



THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

September 2017

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OKTOBERFEST

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

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We need your donations to keep the Constable Program going! It's \$290 per household per year.

SEPTEMBER 1ST KICKS OFF ANNUAL DRIVE FOR CONSTABLE DONATIONS AND CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP!

CONSTABLE PROGRAM ANSWERS AND QUESTIONS

You know how Jeopardy works right? An answer is provided and you have to provide the question. And you know how the matching game works? You select the correct answer (or in this case question) from a multiple choice list. So we hereby challenge you to choose the right questions (In the form of multiple choice –sort of!) to the following answers related to the Constable Contract our neighborhood residents support to deter crime.

Answer 1: 80.

A) WHAT IS THE AVERAGE AGE OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO'VE LIVED IN SPP SINCE SECTION I WAS BUILT? B) WHAT IS THE number of hours patrol led in SPP and Candlelight Plaza by the Constable provided in our contract, C) WHAT IS THE AVERAGE WEIGHT GAIN (IN POUNDS) IN THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN THANKSGIVING AND NEW YEAR'S?

Answer 2: Vacation Watch.

A) WHAT YOU DO WHEN IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE YOUR LAST WEEK OFF FROM WORK? B) WHAT DO YOU CALL THE new timepiece you bought while on vacation? C) What is a benefit provided to all residents of SPP as part of our constable contract where you sign up on line to have the Constable drive by your house when you are on vacation?

Answer 3: Safety Check.

A) What is a rebate you get for driving safely? B) What is the service provided by the Constable that involves an inspection of your home (if you live in SPP) to identify areas that need small changes in order to improve the safety of your family and your belongings? C) What do you do each night before going to bed?

Answer 4: 713-755-7628.

A) WHAT IS THE PHONE NUMBER IN THE SONG "RICKY DON'T LOSE MY NUMBER"? B) WHAT IS THE NUMBER FOR JUNIOR SAMPLE'S USED CAR SALES? C) WHAT IS THE CONSTABLE DISPATCH NUMBER TO CALL WHEN YOU NEED TO REPORT suspicious activity, a crime in progress or a crime against you, your family or your property?

Answer 5: 16 hours.

A) How long does it take to complete a full marathon? B) How many hours of coverage do you get for about \$1.12 per day if you make a \$290/year donation to the Constable Program? C) How many hours per day does a CPA work during tax season?

Answer 6: \$290 per year.

A) What is the annual contribution recommended for each household in SPP to ensure that we are able to continue the constable program? B) What is a voluntary donation to keep the Constable program going? C) What amount of contribution to the Constable program delivers an excellent value in return? D) All the above.

What is the point of this game? To bring awareness to our Constable Program that NEEDS DONATIONS NOW TO KEEP IT GOING IN 2018....TO ENCOURAGE EACH HOUSEHOLD TO donate to the program...to kick off our 2017 –2018 Constable Campaign. Please JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND LET'S RAISE OUR PARTICIPATION FROM AROUND 70% PER YEAR TO more than 80% per year and keep this crime prevention tool rolling!





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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017

National Night Out is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, discuss safety, enjoy some good food and just **GET OUTSIDE!** This year's NNO is **Tuesday, October 3, 2017.** We are looking for hosts, so if you are interested in hosting your block or street in SPP or just want more information, please contact the Pulse Editor at Pulse@ShepherdParkPlaza.com. Hosting is mostly about having a central place on your block for neighbors to gather, but it can also be organizing a meal, getting volunteers to bring snacks and drinks, having kids games available, or any **combination of these.** And don't forget this is also a great chance to discuss **Christmas decorating on your street** to come up with a theme or expand the one already in the works!

If you want to help one of the hosts that have already signed up or just want to know where to go on October 3rd, **contact one of the hosts in your section.** But it's not too late to sign up to be a host...we can add you before the next Pulse is mailed out!

| Section | Hosts/Hostesses | Address | Phone # |
|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Robert & Staci Gwinn | 1038 Chamboard | 713-446-3847 |
| 2 | Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale | 1131 Chantilly | 713-812-7626 |
| 3 | Shannon & Andreas Zierau | 1057 Cheshire | 713-775-0307 |
| 3 | Diane & Andy Scardino | 1039 Martin | 713-303-6436 |
| 3 | Kristi & Jonathan Kolmetz | 1038 Cheshire | 281-723-9801 |
| 4 | Cavers/I nderriedens | 1050 Candlelight | 713-686-1917 |



SPP MEN'S GROUP SEEKING NEW COORDINATOR

Welcome to the Shepherd Park Plaza Mens Group! Formed in 2001 by August Galiano and Chuck Blesener to give the men of the neighborhood a means to meet with neighbors for lunch and have conversations on topics of interest, including the neighborhood, the group is very informal and has no rules, no dues, and no officers. The group is looking for a new coordinator, so if you're interested in finding out more about this role, please contact Chuck Blesener at 713-683-9945 or ccbles77@gmail.com, or August Galiano at 713-682-0920 or aeg3579@gmail.com.



Durham Elementary News

A new school year is about to start although it was delayed by Hurricane Harvey. The students and staff are excited to be getting ready for another great year!

On Friday, September 15th all students will participate in our first Spotty Fun Run. Come out and cheer on the kids as they raise money for IB learning materials and class recess equipment.

Save the date for "Thrills and Chills for Bills," our adults-only fundraiser on October 27th. More details for this Halloween themed gala will be coming soon.

Other community events in September include Community Saturday on the 2nd, PTA meeting on the 12th and Hispanic Heritage Celebration on the 28th.

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.

Call is handled by Deputy Constable
 *Figures are for entire contract including SPP and Candlelight Plaza



July 2017

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Burglary...2 | CONTRACT CHECKS...150 | OPEN DOOR/WINDOW...5 |
| Traffic Citations...1 | Miles Patrolled...4,731 | Information Call...3 |
| Traffic Initiative...1 | MEET THE CITIZEN...210 | Welfare Checks...1 |
| Suspicious Vehicle...11 | Suspicious Person...7 | Traffic Stops...8 |
| Discharge of firearm...2 | Follow Up...2 | Park Checks...19 |
| Traffic Hazard...3 | Special Assignment...3 | Disturbance/Loud Noise...1 |
| Vacation Watch...90 | Writ...1 | Other...6 |

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



It's time to plant your tomatoes for a fall crop! If you started your own seeds last month, you should have nice sized tomato sets now. Otherwise, buy big, stout looking plants at the nursery. Aug 15th is the target date, but you can plant your tomato plants until about Sept 1st. With this planting date, you should set fruit in October and can have ripe tomatoes through Christmas. You may also want to put your fall peppers in now. It is still oppressively sunny and hot, so you will need to protect your newly planted seedlings from the sun in the hottest part of the day. Build little shade structures over them and leave those for a few weeks. I use cast off election campaign signs. They are the right size and you can bend them to just the right angle to protect your tender plants.



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LIGHTS & LIGHTING



We've said it before but we'll say it again—**LIGHT UP THOSE HOUSES!** For your personal safety and the safety of your home and belongings, turn those outdoor lights on at night. Front yard, back yard, driveway, flower beds, garage—turn 'em on! Invest a few dollars in a timer for your porch light (super-easy to install), a timer for an interior lamp, timers for landscape lights and remote control for driveway or garage. Crooks don't like to be seen and lights put a spotlight on them that they don't want!



Citizens Patrol Stats

July 2017 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

| WEEK | Walking/ Biking | Drive |
|-------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 16 |
| 2 | 2 | 17 |
| 3 | 4 | 13 |
| 4 | 5 | 18 |
| TOTAL | 13 | 64 |

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 Bill McReynolds. 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.

Were you impacted by Hurricane Harvey? Take a look at the City of Houston's website at <http://www.houstontx.gov/>. Or contact the American Red Cross or FEMA. Check your church, synagogue or other worship facilities for information on shelter, temporary housing, etc. If you stayed in Houston, please check with your neighbors and make sure everyone's ok. FEMA has recommendations about eating or drinking foods touched by floodwater, even if they are in sealed containers, so please take a look at their guidelines.



Want more information? Take a look at the insert in this publication.



Ready to pay your annual Constable program and Civic Club dues? Go to the link below and pay on-line.
<http://shepherdparkplaza.com/pay-constable-and-membership-dues/>. Still not sure what it's all about? Go to the SPP website at <http://shepherdparkplaza.com/>

Need to know the Deed Restrictions in your section? Go to the link below and go to the lower right-hand section of the page and select your section. <http://shepherdparkplaza.com/section-information/>



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2017/18 Plaza Moms Society Officers

We are excited to announce the 2017/18 leadership team co-chaired by Rachel Nolan and Jeannine Petree. Thank you ladies for stepping up to make

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Co-Chair | Rachel Nolan |
| Co-Chair | Jeannine Petree |
| Treasurer | Elizabeth Cardner |
| Membership | Michelle Bruce |
| Membership | Erin Simpson |
| LNO/Play Date | Michelle Witowski |
| Hospitality | Jamie Bartula |
| Hospitality | Sarah Morrissey |
| Sponsorship | Ami Brockman |
| Special Events | Susannah Causey |

Save the Dates!

Fall Family Festival

Saturday, November 1st, 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.; Durham Elementary

Breakfast with Santa

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

More details to come next month.

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.

September Social - Tuesday, September 19th, 7:00 p.m.

Ami Brockman's Home at 1103 Cheshire Lane

The meeting will feature hair stylist Ashley Dana of Ashley Dana Salon teaching us quick hair do's and other fun beauty tips for the on-the-go mom.



Kick-off Kudos


A BIG Thank You to Kick Off Host Michelle Liu and to our Plaza Moms Special Events Officer Susannah Causey as well as the volunteers who made the annual Kick Off a complete success. We hope that you all had a great night out!

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 *Note: This is a closed group for members who are current on their membership dues. Please note we will also maintain our FB page and are no longer using Big Tent)

Sponsorships

Plaza Moms is seeking sponsors for the 2017/18 year. Becoming a sponsor allows your business more exposure in the local community, while supporting the awesome activities that Plaza Moms hosts throughout the year for SPP/CP families! Please request an application if you or your business are interested in becoming a Plaza Moms sponsor by contacting Ami Brockman at plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com. Deadline for applications is Sept. 1st!



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|--|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
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| Architectural Guidelines 713-316-5255 | Plaza Pulse News 713-316-9688 | SPP Historian 713-851-3000 | Traffic & Safety 713-681-7479 | Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628 |
| 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

September 2017

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

| | | | | | | |
|--------|--|---|----|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| Aug 27 | 28 | 29  | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4  | 5   | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12  | 13 | 14 | 15 Durham ES Spotty Fun Run | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19    | 20 | 21 HEAVY Tree Waste | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

DUE TO HURRICANE HARVEY PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CITY OF HOUSTON ABOUT WHEN TRASH PICKUP WILL RESUME.

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.

 = Trash and Yard Waste  = Curbside Recycling (no glass!)

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August Yards of the Month

Section 1:

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Section 3:

1052 Martin
Katie & Thomas
Whittington

Section 2:

4615 Dunsmer
Brandy & Sam
Pratt

Section 4:

1106 Candlelight
Karen & David
Tass

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