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November 2020

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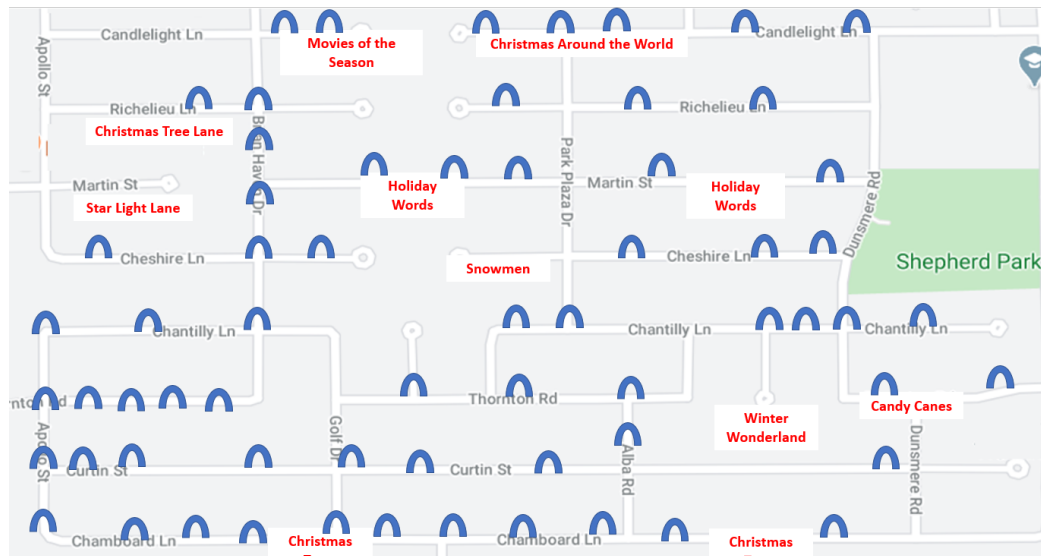
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Wants to Welcome You

New to the neighborhood?
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at ccarlson@jw.com so we
can welcome you officially.

Arches! Arches! Arches!

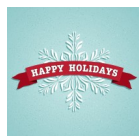


The holidays are upon us and oh my gourd - I love the fall!

First up - we have autumn yard decorations to enjoy and celebrate. Autumn yard decorations will be judged by Nov 22nd. Categories include Best Decoration, Best Scarecrow, and Most Original. It's fall y'all, so keep those yards feeling festive.

Now is also the time to coordinate with your neighbors on any December street themes and arch decorations. Will your arch look like a massive candy cane? Will it sparkle with garland? Will a large bow or ornament adorn the crest of your arch? No matter what you come up with, based upon the above map, we are going to have some serious holiday spirit in Shepherd Park Plaza! Most start putting up their arches the weekend after Thanksgiving. Don't do it alone - reach out to a neighbor or two and make it a joint arch-raising event. Arch instructions can be found online at the Shepherd Park Plaza website under Documents > Holiday Arch Instructions. Date for judging holiday yard decorations will be shared in the December Plaza Pulse. Yards will be judged for awards in Best Overall, Best Lighting, Best Door, Best Window, Best Cul-de-sac, Section Favorite, Children's Favorite, and more!!

Post your decorating and arch raising photos on Facebook - we would love to see your friendly faces!



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DURHAM NEWS

In-person school began October 19. Please note that school zones are currently in effect. As always, please be cautious when on the roads, particularly near crosswalks, and be aware of pedestrians and crossing guards. **STAY SAFE!**



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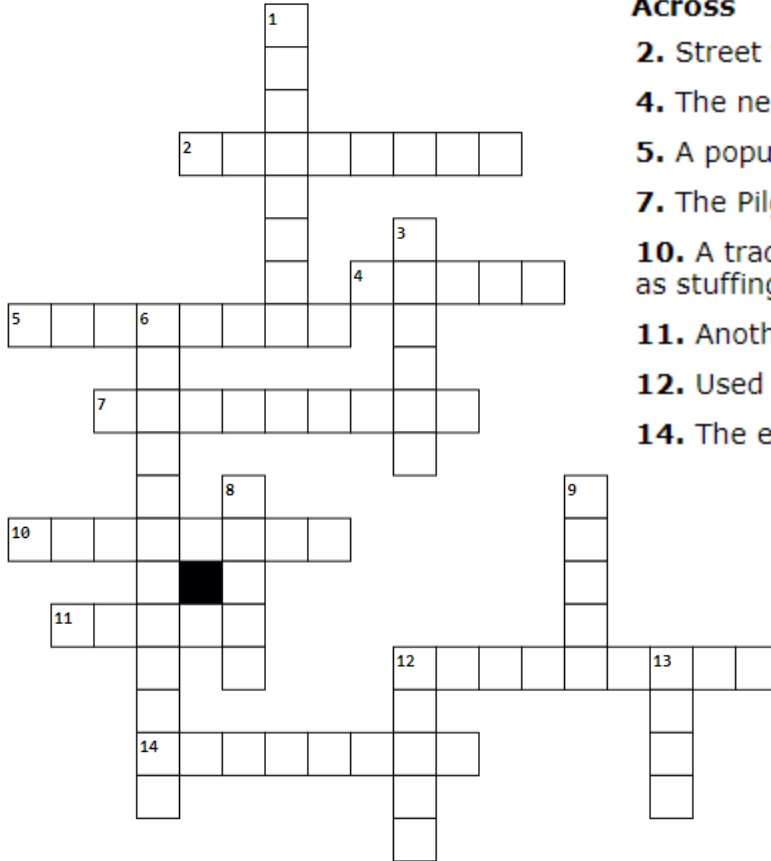
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CROSSWORD



Across

- 2. Street that borders Shepherd Park Plaza on the east
- 4. The neighborhood newsletter
- 5. A popular autumn sport that uses an oval ball
- 7. The Pilgrims' boat
- 10. A traditional Thanksgiving side dish that is also known as stuffing
- 11. Another name for corn
- 12. Used to keep birds off crops
- 14. The eleventh month of the year

Down

- 1. An animal that stores and eats nuts
- 3. Traditional holiday bird
- 6. The fourth Thursday in November
- 8. A drink made from apples
- 9. A red or green fruit often used to make pie
- 12. Semi-frozen rain
- 13. A yard tool used to gather leaves

Flip for Crossword Answers!

- | | |
|---|---|
| Down
1. Squirrel
3. Turkey
6. Thanksgiving
8. Cider
9. Apple
12. Sleet
13. Rake | Across
2. Brinkman
4. Pulse
5. Football
7. Mayflower
10. Dressing
11. Maize
12. Scarecrow
14. November |
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SEPTEMBER 2020

TRAFFIC STOP...5	CONTRACT CHECKS...407	SCHOOL CHECK... 1
FOLLOW-UP... 1	MILES PATROLLED...N/A	SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT...30
ANIMAL HUMANE...2	MEET THE CITIZEN...28	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...2
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...3	DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE...6	SPEEDING VEHICLE...2
ALARM...6	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW...5	SUBJECT STOP...2
INFORMATION CALL...4	PARK CHECKS...22	WELFARE CHECK... 1
VACATION WATCH... 106	PROPERTY FOUND/LOST... 1	*****

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

Helpful Recycling Reminders from Solid Waste Management Meeting

We attended the recent Zoom presentation by Solid Waste Management Representative Alyce Coffey, for Community Outreach within Houston City Limits. Ms. Coffey has offered a number of suggestions to aid in effective recycling efforts. These are especially helpful in collection at this time, since she advises that about forty employees have been out sick and one employee has passed away with Covid-19. Therefore, there are less employees available to manage solid waste.

Number one to remember is that large tree waste is picked up on the 3rd Thursday in the odd-numbered months and junk waste is picked up on the 3rd Thursday in the even-numbered months. Note – Junk waste will not be picked up with tree waste.

Sometimes residents mistakenly put trash or garbage in the green recycle bin. Then the recycle employees have double work sorting out the recycle from the garbage. If the recycle material has been contaminated by the garbage, the whole bin contents will have to be dumped as garbage, which defeats everyone's effort to recycle.

Ms. Coffey gave us some important tips:

1. No old checkbooks in recycle. These should be shredded and placed in the bag in your black garbage bin.
2. All shredded material should go in the bag in your black garbage bin. (Shredded material is so small that when the sorters dump it on the sorting conveyor belt it blows off the belt and cannot be controlled/recycled).
3. No plastic bags of any kind should ever go in recycle bin.
4. Newspapers should go either loose or in paper bag in recycle bin.
5. Other items that should NEVER go in recycle: Helium tanks, clothes hangers of any kind, diapers, toys, chairs of any material, baskets, shoes, clothes, hoses, chains, grocery/store receipts (because they are treated with toxic chemicals which will contaminate the other paper recyclables).

Please always rinse out metal; green, brown, clear glass; and approved plastic containers so they do not wet other items or attract roaches. (You can imagine how awful it is to sort through roaches!)

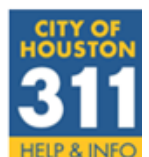
Please flatten cardboard boxes so they are easier to handle.

If you have old tires to be collected or particular questions, please call Ms. Coffey at 713-504-7438.

Solid Waste Management is working on setting up an application for convenient access to questions and answers. They currently have an interesting and informative video available showing the operation of their recycling center. Remember, the more we recycle successfully, the more cost effective it becomes.

Ms. Coffey thanks us for our cooperation in handling our solid waste.

If you see illegal dumping, please report that to 311 to request service; be sure to record the reference number 311 provides so you can follow up. Also, please remember to report illegal dumping to our constable at 713-755-7628 because it is a crime!



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VOTING INFORMATION

Election day - 11/3 (vote at any polling location)
More info at harrisvotes.com



We had a great Garden Club meeting last month! We gathered in Shepherd Park for our 2020-2021 kick-off meeting with a socially distant outdoor morning meeting with coffee, donuts, and kolaches. Our next meeting is November 9th and will be focused on how to utilize your yard for growing your own food. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please contact our Club President, Susan Fitzpatrick, at gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com for details on our next meeting location. We would love to have you!

Garden Club Tip of the Month

November can be a great time to add plants such as trees, shrubs, and rose bushes to your garden for the spring. This gives the plant's root systems more time to get established in the colder months, and ensure better survival in the spring and summer. All spring-blooming bulbs, such as crocus, anemones, freesia, ranunculus, and alliums also be planted now, as they need a period of cold to bloom. Wildflower seeds such as bluebonnets can also be planted now for best spring results.

Garden Club Monthly Local Highlight

Have you ever been a part of a CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) or a Farm Share? CSAs connects consumers to local farmers by subscribing to the harvest of a local farm or group of farms. You receive your produce weekly and your Share is always local, fresh, and in season. There are several Farm Share options in the Houston area to choose from. One local program, Plant It Forward, empowers local refugees with agricultural backgrounds to develop sustainable farming businesses. The organization allows resettled refugees to utilize their crucial skill sets and provide healthy, fresh food to the community. Plant It Forward farmers also sell their produce around town at farmer's markets. You can learn more and sign for a Farm Share at www.plant-it-forward.org. There are several safe, socially distant pick-up locations around town and near SPP - or you can have your produce delivered to your home.

Garden Club Yard of the Month

Our October Yard of the Month goes to Marti Turner. Marti's yard is sunny, so she plants colorful narrow leaf and profusion zinnias, vinca, graffiti pentas, and coleus. Zinnias are a favorite in late summer and fall because they are drought tolerant and can re-seed each year. Background foliage includes daylilies, ferns, holly, and pittosporum while liriopse lines the walkway.





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Shepherd Park Plaza & Candlelight Plaza Neighborhoods

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**Thursday
November 5
10 am - 10 pm!**



— JOIN OUR —
FUNDRAISER
AT RAISING CANE'S

**Mention the fundraiser in Drive Thru
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:**

Shepard Park Plaza Civic Club

DATE & TIME:

November 9th from 5:00PM - 8:00PM

LOCATION:

Raising Cane's Ella and 610
3007 Ella Blvd Houston, Texas 77018



We have secured two local partners in our **Constable Program fundraising efforts!** Please consider visiting Sweet Frog and Raising Cane's on the designated days/times and they will donate a portion of the proceeds when you **mention Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club/Constable Program.**

November 5th 10am-10pm - Sweet Frog (25% of sales)

November 9th 5-8pm - Raising Cane's (15% of sales)

Don't be deterred if there is a line at Raising Cane's - they are quick on their order processing and the line moves fast. **Be sure to mention Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club/Constable Program.** Thanks for supporting our Constable Program!



VETERANS DAY HONOREES



Part of the rich heritage of the US is its military members who have served domestically and internationally for more than 200 years. In order to honor our veterans, the US Government made November 11 an official federal holiday in 1954. 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!

We'd like to take a brief moment to recognize the veterans in Shepherd Park Plaza and their service to our country.

HALLOWEEN AWARDS

OVERALL

1163 Chantilly - 1st (Holly Thornberry & John Fedorko)
4603 Chantilly Circle - 2nd (Kimberly & Kurt Roe)

ORIGINAL

1030 Cheshire - 1st (Sally Ring & Chris Wooldridge)
1062 Cheshire - 2nd (Erin & Ryan Johnston)

SCARIEST

1028 Candlelight- 1st (Nikki & Gregory Walls)
1018 Candlelight - 2nd (Courtney & Orlando Romero)



CITIZENS PATROL STATS

SEPT 2020 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Driving
1	7
2	8
3	8
4	11
TOTAL	34

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.**

The environment is where we all meet; where all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share. It is not only a mirror of ourselves, but a focusing lens on what we can become. - Lady Bird Johnson

Shepherd Park Plaza's entrance beds have been refreshed, giving a beautiful first impression to our wonderful neighborhood. This stunning work was completed primarily by Brave Landscapes, with Luxury Lawns completing Alba & Chamboard. Entrance beds were re-designed to utilize existing material and plants in a conservative manner, as well as focus on sustainable and drought tolerant plants. This project could not have been accomplished without the support of those who have generously donated in time, money and energy. Please take time to check out these beautiful entrance beds the next time you enter the neighborhood!

Partners of SPP Entrance Beds

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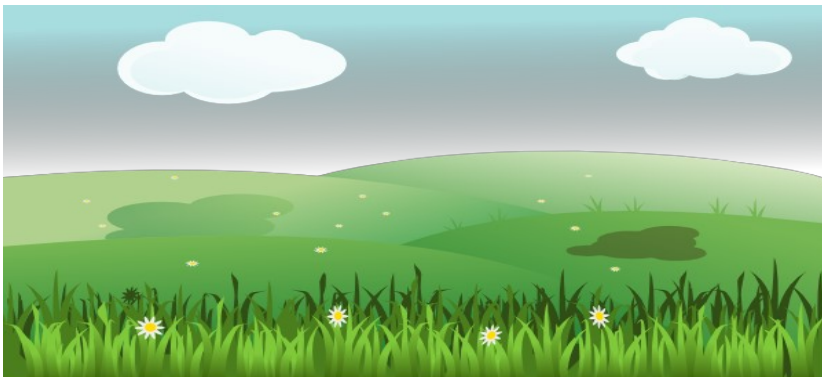
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Citizens Patrol
713-812-7626

Deed Restrictions
713-316-5255

Pulse Advertising
713-688-0574 / 713-681-3600

Garden Club
713-201-3322

HPD
713-884-3131

City Liaison
713-688-7979

Entrance Beds
713-501-3695

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





Plaza Pulse News
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SPP Historian
713-851-3000

New Neighbor/Greeter
N/A

SPP CALENDAR

November 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 	4 	5 	6	7
8	9  	10  	11  Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19 	20	21
22	23	24  	25	26 	27	28
29	30	DEC 1 	2	3	4	5
 = Trash and Yard Waste  = Curbside Recycling		Reminder about Heavy Trash: Our heavy trash pickup is the <u>3rd Thursday</u> of each month. Tree waste is picked up in ODD months, and Junk waste in the EVEN months.				



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September Yards of the Month			
Section 1: 1179 Curtin Erik Hansen & Katy Stenberg		Section 3: 1031 Martin Betty Montague	
Section 2: 1127 Chantilly Rita & James Rogers		Section 4: 4823 Apollo Rudy & Julie Valdez	



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1139 Candlelight



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