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August 2019

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Wants to Welcome You

New to the neighborhood?
Contact Fatima Gilbert @
Fatima.Gilbert8@gmail.com so
we can welcome you officially.



Summer flew by this year (again!), and it's BACK-TO-SCHOOL time already. Some kids are excited, some are nervous, and some are just not ready. Some parents may be feeling these same sentiments! Whichever category your children are in, it's time to check for backpacks, shoes, clothes, uniforms, and school supplies.

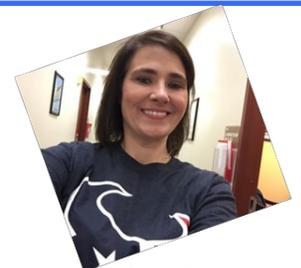
HISD is geared up and ready to go for another great year of education, sports, competitions and after-school activities. HISD is officially back in session on Monday, August 26th. St. Ambrose, St. Rose of Lima and St. Pius X High School start Wednesday August 14th.

Remember that school zones have a lower speed limit than the surrounding area and are no-cell-phone zones. Safety first!

And don't forget about tax-free weekend August 9th-11th. There is no Texas sales tax on these days for all purchases of clothing, shoes, school supplies and backpacks under \$100 per item.



Durham Elementary News



Hello Durham ES Neighbors! As you continue to enjoy the summer, I wanted to introduce myself as well as remind everyone of some important school events that will happen in August as we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. I am an alumni of HISD and have served as a teacher, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, and Assistant Principal at Pilgrim Academy, where I was involved in the transformation of Pilgrim into a PK-8 campus. During my tenure, Pilgrim earned distinctions from TEA and a recognition from Children at Risk. I earned my bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Studies from UH (**go Coogs!**) and a master's in Educational Administration from California State University-Bakersfield. I'm excited for the new opportunity of leading our Durham family! I am looking forward to seeing all our families soon, if you have any questions please contact the school. – **Principal Carrie Flores.**

August 9 5:30-6:30 PM All Pre-Kinder & Kinder parents new to Durham are invited to attend.

August 22 5:00-7:00 PM Paletas & Professors- our first school-wide family event of the year. Come out and meet teachers, sign up for Livingtree, pick up pre-ordered spirit wear, join PTA, and enjoy some fabulous paletas.

August 26 7:30 AM **First Day of School**

Around the neighborhood



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019
SAVE THE DATE!**



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 1st, 2019.

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 any member of the SPP board. 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!

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Arches, Arches, Arches



Summer is in high gear here in the neighborhood, but it's not too early to start thinking about Holiday arches. Last year was a record breaking year for arches with over 50 new ones going up in the neighborhood. If you have been wanting to add an arch to your holiday décor, please contact Kevin to order an arch kit with everything required (except garland).

Cost is \$180 from now until August 31st. From September 1st to October 31st, the cost is \$225. If you need an arch repaired due to excessive use or a delivery truck mishap, he can help with that too. Are you a DIYer and want to make your own arch? Contact Kevin for plans and instructions, or look on the SPP website.

This will be Kevin's last year to build arches due to shifting priorities and family commitments. If you are interested in taking over this labor of love, he'd be happy to discuss this as well. Let's continue to grow and enjoy this holiday decorating tradition that brings so much joy and cheer to so many. It is best to contact Kevin at kevin_schiffer@hotmail.com.

July Yards of the Month	
Section 1: 1003 Chamboard Ln. George & Mary Parnham	Section 3: 1051 Cheshire Stacey & David Bartula
Section 2: 4706 Thorton Circle Alex and Sarah Balcer	Section 4: 1016 Candlelight Ln Sandra & Robert Marshall

PIP (Positive Interaction Program) Report By: Katherine Peale

During the PIP meeting on June 18, 2019, the participants were introduced to the new North Division Commander, Rome Stevens, who replaces Commander Dan Harris, who has been rotated to another location. Commander Stevens has 28 years of experience and says he loves the Patrol Station and Community PIP meetings. Lt. Pitts has been appointed to the PIP leader position left vacant by the retirement of Sgt. Escobedo. The PIP HPD team Officers are providing new certification for all patrollers (either new or expired) who complete the new application and the new training course (which includes a number of up-dates for today's needs).

Patrollers responsibilities are to drive, observe, and report. We need and appreciate all our patrollers, and invite our new residents to join us in this certification and service.

CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY CONSTABLE

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JUNE 2019

ARSON FIRE... 1	CONTRACT CHECKS...49	PROPERTY FOUND... 1
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW... 1	MILES PATROLLED... 1,329	TRAFFIC CITATIONS... 14
WRIT...4	MEET THE CITIZEN...95	SCHOOL CHECKS... 1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...5	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS... 13	TRAFFIC STOPS... 19
ALARM...3	INFORMATION CALL... 1	TRAFFIC INITIATIVE...2
MEET THE OFFICER... 1	PARK CHECKS...3	DISTURBANCE/OTHER... 1
VACATION WATCH...70	*****	*****

VACATION WATCH REGISTRY (1 WEEK IN ADVANCE)...[HTTP://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP/VACATION-WATCH/](http://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP/VACATION-WATCH/)

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DID I MAKE THIS YEAR'S CONSTABLE CONTRIBUTION?

Here is an easy way to confirm that your household has made a contribution to protecting our neighborhood. Go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/SPPConstableList>

The list is by address. It is updated monthly so it is not going to be a “real-time” perfect list but should help if you have a question about your contribution. If you have any questions, please email membership@shepherdparkplaza.com

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CITIZENS PATROL STATS

June 2019 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Drive
1	0	10
2	0	9
3	0	10
4	0	15
TOTAL	0	44

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 Deborah DeBram. 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 Garden Club

As the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club is on summer break until its September 9th meeting, there is no Yard of the Month for this period. However, our Club's Vice President Gina Johnston and her husband, Kyle, have been busy redoing their landscaping so we want to share their backyard efforts with you. Let's take a look:



The flower bed to the right of the arbor displays cardinal flowers, a fall obedient plant, Texas betany, creamy yellow coreopsis, and a dwarf Barbados cherry shrub. Note the white "whirling butterflies" gaura and Peter Pan dwarf agapanthus around the fountain. The yard's prize piece is the arbor, built by Kyle, which has Carolina Jessamine that is being trained to grow up both sides of it. What a wonderful backyard to enjoy this summer and fall. Bet the butterflies and hummingbirds are delighted.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and think about joining us this year! For more information about our club and its upcoming programs, please contact our club's President, Susan Fitzpatrick, susanfitz1@att.net.



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2019-2020 Plaza Moms Annual Kick-off Party – It’s a Shell-ebration!

Tuesday, August 20th, 8:00pm – 10:00pm @ 1134 Chantilly Lane

Join Plaza Moms to Kick-off a new year with an adult celebration! The evening will feature lite bites and plenty of “mom juice”! Bring a SPP or CP neighbor (or nearby!) mom or mom-to-be with you or come solo to this casual come and go event. The Kick-off is a great way to meet potential new members and catch up with the current members. Please use this time to pay your annual dues of \$35.



4th of July Parade & Celebration

A BIG thank you to our volunteers who helped make the celebration a huge success! A special thanks to IndyQuest Properties for the favors and prizes, Kona Ice for the snow cones, and our Constables and Firefighters for leading the parade.

Join/Renew Your Plaza Moms Membership Today!

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. 2019/20 dues are \$35/school year and can be paid on-line 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!

SAVE THE DATE:

*SPP OCTOBERFEST at The Leiderkranz
October 11, 2019 6:00—10:30 p.m.*



METRONEXT MOVING FORWARD PLAN



Metro is developing a new plan for transit in the region, and they want your help! This is your chance to review the plan and make suggestions, share ideas or ask additional questions. Go to this website for more information: <http://www.metronext.org/> and go to the link called *How to Participate*. You can also check out their Facebook and Twitter pages or sign up for email updates or submit a comment.

Here’s the lowdown. METRONext Moving Forward Plan includes major investments, such as increased regional express service, extended light rail lines, a new bus rapid transit system, and many improvements to the existing bus network including new Park & Rides, Community Connectors, and an increase in bus service. The website will provide some maps for particular routes that could improve your daily commute, maybe even your commute to the airport or the medical center. One piece of the new plan is BOOST, or Bus Operations Optimized Systems Treatments. BOOST optimizes stop locations, traffic line coordination, and accessibility improvements. Another piece (here comes the airport aspect!) is a non-stop option on the Bus Rapid Transit line from Downtown to Bush IAH.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS POLICE/FIRE: 911 CITY HELPLINE: 311

Citizens Patrol 713-812-7626	Deed Restrictions 713-316-5255	Plaza Moms 713-858-9209	New Neighbor/Greeter 713-775-0307	Garden Club 713-956-2638
Architectural Guidelines 713-316-5255	Plaza Pulse News 713-303-6436	SPP Historian 713-851-3000	Traffic & Safety 713-681-7479	Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628
SPP Membership 713-338-2989	City Liaison 713-688-7979	Pulse Advertising 832-477-7871	Durham Elementary 713-613-2527	HPD 713-884-3131

SPP CALENDAR August 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 28	29	30 	31	AUGUST 1	2	3 
4	5	6  	7 	8	9	10
11	12	13 	14	15 HEAVY JUNK Waste	16	17
18	19	20   	21	22	23	24
25	26 HISD Back to School	27 	28	29	30	31

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!)

 ***And the Winners are:***

Congratulations to the winners of the this year's Patriotic Awards for Shepherd Park Plaza.

Section I— 975 Curtin, Randy & Sandy Klander
 Section II— 4618 Chantilly Circle, Malcolm & Priscilla Phillips
 Section III— 1105 Martin, Robert & Raycene Hilsher
 Section IV— 1119 Candlelight, Daniel & Carolyn Barrett

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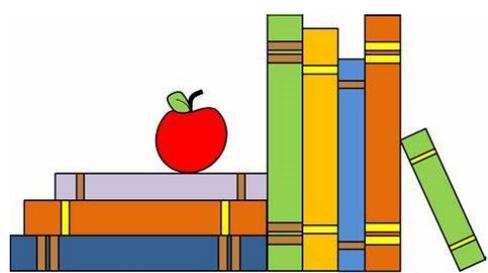


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