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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

October 2017

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TWO BIG EVENTS IN OCTOBER FOR SPP RESIDENTS

Friday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m.—Oktoberfest. All ages invited. See below.

Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m.—National Night Out. See page 5.

Shepherd Park Plaza
PRESENTS

OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 13, 2017
6:00 - 9:00PM

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*Figures are for entire contract incl uding SPP and Candl elight Plaza



August 2017

Motor Vehicle Burglary...1	CONTRACT CHECKS...167	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW...3
Traffic Citations...1	Mil es Patrol l ed...5,879	Information Call ...4
Traffic Initiative...2	Meet the Citizen...256	Wel fare Checks...3
Suspicious Vehicle...20	Suspicious Person...6	Traffic Stops...8
Drug possession...1	Meet the Officer...4	Park Checks...9
Traffic Hazard...3	Medical Emergency...3	Al arm...5
Vacation Watch...46	Writ...6	Other ...7

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

TIME TO SIGN UP OR RENEW YOUR CONSTABLE PATROL CONTRIBUTION

DID YOU KNOW – that from Tuesday, August 22nd through Sunday September 2nd SPP had twenty-four (24) hour Constable Patrol coverage? Our Deputies were in our neighborhood before, during and after Hurricane Harvey. **The only time they weren't on the streets is when they were so flooded they couldn't get into the neighborhood.** As soon as the water went down, they were here protecting us. I know for a fact that our deputies were pulling twelve hour shifts and on one occasion, Deputy Moulden put in twenty hours after having only four hours off after doing a twelve hour patrol. That is dedication to providing protection to SPP.

NOW IT IS YOUR TURN – Signing up is easy. Go to <http://shepherdparkplaza.com/> and click the tab at the **top of the page "Pay Constable and Membership Dues"** and complete your transaction. If you had rather write a check, send your contribution to Philip Billeaud, SPP Membership Director, 1107 Chamboard Ln., Houston, Texas 77018. Philip sent out a notice several weeks ago with a return envelope. You can write one check but break out your contribution on the memo line; Constable/SPP dues/Citizens Patrol.

The suggested contribution is \$290. This pays for two (2) deputies each patrolling forty (40) hours per week (shared with Candelight Plaza). That works out to only \$1.12 per day. What does your latte cost at Starbucks?

HELP PULL THE WAGON – **Don't let your neighbor pay for your protection. If you can't afford the suggested \$290 per year then there are other options available. Everyone needs to do their part.**



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Citizens Patrol Stats

August 2017 Patrol Hours Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Drive
1	3	13
2	1	14
3	3	15
4	3	9
TOTAL	10	51

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS!

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 volunteer by signing up today! Contact Deborah DeBram or Katherine Peale at 713-812-7626 or algebrakp@aol.com for more information.

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.

The winner of the \$10 random drawing is Michelle Ganter. Patrollers who turn in at least 4 driving hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for this drawing.

We need volunteers. Training is just a few hours and you can be on your way to helping us protect the neighborhood.



The Garden Club kicked off its new year with a lively gathering at the home of Ruth Rock in early September. The members took care of the annual business meeting by reviewing the upcoming speakers, hosts and topics and appointing various members to be the committee chairpersons for the group.

The Garden Club is open to all residents of Shepherd Park Plaza. The dues are low, the gardening speakers are **informative and the comradery is fun.** If you're interested in joining, please contact Membership Chair Lou Rice at 713-686-8681 or President Colette Robichau at 713-201-3322.

We have a fun exciting year planned and hope to see all the members at the next meeting on Monday, Oct 9th at **Colette's home at 1014 Candlelight Lane.**

Yard of the Month

Addie Smith at 1150 Chantilly Ln.

Despite the devastating flood water, Addie's yard is beautiful with blooming summer stock, hydrangea, coleus and vinca. She also has numerous rose bushes, azaleas, a sweet smelling gardenia bush and cute garden bunnies. Clearly, she is a talented gardener. A perfect choice to show life after the storm. (picture shown at right)





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Join Plaza Moms Today!

We are excited to announce that we have a new website for Plaza Moms Society. The website: <http://groupspaces.com/PlazaMoms/> will allow you to pay your dues on-line and will be another way to keep up with Plaza Moms. Please login today to create your account. You can pay your 2017/18 dues on-line or at our next event via cash or check. Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms.

October Social - Tuesday, October 17th, 7:30 p.m. (note the new start time)

Leslie Bordelon's Home at 1055 Chantilly Lane—Co-hosts: Angie Gunden and Megan Rasmussen

Did you know that we have an elementary school right here in our neighborhood? Join us to meet with neighborhood moms and school representatives to learn more about Durham Elementary School (IB, Dual Language, Pre-K).



Ladies Night Out

Thursday, October 5th, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Liberty Kitchen GO

Put the little ones to bed and join your fellow moms for cocktails and light bites on the new LKGO patio.



Save the Date! Family Fall Festival

Saturday, November 4th, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Durham Elementary School

Wear your costumes one more time and join in some family fun! Activities include a petting zoo, mini-pumpkin painting, face painting, bouncy houses, photo ops, and crafts. A light dinner for the little ones will be provided by Chick-Fil-A (limited quantity). Please bring nonperishable food to donate to the Houston Food Bank.



Save the Date! Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Durham Elementary School

Please join us for the Annual Plaza Moms' Breakfast with Santa. IndyQuest will be sponsoring breakfast and we will have a photographer on hand to capture pictures with Santa (personal cameras welcome). There will also be craft stations. While we would love to have friends join, this will be a Member Only Event.

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer for these events, please contact us via email or Facebook. Volunteer opportunities are available for prep well before the event date, set-up before the event begins, help during the event and take down after each event.

Garbage Collection Changes Due to Hurricane Harvey

The City of Houston is **ONLY** collecting garbage that is in the black rolling bins placed curbside. Recycling placed in the green bins, yard trimmings and large junk/tree waste **is suspended** until further notice. If you want an alternative for your recycling, there are companies available that will pick up the recycling placed in the green bins **if you contact them directly.**



MANNA'S 4TH ANNUAL DENIM & DIAMONDS BBQ, DANCE & AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

ANHEUSER BUSCH BREWERY - 775 GELLHORN DR, HOUSTON, TX.

Ministry Assistance of the Near Northwest Alliance (MANNA) is hosting its annual fundraiser to benefit its assistance efforts of over 1,000 individuals per month. It is the leading agency in the area helping those who are rebuilding their lives as they've done for the past 28 years. Buy a ticket or buy a table by visiting the website listed here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mannas-4th-annual-denim-diamonds-bbq-dinner-dance-auction-tickets-33973013197>



National Night Out 2017

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

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 on the right. Suggestions to help out your host:

- Give them a call and ask what you can bring.
- Bring a chair, bug spray and water.
- Bring a wagon to carry your food, drinks, chair, etc.
- Help them clean up afterward.

Hosts/Hostesses	Address	Phone #
Robert & Staci Gwinn	1038 Chamboard	713-446-3847
Pamela Parker & Andy Moore	946 Curtin	713-926-6699
Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale	1131 Chantilly	713-812-7626
Shannon & Andreas Zierau	1057 Cheshire	713-775-0307
Diane & Andy Scardino	1039 Martin	713-303-6436
Kristi & Jonathan Kolmetz	1038 Cheshire	281-723-9801
Cavers/I nderriedens	1050 Candlelight	713-686-1917



Was your home damaged by floods from Hurricane Harvey?

A couple of helpful hints:

Take pictures of everything, even the pile of your belongings after removal from your home. Consider whether you should disconnect utilities, phone, cable, etc. Document all conversations with insurance adjusters/agents, contractors, trash removal services. Renovations might require permits so check with www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/ If you get a new roof, ask your insurance agent about a discount for your premiums going forward.

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around the neighborhood

Longtime SPP Resident Geraldine Gurley Melott passed away in September. Geraldine had a distinguished banking career in Houston for many years, with a focus on International lines of business. Geraldine was also very active in the Garden Club and hosted the National Night Out for many years. She will be missed dearly. Our sympathy to Daniel Melott and the rest of Geraldine's family.

HALLOWEEN IN SPP



Years ago the SPP Board developed a program that put some "organization" into the holiday. Many residents did not choose to participate and there had been complaints about trick or treaters showing up late at night. The Civic Club Board has developed the program described below which we feel is fair to all involved and will help make the holiday go more smoothly.

- Large signs will be posted at the entrances to SPP requesting the Trick or Treaters to follow some basic safety rules, trick or treat between 6 and 8 p.m. only, and go to houses which are well lighted.
- If trick or treaters are welcome to come to your home, please light up your house. Remember that it will be getting dark at 6:00 p.m.
- If you do not choose to participate in the trick or treating, you may want to turn off your front porch light.
- For your safety, remove "valuables" from the front of your home.
- For the children's safety, if you are driving in the neighborhood, be aware that some very excited children will be running about....drive slowly and cautiously.
- It is highly recommended that you not park vehicles on the street on the night of Halloween. They make it difficult to see children crossing the street and the vehicle will be a lot safer parked in your garage or driveway
- Plan to end your activities at 8:00 p.m. Please turn off your lights at 8:00 p.m. Our Deputy Constables will be on duty. Call 713-755-7628 if you have problems.



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Durham Elementary News

After a delayed start, the school year is off to a great beginning at Durham Elementary! During the month of October we will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and having a Drug Free Spirit Week ending with all the students dressing up as their favorite book characters for a parade.

You don't need to have a child at Durham to be part of the school community. We're always looking for volunteers to help our students, teachers and staff. Come to the school office to begin the process of making a difference in your community!









PTA will host its adults-only fundraiser "Thrills & Chills for Bills" on Friday, October 27th. Community members are invited to attend this EPIC Halloween themed event with a costume contest, heads and tails game, a wine pull, cornhole tournament and lots of amazing items to bid on during the silent and live auction. To buy tickets or reserved tables, become a PTA member or sponsor, visit www.durhampta.org/shop.

Want to make a difference in your local community? Please consider volunteering at Durham! There are countless ways for neighborhood members to help out- listening to children read, making copies for teachers, helping with large events, and so many more! Contact the school office at 713-613-2527 or contact PTA at pta@durhampta.org.

Important Numbers Police/Fire: 911 City Helpline: 311

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SPP Membership 832-576-1353	City Liaison 713-688-7979	Pulse Advertising 713-688-0574 or 713-681-3600	Men's Group 713-683-9945	HPD 713-884-3131

SPP CALENDAR October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 1	2	3  National Night Out	4  SPPC Board Mtg	5  Ladies Night Out	6	7
8	9 Garden Club Meeting	10 	11	12	13  OCTOBERFEST	14 MANNA Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser
15	16	17  PLAZA MOMS 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 	25	26	27	28
29	30	31  Happy Halloween 	Nov 1	2	3	4

DUE TO HURRICANE HARVEY **RECYCLING, YARD WASTE AND HEAVY TRASH** ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Only items that are placed in the **Black** garbage bins will be picked up.

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Section 3:

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Wooldrige

Section 2:

4706 Thornton Circle
Susan & Melvin
Clayton

Section 4:

1027 Candlelight
Sarah & Matthew
Lichtenauer

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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 or szierau@yahoo.com so we can welcome you officially.