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ANNUAL CAJUN CRAWFISH BOIL

The SPP Annual Crawfish Boil is set for Saturday, April 21st in the afternoon. More details will follow on our website, on Facebook and other methods once we square away all the plans. We'll have crawfish, all the fixins', beer and margaritas. If you haven't been before, join us -it's a blast! Tickets will be \$30 (pre-sale until April 14th) and \$35 after April 14th. Tickets for kids age 5-12 will be \$15. The event will be limited to the first 100 guests. Go to www.shepherdparkplaza.com to purchase tickets. The location will be in the cul-de-sac near 1053 Candlelight.



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EASTER DECORATING AWARDS

What a beautiful Spring we've had, and the Easter decorations added to the beauty in a colorful way! Drumroll please for the winners of the Easter Decorating Awards:

- 1st place Best Overall : 1105 Martin, Robert & Raycene Hilsher
- 2nd place Best Overall: 1103 Thornton, Frank & Mary Maxwell
- 1st place Best Religious: 1119 Candelight, Daniel & Carolyn Barrett
- 2nd place Best Religious: 1101 Martin, Ray & Debbie Elliott
- Sec 1 Favorite: 975 Curtin, Randy & Sandy Klander
- Sec 2 Favorite: 1147 Thornton, Gary & Sarrah Moseley
- Sec 3 Favorite: 1031 Martin, Betty Montague
- Sec 4 Favorite: 1046 Candlelight, Brian & Elizabeth Cardner



NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

The Annual SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th. If you live in SPP and are interested in participating and having your address (or street name only if you prefer) on the map that will be distributed at certain locations, [please email Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com by April 21st](mailto:Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com) (in the subject line please put Garage Sale!). The SPP Neighborhood Garage Sale has been occurring since 2012 and has become more popular every year. Have fun selling and shopping!



A few helpful tips for a successful garage sale:

- ◇ Be visible from the street. Put a sign or balloons in your yard if you are holding your sale at the back of your driveway.
- ◇ Make items visible. Move some items to your driveway toward the front of your house.
- ◇ Hang clothes instead of leaving them in boxes or folded on tables.
- ◇ **Price some items. It's not necessary to price every single item, but give shoppers an idea of what prices you expect so they aren't scared to ask.**
- ◇ Save your used grocery sacks to bag up items shoppers buy.
- ◇ Have plenty of change and small denominations ready.
- ◇ Be prepared for early bird shoppers arriving at or before 8:00 a.m.
- ◇ **Have a few inexpensive items so people feel like they've gotten a bargain.**



Each home hosting a garage sale can place a sign in their yard and do other types of advertising. The Civic Club will have signs placed near the major entrances of SPP on the morning of the garage sale and pass out garage sale location maps to various host's homes the night before or day of the garage sale. Good luck!

MEN'S GROUP NEWS!

By: Chris Wooldridge

"Supporting Our Neighborhood Through Fellowship & Acts of Service"

On Saturday, March 3rd at 4:00 p.m., the 3rd Men's Group meeting for 2018 took place at the Foster Family YMCA. Those with a wide variety of ages and interests were in attendance.

Our agenda included...

- Labyrinth Upkeep
- Fire Ant Control before scheduled events in the park—apply treatment prior to Easter Egg Hunt
- Native “understory” re-establishment in Shepherd Park -Dennis Woodward to lead
 - * Species include American Beauty Berry, Carolina Buckthorn & Fan Palms
- No mow zones need to be established
- Officer positions
 - * President - Chris Wooldridge
 - * Treasurer/Secretary – Troy Lubbers
 - * Membership Director - Jared Gaddis with assistance from Cullen Watkins
 - * Social Chairman & Volunteer Coordinator – **Open Position**
- 1st social event is Saturday 4/14/18 at 5:00 p.m., “BBQ in the park”
- Invitations and event details to be sent the first week of April
- Upcoming events - Third Thursday Lunch at Tacos A Go-Go - TC Jester on 4/19/18, 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 14th at our very own Shepherd Park with our first BBQ social event to follow. Invitations with details will go out on Monday, April 1st. If you have questions, please call me at 832-623-4268 or e mail me at chris@chris-properties.com.

Very Best Regards!

Chris



Street sign down? Traffic light blinking? Tree limb down over the street? The City of Houston has a dedicated phone line for these types of non-emergency related issues. You can dial 3-1-1 from any land or cellular line or you can download the app to your SmartPhone.



Check out the Shepherd Park Plaza Facebook page for the most recent discussions, news, alerts, ideas, recommendations and neighborhood events. It's also a good place to post about lost pets or lost items.

March Yards of the Month

Section 1:

1103 Chamboard
Merle & Bruno
Majewski

Section 3:

1018 Martin
Alice Teter

Section 2:

934 Chantilly
Christy & Jay
McKinzie

Section 4:

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February 2018

Discharge fireworks...	Contract checks...294	FOLLOW UP...6
Traffic Citations...3	Miles Patrolled...4717	Welfare Check...2
Traffic Hazard...2	MEET THE CITIZEN...253	Park Checks...5
Suspicious Vehicle...8	Suspicious Person...2	Traffic Stops...10
Alarm...1	Open Window/Other...2	Traffic Initiative...9
Burglary/Habitation...2	Meet the Officer...1	Robbery/Aggravated...1
Vacation Watch...5	Criminal Mischief...1	Other...3

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

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Durham Elementary News

Spring is in Bloom at Durham Elementary!

Attention ZONED DURHAM FAMILIES with children entering Kinder – 5th Grade or those that have received confirmation of a seat in the PreK program: Early Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. You are welcome to come to the office anytime between 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to complete your paperwork. If you have questions or want to download the enrollment forms, go to <http://www.houstonisd.org/durhames>. **You're welcome to bring your completed paperwork or fill out copies in the office. We can't wait to meet all of our new families!**

Durham's first Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, April 7th from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. This community event will feature carnival games, jumpy houses, a climbing wall, food trucks, a dunk tank, and so much more! Get your discounted tickets and wristbands at www.DurhamPTA.org/shop. **If you'll be new to Durham next school year, be sure to check-in at the "New Family" Table to receive some info just for you!**

There's lots of excitement going on in the garden. Our Urban Harvest teacher, Mr. Mickey, is introducing students to new fruits and vegetables during their monthly garden time. It's amazing what foods he can get kids to try! They are so excited when they get to have time out there and have hands-on education.

But the BIG NEWS is that we've broken ground on our outdoor classroom! This major project should be completed by mid-April. A big shout out to our PTA and all those in the community who had the vision for the outdoor classroom and worked tirelessly to get it built. Join us at Spring Fling to see the fruits of their efforts for yourself!

Want to make a difference at your local school? You don't need to have a child that attends Durham to volunteer - just a desire to help out! Volunteers are needed to work one-on-one with students, in small groups, and to help teachers with behind-the-scenes tasks: 1 - 2 days a week, or as often as you are able. No experience is necessary! Visit the office, email Anne Baumgarten at abaumgar@houstonisd.org, or call 713-613-2527 for more information.



SPRING FLING UPDATE

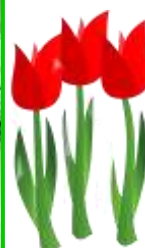
The Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club held its Annual Business Meeting at the Spring Fling at Durham Elementary on March 3rd. The event was changed up this year by making it a pancake breakfast. What fun! There was a lively crowd, with a lot of young families, new residents, and long time residents that enjoyed mixing and mingling while enjoying breakfast provided by the Civic Club and parfaits provided by the Garden Club.

After breakfast, the program was kicked by four of our Constables speaking to the crowd and showing their appreciation for our neighborhood. The next stage of the program included brief presentations by various groups in the neighborhood and Board members about all the activities in SPP. They talked about the Constable Program, Citizens Patrol Group, Plaza Moms, The Garden Club, the Christmas arches, the newly revived Mens Group, the Alba street drainage project, Durham Elementary, the annual garage sale and Deed Restrictions.

A special thanks to Leslie Bordelon, Kara Kott and Jennifer Kolb, and the Board members who cooked pancakes, and to the Mens Group and Garden Club for serving food. Thanks also to the Plaza Moms group for providing babysitting.

Last but not least, the new Board, Section Reps and Committee Chairmen were sworn in (see list at right).

Position	Name
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Citizens Patrol Stats

February 2018 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Drive
1	0	10
2	0	9
3	2	11
4	1	15
TOTAL	3	45

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 Bruno Majewski. 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 March meeting was our hands-on planting activity, creating terrariums. Maren Coligan guided the members through the planting process as well as provided key information on how to care for terrariums. The next Garden Club meeting will be at 1191 Chamboard on Monday, April 9th and the program will our brown bag / plant swap. Each member is asked to bring a plant or gardening item for the swap. Contact Colette Robichau at (713) 201-3322 if you are interested in joining or just visiting during a meeting.

YARD OF THE MONTH

We are happy to announce that Amy Heinrich at 1139 Chamboard Lane is the March Garden Club yard of the month recipient! In addition to being festively decorated for Easter, Amy's yard is blooming with vibrant pink Azaleas and Loropetalum. They are beautiful at this time of year. Filling in the yard are Hawthorne bushes and a pot of pink Kalanchoe.



KIDS, KIDS, KIDS

As the days get longer and warmer, more and more kids are playing outside, including in their yards, in Shepherd Park and on the sidewalks. Please stay within the speed limit (or slower!), put the cell phone down and be vigilant and aware of your surroundings. Young children are not always aware of the dangers of the street and will chase a ball into the street or ride their bike into the street, so as licensed drivers it's our duty to be aware of kids when we're behind the wheel.



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Arches, Arches, Arches

The Christmas arch phenomenon continues to grow in Shepherd Park and Candlelight Plazas. It seems every year a new street and/or cul-de-sac has adopted the decorating theme. Kevin Schiffer (SPP resident) is taking orders for arches again this year. He reported making his 100th arch this past year since starting in the Fall of 2015. More and more of the neighborhood is participating in this distinctive and unique tradition, so talk to your neighbors to **gauge your street's interest**. **If you would like to get involved, please contact Kevin to order an arch kit with everything required (except garland).** Cost is \$150 from now until August 31. From September 1 to October 31, the cost is \$175. If you need an arch repaired due to excessive use or a delivery truck mishap, Kevin can help with that **too**. **Are you a DIYer and want to make your own arch? Contact him for plans and instructions.** **Let's continue to grow and enjoy this holiday decorating tradition that brings so much joy and cheer to so many.** Best contact is kevin_schiffer@hotmail.com.

Meet the Newest Member of the SPP Constable Patrol Staff

Deputy Ronald Groves comes to us after the promotion of Deputy Moulden and we are very lucky to have him assigned to us.

Ronald Groves began his career in Law Enforcement on December 4th, 1989 with **Harris County Sheriff's Office after 3 years of Service with the United States Army** where he was assigned as an Apache Attack Helicopter electrician at Fort Hood Texas in the Second Armored Division.

Our Deputy has had an illustrious career with the Harris County Sheriff's Office and has served in many capacities including work in the jail, records, and patrol division. He was promoted twice to the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant. While a Sergeant, Ron served as a supervisor in the patrol division.

On March 31, 2016, Ron retired from the Sheriff's Department and on May 31st joined the Patrol Division of the Constable Precinct One Constable's Office and is assigned as our daytime Deputy.

Give him a wave or flag him down when you see him out. **WELCOME TO SPP DEPUTY GROVES!**



From left to right: Chief Deputy Harrison , Deputy Groves

BLUEBONNETS!

Did you know that Bluebonnets were named the official flower of Texas in 1901? If you have some time this Spring, drive through the Hill Country or up Interstate 45 and enjoy the wavering blue/purple blanket of this wonderful flower, often seen along with the Indian Paintbrush.



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April Social – Pamper Yourself!

Tuesday, April 17th, 7:30 p.m. – Courtney Siegmund's Home @ 1035 Martin

As a mom you spend a lot of time taking care of others and it's easy to forget that you deserve to be pampered too. Take a break from your daily routine and pamper yourself. We have lots of surprises in store, so please join us for a night of pampering.



Donuts with Dad (April Play Date)

Saturday, April 28th, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. @ Shepherd Park

Join us for Donuts with Dad at the park. Bring the whole family! Plaza Moms will provide donuts, juice, coffee, and water. Plus we will have fun games for the entire family.



May Social – Babysitter Resources

Tuesday, May 15th, 7:30 p.m. – Alex Elam's Home @ 4910 Candletree

Did you know that Plaza Mom's has Babysitter Resource on Facebook under Files (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms/files/>). Everyone knows that a good babysitter is a treasure – come by and meet some of our neighborhood favorites. Some of the sitters even provide other services like pet sitting, lifeguarding, or decorative cookies for parties.



May Ladies Night Out

Thursday, May 31st, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00pm @ Plonk! Beer and Wine Bistro

Schools out for Summer!! It's only been a few days, but it feels like the kids have been out of school for a month. So, come join your fellow Plaza Moms for some summer fun on the patio at Plonk!

Join/Renew Your Plaza Moms Membership 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 online and will be another way to keep up with Plaza Moms. Please login today to create your account. 2017/18 dues are \$35/school year and can be paid online or at our next event via cash or check. Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms **Please Note:** All Plaza Moms events as well as our FB page will be for members only this year. We wouldn't want you to miss out on all of the fun, so join/renew your membership today!

DISCOVER HOUSTON

It's Spring! So get outside and Discover Houston! There are so many great things to see and do in Houston, and here's a sampling of some of the outdoor activities you and your visitors can enjoy:

- ◆ Houston Zoo
- ◆ Bayou Bend Collection
- ◆ Discovery Green
- ◆ Memorial Park & Houston Arboretum (newly renovated entrance off of Loop 610)
- ◆ Old Town Spring
- ◆ San Jacinto Monument

UTILITY EASEMENTS

by: Chuck Blesener

Most lots in SPP have a five foot utility easement in the back, with the exception of the South side of Chamboard and the West side of Apollo where special circumstances apply. Each home/lot has half of a ten foot utility easement where power poles and lines, telephone cables, cable company lines, CenterPoint gas lines, and city sanitary sewer lines are located. In most cases the water lines and storm sewer lines are located in the front of your home.

Residents/owners are prohibited from building on this easement and should refrain from planting large trees there. Normally this is not a problem unless you decide to go to two stories on your garage. The five foot easement becomes a ten foot utility easement on each side of the property line when you get to twenty feet in elevation and above. Be aware of this if you decide to build or remodel, especially if you will have tall ceilings or a gable roof.

MORE TRASH FACTS

by: Chuck Blesener

We continue with the City Of Houston rules for trash and recycling collection. Call 311 if your trash or recyclables are not collected after being placed out on the correct day and times, if you have problems with a broken cart, or if you have problems with Solid Waste Department vehicles or employees. In the latter case you will need to report the address, date and time, and the vehicle number.

Besides the garbage and recyclables placed in the black and green carts, each week residents can place for collection yard wastes and tree trimmings. These should be placed in City approved compostable plastic bags with the City logo on them. Small branches from bushes or trees can be tied in bundles of less than four feet in length, less than eighteen inches in diameter, and less than fifty pounds in weight. They should be placed at the curb at least three feet from all carts and other obstructions.

Once each month the city will pick up heavy trash on the third Thursday. In odd numbered months they collect tree waste - clean wood waste, tree limbs, branches, and stumps. In even numbered months they collect household junk waste - furniture, appliances, lumber - not over eight cubic yards and no contractor debris. All appliances with refrigerant must have a tag attached certifying that a technician has removed the refrigerant. Heavy trash can be placed at the curb any time after 6:00 p.m. on the Friday before collection day and must be placed there before 7:00 a.m. on the third Thursday. On junk waste months residents may place up to four tires at the curb for collection.

Used motor oil may be placed in sealed containers on the ground near your carts on any Tuesday collection day. Oil, paint, hazardous materials, flammables, or toxic materials should never be placed in your cart. If these materials leak out on the street, cause damage to or destroy the city trucks, or start a fire, every effort will be made to determine where they were picked up and the responsible party will be fined and billed for the cost of city equipment.

The Neighborhood Recycling/Drop-Off Center at 9003 North Main, one block north of Crosstimbers, accepts recyclables (including glass). The site offers dumpsters for heavy trash, tree waste, furniture and some building materials. A driver's license and utility bill (proving residency) is necessary to use the facility up to four times each month on Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m -7:00 p.m. They do not accept garbage, dead animals, electronics, paint, hazardous liquids or toxic waste. At the same address is the City's Reuse Warehouse where you can donate surplus or reusable building materials, cabinets, paint, windows, doors and plumbing fixtures. Open Tuesday through Friday and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m., dropping materials here supports local non-profits and saves landfill space.

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

by: Chuck Blesener

In the deed restrictions of all four sections of SPP it plainly states that our homes are to only be used as single family residences. We understand that there are instances where members of an extended family live together. Grown children, parents, grandparents, siblings, and other close relatives often live with a homeowner for various reasons. Even visitors may stay for a short while on a temporary basis. It is never acceptable to rent out rooms to anyone, or to provide living quarters for domestic help. This is one of the instances where the City Legal Department will intervene on our behalf to enforce our deed restrictions.



IRS AND TAX RETURN SCAMS



The IRS has updated its annual scam alerts on their website to help protect taxpayers from fraud during tax season. Please visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>, for more information. A few of these scams are discussed briefly below.

Erroneous Tax Refunds

The Internal Revenue Service today warned taxpayers of a quickly growing scam involving erroneous tax refunds being deposited into their bank accounts. The IRS also offered a step-by-step explanation for how to return the funds and avoid being scammed. See [IR-2018-27](#)

IRS-Impersonation Telephone Scams

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be IRS employees, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Scams Targeting Tax Professionals

Increasingly, tax professionals are being targeted by identity thieves. These criminals – many of them sophisticated, organized syndicates - are redoubling their efforts to gather personal data to file fraudulent federal and state income tax returns.

Tax professionals should review [Publication 4557](#), Safeguarding Taxpayer Data, A Guide for Your Business, which provides a checklist to help safeguard information and enhance security.

Surge in Email, Phishing and Malware Schemes

[Phishing](#) (as in "fishing for information") is a scam where fraudsters send e-mail messages to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to steal the victims' identity.

The IRS has issued several alerts about the fraudulent use of the IRS name or logo by scammers trying to gain access to consumers' financial information to steal their identity and assets.

Scam emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. These phishing schemes may seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts and verifying PIN information. Be alert to bogus emails that appear to come from your tax professional, requesting information for an IRS form. IRS doesn't require Life Insurance and Annuity updates from taxpayers or a tax professional. Beware of this scam.

Variations can be seen via text messages. The IRS is aware of email phishing scams that include links to bogus web sites intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." These emails are not from the IRS.

Fraudsters Posing as Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

Some taxpayers receive emails that appear to be from the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) about a tax refund. These emails are a phishing scam, trying to trick victims into providing personal and financial information. Do not respond or click any link. If you receive this scam, forward it to phishing@irs.gov and note that it seems to be a scam phishing for your information.

TAP is a volunteer board that advises the IRS on systemic issues affecting taxpayers. It never requests, and does not have access to, any taxpayer's personal and financial information.

Although it won't prevent your being a victim to all scams related to the IRS, please do not give out your Social Security Number to individuals who initiated the contact with you.




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SPP CALENDAR

April 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

April 1 	2	3  	4 	5	6	7 Durham ES Spring Fling!
8	9 Garden Club Meeting	10 	11	12	13	14 
15	16	17  	18	19  HEAVY JUNK Waste	20	21 Crawfish Boil 
22	23	24 	25	26	27	28 Neighborhood Garage Sale 
29	30	May 1  	2 	3	4	5 

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!)

PIP (Positive Interaction Program) Report

By: Katherine Peale

The meeting included a presentation by HPD Financial Crimes Unit relating to Forgery, Theft of Identity, Credit Cards, Debit Cards, and use of Skimming Devices at ATM machines and Gas Pumps. Attendees were reminded that we can help deter some of these crimes by **not** leaving our vehicles unlocked, **not** leaving items of value in our vehicles, **not** leaving our purses or phones or i-pads in the grocery cart, and by **not** responding to scams on the phone or the internet/social media. As soon as criminals obtain your personal information, they can use it or sell it to others. An important safety tip is to request your free annual credit report from your credit report agencies so you can check to see if they reflect illegal activity using your ID.

Also, Commander Dan Harris discussed the HPD's improved method of compiling crime data and the role it plays in specialized unit response.



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