



# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

November 2017

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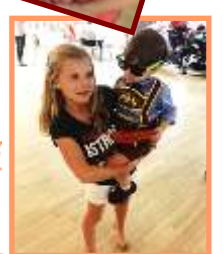
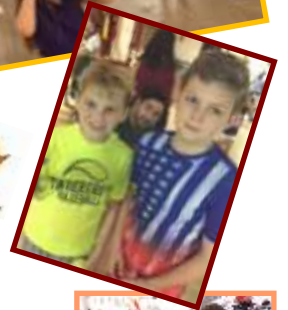
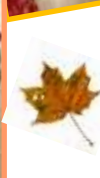
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SPP'S OKTOBERFEST AT THE LIEDERKRANZ HALL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THANKS TO the Hospitality Committee, generous donors and energetic volunteers. Whether you were laughing at the beard contest, walking the cake walk, piling bratwurst and red cabbage on your plate, or bidding against a neighbor for an auction package, there was something for everyone!





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A Special Thanks to all the sponsors who provided items for the Silent Auction at Oktoberfest:

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Civic Club Board members

A Special Thanks to the Garden Club for providing desserts and the Kids Activity Table.



## Halloween Decorating Awards



Best Overall 1st Place: 1028 Candlelight-Nikki & Gregory Walls  
Scariest 1st Place : 1018 Candlelight—Courtney & Orlando Romero  
Most Original 1st Place: 4439 Apollo—Monica & Aaron Ross

Best Overall 2nd Place: 4707 Apollo—Kimberly & Chris Schultea  
Scariest 2nd Place : 983 Chamboard—Mary Magsamen & Stephen Hillerbrand  
Most Original 2nd Place: 4615 Golf—Laura Hampton & Chris Mouton





# National Night Out 2017

A very special thanks to all the hosts and hostesses who opened up their homes to their neighbors in support of National Night Out. Despite the rain, many residents ventured out to meet new neighbors.



## IMPORTANT TRAFFIC ALERT

By: Bill Scheel

Update from the engineers on the drainage project on Alba: They are about to cross W. 43<sup>rd</sup> St. at Alba sometime during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. The City has placed orange traffic barrels along the side of 43<sup>rd</sup> and the street will be reduced by at least one lane during this phase of the project. At times, two lanes will be closed. Entry or exit from the neighborhood via Alba will be severely restricted if not impossible. Also, this phase of the project will last several months. In addition to the drainage pipes, there will also be water and sewer line replacement. Of course, all of this will have to be paved over.

It is highly recommended that you avoid Alba during this time. Closing down W. 43<sup>rd</sup> to two or three lanes will cause some traffic nightmares especially at rush hour.

The Constable's office has been notified of the situation and is ready to help if we experience a rise in cut-through traffic.



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Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th, 2017. Early voting takes place from Monday, October 23, 2017, to Friday, November 3, 2017. Check your county elections website for voting information and locations.

For complete election information including a list of Early Voting locations go to: <http://www.harrisvotes.com/>

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## CRIME & SAFETY

Residents in the Shepherd Park Plaza / Candlelight Plaza area need to be aware of a spike in residential burglaries and property theft incidents over the past two weeks. Suspects are taking advantage of unlocked vehicles and unsecured, detached garages where items such as yard tools/equipment may not be missed for days before realizing they have been stolen. Personal property left in driveways or in plain sight in vehicles are easy invitations for criminals to take advantage of the situation with little to no detection. These incidents are occurring in the early morning hours of midnight to 4am. If you see suspicious activity at any time, please call our dispatch line at 713-755-7628 for our units to respond.

But the best defense is still a good offense, so use this checklist to help PREVENT being a victim of this criminal activity.

### OUTSIDE

- Autos – remove all valuables (computers, sunglasses, etc.) and get them completely out of sight. Do not leave anything of value in your car or truck.
- Autos – lock the vehicle every time, especially if they are parked on the driveway or on the street. If you have a pick-up, consider installing a tailgate lock. If you have an alarm, make sure it is on. It's a good idea to lock it even in the garage.
- Lighting – there is debate whether outdoor lighting makes it easier for crooks to see what they are after or not. The whole thing is to be consistent in your use of lighting. Have your outdoor lights on timers or motion sensors. Crooks will look to see if your lights are off when you are gone. Our deputies prefer light so they can see your property.
- If you hear anything outside, don't be a hero and go rushing outside. **Call the constable at 713-755-7628.**

### GARAGE

- Garage door is closed and locked. Side door into garage is locked. It is also a good idea to install a deadbolt lock as well as the knob lock on these types of doors.
- Make sure all lawn equipment is locked up in the garage. Leave nothing outside. This also goes for bicycles and other equipment.
- If you have a gate across your breezeway that blocks access to your garage side door or backyard, make sure the gate is locked if so equipped and if not install a quality padlock on the slide bar.
- If you have an attached garage with an entry door into your home, make sure it is locked and consider a deadbolt.

### HOUSE

- Make sure all windows are locked, especially sliding patio doors.
- Make sure all doors are locked; the front door, back door, patio door or any other access to you home.
- If you have an alarm, use it! Be consistent in using your alarm. Even if you are making a quick trip to Kroger, turn on your alarm. Consider having one installed if you don't own one.
- Security Cameras - more and more residents are having security cameras installed. Check them from time to time to make sure you have the best view of approaches to your house. Spend the extra money and get one that works well at night.
- When you are away, have someone pickup your newspaper and mail. Nothing tells a crook you are gone more than newspapers staked up in your yard. Same goes for mail. If you are a member of the Constable Patrol Contract, be sure and turn in a vacation watch. <https://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/>

The point of all of this is for you to do all you can to protect your property and home. Crooks are looking for quick and easy. An unlocked door on your home or car is an invitation to these cowards. Yes, they are cowards. They do not want to confront people or locks. Make their life difficult. A few simple steps on your part will move them out of SPP.

# around the neighborhood




## VETERANS DAY HONOREES



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. For their 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.

- ♦ James 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).
- ♦ August Galiano joined the Army Signal Corps after graduating high school in 1946. He served in the Korean Conflict in the Armed Forces Security Agency.
- ♦ Bill McReynolds served in Army Signal Corps from 1956 – 1958.
- ♦ Peter Mytchak served the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict.
- ♦ Gus Oppermann was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the 1st Armored Division of the Army.



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¼ tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon

½ tsp ground ginger  
¼ tsp. ground cloves  
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg  
2/3 cup condensed milk  
1 cup water  
Uncooked pie shell

Combine all ingredients except pie shell. Note: Mixture will be very thin. Place pie shell in pie plate and press down gently. Pour mixture into pie plate. Cook at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and cook for an additional 45 minutes. Serve chilled with whipped topping.



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



September 2017

Arson/Fire...1	CONTRACT CHECKS...127	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW...1
Traffic Citations...1	Miles Patrol Led...6,345	Information Call...3
Traffic Initiative...1	MEET THE CITIZEN...156	Welfare Checks...1
Suspicious Vehicle...14	Suspicious Person...3	Traffic Stops...8
Alarm...8	Follow Up...1	Park Checks...12
Traffic Hazard...1	Assault...1	Disturbance/Loud Noise...1
Vacation Watch...6	Writ...6	Other...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



## HYDROPONIC GARDENING

October Garden Club meeting on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> was about hydroponic gardening which is the method of growing plants without soil, using mineral nutrient solutions in a water solvent. JSH Microgreens presented an interesting program to the club members and passed around some microgreens. Very interesting. The Garden Club was excited to participate in the Oktoberfest hosting both the kids activity table with leaf shading art and the dessert sales table. We all had a good time meeting new neighbors, big and little, and visiting with everyone. **Thank you to all our neighbors for purchasing the desserts as this is one of the club's fund raisers.**

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> instead of our usual second Monday meeting date. The program will be crafting plant markers and held at 1138 Chantilly Lane. If you are interested in attending please contact Colette Robichau, 713-201-3322, to ensure we have enough supplies for the gardening activity.

## YARD OF THE MONTH—1108 Martin—Lou Rice

This lovely yard began with the help of a landscaper for the basic design and Lou has been enhancing the design ever since. The focal point of her front walk are two urns with continuous blooming firecracker plants. Two evergreen Eagleston Holly trees enhance the beds, along with hedges of purple Chinese Loropetalum, Indian Hawthorne, and Yaupon. Other plants are Lily of the Nile and African Butterfly Iris, and Lantana.



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

⇒ MOST ORIGINAL

JUDGING WILL BE AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH.

⇒ BEST SCARECROW

AND IF AUTUMN IS NOT YOUR CUP OF TEA, GO AHEAD AND GET OUT THOSE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND GET READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS AWARDS...



Christmas is just around the corner!

Make plans to finish up your outdoor Christmas decorating by mid-December because the judges will start driving around SPP with a cup of hot chocolate, a clipboard and a camera to find the best decorations. Take your best shot at being 1st or 2nd place in the following categories:

- |                 |                  |                 |                             |                |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| * Best Overall  | * Best Religious | * Most Original | * Best Traditional          | * Best Novelty |
| * Best Lighting | * Best Door      | * Best Window   | * Best Street or Cul-de-sac |                |

## Fairbees Annual Fun Nites and Mainstream Lessons



### Free Square Dance Fun Nites

January 11<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

January 18<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Followed by Club Dance from 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Mainstream Square Dance Lessons Start January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. No prior dance experience necessary! Casual dress. \$5.00 per night. Lessons located at Memorial Drive Lutheran Church at 12211 Memorial Drive.

For more information contact: Amelia @ 281-495-2397 or James at [james.f.strickland@att.net](mailto:james.f.strickland@att.net) or Nancy @ 713-468-0616 or [wbeaton@att.net](mailto:wbeaton@att.net) or Annie Marie @ 713-686-1338

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## Citizens Patrol Stats

### September 2017 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Drive
1	2	8
2	3	11
3	3	7
4	4	14
TOTAL	12	40

#### 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](mailto: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 August Galiano. 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.**

### Shepherd Park Plaza Citizens Patrol—How it all Began!

By: August Galiano

In the late 1990s the murder of a prominent Houstonian who lived less than two miles from SPP showed the need for increased crime prevention in our neighborhood. This prompted the Houston Police Department to hold a meeting in Candlelight Park for area neighbors and civic clubs to outline details of how neighborhoods could form Citizens Patrol Groups. Some of our prominent Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club members attended the meeting. And in the summer of 1991, after several attempts to recruit volunteers for an SPP patrol were unsuccessful, Linda Rogers (who was SPP President at that time), and Don Blaise, (then Chairman of the Traffic and Safety Committee) invited the Director of HPD Community Affairs to speak to the Civic Club Board to discuss the formation of a Citizens Patrol in Shepherd Park Plaza.

A commitment was made by the Board members at that meeting to step forward as leaders of the neighborhood and **commit to becoming the charter members of the “SPP Citizens Patrol”, followed by an announcement in the Plaza Pulse.**

The call for neighborhood volunteers was answered by several dozen residents filling out applications. The first **organizational meeting was held on August 21, 1991 at St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church, with more than 50 SPP residents in attendance.**

By September 1991, The Patrol had received some radio equipment, some signs from HPD, and a donation in the amount of \$1000 from the Civic Club. At the SPP Civic Club September Meeting in 1991, the Citizens Patrol program was spotlighted and recruiting was very successful. The SPP Citizens Patrol was off and running!

Although the Civic Club has now engaged a Harris County Deputy Constable to patrol a few hours during the week, the need for Citizen Patrollers is as great as ever! If you would like to join the SPP Citizens Patrol, call Deborah DeBram or Katherine Peale at 713-812-7626.

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### Fall Family Festival

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Durham Elementary

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.



### Breakfast with Santa

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

Please join us for the Annual Plaza Moms' Breakfast with Santa. **IndyQuest Properties** 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.

### December Social

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: White Elephant Gift Exchange

### January Social

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Spring Craft Project with Houston Yard Art

### 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](http://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](mailto:plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com).



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The HPD north Division is reporting that they had no significant storm damage to their building on West Montgomery, so they were able to stay operating for 24 hours straight. That means that for one week solid all personnel reported in and essentially lived at work. They slept there dormitory style on the floor. They went out on patrol during the storm and fortunately were not impeded by deep water. They especially watched for looting and made arrests.

The guest speaker for the PIP Meeting on September 19, 2017, was from the Pawnshop Detail/Burglary Division. He explained pawnshop licensing, operation, inspection, and stolen item tracking. They have developed a new electronic reporting software, which will make it easier and quicker to match up stolen items which may show up in pawnshops. However, for this system to be most effective requires that the owner be able to identify the items, such as by its serial number, or other ID etched onto the item. He also stressed the importance of closing and locking your house, vehicle and garage doors and not to leave tools unattended outside. Put your alarm on. Also, put your porch lights on at night, even if there is a street light on, because it is hard for patrollers, police or deputies to see if your front door is intact if it is not lit. The meeting ended with an announcement that the Greenspoint area is now going to have its own separate Division, no longer part of the North Division.

A pawnshop side note – our Deputy Constables are avid pawnshop eyes, so if something is stolen make sure to file a report with them as well. These reports can increase the odds of having a successful search.



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**Drive slowly and back out of your driveway with extra caution.  
Turn on your porch light if you are handing out candy.  
Plan on trick or treaters from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Don't park your vehicle on the street on Halloween.  
Call Constable Dispatch at 713-755-7628 if you have any problems.**



## Durham Elementary News

Despite our late start to the school year, great things are happening at Durham this fall. Our PTA coordinated a fantastic Boosterthon for our students who raised over \$20,000 in pledges. Our community decided to share 50% of the funds raised with Scarborough Elementary School, one of our HISD schools that suffered significant damage during the flood and have to relocate to an alternative site for the school year. The donations will go towards clothing, school supplies for students, as well as supplies for the teachers. The remaining 50% of the funds will be spent on new recess equipment and new books for our classrooms.

Our Pre-K application for the 2018-2019 school year is now available on our website for parents with children that will be 4 years old on September 1, 2018.

### November Events:

11/2: Day of the Dead Family Event - 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

11/8: Thanksgiving Luncheon (during regular lunch time)

**11/10: Veteran's Day Celebration** - 8:30 a.m.

11/17: Turkey Trot (Students bring canned food to be donated to the food bank, parents run laps with their children during Enrichment)

Thanks to all the sponsors and participants of Thrills & Chills for Bills evening benefits Durham PTA.















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 CALENDAR

November 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31  	Nov 1 	2 Durham ES Day of the Dead Family Event	3	4 
5	6	7  	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14   Garden Club Meeting	15	16	17 Durham ES Turkey Trot	18
19	20	21 	22	23 	24	25
26	27  	28	29	30	Dec 1	2 St. Rose Holiday Market 

**RECYCLING RETURNS!!** Beginning November 13, 2017, the City of Houston will resume its recycling pickup. For Shepherd Park Plaza that means, Tuesday, November 14th, you can place your green bins alongside the black bins for recycling pickup.

Have you noticed the Business-Card size advertisements throughout this publication? These are sponsored ads that help support this publication. If you have an opportunity to support them or tell somebody about them when asked for a reference, I'm certain they would appreciate it!

### SOME SOUND ADVICE

If you are a victim of a crime, report it to the Constable. Even if you make a report to HPD, also report it to the Constable. Our deputies are very knowledgeable about the area and have successfully recovered stolen property. If you only report your incident to HPD, it could take weeks before the report gets to the Constable's office. Call 713-755-7628.



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