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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 your section rep (see names on p.2)



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

March 5th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Durham Elementary

Ever wonder what the Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club is up to? Do you have ideas to improve our neighborhood? Join us for the annual business meeting to discuss current Civic Club activities and learn about ways to get involved! The Annual Board elections will also be held at this meeting.

Spaghetti Dinner Available!

\$10 adults, \$5 children 6-12 yrs old, 5 and under free

CRAWFISH BOIL SET FOR APRIL 2nd!

Grab your bibs, lawn chairs, bug spray, and gloves and make plans to attend the Annual SPP Crawfish Boil on Saturday, April 2nd starting at 5:00 p.m. Advance tickets will be \$30 per person for adults and \$10 per child (5-12 years old). Tickets at the door will be \$35 for adults and \$15 for children (5-12 years old.) This price **includes mudbugs, beer and fixins'.** Details on location will be in the April Pulse and on the SPP website.

Reservations: Patricia Dornak at 713-683-6502 or PDornak@gmail.com



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NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE SET FOR APRIL 9TH



SPP resident Patricia Dornak is coordinating the SPP Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale scheduled for Saturday, April 9th. If you are interested in participating and having your address (or street name only if you prefer) posted in in The Leader and various neighborhood Facebook pages, please submit it to her at PDornak@gmail.com or leave a voice message with info at 713-683-6502. Please indicate if you want to be included for a pickup of your unsold items to be donated to MANNA, a neighborhood resale store located on 43rd St @ Rosslyn, whose mission is to help the needy in our area. MANNA will begin pickup right after the garage sale from noon to 3 p.m. or you can deliver to them at your convenience. The SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale has been held since 2012 and has become more popular every year. Have fun selling and shopping!!



Watch for garage sale tips in the April edition of the Plaza Pulse!



Durham Elementary School students will participate in Jump Rope for Heart. This event supports building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. This will take place Friday, March 11th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the Durham Elementary Black Top. To participate you must raise at least \$2.00. Please sign up online and join Durham's team: www.heart.org/jump. Donate today for this great cause! If you have any questions please contact Ms. Z at nzeringu@houstonisd.org or 713 613-2527.

March 5th - Spring Beautification: Come out and help beautify Durham Campus.

March 14th-18th- Spring Break: Please watch out for our children playing/riding bikes in the neighborhood.



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Citizens Patrol Stats

January 2016 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Chuck Blesener

WEEK	Driving	Walking/ Biking
1	15	2
2	11	2
3	13	1
4	27	0
TOTAL	66	5


The winner of the random \$10 bonus for January is August Galiano. Patrollers who turn in at least 4 hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for a random drawing for a \$10 card. Gift cards for accumulated driving hours will be distributed at the monthly meeting. Please turn in your hours on time!

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS! YOU CAN SIGN UP TODAY

The Houston Police Department is concerned about crime in the neighborhoods and communities throughout the city. In response, the Citizen Patrol Program was established in an effort to bring the citizens and the police department together for a common goal, and that is to improve the quality of life by eliminating crime. You can become a respected volunteer by signing up today!

The Citizen Patrol Program is designed to provide a means for citizens to organize into patrol groups for the purpose of reducing crime in their community. Citizen Patrollers are the additional eyes and ears the police can count on to make Houston a safe place to live and work. The value of police/citizen cooperation is well illustrated by the success of the Citizen Patrol Program nationwide.

Contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945 or ccbles77@gmail.com for information. Training for Citizen Patrol certification is the second Tuesday of each month at 9455 West Montgomery at 7:00 p.m. Anyone in the neighborhood is invited to join the COP group. More eyes on our neighborhood means more awareness of suspicious activity. HPD Citizen Patrol Applications can be downloaded at http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip_citzpatrol.htm. The applications must be sent in one week prior to the training.



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Houston Woman Magazine Honors SPP Resident



Houston Woman Magazine honors Houston's 50 Most Influential Women each year and for 2015, one of the recipients of this distinguished award is Poldi Tschirch, Ph.D, R. N. Dr. Tschirch is the Dean of the Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing at the University of St. Thomas. She has been instrumental in bringing the UST Nursing program to a whole new level by developing a Bachelor of Science degree in their nursing curriculum. Since arriving at UST, she has helped raise nearly \$24 million to support five endowed faculty chairs, student scholarships, and the Center for Science and Health Professions (currently under construction). She has served as an officer in the Texas Nurses Association and has published in the areas of nursing history, nursing education and tele-nursing. Congratulations to Dr. Tschirch for all your accomplishments!



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around the neighborhood



Deputy Mike McKinney (pictured at left) joined the Harris County Constable's Office two years ago, and is a member of the Tactical Response Team. Mr. McKinney joined the neighborhood patrol for Shepherd Park Plaza and Candlelight Plaza in November of 2015. Deputy McKinney is a U. S. Army Veteran, having served 7 years in 2 deployments. He is married and has 3 sons. WELCOME to the neighborhood Deputy McKinney!



SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA MEN'S GROUP

The SPP Men's Group will meet for lunch and enlightened conversation on Thursday, March 10th at 11:30 a.m. at Live Oak Grill, 10444 Hempstead @ Dacoma. The group is open to all men of Shepherd Park Plaza and has no dues or rules or officers. For more information about the group contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945, or ccbles77@gmail.com.

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Durham PTA Thanks the SPP Garden Club

Many thanks to the SPP Garden Club for sponsoring the Durham PTA this year! We truly appreciate their support along with all the help from our SPP friends and neighbors in creating the Durham Garden and Outdoor Classroom! As SPP neighbors, you may see the colorful storage shed in the large outdoor space that will be developed soon. It will be a transformative process that will make this space GREAT! If you want to be more involved and notified of our garden work days, please email pta@durhampta.org.

Thanks again from the Durham PTA
Officers and Members



SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA TRAVELERS

The group will meet at Shepherd Park on Thursday, March 31st, and will travel by bus to Woodville to see the dogwoods blooming. They will tour the Heritage Village and enjoy a family style meal at the Pickett House Restaurant. Their next trip will be on Saturday, April 16th when they will travel to Burroughs Park to enjoy a catered meal and watch the County production of "Shakespeare in the Shade". Bus trips are open to all SPP residents and their friends over the age of 50. For more information about this and all future trips, contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945 or ccbles77@gmail.com.



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Call is handled by Deputy Constable

*Figures are for entire contract including SPP and Candlelight Plaza



January 2016

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...7	MILES PATROLLED...2284	TRAFFIC STOP ...14
Discharge firearm...1	INFORMATION CALL...4	Traffic initiative...10
ALARM RESPONSE...2	CITIZEN CONTACTS...382	VACATION WATCH...10
DRUG OD/POSSESSION...1	Criminal mischief...1	Park check...14
BURGLARY RESIDENCE...2	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...7	Solicitors...2
DWI...1	Telephone harassment...1	Subject stop...2

Vacation Watch registry (1 week in advance)...<http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/>



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SUPER TUESDAY

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For more information on where to vote, including early voting options, go to this link:
<http://www.votetexas.gov/>



**Plaza
Moms**

Plaza Moms Group

The **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held Saturday, March 19th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Shepherd Park. Family photos will be taken by Plaza Moms Sponsor Bouchet Images (personal cameras welcome) and the Easter Bunny will make an appearance thanks to Plaza Moms Sponsor IndyQuest.

Infant/Child CPR Clinic on Saturday, March 5th (Time and Location TBA). We are offering a 1-hour refresher CPR clinic for members and their families. \$10 per participant, limited to 20 participants. If response is significant we will hold another session at a later date. (Note: this is not a CPR Certification course.)

Our **March Meeting** will be on Monday, March 7th at Jamie Bartula's house, 1232 Thornton (in Oak Forest, just west of Ella) and feature guest speakers from Durham Elementary School.

Ladies Night Out will be on Thursday, March 24th at Oak Forest Chill (3542 Oak Forest Dr) at 8:00 p.m.

FIND US ONLINE AT www.bigtent.com/groups/pms1 and www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms



SPP Garden Club Meeting

In February, Gaye Hammond, a member and speaker of the Houston Rose Society, spoke on 'Getting the Best of Roses'. Highlights of her talk:

- For those gardeners who want less fussy, less labor intensive roses, try planting Earth-Kind Roses. They do well in almost any type of soil, don't need to be pruned or deadheaded or require supplemental irrigation after the first full year of growth. Definitely a rose for the lazy gardener!
- Until the temperature is consistently above 70 degrees, plants cannot absorb fertilizers applied to the soil. Applying them too early does no good.

Powdery mildew (leaves and buds get covered with a gray mold) is caused by cool temperatures and dry conditions. To minimize the threat, roses should be planted where they receive 6 - 8 hours of direct sunlight and they should not have great amounts of nitrogen applied to them in the early spring or fall.

Our March meeting is one of our most fun – it is our annual 'Brown Bag' fundraising event. Each member brings a garden item, buys raffle tickets (\$1/ticket) at the meeting, and then drops tickets in brown bags associated with the items of interest. The winner of each item is the one with the lucky ticket drawn from the bag. Thinking about joining? Bring a plant, tool, or other gardening item and join us – we would love for you to check us out. If you have questions, call Carolyn Long at 713-485-0717 or Vicki Brandt 281-888-6306.

February Yard of the Month

Linda Morgan, 1151 Chamboard

Linda's beautiful, majestic oak tree with groundcover anchoring its base is the focus of her yard. Even in the winter when Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow bushes lay dormant, Linda's yard is still striking.



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Website—www.houstontx.gov/

City Ordinances—www.houstontx.gov/codes/

Non-emergency concerns (street issues, traffic signal problems, fire hydrant issues).

<http://hfdapp.houstontx.gov/311/index.php> or Dial 3-1-1. There is also a mobile phone app for this.

Permit questions—www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/

Interactive map (to find information about your City Council district, police department, solid waste schedule)—<http://mycity.houstontx.gov/public>

CenterPoint Energy has a new website to report street lights that are out at <http://gis.centerpointenergy.com/sloreporting/>

Rollout—check out the app for figuring out the COH trash pickup schedule.

Report a pothole at <http://www.houstontx.gov/potholes/>

Important Numbers
 Police/Fire: 911
 City Helpline: 311

Citizens Patrol 713-683-9945	Deed Restrictions 713-316-5255	Plaza Moms 713-775-0307	New Neighbor/Greeter 713-824-8684	Garden Club 281-888-6306
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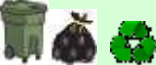










SPP CALENDAR

March 2016


 = Trash and Yard Waste

 = Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Reminder about Heavy Trash: Our heavy trash pickup is the 3rd Thursday of each month. Tree waste is picked up in ODD months, and Junk waste in the EVEN months.					February 26	27
28	29	March 1 Super Tuesday – Primary Voting 	2 <div>SPPCC Board Mtg</div>	3	4	5 Annual Business Meeting at Durham Elementary
6	7  Plaza Moms Meeting	8 	9	10  Men's Group Meeting	11	12
13	14 Garden Club Meeting	15 	16	17  HEAVY TREE Waste	18	19 EASTER EGG HUNT 
20	21	22 	23	24 Plaza Moms Ladies Night Out	25	26
27	28	29 	30	31  Travelers group trip	April 1 	2 CRAWFISH BOIL



SAFE SIDEWALKS

As the weather gets warmer, more people will be out enjoying a walk in the neighborhood. All walkers, joggers, parents with strollers and pet parents are asked to use the sidewalk for these excursions. The visibility can often be poor on the street from a driver's perspective, so for safety reasons we ask that you use the sidewalks. But as another reminder—homeowners are responsible for the condition of the sidewalk in front of their home. So if it's got a bump, ridge, broken spot or other similar uneven surface, please get it repaired. SAFETY FIRST!



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February Yards of the Month

Section 1:

1106 Chamboard
Valerie & Josh Thompson

Section 3:

1105 Cheshire
Fermina Reyes

Section 2:

4711 Golf
Holly & Kevin
Klingaman

Section 4:

1034 Candlelight
Johnnie Scardino

SPP
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 **Lynn Myers**
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or myers.lynn@yahoo.com
so we can welcome you officially.

Spring Cleaning Checklist

All Rooms

- ☐ Dust & clean fans
- ☐ Dust surfaces
- ☐ Dust frames
- ☐ Clean windowsills
- ☐ Clean windows
- ☐ Clean baseboards
- ☐ Wipe walls
- ☐ Mop or vacuum floors
- ☐ Replace air filters

Kitchen

- ☐ Clean refrigerator
- ☐ Clean oven
- ☐ Clean microwave
- ☐ Organize pantry
- ☐ Clean out drawers
- ☐ Organize and wipe down cabinets
- ☐ Mop floor

Laundry

- ☐ Wash the ironing board cover
- ☐ Run washer on cleaning cycle
- ☐ Clean dryer vent
- ☐ Clean the backs of washer & dryer
- ☐ Clean floors under washer & dryer

Bathrooms

- ☐ Clean toilet and base
- ☐ Scrub bath or shower
- ☐ Clean sinks & faucets
- ☐ Polish mirror
- ☐ Clean out drawers
- ☐ Sanitize toothbrushes
- ☐ Organize and wipe down cabinets

Bedrooms

- ☐ Wash all bed linens
- ☐ Organize dressers
- ☐ Clean under bed
- ☐ Toss, sell or donate old toys
- ☐ Sell or donate old books and clothes

Closets

- ☐ Empty closet
- ☐ Clean walls in closets
- ☐ Clean shelving and hangers
- ☐ As you put items back – be sure to toss, sell, or donate old shoes, clothes, or other accessories

Garage

- ☐ 'Empty' garage
- ☐ Sweep and/or power wash floor
- ☐ Organize shelves
- ☐ Toss, sell or donate unwanted items
- ☐ Clean deep freeze or extra fridge

Exterior

- ☐ Sweep off roof
- ☐ Clean gutters
- ☐ Power wash home and driveway
- ☐ Wash windows
- ☐ Touch-up paint
- ☐ Prune trees
- ☐ Prep garden and beds

Grand Finale

- ☐ Empty garbage
- ☐ Create repair list
- ☐ Create project list
- ☐ Trip to donation center
- ☐ Sit down
- ☐ RELAX!

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