



# THE PLAZA PULSE

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](mailto:pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com) or by contacting your section rep (see names on p.2)



### **2016 SPP Civic Club Fundraising Campaign Update... Membership Renewals are Off to a Good Start! by Tom Dornak**

As of October 12th, 2015, 232 or (32%) of residents have taken steps to renew their 2016 Civic Club Membership. In addition 205 or (28%) of residents have stepped up and donated very generously to the 2016 Constable Patrol Program. I am quite impressed to see such a great response in just four weeks from the kickoff mailing. The Civic Club 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.

In the December Pulse a listing of all our early bird donors to the 2016 Constable Program will be published (addresses only). Please take steps to submit your donation by November 15th to be included in this list.

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 your credit card, or direct a payment from your bank. Residents have used all four of these methods to contribute. Go to [ShepherdParkPlaza.com](http://ShepherdParkPlaza.com) to make your electronic payment using our website.

Please remember how reasonable the annual dues are to be a member of the Civic Club at only \$25 per year. And the Constable Program is \$200 per year! Both provide great benefits that all residents of SPP enjoy. Also, every contribution helps, so if you find that the Constable Program fee of \$200 is a little outside your budget, we understand and will accept donations in all amounts! Or maybe you want to contribute a little more to help out one of your neighbors. We appreciate it all!

#### **FALL BACK!**



Daylight savings time is officially over for Texans on November 1st, at 3:00 a.m. when we set our clocks back to 2:00 a.m. The upside? We gain an hour of sleep that night.

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## Chantilly Wine & Beer Crawl Benefitting the Shepherd Park Plaza and Candlelight Plaza Constable Program

Saturday, November 21, 2015, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Check-in at 1067 Chantilly



\$50 per adult (\$30 "food only")



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More details to follow at [ShepherdParkPlaza.com](http://ShepherdParkPlaza.com)

### BUILDING PERMITS CONTINUED

By: Chuck Blesener

Contrary to what some residents believe, the deed restrictions in all four sections of Shepherd Park Plaza remain in effect and enforceable. The deed restrictions for each section have an ending date but also contain an automatic renewal clause. They are automatically renewed for successive ten year periods unless voted on by a majority of property owners in each section. Any property owner can sue to remedy a violation of a deed restriction within their section. The City of Houston Legal Department helps enforce certain deed restriction items. Not only are residents subject to deed restrictions but **builders** investing in the neighborhood by purchasing, renovating and selling a home are also subject to the deed restrictions.

Great care must be taken when hiring a contractor. Many of them can place a lien against your home while you dispute the quality of the work or the price being charged. Contractors are not required to have a license for structural permits but are for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work. There is a voluntary registration program for roofing contractors. All contractors must have proof of comprehensive general liability insurance with minimum limits of \$500,000 for both death or bodily injury and property damage - per occurrence.

There are reasons for most building codes and many of them could save your life. Bedroom windows must be the correct size to insure that in the event of a fire, you can get out and the firefighters can get in. To confirm whether a registered architect or professional engineer is required for your specific project contact <http://www.tbae.state.tx.us/> or <http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/>.

The state of Texas has an energy code which places restrictions on the building components to reduce the overall energy consumption of the building. Items affected by this code are windows, wall ceiling insulation, air-conditioning equipment and ducts. If you plan on remodeling or repairing, ensure that your project conforms to this code. Trees are protected by the City of Houston. Trees within the building setback line may not be cut down or destroyed.

Non permitted construction activity can result in the issuance of citations, so if you are not sure if a permit is required, or what code is to be followed, call the Customer Assistance & Code Development office at 832-394-9494 or go to [www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/building-code-enforcement.html](http://www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/building-code-enforcement.html).

## CITIZENS PATROL STATS

### September 2015 Patrol Hours *Prepared by Chuck Blesener*

WEEK	Driving	Walking/ Biking
1	15	2
2	17	0
3	15	2
4	22	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8</b>

The winner of the random \$10 bonus for September is John Scardino. 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](mailto: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](http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip_citzpatrol.htm). The applications must be sent in one week prior to the training.

#### Goals of Patrol:

- \* To provide an effective method of addressing neighborhood crimes and neighborhood decline.
- \* To promote a friendly and safer neighborhood environment while respecting the privacy and rights of all citizens.
- \* To encourage awareness and provide improved communication among neighbors.
- \* To upgrade the quality of life and property values in the area.

All Applicants must meet Minimum Qualifications and Standards for Police Volunteer Citizen Patrollers:

- 18 years of age or older
- Valid Texas Driver License
- Pass Police Department background check
- Must be trained by the Houston Police Department
- Submit a monthly report (Form Provided)


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### ELECTION DAY 2015

Election day for the general election is Tuesday, November 3, 2015. For Houston, among other things, it is a Mayoral election. Check out [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov) for more information, including early voting locations. Or check out the Secretary of State's website for polling locations at [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us).



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## CHRISTMAS IN SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA



Planning for Christmas in Shepherd Park Plaza is gaining momentum. This project started in July as a way to get people motivated to work with their neighbors to decorate our neighborhood in a big way for Christmas this year. The arches on Thornton Street are just the beginning. We're hearing good things about other streets banding together to revive a theme on their street or cul-de-sac. If you're not sure what your street is planning, check with your Civic Club section representative by going to our website and clicking on the link to their email address. A local reporter has already inquired about this year's decorating plans, so the excitement is spreading!

We wanted to pass along some information about some yard decorating ideas if you haven't quite formulated your plan yet. First, as far as Christmas signs for your yard, try Elizabeth Cardner at Houston Yard Art at [HoustonYardArt@gmail.com](mailto:HoustonYardArt@gmail.com) or 713-542-6844. They can design, cut, and paint signs for your yard in a specific theme or Christmas character. Next if you want to participate in the arches like the ones on Thornton Street and Apollo Street, try reaching out to Kevin Schieffer at 281-435-4902 or [kevin\\_schiffer@hotmail.com](mailto:kevin_schiffer@hotmail.com). He will buy materials and build the arch for \$120 (garland and lights not included), and you can share the cost with your neighbor across the street! If interested, please reach out to Kevin by *early* November. Both of these individuals are SPP residents and both have expressed interest in keeping the holiday spirit alive!

## National Night Out Wrap-Up

Once again, Shepherd Park Plaza residents came out to meet their neighbors on National Night Out. There were at least seven parties in the neighborhood. Many law enforcement representatives showed up at one or more parties, and expressed their appreciation for our participation. Thanks once again to all the hosts:

James & Chrissie Vandevere  
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# around the neighborhood

Condolences go to families and friends of Alvin Onken, Esther Castillo and Otto Zoch. All were long time residents of Shepherd Park Plaza.

Mr. Oncken was born in Gonzales, Texas, and moved to Houston in 1963. He married his wife Helen and served in the National Guard for six years. He was a building designer in Houston for 45 years. Helen served on the SPP Civic Club Board as President. Mr. Oncken is survived by his wife of 50 years, Helen, and his sons, among many other family and friends.

Mrs. Castillo was a native Houstonian. She taught Elementary Education at HISD for 40 years. She is survived by her husband, William and son, Craig who still reside in SPP. She is also survived by two sisters and their husbands.

Mr. Zoch served in the military in the Korean War. He was a long time member of the Trinity Lutheran Church serving as an elder, in the choir and as a volunteer in ministries. He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren and many others.



## SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA MEN'S GROUP

The SPP Men's Group will meet for lunch and discussion at Live Oak Grill, on Thursday, November 12th, at 11:30 a.m. Come join your neighbors for lunch. There are no commitments, no officers, and no dues - just friendly conversation and good food. The ladies have the Plaza Moms and the Garden club. The Men's group is just for the guys.



## SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA TRAVELERS

The group's next bus trip will be on Friday, December 4th, when they will enjoy dinner at JW's Steakhouse in Carmine and a hayride through the Christmas Lane Of Lights in Ledbetter.



## Cook's Corner



### Pumpkin Cheesecake Monkey Bread

4 cans (7.5 oz each) of plain refrigerated biscuits  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
2 Tbs pumpkin pie spice  
1 stick butter  
3 oz. cream cheese  
1 cup packed light brown sugar  
1/3 cup pumpkin puree (canned)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat bundt pan with non-stick spray. Set aside. In zipper type bag, mix granulated sugar and pumpkin pie spice. Separate biscuits and cut each biscuit into quarters. Add biscuit sections to the sugar and spice mix, shaking bag to coat biscuits well. Place biscuits evenly in bundt pan. In saucepan, mix brown sugar, butter, pumpkin puree and cream cheese. On low heat, mix and stir until all ingredients are melted. Pour mixture over biscuit sections in pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes. Remove from oven. Cool 2 minutes and place on heat resistant servicing dish. Makes a great Thanksgiving breakfast dish.



## Plaza Moms

## Plaza Moms Group

The next meeting of the Plaza Moms Group is Monday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Erin Field's home. There will be an HISD/Private School Panel. There will also be an area for an informal toy swap, so clean out those closets and bring a gently used toy or two to swap. Ladies Night Out will be Wednesday, November 11th at Plonk at 8:00 p.m. Want to be part of a group of area moms that has fun and shares information? Then check out Plaza Moms. Learn more at <http://shepherdparkplaza.com/plaza-moms/>



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SOLICITORS...4	TRAFFIC HAZARD... 1	VACATION WATCH...61
VEHICLE BURGLARY... 1	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...8	PARK CHECK...30

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SEPTEMBER WAS ANOTHER LOW CRIME MONTH IN SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA AND CANDLELIGHT PLAZA. THIS IS PROOF THAT OUR DEPUTY CONSTABLE PROGRAM AND CITIZEN PATROL PROGRAM ARE WORKING. CONTRIBUTE YOUR SUPPORT TO BOTH PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER TO PATROL TO HELP KEEP CRIME LOW IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

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Have you ever wondered how to contact particular Departments at the City of Houston? This new section of the Pulse should give you some direction. Check back frequently, as new items may be added. The main number is 713-837-0311.

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

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Permit questions—[www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/](http://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.

## A DANGEROUS SITUATION

One of our residents recently noticed a woman on Martin St. pushing a stroller down the street and was concerned about the potential danger of this situation. This was a double stroller carrying two young babies down the left lane of Martin in the street.

One of the great features of SPP is the sidewalks. Many neighborhoods do not have them. What a wonderful advantage SPP parents have. Whether they are pushing the stroller or someone they have hired is pushing the stroller, it is a potentially dangerous situation to be in the street especially since sunset is falling earlier this time of year.

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## HONORING U. S. VETERANS ON NOVEMBER 11th



Part of the rich heritage of the U. S. is its military members that have served domestically and internationally for over 200 years. In order to honor our veterans, the U. S. Government made November 11th an official federal holiday in 1954. It actually evolved from Armistice Day, which began in 1919. The historical significance of our veterans' actions, commitment, tenacity and bravery cannot be fully measured. Can you imagine deciding at 18, 21, 25 or 40 years of age to leave your family, your home, possibly your country to fight for millions of American citizens that you've never met? To be met with an enemy that you've never met? To make decisions that put your life in danger? That's essentially what these brave men and women do when they enlist. For this and many brave acts too numerous to name here, we thank you! And God bless you!

Shepherd Park Plaza has many veterans within its boundaries. We'd like to take a brief moment to recognize their service to our country. The veterans who asked to be included herein (with their personal notes) are:

\* Helen McGee, age 98, a long time resident of SPP now living at Brookdale, remembers her service with the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), the WWII division of the US Naval Reserve. Helen enlisted in 1942, completed boot camp in NY, and received training at Indiana University. She was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Green Coves Spring, Florida working as a bookkeeper in the supply distribution unit supporting pilots. In 1945, her journey lead her to Charleston, SC; while awaiting her discharge, Helen worked in the payroll department of the naval station near a German POW camp that was established there.

\* Bill McReynolds served in Army Signal Corps from 1956 – 1958.

\* Peter Mytchak. Mytchak served the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict.

\* Gus Oppermann. A veteran of the Korean War serving in the 1st Armored Division of the Army.


\* Louis Pali who served in the United States Army during the Vietnam and Korean Wars. He served a total of six years - 2 years active duty, 2 years active reserve duty, and 2 years inactive reserve duty. He was honorably discharged with rank of E5.

\* J. Royce Simpson who was a combat Veteran serving in the U. S. Army from 1969-1971.

\* James Tamborello was a Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Army from 1943-1945.

\* James Worthing. Worthing served in the U. S. Navy in the Korean conflict from 1951 – 1955. He served on the Submarine the USS Runner SS-476 with a rating FT1(SS).





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### FLAG AMBASSADOR NEEDED!

SPP is still looking for a new Flag Ambassador to display American flags in our neighborhood about four times per year. If you are interested or want more information please contact our Civic Club President, Tom Caver at [ww.President@ShepherdParkPlaza.com](mailto:ww.President@ShepherdParkPlaza.com). Also, new flags have been ordered just in time for Veterans Day, so you should see these bright, new flags beginning in early November.



## *Halloween Decorating Awards!*



**Best Overall 1st Place**—Gregory Walls & Nikki Bui—1028 Candlelight

**Scariest 1st Place**—Ricardo Caldoroni—1063 Thornton

**Most Original 1st Place**—Kim & Chris Schultea—4707 Apollo

**Best Overall 2nd Place**—Kimberly & Michael Evans—1047 Candlelight

**Scariest 2nd Place**—Amy & Robert Perez—1118 Richelieu

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# Oktoberfest a Big Success!

The Shepherd Park Plaza residents enjoyed a great Oktoberfest at the Liederkrantz Hall on Friday, October 2, 2015. The night was filled with good food, a variety of auction packages, live music, a cake walk and lively kids keeping the dance floor humming! With almost 150 residents in attendance, it was one of the best attended Flings in recent years. A special thanks goes to the Hospitality Committee for putting together a wonderful evening!



The success of our fundraising efforts at Oktoberfest are due in a large part to our fabulous donors below.

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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS



### Garden Club Visits Buchanan's for the Monthly Meeting

The Garden Club met at Buchanan's Nursery on Monday, October 12 for a walking tour and talk through that beautiful nursery. Besides hearing about the different native plants, perennials, and shade plants available at Buchanan's, we also learned a few tips from our master gardener guide - such as:

- When preparing beds, mix expanded shale in gumbo-type soil to help loosen it up. Recommendation is to lay 3 inches of expanded shale on top of the growing area and then till it six to eight inches deep.
- If your potted plants have salt residue on them or on top of the soil, spray them with distilled water as it will remove all the minerals of hard water, as well as chemicals found in tap water like fluoride and chlorine.
- Fall is the BEST time to plant a garden. Roots have time to establish themselves before our cool winters and then the onslaught of our HOT summers.



Pictured above are the members who attended the meeting at Buchanan's.

### Yard of the Month

SPP Garden Club October Yard of the Month

Susan Fitzpatrick  
902 Bethlehem

Susan says: In planning our yard, I wanted to use plants I brought from our past yards when living in Bellville and New Orleans - such as the African irises and Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow shrubs. In keeping with the red doors and rust colored bricks of our home, I chose to use red as my accent color. Many of the plants I grow require little maintenance - which is a must-have in my life!



Our next meeting will be Monday, November 9 at Colette Robichau's home (1014 Candlelight) at 7:00 p.m. We will be learning about landscaping tips and tricks from Leslie Wren of Corazon Garden Design. Hope you can join us!

## **AUTUMN'S COOLER WEATHER IS HERE!**

AUTUMN DECORATING AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE WINNERS:

- ⇒ MOST ORIGINAL
- ⇒ BEST OVERALL
- ⇒ BEST SCARECROW

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NOVEMBER 1	2	3 	4 SPPCC Board Mtg	5	6	7
8	9 Plaza Moms Meeting GARDEN CLUB MEETING	10 	11 Veterans Day  Plaza Moms Ladies Night Out—Plonk!	12 Men's Group Meeting	13	14
15 Autumn Decora Judging	16	17 	18	19 Heavy trash TREE Waste	20	21 WINE AND BEER CRAWL 4-6 PM
22	23	24 	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	DECEMBER 1 	2	3	4	5

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1032 Martin  
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### Section 2:

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### Section 4:

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**Launch Party**

**November 19, 2015**

**6:00 pm**

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**Jonathan A. Kolmetz, MBA, CFP®**

Jonathan joined the financial services industry in 2002 and spent the first few years of his career working for a large retail bank with a team of advisors and bankers managing high net-worth clients. Seeking a more boutique firm focused on clients, Jonathan spent the next seven years working for an independent firm where he honed his skills in the fixed-income arena, specializing in providing taxable and tax-free income ideas. In 2015 he formed Oaks Wealth Management, and provides financial planning and investment advice through LPL Financial.

Jonathan graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and later obtained an MBA from the University of Houston. He completed the Certified Financial Planner course at Rice University and became a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional.

In addition to his career in the financial services industry, Jonathan served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 2000-2006, including one tour of duty in Iraq in 2004.

In his spare time, Jonathan is committed to a dedication of service to others. In 2013, he founded the Leather Apron Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to serving individuals and organizations in the Greater Oak Forest/ Houston Heights neighborhoods. Additionally, Jonathan serves on the board of directors for The Oaks Business Association and is a member of the Financial Planning Association.

Jonathan was born and raised in Houston, Texas and married his high school sweetheart, Kristi. Their family currently resides in Shepherd Park Plaza. In addition to raising their two boys, Jackson and Benjamin, Jonathan and Kristi also raise an assortment of farm animals, including commercial Black Brangus cattle, on their ranch in Livingston, Texas.

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