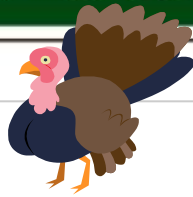




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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB



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2014 SPP Civic Club Fundraising Campaign Update... Membership Renewals are Off to a Good Start!

by Tom Dornak

As of October 10, 2013, **215 residents** have taken steps to renew their Civic Club Membership for 2014! I am quite impressed to see such a great response in just three weeks from the kickoff mailing. Many residents have stepped up and donated very generously in many programs. The Constable Patrol Program has **193 residents** participating so far. The Civic Club Board is fortunate to have so many residents who value the neighborhood by caring about deed restrictions, neighborhood maintenance, improvement projects, neighborhood gatherings, security and safety.

This year, we have our first business owner to pitch in with a generous \$250 donation to our Constable Patrol Program. **Luxury Lawns**, proprietor David Bartula (resident on Cheshire), donated to the Constable Patrol in addition to his personal contribution as a resident. **Thank you to Luxury Lawns.** If any other proprietors wish to be a donor and friend to SPP fundraising, you will get a shout out by me in the Pulse.

A second mailing will go out in January for those who haven't returned membership forms, but please don't wait until then. Please take action now. You can mail, drop off, use PayPal, or direct a payment from your bank. Residents have used all four of these methods to contribute. Go to our website, ShepherdParkPlaza.com for more information.

And here are some of the top reasons to contribute *(from National Night Out and the SPP Fall Festival)*:



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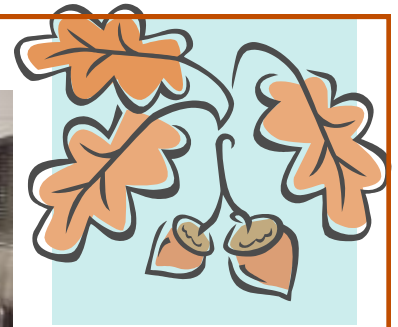
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Fall Festival Fun!



Rather than go out for an intimate romantic dinner together, Sharon and Dan Boone, 1050 Martin, chose to celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary with neighbors and friends. They attended the Neighbors' Night Out Party at the home of Geraldine and Daniel Gurley LaMonica where they received many, many good wishes.



Patrol Hours *Prepared by Charli Merchant*

| WEEK | HOURS PATROLLED |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 19.5 |
| 2 | 25.5 |
| 3 | 16.0 |
| 4 | 20.0 |
| TOTAL | 81.0 |

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. However, the last training for 2013 was in October. Start to make your New Year's Resolutions now to join Citizens on Patrol! 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 **Jose Carranza** — congratulations, Jose! 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.



► Fall Decoration Judging will be held Saturday, November 16, and for those of you planning ahead, Winter Holiday Decoration judging will be held the weekend of December 13/14.

► Halloween and Fall Decorations to be announced in December Pulse, but to be posted on Facebook as they are available



Durham Elementary Principal's Corner

by Emily Leffler, for Principal Sugarek

November 11-15 Durham Elementary Book Fair

Do some Christmas shopping at the Durham Elementary Book Fair! The book fair is open during school hours, and also the evening of November 12.

Durham Elementary Fundraising

- KONA Ice will be at Durham the first and third Friday of each month after school is dismissed at 3:30. Shaved ice treats are priced at \$2, \$3 and \$4 and proceeds go to Durham's PTA fund. Even if you don't have a child attending Durham, come over for a cool treat!
- Also, be aware that you can designate your Kroger shopping card to benefit Durham. The school's organization number is 84,905. You may link your card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com or by phone at 800-576-4377 or in the store at the Customer Service counter.
- The school also collects Box Tops from food packages so be on the lookout and drop your clippings by the school periodically.

Call is handled by Deputy Constable



September 2013

Arrests..... 0
Alarm Responses..... 2
Citizen Contacts..... 142
Disturbances..... 0
Investigations..... 0
Park Checks..... 17

Vacation Watch..... 111
Burglary of Motor Vehicle.. 1
Burglary of Habitation..... 0
Theft..... 0
Accident Reports..... 0
Miles Patrolled..... 1,918

Traffic:
Verbal/Written Warnings.. 0
Citations..... 0
Suspicious Persons..... 3
Suspicious Vehicles..... 4
Medical Emergencies..... 0



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Did you know that Mayor Parker visited Shepherd Park?

On October 5th, Mayor Parker came to Shepherd Park to commemorate "Peace and Joy Day" and honor the multiple uses of our beautiful space. Shannon Zierau gave a lovely speech where she outlined ways we can all experience daily peace and joy in our park:

1. **Mindfulness** in Ann's Labyrinth
2. **Getting back to nature** with a walk around the park



3. **Community Involvement**—every time each of us has an offering to make, we improve the community at large. Many volunteers help make and keep our park beautiful.
4. **Teaching and Giving Back**—with Durham Elementary adjacent to the park, we as a neighborhood join the school in educating the children who use its space.

As Shannon said in her speech, "Lack of respect for self and the world around us is the catalyst for much of our social discord. Abuse, vandalism and violence all stem from lack of respect and a vacancy of compassion and understanding. I believe peace and joy can and will prevail and that we all have a choice in our lives to do

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SPP CALENDAR

November 2013



= Trash and Yard Waste

= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

| | | | | | | |
|--|-------|----|----|----|----|----|
| <p>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.</p> | | | | | 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 | Dec 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |



Enjoy the next couple of months with Plaza Moms! The holidays don't have to be stressful. Take some time for yourself to socialize with friends!

Thursday, November 7—Ladies Night Out, 7pm, Crowbar (on Wakefield)

Monday, November 11—Monthly Meeting, 7pm at the home of Ginny Ledwell, 1838 Saxon

Thursday, December 5—Ladies Night Out, 7pm, Corkscrew
Saturday, December 7—Breakfast with Santa at Durham Elementary

Tuesday, December 10—Monthly Meeting and White Elephant Gift Exchange, 7pm at the home of Courtney Edmiston, 1026 Martin



Men's Group

The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's group will have their November luncheon and meeting at Live Oak Grill on Thursday, November 14th, at 11:30 a.m. Come have lunch and discuss neighborhood events with a great bunch of guys as diverse as our neighborhood itself.

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



Shepherd Park Plaza Travelers

Be on the lookout for details from Chuck about a possible December 15th outing!

For more information about the SPP Travelers, contact Chuck Blesener at 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 in future messages.



Garden Club

The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club met on Monday, October 14, 2013 at the home of Sarrah Moseley, 1147 Thornton. All enjoyed the season by wearing Halloween themed hats. Sarrah was assisted by Sheri Beasley, Robin McClung, Bess Moseley, Bob Warren and Cindy Wolfram. A creative "Bag Dinner" was enjoyed by all in the delightful setting of Sarrah's backyard. The SPPGC had two guests: Elaine Estrada and Karen Martin .

Ms. Lacy Heck, the science lab teacher at Durham Elementary, spoke to the SPPGC about how they can assist with the school's desire to expose the students to nature via their gardens and pond area.

The business meeting concentrated on the SPPGC's upcoming Silent Auction and Dessert Table at the October 19th SPP Fall Festival. Great efforts by many Members have been made to make this a very successful evening. Attendees will be tempted by appealing baskets and yummy desserts. Note: All funds raised by these endeavors will be used for the beautification of SPP.

The night concluded with our traditional door prize awarding. Sheri Beasley, Vicki Brandt Elaine Estrada, Carol Jean Hebert, Fran Marino, Sarrah Moseley, Corinne Opperman, Cindi Phelps, Barbara Raines, Lou Rice, and Dot Shepherd were the fortunate winners.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 11, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Carolyn Long, 1163 Chamboard. Beth Galiano, a SPP homeowner, will speak on Herbs.

Garden Club meetings are held on the Second Monday of the month, September through May at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested please contact Carol Jean Hebert at (713) 681-1552 or CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com for further details.

The Garden Club's
October Yard of the Month Award goes to:
Lori Kubin
1107 Cheshire





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1103 Chamboard
Bruno & Merle Majewski

Section 3:

1063 Martin
Paul & Linda Miller

Section 2:

1147 Thornton
Gary & Sarrah Moseley

Section 4:

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