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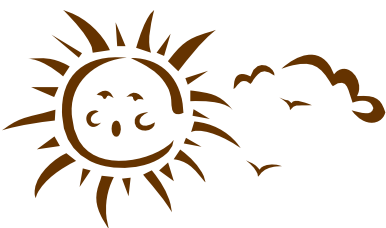
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Deed Restrictions Public Meetings

There will be two meetings at Durham Elementary to discuss potential changes to the Deed Restrictions of Shepherd Park Plaza. The dates and times are as follows:

- Saturday, May 5th - 9 am to 11 am.
- Wednesday, May 9th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

All SPP residents are encouraged to attend one of the sessions as both meetings will cover the same information

Welcome new SPPCC Leaders

A new group of SPP residents was elected to the 2012-13 SPP Civic Club board at the recent Spring Fling. Thanks to all who attended and confirmed our new leadership! The new board members are all looking forward to an exciting year in the neighborhood.

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Constable Liaison	Karen Cruse
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Editor's Note—Taking a look back *Emily Leffler*

As I was reviewing last May's issue of the *Plaza Pulse*, I was reminded of the April 30, 2011 dedication of our Meditation Labyrinth. I wanted to say a personal thank you to everyone in the neighborhood who worked to create the labyrinth and to those who maintain it. It has added a lovely dynamic to our wonderful park. As a mother of two young children (five and three), I can testify that the labyrinth can occupy them for a solid 10-15 minutes while I reflect (eyes closed) on a bench. No, I'm not napping. Happy birthday, Labyrinth!



Easter Decoration Winners Announced

- Best Overall, First Place: **Frank and Mary Maxwell**, 1103 Thornton
- Best Overall, Second Place: **Gary and Sarah Moseley**, 1147 Thornton

Crime Report *By Chuck Blesener*

At the last PIP meeting with HPD, North Division Capt. Tom Runyan said he is placing officers on overtime to increase patrols in areas recently hit hard by burglaries. He specifically mentioned the Garden Oaks area and so we should see more officers on our streets. They are looking for known felons and placing people in jail as they find them. Most areas of the North Division have relatively low crime rates except for the Greenspoint area, and the Hwy 290 area immediately to our West. With the change in our Deputy Constable's schedule, we have seen a decrease in burglaries in our neighborhood but Garden Oaks is still being hit hard.

Through his crime analysis unit, Captain Runyan has observed that way too many crimes are being committed because citizens have left their car, garage, or house doors unlocked. In these times of crime awareness, people should be smart enough to take responsibility for their property, but yet it continues to happen. Make a habit of not only closing but also locking your doors and gates every time you use them. Do not leave anything of value within sight in your vehicle, your yard, or your driveway. It is bad enough to become a victim of crime but even worse if you lose your property due to your own actions or inactions.

By now everyone should be aware that there are scam artists and criminals driving and walking the streets of our neighborhood. They like to prey on the elderly but everyone is a potential victim. Some are ex-convicts posing as home handymen or remodelers, and some pose as salespeople or utility workers. Always respond when someone rings your doorbell but do not open the door and never let them into your home unless you know them or called for them. Just say you are not interested and tell them to go away or you will call the police. If you do not respond to their knocking at your door, they may assume you are not home and try to break in. Most City employees and utility workers wear uniforms and all have picture identification cards. None of them ever have reason to enter your home. If there is a problem with any of your utilities in your house, you will have to call a contractor to repair it. If you are ever in doubt as to the identity of anyone, or a salesperson refuses to take no for an answer, leave them standing on the porch and call their company, the city department, or the police immediately.



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Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	WALK/BIKE PATROL	AUTO PATROL	TOTAL HOURS
1	20	15	35
2	18.5	15.5	34
3	20.5	15	35.5
4	18.5	15	33.5
TOTAL	77.5	60.5	138

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 (to qualify one has to patrol in a car at least 5 hours, and turn in report sheet by the 5th of the month) is **August Galliano**, who logged 11 auto patrol hours in March!

CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY CONSTABLE

Miles Patrolled... 1201



Arrests.....0
 Alarm Responses 5
 Citizen Contacts 88
 Disturbances 0
 Investigations 3
 Park Checks..... 27
 Vacation Watch 40
 Misc. Calls 31
 Dispatched Calls 21
 Total Calls 191

MARCH 2012

Traffic:
 Verbal/Written Warnings... 2
 Citations... 3

chains on its facade, and the business was established as a Red Chain brand feed store.

Millis owned the store until 1938 when he sold to Albert Romund. A monster of a man Romund could lift two 100 pound feed sacks - one in each hand.

Known as "Slim" by most folks, Romund was offered a prestigious Purina franchise deal he eagerly accepted. The new Purina dealership was re-painted in the traditional Purina red and white checkerboard style with blue trim, and renamed Quality Feed Company.

In 1949, Romund became unexpectedly ill, and his brother-in-law Alton Behrend, who had just returned from naval duties in World War II, purchased the business. Behrend became the new "Slim" and served as sole proprietor with help from his sister Lydia Romund, wife of Albert Romund.

At the age of 70, Behrend decided to retire. With a simple handshake deal, current owners Chris Bules and Ken Cousino purchased the store in 1991.

Quality Feed & Garden offers expert advice and instruction, fresh animal foods and supplies, year-round products to grow a healthy lawn and garden, and prices you can afford.

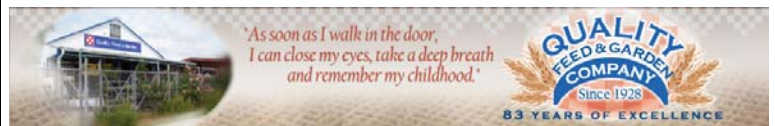
What's Happening Around Houston

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For nearly 90 years, Quality Feed & Garden has served Houstonians as a feed store on its nearly two-acre North Main Street site in the Heights. The historical store proudly ranks as one of Houston's oldest companies.

Since 1928, as Houston evolved from a small town to an international city, there has been a feed store on this two-acre plot along North Main Street. Today, more than 75 years later, the store proudly serves as one of the oldest Purina feed and garden stores in the United States.

In 1928, founder J.C. Millis built the store. Back then, all feed store fronts were uniquely painted so customers could easily recognize the brand of feed they carried. The building was painted with red



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Save the Date

Plaza Moms will host the annual 4th of July parade on July 4, 2012 at 9am.

Look for details in the June issue of the Plaza Pulse!

around the neighborhood

By Romi Sandel

► Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to **Dan Mohel** on Candlelight who is home recovering after his stay in the hospital for a serious illness and recent surgery.

► **Chuck and Jeanette Blesener** met their daughter Susan in Berlin and spent the last two weeks of March touring Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic. Susan lives and works in Copenhagen. Chuck and Jeanette took a memorable tour of the Auschwitz concentration

camps. They really felt the heat when they returned to Houston because it was still very cold in Europe. It actually snowed on them while in Prague.

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.

Please send us your May graduation announcements for our June issue of the *Pulse*—college, high school, kindergarten... all worth celebrating! Send them to pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com by May 12th please.

Halls Ahead *By Chuck Blesener*

Halls Ahead is an expedited flood damage reduction study presented by the Harris County Flood Control District to improve Halls Bayou drainage and the construction of three storm water detention basins. Halls Bayou has flooded 13 times since 1970 and encompasses a 45 square mile watershed just north of our neighborhood including the areas of Veterans Memorial, W. Mount Houston, Airline, Little York, Parker, Tidwell, Homestead, and Wayside from Hwy. 249 to Mesa Drive. Anyone who lives, works, or owns property in this area has until the end of 2012 to obtain and complete a survey to have input in this process.

What's Your Section?

Did you know that you reside in one of SPP's four sections? Your Section Rep—someone who lives in your section—represents you on the SPP Civic Club board. These folks distribute neighborhood flyers, choose the Yard of the Month winners and help organize neighborhood-wide events.

Section 1—Dan & Jamie Kelly

4400-4511 Apollo, 900-1191 Chamboard, 900-1187 Curtin

Section 2—Sheri Beasley

4602-4214 Alba, 4703-4715 Apollo, 902-1106 Chantilly, 4802-4619 Chantilly Circle, 4703-4719 Clift Haven, 4603-4619 Dunsmere, 4815-4718 Golf, 942-1174 Thornton, 4702-4719 Thornton Circle

Section 3—Lynn Myers

4723-4729 Apollo, 4702-4729 Brian Haven, 1002-1125 Cheshire, 1002-1116 Martin

Section 4—Renee Botti

4803-4907 Apollo, 4803-4805 Brian Haven, 1002-1139 Candlelight, 1002-1139 Richelieu

If you have questions, concerns or would like to help out, please contact these folks. They'd love to hear from you!



We have recently upgraded our neighborhood website, shepherdparkplaza.com with a new look and lot of new features. If you would like to start subscribing to the SPP email alert messages, you may now submit your email address directly from the home page of the website. If you're already receiving the SPP email alerts, no action is needed.

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Plaza Moms
713-775-0307 or 832-477-7871

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713-305-5036

Garden Club
713-344-7013

CP Vacation Watch
713-682-5959

Architectural Guidelines
713-301-4054

Plaza Pulse News
713-628-4210

SPP Historian
713-681-1552

Traffic & Safety
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SPP Membership
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Men's Group
713-683-9945



SPP CALENDAR

MAY 2012



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Call Deputy Dispatch 713-755-7628		1 	2 	3	4	5 Crawfish Boil!
6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
 Mother's Day	14 	15 	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Heavy trash TREE waste only	23	24	25 	26
27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 	31	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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Plaza Moms

Plaza Moms May meeting will be held at the home of **Hanna Sanchez** 967 Lehman on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 pm.

We have a wonderful guest speaker... local artist and entrepreneur Sarah Gish will talk about her Summer Book, a fantastic resource for family summer activities.

Please join us for a lovely evening!

For more info contact our co-chairs **Holly Inderrieden** 832-477-7871 or **Shannon Zierau** 713-775-0307.



Men's Group

The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's Group will meet for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, May 10th, at 11:30 am at Live Oak Grill, 10444 Hempstead Hwy. **August Galiano** will have a surprise video presentation for all to enjoy. The group is open to all men of the neighborhood and has no rules, no officers, and no dues.

After a successful trip to Huntsville in April, the group is planning their next bus excursion for Wednesday, June 20th. The men, along with wives and friends, always have a great time and visit some interesting places. For more information contact **Chuck Blesener** at 713-683-9945 or cbbles77@gmail.com.



Garden Club

The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club has enjoyed a busy month in April. Our by-laws have been revised to better suit the growing and expanding interests of the organization, and a new slate of officers were elected for the coming fiscal year September 2012 thru May 2013.

The April meeting was held at the home of **Bob Warren** and **Michael Pate** at 1131 Thornton with co-hostesses for the event **Sarrah Mosley**, **Sheri Beasley**, and **Corinne Oppermann** providing a delicious casual meal of pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, dips, and dessert. Guest speaker for the meeting was Mimi Klare who demonstrated the art of living wreaths. The process is quite time consuming, and utilizes live bedding plants for a season full of color.

By-laws committee members presented the revised by-laws for the second presentation and general membership vote upheld the revisions. In other business, nomination of the slate of officers for next season was presented to membership by committee chair **Sarrah Moseley**, and officers were elected by acclamation. The new slate includes President **Evonne Alford**, 1st Vice President **Linda Morgan**, 2nd Vice President **Corinne Oppermann**, Secretary **Cindi Phelps**, and Treasurer **Sheri Beasley**.

Yard of the month for April was awarded to **Addie Smith**, 1150 Chantilly, for the outstanding array of seasonal plants and beautiful landscaping in both her front and back yards.

The May meeting, the last until September, will be the installation of officers and dinner, and will be held on May 14 at Forno's Italian Restaurant.



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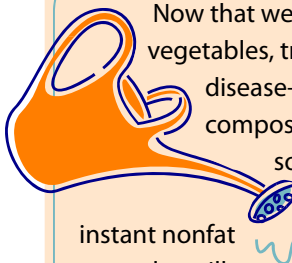
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GARDENING TIP OF THE MONTH



Now that we are ready to start growing summer vegetables, try this little tip. To keep your tomato plants disease-free, mix the following in a bucket: 3 cups compost, ½ cup Epsom salts, and 1 tablespoon baking soda. Toss a handful (well mixed) into the hole when planting. Afterward, sprinkle some instant nonfat dry milk on top of the soil. Sprinkle on more dry milk about every other week. Love those wonderful fresh, ripe, tomatoes!

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1147 THORNTON

Section 4:

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