



THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

OCTOBER 2016

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FAMILY OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 7, 2016
6:00 - 9:00PM

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2016

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

National Night Out is an annual community event to promote crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The SPP community has always been a wonderful place to live and NNO is an opportunity to solidify relationships with each other and ensure SPP continues to be a safe place to raise our families. Please stop by anytime between 6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. to meet your neighbors and learn about the Constable Program sponsored by the Civic Club. This is also a great opportunity to finalize holiday themes with your street or cul-de-sac! The hosts this year are listed below.

Map code	Hosts/Hostesses	Address
A	Robert & Staci Gwinn	1038 Chamboard
B	Jesse & Tewlyn Yoburn	1139 Thornton
C	Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale	1131 Chantilly
D	Shannon & Andreas Zierau	1057 Cheshire
E	Geraldine Lamonica & Daniel Melott	1043 Martin
F	Kristi & Jonathan Kolmetz/Morrisseys	1038 Cheshire
G	Amber & Tom Caver	1050 Candlelight



SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA TRAVELERS

Our lively bunch of seniors will depart from Shepherd Park for the George Ranch Historical Park in Richmond on Tuesday, October 18th. They will travel by County bus to learn about historic rural Texas ranch life and enjoy a chuck wagon lunch.



SPP MEN'S GROUP

The SPP Men's Group will meet for their next monthly luncheon and discussions on Thursday, October 13th at 11:30 a.m. The group will meet at Yank Sing Restaurant on Mangum.

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Ladies Night Out

Monday, October 24th, 7:30 p.m. at Branche (3415 Oak Forest Dr.) - Plaza Moms Sponsor

Please join PMS for some shopping, drinks and desserts at the neighborhood boutique, Branché (3415 Oak Forest Dr.) on Monday, October 24 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. The store will be providing space for us to mix and mingle, as well as 15% off any purchases made that evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fall Family Festival

Saturday, October 15th, 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. at Durham Elementary

Wear Your Costumes and join in some family fun! New this year is a Petting Zoo. Returning favorite activities include mini-pumpkin painting, face painting, bouncy houses, photo ops, and crafts. A light dinner for the kiddos will be provided by Chick-Fil-A (limited quantity) and the Cow will be making an appearance. FREE event for family and friends (members and non-members).

Play Date (All Ages)

Saturday, October 22nd, Time TBA at SweetFrogs

We heard the rumor that SweetFrogs is re-opening at the end of September, so let's meet there for a sweet treat play date. The time will be announced in October when their new operating hours are confirmed.

Save the date!

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. at Durham Elementary

Please join us for the Annual Plaza Moms' Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 3rd from 9-11am at Durham Elementary. Breakfast will be provided by IndyQuest and Bouchet Images will be there to capture pictures with Santa (personal cameras welcome). There will also be craft stations. Members: FREE; Non-members: \$10 (cash or check at the door).

2016/17 Sponsors

Thank you to all our 2016/17 sponsors for supporting Plaza Moms: Bayou City Crossfit, Bouchet Images, Branche, Houston Yard Art, Luxury Lawns, IndyQuest Properties, Polka Dot Dogs, Sweet Tooth Stationery, Chronically Organized, and My House Fitness. Support our sponsors by shopping locally!

Join Plaza Moms Today!

Membership dues are \$35 per school year. Pay at our next event/meeting with cash or check OR drop a check off in envelope to Treasurer Elizabeth Cardner at 1046 Candlelight. If you would like to pay by credit card you may contact Membership Officer Sarah Morrissey at the plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com and she will send you a Big Tent payment link. Make checks payable to *Plaza Moms Society*. Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms

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Citizens Patrol Stats

August 2016 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Rick Zebrak

WEEK	Driving	Walking/ Biking
1	10	0
2	12	0
3	17	4
4	27	4
TOTAL	66	8

The winner of the random \$10 bonus for August is Deborah DeBram. 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 Rick Zebrak at 713-686-8873 or rickzee@att.net 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.

PROCLAMATION!

Mayor Sylvester Turner has declared October 1, 2016, PEACE AND JOY DAY in the City of Houston. SPP Resident Shannon Zierau is behind this great idea, so join her and other residents at Durham Elementary on October 1, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. for this day of awareness.

SAVE THE DATE! NOVEMBER 19th

For the 3rd Annual SPP Wine Crawl.

The details and host addresses will follow in the November Pulse.

**SAVE THE DATE —
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st
MANNA'S 3rd ANNUAL BBQ
& AUCTION
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PROPERTIES

HALLOWEEN IS NEAR!

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

- ⇒ BEST OVERALL
- ⇒ SCARIEST
- ⇒ MOST ORIGINAL

JUDGING WILL BE MONDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH—EVENING

SIDEWALKS!

We've said it before but we'll say it again!

- ♦ Walkers, joggers, strollers, pets on leashes should use the sidewalk instead of the street AND....
- ♦ That maintenance of sidewalks is the homeowners' responsibility.

Call is handled by Deputy Constable

*Figures are for entire contract including SPP and Candlelight Plaza



August 2016

ALARM...1	CONTRACT CHECKS...121	Warrant/Writ Service...11
Theft...3	MILES PATROLLED...3420	Robbery of Individual ...1
Information Call s...3	CITIZEN CONTACTS...223	Medical Emergency...1
Suspicious Vehicle...9	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...2	Traffic...13
Aggressive Animal ...1	Follow-Up...5	Park Checks...9
Traffic Hazard...1	Welfare...1	Vacation Watch...89
Traffic Citations...4	*****	*****

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

SIGN UP FOR THE CONSTABLE OFFICE'S NEWSLETTER...<http://pct1constable.net/sign-up> then click Newsletter



Durham Elementary News

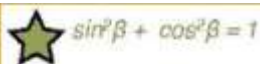
By Principal: Amy Poerschke

The Durham Family would like to invite you and your family to come out to their Fall Festival held Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The fun will include, video game truck, inflatables, petting zoo, pony rides, carnival games and much, much more. Fall Fest activity bands and tickets are on sale now! Visit www.durhampta.org/shop to buy your activity bands and tickets. We hope to see you there!

Invitation to Become a Community Member! Neighbors: a very simple way to support Durham Elementary - your zoned school - is to join the PTA as a Community Member for just \$7. The PTA strives to make every child's potential a reality, and your membership will help support the myriad of initiatives and events the PTA organizes throughout the school year to make that happen. You can join online at <http://www.durhampta.org/shop> or by contacting angiequnden08@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming Events

October 6th- Coffee with the Principal
 October 10th- PTA meeting
 October 11th- Early Dismissal
 October 12th- Fall Holiday
 October 28th- Character Day Parade



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GARDEN CLUB NEWS



September Yard of the Month

Sheri Beasley—1138 Thornton

Sheri is all about the GREEN. You can't miss her gorgeous yard when driving west on Thornton towards the Ella entrance. Her yard is full of potato vines, boston ferns, foxtail ferns, and airplane plants. In addition she has yellow roses, salmon colored cannas and tall, beautiful plumes. She normally does not buy plants. Everything in her yard was started from cuttings from friends and neighbors. She shares! Stop by and help yourself to a cutting from Sheri's



Garden Club New Year Off to a GREAT Start!

A charged-up 20+ members and guests joined in the September organizational meeting at Vicki Brandt's house to hear about the new year's offerings of programs, activities, outings, and community events. What is sure to be one of the best years ever, the 2016-2017 schedule includes trips to Peckerwood Garden and Hermann Park Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion; speakers to discuss habitat gardening and flower arranging; hands-on activity to create container gardens; and the annual favorite 'brown bag plant swap'.

October Meeting Scheduled to visit Peckerwood Gardens

The Garden Club's next meeting will be Saturday, October 1 to tour the Peckerwood Gardens in Hempstead. Named Peckerwood Garden after the plantation in Auntie Mame and for the woodpeckers that frequent the property, the 39 acre garden is an oasis and retreat, a conserved green space protecting a valuable collection of plants, and a visual delight for gardeners. Cost of the tour is \$25 which includes a box lunch. To make reservations for our 'carpooling' trip to this exceptional preservation garden, please contact Colette Robichau at 713-201-3322 or email at crobichau@comcast.net.

Dues are Due!

Pay your \$25 annual dues by October 1 to be included in the Membership Directory. Checks payable to SPP Garden Club can be dropped off or mailed to Ruth Rock, 1143 Chambord.

Membership: Debbie Elliott at 713-686-7571 or delliott9@hotmail.com ** President: Vicki Brandt at 281-888-6306 or brandts2@yahoo.com



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VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION



November 1, 2016 is Veteran's Day. We'd like to recognize any Veterans living in Shepherd Park Plaza, so please send us a brief story of your time in service including the military branch served. Please email us by October 10th at Pulse@ShepherdParkPlaza.com if you'd like to be included. We appreciate your service!

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SPP CALENDAR

October 2016



= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Reminder about Heavy Trash: Our heavy trash pickup is the <u>3rd Thursday</u> of each month. Tree waste is picked up in ODD months, and Junk waste in the EVEN months.						SEPT 30	Oct 1 MANNA Event Garden Club Outing Peace & Joy Day
2	3	4 National Night Out 	5 SPPCCM Board Mtg 	6	7 SPP Oktoberfest 	8	
9	10	11 	12	13 Men's Group 	14	15 Fall Family Festival at Durham ES	
16	17	18 SPP Travelers Trip 	19	20 HEAVY Junk Waste	21	22 Plaza Moms Play Date	
23 PLAZA MOMS society Ladies Night Out 	24	25 	26	27	28	29	
30 	31 Nov 1 	2	3	4	5		



Mosquito fogging is scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 10:00 p.m. -4 a.m. (March—October). In between these treatments, you can cut down on mosquitoes by eliminating standing water around your home in pet bowls, flower pots, trash containers, buckets, and birdbaths.



Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club
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September Yards of the Month

Section 1:

1043 Chamboard
Irene & Damon
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Section 3:

1038 Cheshire
Kristi & John
Kolmetz

Section 2:

1123 Chantilly
Joann & Chris
Scardino

Section 4:

1002 Richelieu
Fatima & Eric
Gilbert

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 **Shannon Zierau**
at 713-775-0307
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so we can welcome you officially.

Shepherd Park Plaza



Constable Patrol Program

Bill Scheel
Chairman

Dear Neighbor,

On August 17th, KHOU Channel 11 aired a report about increased crime in the Oak Forest area. The HOA in Oak Forest has hired a private security firm to patrol the neighborhood but has cut back recently due to a lack of funds. Less than 20% of the Oak Forest residents contribute to the patrol fund. Part of the reason that homeowners expressed a reluctance to participate is that the private security firm does not have law enforcement powers.

That is not the case with our SPP Constable Patrol Program. Our program is manned by uniformed Deputy Constables from Precinct One and they have full police authority which includes the power of arrest and investigation. They patrol our neighborhood 80 hours per week in marked patrol cars.

Your SPP Board began the Constable Patrol Program in late 1999. Since its inception, the crime rate in SPP has gone down. It is a rare thing to receive the coverage that we do for only \$250 per year. Our current participation rate is 61% but we can do better. The more contract members we have the cheaper the cost will be for all of us. Our membership statistics show that our newer residents don't participate in the program as much as those who have been here a while. Let's all do our part no matter how long we have lived in SPP.

Is 96 cents a day too much to ask for the peace of mind that comes with knowing that a law enforcement officer is only minutes away? You have seen the reports about how stretched HPD resources are. By having our Patrol Program, we are insured of quick response and help in an emergency as well as having our homes watched while we are away.

If you can't give the full \$250, give what you can. We need all of our residents to be willing to pull the wagon and not just be passengers. You can even use a credit card to pay your Constable Program and SPP Civic Club dues. Go to <http://shepherdparkplaza.com/> and click the pay constable and membership dues at the top.

Thanks

Bill

P.S. Don't forget to volunteer for the SPP Citizen's Patrol