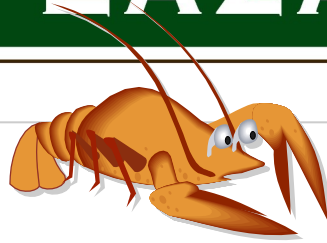




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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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May 2013

5th Annual Crawfish Boil Set for Saturday, May 11th

by Tom Dornak

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If you haven't already sent in your RSVP, then please do so today to join your neighbors in this fun event, which doubles as a fundraiser for the SPP Civic Club.

When? Saturday, May 11th at 6 pm
Where? 4718 Thornton Circle (please walk if you can!)
How Much? \$30 per Person; \$10 per Child 5-12 yrs old

Sign Me Up!! RSVP to Patricia Dornak
713-683-6502 or pdornak@gmail.com

A handful of SPP families underwrite the cost of this event so that ALL ticket revenue is donated directly to our Civic Club. What does your ticket buy? Crawfish with all the fixin's which includes Andouille sausage, corn on the cob, potatoes, mushrooms, and spices galore will be the main course. Appetizers, deserts, sodas, beer and margaritas are also included for the donation of \$30 per person. Children, 5-12 years in age are \$10 each.

The evening's cooks are Candlelight Ln neighbors **Shawn Boatman** and **Mike Evans**. Shawn's friend **Mike Chaisson** from Louisiana will again help cook and bring his secret spices.

And you can't beat the location, which is smack dab in the middle of the neighborhood at home of **John & Dee Davis**, at 4718 Thornton Circle. Please consider walking as parking is scarce.

This event will be closed after we receive 100 RSVP's



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Spring Fling Photo Album



Our SPP Spring Fling was held March 23rd this year, and we neighbors dined together and enjoyed each others' company as we confirmed our new Civic Club Board, Committees and Representatives. New officer information can be found to the left.

Many thanks to outgoing Hospitality Chairs, Caroline Marciano and Angie Gunden—as always, you ladies did a beautiful job and we will miss your leadership!



And welcome to Shannon Zierau who is our incoming Hospitality Chair!

Shannon happens to be a part of the talented Zierau Fine Foods family who catered our event with a delicious King Ranch chicken meal.



Here they are serving the line of eager eaters!



A nice touch this year was the coloring pages and crayons placed at each table to entertain the children during the evening. It looks like more than just the kids took advantage!



But who can blame him? I mean, you have to do *something* while you are waiting for your Blue Bell to soften enough to scoop it out over your cobbler.

And speaking of cobbler, boy oh boy did the Garden Club come through on the desserts! Everyone left with a full tummy of cobbler goodness and helped out the Garden Club in the process.



Here's a close-up on the cobbler in case you missed it...

Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

WEEK	HOURS PATROLLED
1	23.75
2	28.75
3	38.50
4	34.50
TOTAL	125.50

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.

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 May meeting.

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!



We were also joined by **Constable Alan Rosen** (left), who came in uniform.



Council Member Ellen Cohen (center) spoke to us at the Fling, and she brought her mother along as it was her birthday!



As always, thank you to **Carol Jean Hebert** (right) for so faithfully bringing your camera along to capture moments and memories in our neighborhood's activities!

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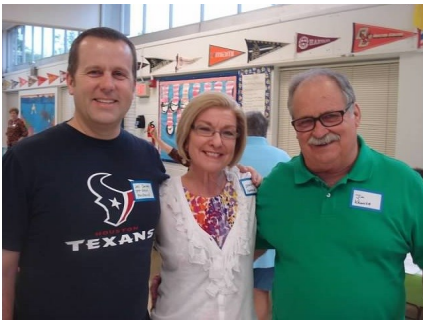
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Spring Fling Photo Album (continued)





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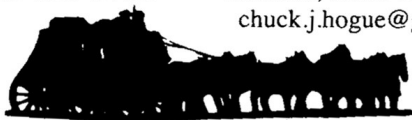
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Men's Group
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Gardening Tip of the Month

As we freshen our flow beds this spring, be careful and read labels on the mulch you purchase. Many experts do not favor colored mulch, especially the red and black colors. They feel the dye may react with soil and some plants.

Emergency—911
Constable Dispatch—713-755-7628
HPD—713-884-3131

SPP CALENDAR

MAY 2013



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Heavy Trash is the 3rd Thursday of each month with Tree Waste in the odd months, and Junk Waste in the even months.				1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		



Plaza Moms are looking forward to summer! Here are some of our upcoming events, so mark your calendars.

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

May 8—8pm, Ladies Night Out, Plonk

May 20—7pm, Monthly Meeting, Erin Field's House, 4703 Apollo

June 24—8pm, Ladies Night Out, Cottonwood

July 15—8pm, Ladies Night Out, Corkscrew



Men's Club

The Men's Group will meet for their regular monthly luncheon on **Thursday, May 9th at 11:30 am** at **Hibachi Grill, 5601 W. 34th**. All men in the neighborhood are welcome for lunch, great conversation, and a little story telling. This is a great neighborhood with a wide variety of people of many interests and talents. Come join us and meet some of them.

At the April meeting, **Gene Beal** was the winner of the special patriotic door prize. **Jim Worthing** generously donated a pen that he handcrafted out of teak wood from the deck of the submarine, the USS Cavalla at Seawolf Park. It was dedicated to the memory of all the submariners who lost their lives in service to our country.

For more information on the group, contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945.



Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers

The theme of the group's next trip on **Wednesday, May 29th** will be "**Daylilies and Baseball**". After an enjoyable trip to see the Painted Churches of Central Texas, the group is heading to Alvin.

The first stop is at Shimek Gardens where they have 850 varieties of daylilies in bloom at the peak of their season, along with roses and other plants, all for sale.

After lunch the group will travel to the Nolan Ryan Center for a tour of the exhibits at the Alvin Community College dedicated to our local Hall of Fame player.

The final stop of the day will be to the Froberg's Family Farm where they raise many fruits and vegetables for sale to the public.

Looking Ahead to Summer!

The Travelers have bus trips scheduled for **Tuesday, July 9th** and **Friday, August 23rd**. They are trying to put together a guided tour of the South Texas Project Nuclear Generating Station. More details to come.

For more information contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945.



Garden Club

A large showing of SPP Garden Club members and guests were present for the April 8 meeting in the home of **Lori Kubin**. Co-hostesses for the wonderful meal and delightful desserts were **Pat Kubin, Beth Galiano, Addie Smith,** and **Jeannette Blesener**.

Andreas Zireau spoke to the group about his upcoming Eagle Scout project to do maintenance on the Labrynth in Shepherd Park, along with his Scout group. The Club voted to support his efforts with a financial donation.

Guest speaker **Merrill O'Neal** was a delight with a selection of new and unusual tropical plants, examples of which are being developed in several other states and countries becoming available in our local markets. These plants were available for sale to the group, and many were purchased on the spot. As Mr. O'Neal ended the presentation, he donated the unsold plants to Andreas to sell toward his Labrynth project. Accompanying Mr. O'Neal for the program was his long time friend and bromeliad expert **Odean Head**. He brought examples of new varieties of bromeliads recent to the marketplace, and other plants in the same genus family.

Yard of the Month for March was announced, and recipient is Sheri Beasley.

Several small changes were approved by majority note to the Standing Rules of the organization, followed by the election of officers for the fiscal year beginning June thru May, 2014. Incoming President will be **Carol Jean Hebert**; 1st Vice President, **Cindy Wolfram**; 2nd Vice President, **Lori Kubin**; Secretary, **Sarrah Moseley**; Trasurer, **Colette Robichau**.

The Beautification Committee presented a bid to extend a waterline for care of the Thornton St. flower bed, and the bid was overwhelmingly approved. A call for workers was made for the 2nd Saturday Work Party, focusing this month on the neighborhood vegetable garden under the cultivation and care of club member **Beth Galiano**. Most of the produce of this garden is donated to the food pantry.

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.



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