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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

# May 2020

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## SPP Wants to Welcome You

New to the neighborhood? Contact Shannon Zierau at 713-775-0307 or szierau@yahoo.com so we can welcome you officially.

# Covid-19 Updates & Reminders

- The City of Houston is now implementing a rule that masks must be worn in public places.
- Visit Johns Hopkins University's website for the latest information on cases in the U.S.
- Visit the CDC's website for recommendations on staying healthy.
- Wash your hands at least 20 seconds after touching any surfaces.
- Use gloves at gas pumps.
- Use curbside pick up at grocery stores. You can make a list on-line and schedule a
  pick up time.
- Check on your elderly neighbors.
- Consider a zoom meeting with family or friends that you can't visit in person.
- If you have a loved one at an Assisted Living Facility, check with them to see if you can have a "window visit" using your cell phone.
- Spray or wipe down your mail or delivery boxes before touching with bare hands.



## KIDS KORNFR

Has the Covid-19 stay-at-home situation got you running dry on ideas to keeps the kids entertained? We've seen lots of bike riders, scooter riders, dog walkers, strollers, and walkers, so some of you have figured out how healthy the great outdoors is in this situation. But if you need something, try these ideas:

- Listen to storytime from celebs at Storyline Online.
- ♦ Listen to Astronauts at Story Time From Space.
- Do a daily lunch doodle with children's book author and illustrator Mo Willems.
- Check out some dance routines from GoNoodle.
- ♦ Take a virtual field trip to a museum or theater.
- Check out a livestream from a zoo or aquarium.
- Bake using cheerios, candy, sprinkles, chocolate chips, coconut, or M&Ms.
- Play some interactive games at Highlights.
- Ask a friend to mail them a letter or card.
- Create an obstacle using toys, games, tools or boxes from your garage.
- Pop a tent in the backyard at night and look at the stars.
- Plant a garden.
- Name a squirrel and watch his activity each day.
- Dye their hair (temporary).
- Buy a StoryCubes game.
- Build a jenga game out of sticks in the back yard.
- Go on a picnic in the back of a truck or SUV.
- Cut out words from magazines and have them "write" a note to send to a grandparent.
- Teach your kids pig Latin.
- Have a backwards day. Shirt backwards, dinner for breakfast, dessert before dinner.





Are you good with Excel spreadsheets?

Are you organized?

Do you like to volunteer?

Do you want to join a fun group of volunteers dedicated to serving the neighborhood?



Did you check one or more of the boxes above? Then you would be a great candidate for the membership chair of The Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club. Need more info-email President@shepherdparkplaza.com for more information.

### Election of Civic Club Board **And Members 2020-2021**

In March, the residents of Shepherd Park Plaza attended the annual business meeting, which was a pancake breakfast held at Durham Elementary. Even though it was breakfast, the Garden Club members had desserts for sale to enjoy later in the day. After some introductions and presentations by various groups in the neighborhood, the residents in attendance elected the Board and Committee members for the 2020 -2021 calendar year. The Board members and Committee members are shown in the table to the right. Special thanks to Fajita Pete's for some door prizes for our drawings and to the Hospitality Committee for getting this event planned, and to Durham Elementary for the use of the building.

Please make note that we are looking for a volunteer to fill the open spot of Membership Chair (see article above).

The Board members and Committee members look forward to serving this neighborhood over the next year.

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On Monday, March 9, the Garden Club welcomed Jennifer Trandell from the Botanical Journey to present a program on how to properly plant succulents. We also had the opportunity to purchase a kit to plant our own succulents at home in any container, such as a gravy boat or antique teacup! Jennifer is a certified Texas Master Naturalist and shared a wealth of knowledge regarding the great diversity of Houston's flora and fauna, as well as shared helpful information on how to keep succulents and plants in tip top shape. Did you know that cutting the roots of your potted plants is not only safe, but it is encouraged! Cutting back the roots of your plants is similar to giving them a haircut and helps ensure your potted plants stay healthy and live longer in their container.

In other news: The Garden Club hosted a dessert table for the March 7th Civic Club Breakfast meeting. And stop and look at the entrance beds as you come into the neighborhood. Our support of the civic club effort is starting to pay off and the beds are transforming.

In tough times people turn to gardening. We have recently seen panic buying at grocery stores, and been told to stay home. Maybe now is the time to start your Victory Garden. The Victory Gardens of the past were used to boost morale, express patriotism, and help secure the food supply. Any time spent in your garden will boost your spirit and working outside helps strengthen the immune system and reduce stress. Wabash Feed & Garden is within walking distance of our neighborhood and carries a variety of seeds, and has advice for every level of gardener. Children naturally take to planting and watching things grow.

As always, we welcome newcomers and visitors, so come and join us on the second Monday of the month once we are able to resume. Please contact Club President Susan Fitzpatrick, susanfitz1@att.net, for the address of the home where the meeting will be held. We would love to have you.

Our April Yard of the Month goes to Kelcie Berry! Kelcie's yard includes three mature live oaks. Since they shade the majority of their yard, they have had to be selective about choosing "shade lovers". Foxtail ferns, giant Liriope, pink Oleanders and ponytail plants have made themselves at home in their yard. Their front flower beds are a mix of pink, coral, and white nightshade begonias. To accentuate their tree, they added rings of pink and white polka dot plants and pink night shade begonias around its base. This is the first spring with their daughter so they landscaped "Camille's Corner" which is a multicolored bed of Impatiens and Coleus, backstopped by purple Alium.



#### SAFETY REMINDER

Due to the stay-at-home guidelines in place, many more neighbors and their kids are riding bikes and scooters, or walking their dogs throughout the day. Please drive no more than 20 mph, keep your eyes on the road and put your cell phone down. Also, triple check as you back out of your driveway. The little ones on bikes can often not be seen through the rear windshield. It takes all of us to pay attention in order to avoid a tragedy.









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## March 2020

TRAFFIC STOP6	Contract checks488	WELFARE CHECK2
Follow-Up2	Mil es Patrol I ed3409	Stol en vehicl e1
Wel fare check2	Meet the Citizen109	Animal Humane3
Suspicious Vehicl e1	Disturbance Loud Noise	Recovered stol en vehicl e1
Alarm2	Traffic Citations4	Speeding vehicl e1
Information call4	Park Checks11	Burgl ary Motor Vehicl e1
Vacation Watch53	Theft other1	Other2

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

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## Full Year 2019

TRAFFIC STOP182	Contract checks2167	SCHOOL CHECK34
Follow-Up24	Mil es Patrol I ed30534	Burglary motor vehicle11
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Suspicious Vehicl e72	Suspicious Persons83	Disturbance31
Alarm34	Traffic Citations58	Special Assignment19
Information call31	Park Checks70	Theft Vehicle/Bike/Other8
Vacation Watch777	Traffic Initiative58	Other66







<b>April</b> Yards of the Month			
Section 1:	<b>Section 3:</b>		
1174 Chamboard	1049 Martin		
Renata & Clint Holland	Donna & Ron Kleist		
Section 2:	<b>Section 4:</b>		
954 Thornton	1014 Richelieu		
Diane Gleason	Paula Ayers		

## Citizens Patrol Stats

## **February 2020 Patrol Hours**

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Driving		
1	12		
2	9		
3	9		
4	16		
TOTAL	46		

#### 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 Michelle Ganter. 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.

# **Got Time? Volunteer Virtually**

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides 1:1 mentoring services to children across Greater Houston and is looking for volunteers ("Bigs") who can commit 4 hours a month to spend with a mentee ("Little"). Currently, there are **38 children within a 15 minute drive of Shepherd Park Plaza** who are waiting for a mentor. And now, more than ever, children are looking for guidance and mentorship. Could you be the match to help end their wait?

At this time, Big Brothers Big Sisters is committed to matching Bigs and Littles virtually to keep the social in social distancing.

Big Brothers Big Sisters match Bigs and Littles based off of compatibility and proximity, making sure you and your Little have common interests and are nearby. To apply today, please visit <a href="www.bbbstx.org/houston">www.bbbstx.org/houston</a> or email our Shepherd Park Plaza neighbor, Carlee Morgan, at <a href="cmorgan@bbbstx.org">cmorgan@bbbstx.org</a>





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.



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.



### **Neighborly reminder**

Check on your elderly neighbors and make sure they have the food and cleaning supplies and toiletries that they need. Ask them if they want to borrow a book or a puzzle. Pass along your phone number in case they need to call for something. Offer to pick up groceries for them when you pick up yours.







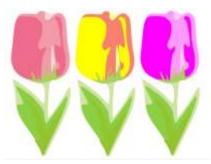
Our thoughts are with all our neighbors and their families during this time. Again, please reach out if there is anything we can do to help! While the uncertainty remains, we have decided to cancel our monthly social in May. This social was an opportunity for babysitters to attend and introduce themselves and get their names out in the neighborhood. If your child/friend/neighbor would like their name on the babysitters list, please send their contact info, availability, and short bio to plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com. The information will be compiled and e-mailed out to our moms and posted to our FB page.

We are currently looking for volunteers to be officers for the 2020-2021 year starting in August. Current positions available are Special Events, Treasurer, Membership, and Hospitality. Please e-mail plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com for more details!

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!

# Cheerfully Serving Shepherd Park Plaza Top 25 Residential Real Estate Teams In Luxury \*\*Stricture\* \*\*Stricture\*

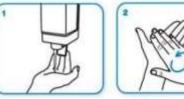




## HANDWASHING RECOMMENDATIONS



Wet hands with water apply enough soap to chand surfaces.



apply enough soap to cover all Rub hands paim to paim



right paim over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa



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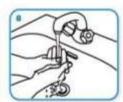
backs of fingers to opposing paims with fingers interlocked



rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa



rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left pairs and vice versa.



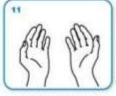
Rinse hands with water



dry thoroughly with a single use towel



use towel to turn off faucet



...and your hands are safe.

# Important Numbers Police/Fire: 911 City Helpline: 311

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 Plaza Moms
 New Neighbor/Greeter
 Garden Club

 713-812-7626
 713-316-5255
 281-216-3452
 713-775-0307
 713-201-3322

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

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 713-688-7979
 713-688-0574 or 713-681-3600
 832-623-4268
 713-884-3131

## SPP CALENDAR

## May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	April 30	May 1	2
3	4	5	SPPCC Board Mtg	7	8	9
10 Motheri Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	HEAVY TREE Waste	22	23
24 May 31	25 Memorial Day	26	27 <b>()</b> &	28	29	30



= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling

Reminder about Heavy Trash: Our heavy trash pickup is the <u>3rd</u> <u>Thursday</u> of each month. Tree waste is picked up in ODD months, and <u>Junk</u> waste in the EVEN months.

Back in my day...
there was so much
toilet paper, people
used to literally string
it up in the trees of
their enemies

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