the club and its members over more years than Pat wants to count. She has served in every capacity, every office, and any committee that needed her. We thank you Pat!



New Garden Club Officers... Left to Right - Sheri Beasley - Treasure (green stripe shirt), Evonne Alford - President, Cindi Phelps - Secretary, Linda Morgan - First Vice President, Corrine Oppemann - Second Vice President

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