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New to the neighborhood?
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szierau@yahoo.com
so we can welcome you
officially.

TWO BIG EVENTS IN OCTOBER FOR SPP RESIDENTS

Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m.—National Night Out.

Friday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m.—Oktoberfest. All ages invited. See below.

Shepherd Park Plaza
PRESENTS

OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 11, 2019
6:00 - 9:00PM

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around the neighborhood

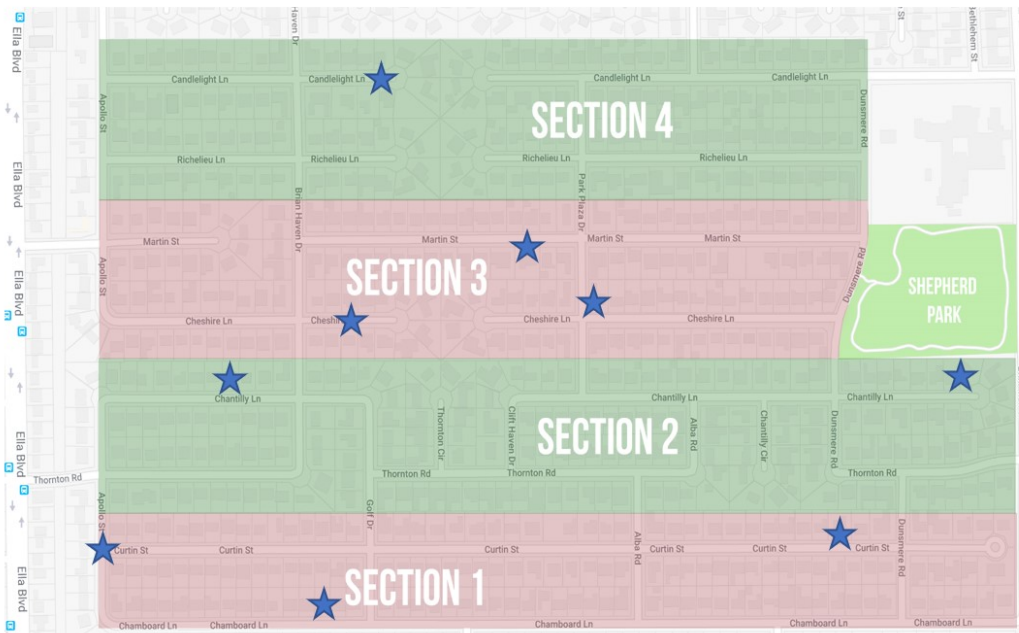
National Night Out



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 one of the host locations anytime between 6:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m. to meet your neighbors and learn about the Constable Program sponsored by the Civic Club. Don't wait for an invitation—just walk, drive or bike to the nearest gathering! This is also a great opportunity to finalize holiday themes with your street or cul-de-sac! The hosts this year are listed below. Suggestions to help out your host:

- Give them a call and ask what you can bring.
- Bring a chair, bug spray & water.
- Bring a wagon to carry your food, drinks, chair, etc.
- Offer to help coordinate some kids' games or coordinate the Holiday decorating theme discussion for your street.
- Help them clean up afterward.

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 1, 6-8PM



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

Join a party, meet a neighbor and help keep SPP safe!





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VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION



November 11, 2019, is Veteran's Day. We'd like to recognize any Veterans living in Shepherd Park Plaza, so please send us a brief story of your time in service including the military branch served. Please email us at Pulse@ShepherdParkPlaza.com by October 10th at if you'd like to be included. Please put VETERAN'S DAY in the subject line. We appreciate your service!

The Civic Club Board is working to provide all Shepherd Park Plaza residents with an updated neighborhood directory! If you would like to be included in the directory, please enter your information via the link below or complete the form enclosed in the recent Plaza Pulse by **October 18, 2019**.

Because the last directory was issued about 5 years ago, we are collecting information from all residents. Therefore, even if your information has not changed, please submit your information if you would like to be included in the new directory.

www.shepherdparkplaza.com/directory

September Yards of the Month

Section 1:

1031 Chamboard Ln
Gail and Steve Stoops

Section 3:

1039 Cheshire
Sue & Alex Pegues

Section 2:

1038 Thornton
Angie and Charles Hendrick

Section 4:

1111 Richelieu
Jennifer & Jeremiah Walcik

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CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE

The annual kick off for the Constable Patrol Program began September 1st. We need your support! Please go online to our neighborhood website and make your annual contribution of \$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.

The benefits include:

- 80 hours of coverage per week in our two neighborhoods.
- A presence that often causes criminals to "move on".
- Vacation watch sign-up.
- Safety check for your home (upon request).
- Quick response time.
- Crime resolution.

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

SIGN UP FOR THE CONSTABLE OFFICE'S NEWSLETTER...[HTTP://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP](http://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP) THEN CLICK NEWSLETTER

PROCLAMATION!

Mayor Sylvester Turner has declared October 1, 2019, **PEACE AND JOY DAY** in the City of Houston. SPP Resident Shannon Zierau is behind this great idea, so join her and other residents at Ann's Labyrinth in Shepherd Park on October 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for this day of awareness.

Wine & CRAFT BEER CRAWL



Planned for early December but LOOK for more information in our November issue!

HALLOWEEN IS NEAR—Plan Your BOO-tiful Decorations!!

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

- ⇒ BEST OVERALL
- ⇒ SCARIEST
- ⇒ MOST ORIGINAL



Judging will take place by the weekend of October 25th so make sure you have your decorations up early!!

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HALLOWEEN IN SPP



Years ago the SPP Board developed a program that put some "organization" into the holiday. Many residents do not choose to participate and there had been complaints about trick or treaters showing up late at night. Your 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 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 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 p.m. Please turn off your lights at 8 p.m. Our Deputy Constables will be on duty. Call 713-755-7628 if you have problems.

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CITIZENS PATROL STATS

August 2019 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Walking/ Biking	Drive
1	0	14
2	0	16
3	0	9
4	0	12
TOTAL	0	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 August Galliano. 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.**



Pictured are members during the September 9th SPP Garden Club meeting at the gracious home of Pam Buenker on Cheshire. At this business meeting we discussed goals and programs for the coming year. Five new members joined. We plan to have gardening related programs at several of our meetings. Bees and their importance as pollinators for our fruit trees, vegetable gardens and flowers will be presented by Mickey Kleinhenz (who is also assisting with bees at Durham Elementary). The meeting is Monday, October 14th at 6:45pm. In November our program will be all about ferns!

Keep an eye open for the Garden Club table at the SPP Oktoberfest on October 11 where you will find scrumptious desserts for sale, so bring a little cash with you! Our members are fabulous bakers! One of the ideas we have for monies we raise this year will be to improve the entrance beds to SPP to better reflect the lovely neighborhood it is. We will also take your cash donations for the project. The Garden Club will provide a children's craft table to engage the little ones and a fairy garden auction item.

October is a great time to fill in those ugly patches in your yard with the St. Augustine sod available at our garden centers. If you leave bare spots in your grass it will be an invitation for weeds to take hold. Placing sod at this time of the year gives it plenty of time to get established by next spring.



As always, we welcome newcomers and visitors so come and join us. Please contact Club President Susan Fitzpatrick, susanfitz1@att.net, for the address where the meeting will be held. We would love to have you.

Yard of Month

Sarrah Moseley's lovely front yard at 1147 Thornton is the SPP Garden Club's Yard of the Month. Sarrah has managed to maintain some beautiful color despite the sweltering heat of late summer in Houston. Her yard has ginger, coleus pinatas, impatiens, Lily of the Nile, macho ferns, and the big basket has an assortment of annuals and geraniums. Sarrah is also showing her support for the Houston Astros!

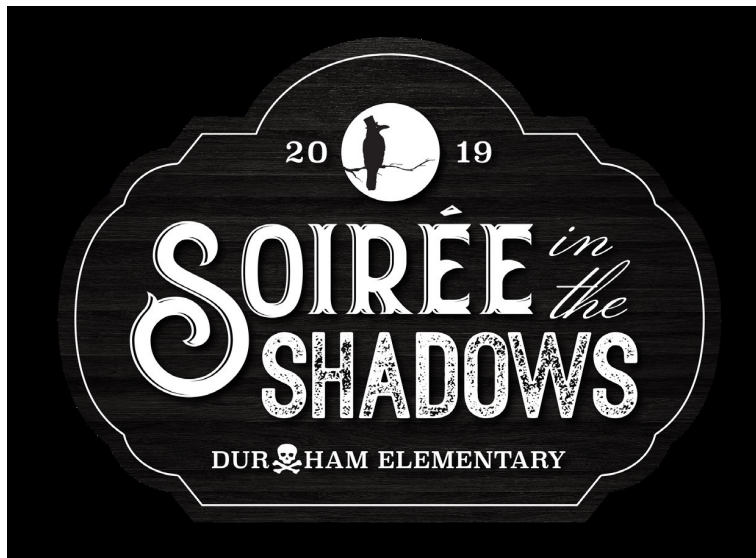


Durham Elementary News



Thank you for your patience with morning and afternoon traffic as we get into our routines. The month of October brings many exciting events to the Durham campus! Students will have the opportunity to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, help clean up the campus on a work day, carve pumpkins with the MEN's Committee, and participate in a book character parade!

Looking for an easy way to support Durham (and get off the hook for dinner!)? Each month the PTA hosts Spirit Nights at local restaurants which donate a portion of the proceeds back to the school. Mark your calendars for Spirit Nights at Chick-fil-a (@610 near Home Depot) on 10/9 and 11/13 and watch for other events to be shared via Facebook.



Raise Your Wallets From the Dead

Soiree in the Shadows, Durham's adult-only gala, will be hosted on Friday, October 25th at the SPJST Lodge from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner and dancing, a costume contest, participation in spooky activities and games like aura and tarot card readings, and have first access to exclusive "buy now" opportunities, auction items and signup parties. Tickets are now on sale, including limited teams for the corn hole tournament and the options to sponsor your favorite teacher or staff member. Child care will be provided by After3 for an additional charge. Ticket prices increase October 4th, so buy your ticket early.

Sponsorship Opportunities

If your business is interested in sponsoring this scary event, there are sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$300 to \$2,000 with the benefits including various sponsorship recognition, tickets, ads in the event program and recognition on Facebook. Your business can sponsor the Corn Hole tournament, welcome drinks, giant Connect Four game, costume contest, photo booth, Heads or Tails game and much more! For more information, email durhamptagala@gmail.com.

You can see all the family and corporate sponsorship options online at durhampta.org

Individual Tickets and Table Sales

Want to share a table with friends or buy individual tickets? Check out DurhamPTA.org/gala and click on Buy Tickets.



October Social -Tuesday, October 15th, 7:30pm

Leslie Bordelon's Home at 1055 Chantilly Lane

Topic: Durham Elementary -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)



Save the Date! Neighborhood Movie in the Park

Saturday, November 9th, 5:30-7:30pm; Durham Elementary

Please bring your family and neighbors to come watch a movie at the Durham Elementary field! Popcorn will be provided and dinner will be available for purchase via food truck. Check back next month for full details.



Save the Date! Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7th 9:00am to 10:30am; Durham Elementary

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. Reminder: this will be a Plaza Moms member event.

Join/Renew Your Plaza Moms Membership Today!

Interested in joining? Please e-mail plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com for more info or with questions you might have about membership, events, or anything else! Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms

Please Note: All Plaza Moms events (except for Movie in the Park and Fourth of July Parade) as well as our FB page are for Plaza Moms members only. We wouldn't want you to miss out on all of the fun, so join/renew your membership today!

STREET PARKING REMINDERS!


Are you having a party at your house soon? Or construction workers at your home doing renovations? Or do you have weekly lawn service? All these scenarios result in more cars on your street, so please remember to ask your guests to all park on the same side of the street pointing in the direction of traffic so emergency vehicles have room to maneuver. Also, please remind workers and yard crews not to block access to your neighbors' trash and recycle bins on Tuesdays. The garbage and recycle trucks need lots of space and if they can't gain access to the bins, they'll just bypass that house. Lastly, vehicles should not be parked on the street for more than 24 hours.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS POLICE/FIRE: 911 CITY HELPLINE: 311

Citizens Patrol 713-812-7626	Deed Restrictions 713-316-5255	Plaza Moms 713-858-9201	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

October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPT 29	30	OCT 1 National Night Out 	2 SPPCC Board Mtg 	3	4	5
6	7	8 	9	10	11 	12
13	14 <i>Garden Club Meeting</i>	15  PLAZA MOMS society General Meeting	16	17 HEAVY Junk Waste	18	19
20	21	22 	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29 	30	31 Halloween	Nov 1	2



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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.



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