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December 2020

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SPP Arch Lighting Constable Parade Starts at 5:30pm on December 5th

The SPP Civic Club is starting a **NEW** tradition related to the holiday arches! We will have a Constable parade through the neighborhood where each block can **light their arches** as the parade passes by.

We will also have none other than **SANTA** himself and SPP Civic Club Board members handing out candy canes to the good boys and girls in the neighborhood. Please join us on your front lawns, waving to our constables and Santa Claus!

As of November 13th, we are at 69% of our constable contract goal. Will you help us meet the remaining 31%?

We will be collecting Constable Contract contributions during the parade. Please feel free to bring a check, scan the QR code on the back of the trailer, or send your contributions in today to via Venmo (@SPPCC) or <https://www.Shepherdparkplaza.com/dues>. This event also marks the end of our 2021 Constable Program fundraising effort.

So turn on your lights, blow up your decorations, and light those arches by 5:30pm on December 5th or light them as the parade passes through. This will make the parade extra special and we can all celebrate in the festiveness for which our neighborhood is known.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Constable Program rep: Bill Scheel, or your Membership chair: Michele Wiechman. Contact information is above the Pulse monthly calendar. *Please see the map on page 6 for route details and remember to help keep everyone safe by socially distancing. See page 8 for a complete list of Constable Patrol benefits.



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Plaza Moms Announces Holiday in the Park

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 9-11am!



This year, step into our neighborhood winter wonderland at Shepherd Park for:

- Holiday crafts for the kids
- A visit to the North Pole Express mailbox to drop your letters to Santa
- Breakfast and coffee, plus a special coloring contest, compliments of our generous event sponsor, **IndyQuest Properties**

ALSO, family photos from neighborhood photographer, **Bouchet Images**, featuring the one and only **Santa Claus!** (No lap photos—families will be placed at a safe distance from Santa.)

Families must RSVP online at tinyurl.com/plazamomsrsvp to pick a time slot to arrive within. These time slots are just for arrival, you can stay as long as you like or feel free to pick up your crafts and food & take them to go!

This event is for 2020-21 Plaza Moms members and their families.

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so before signing up for your time slot. Find us on PayPal plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com.

Not a member, but want to join us? Send an email to plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com and we'll get you set up!



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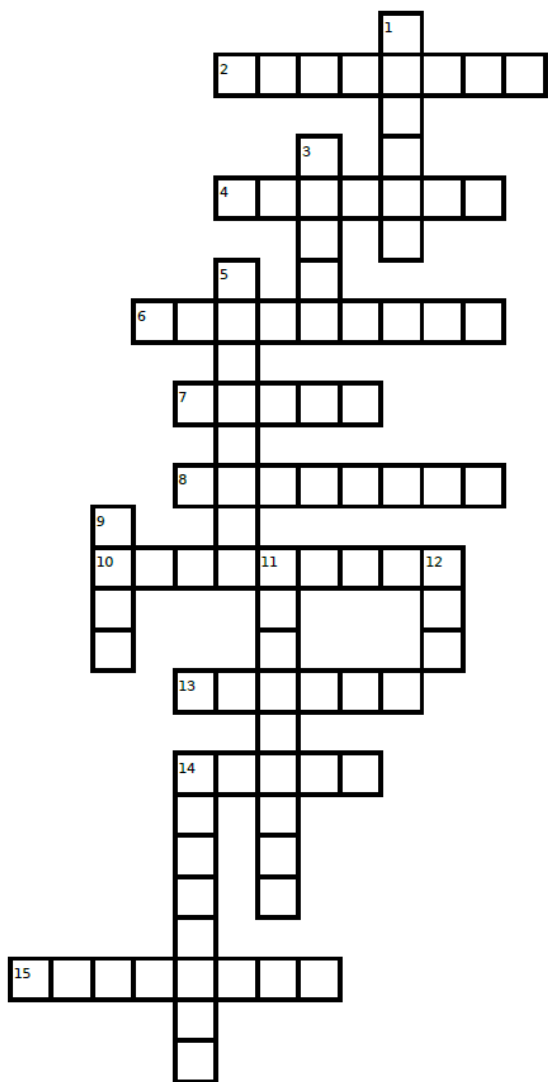
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Across:

2. Eight of these pull Santa's sleigh
4. Santa's entrance into the house
6. This holiday is on December 25
7. He visits after children have gone to bed on Christmas Eve
8. The month in which Christmas and Hanukkah fall
10. Where Santa lives
13. Hang this circular decoration on the door
14. Deck the halls with boughs of this
15. A giant sock, often hung from the chimney and filled with presents

Down:

1. Open this type of calendar one day at a time
3. Often exchanged on Christmas Day
5. A round Christmas tree decoration
9. We get this white precipitation on very cold days
11. Kevin McAllister deals with two burglars in this movie
12. Buddy looks for his dad in this movie
14. This holiday begins on December 10

Flip for Crossword Answers!

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| <p>Down</p> <p>1. Advent</p> <p>3. Gifts</p> <p>5. Ornament</p> <p>9. Snow</p> <p>11. Home Alone</p> <p>12. Elf</p> <p>14. Hanukkah</p> <p>15. Stocking</p> | <p>Across</p> <p>2. Reindeer</p> <p>4. Chimney</p> <p>6. Christmas</p> <p>7. Santa</p> <p>8. December</p> <p>10. North Pole</p> <p>13. Wreath</p> <p>14. Holly</p> |
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FOLLOW-UP...2	MILES PATROLLED...2594	ASSAULT AGGRAVATED...1
ANIMAL HUMANE...1	MEET THE CITIZEN...10	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...4
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...7	DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE...1	FRAUDULENT USE OF ID...1
ALARM...2	DISTURBANCE FIREWORKS ...1	THEFT OTHER...3
INFORMATION CALL...1	PARK CHECKS...13	TRAFFIC HAZARD...3
VACATION WATCH...107	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW...1	WRIT...2

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

MARK IT, PHOTOGRAPH IT, RECORD IT

Hi Neighbors,

If you use Facebook, you might have seen the Crime Alert that was posted on October 27th. It concerned a burglary in Garden Oaks. The stolen property was recovered by investigators from the Constable's Office.

Probably the most important line in the report was, "The complainant was able to provide the investigator with a description of his bicycle and tools, along with serial numbers." Here is a great lesson for all of us. If you have mowers, trimmers, bicycles, or anything of value, you should mark it. You can use your name or even better, your address. **DO NOT USE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER!** Use permanent markers or an engraving tool. Take a picture of the item and if it has a serial number, record it. There are a multitude of free home inventory forms available on the internet where you can keep the information.

The holidays are upon us, and most of SPP will be decorating. Be sure to mark your decorations. It seems that thieves like to decorate their yards using your decorations. You can help deter the thieves, and if your item is stolen, possibly get it returned to you if it is marked.

We are blessed to have the Constable Patrol and the tenacious investigators that are a part of the excellent service we receive. If you have not paid your Constable fee for 2021, please do it now. Just log on to the SPP website and you can make your payment there. You can also scan the QR code on the front page of this month's Plaza Pulse!



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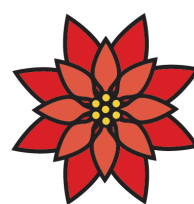
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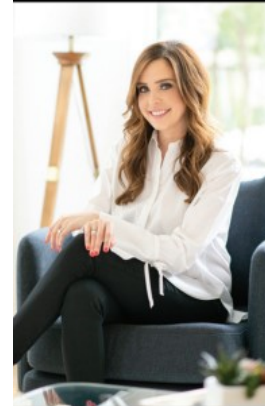
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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- 1. Keep live trees away from heat sources.** Place your tree away from fireplaces and heaters.
- 2. Hydrate your tree.** A dried-out tree can catch fire faster than one that has been properly watered.
- 3. Fake it!** If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled "fire resistant."
- 4. Double-check your lights for safety.** Replace any lights with frayed wires, broken sockets, and loose connections.
- 5. Power down before you turn in.** Turn off all lights when you go to bed and before leaving the house.
- 6. Prevent electrical cord damage.** Don't place lights in a way that might damage the cords, and avoid using nails or tacks. Use hooks instead.
- 7. Secure candles.** Keep candles on a sturdy base to prevent tipping. Never leave a lit candle unattended.
- 8. Use unbreakable ornaments.** If you have fragile ornaments, place them out of reach of pets and kids.

HOLIDAY AWARDS JUDGING SET FOR DECEMBER 15

It's that time of year where Houston looks forward to the yard decorations in Shepherd Park Plaza! Try your hand at winning 1st or 2nd place in one of several categories, including:

- * Best Overall
- * Best Traditional
- * Best Religious
- * Best Window
- * Most Original
- * Best Novelty
- * Best Door
- * Best Lighting
- * Best Street/Cul-de-sac

After winners in the above categories are chosen, the following categories are judged by section representatives for all four sections. Homes that have already received an award are not eligible in these categories.

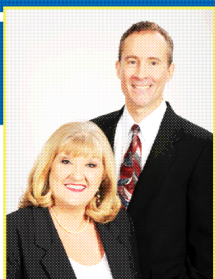
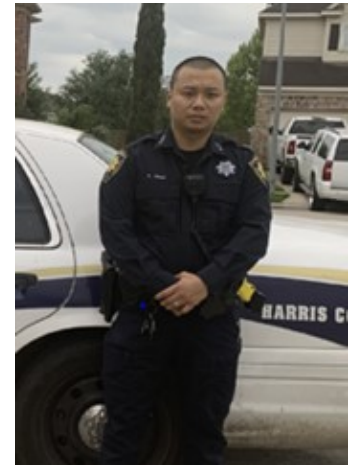
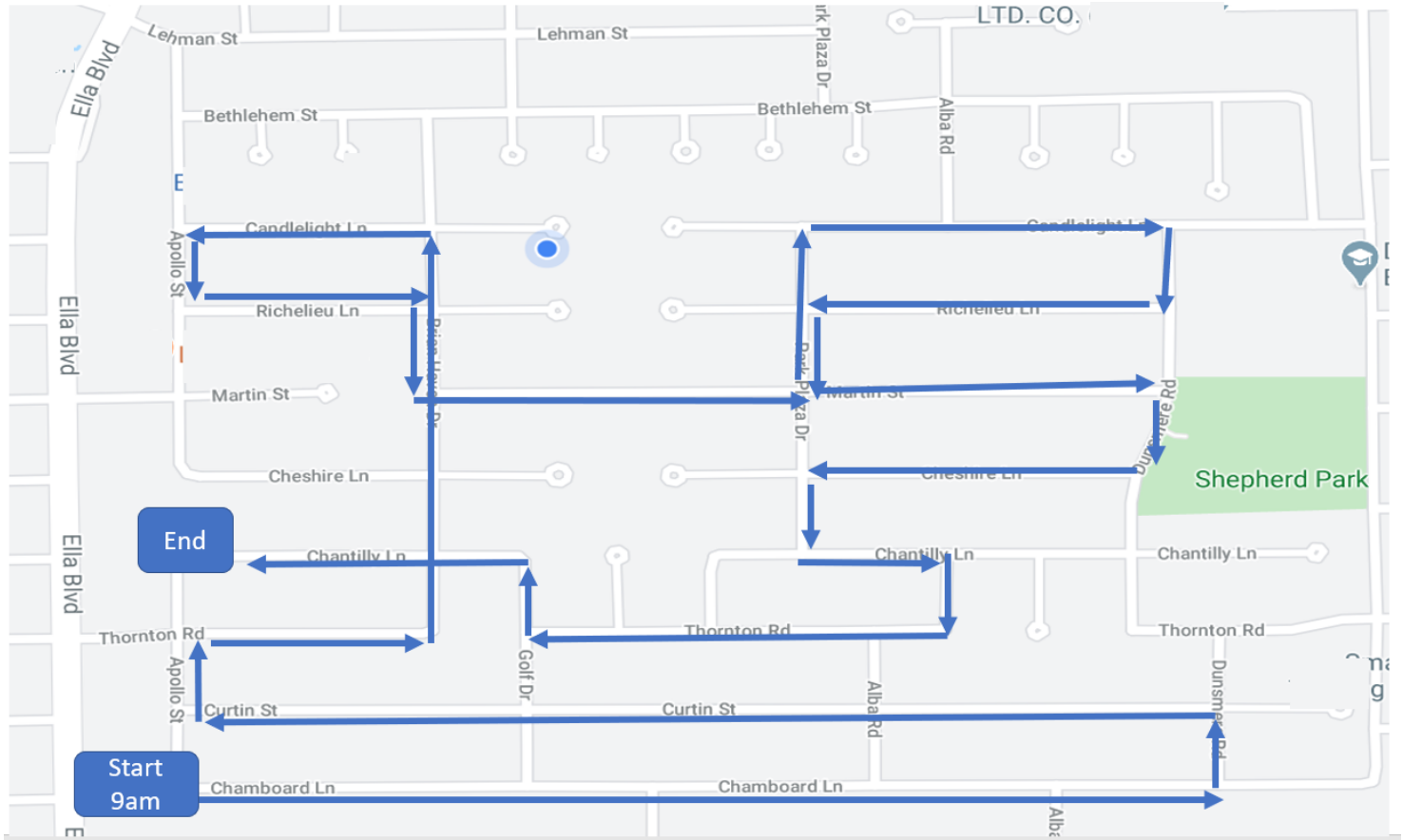
- * Section Favorite
- * Children's Favorites

Note: Judges have the discretion to recognize only one winner per category if participation in a category is limited. No home may win more than one award.



ARCH LIGHTING/CONSTABLE PARADE ROUTE

Saturday, December 5 at 5:30PM



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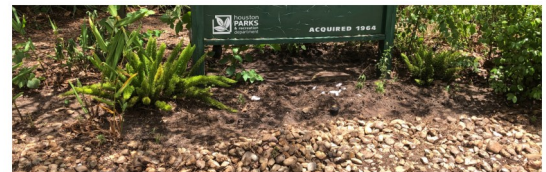
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We had a great Garden Club meeting in November. Dennis Woodward shared tips and tricks on utilizing your yard for growing your own food - including ideas on growing little known edible plants that thrive in the Houston area. Our next meeting is December 11th and will be our holiday Christmas party, which will be a safe, socially distant outdoor dinner. 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

Are you ready to protect your garden from a winter freeze? The cold temperatures reduce insect pest populations and allow plants to hibernate, which results in more robust spring plants. However, you'll want to be sure to protect your plants when the temperature drops - especially tender plants that cannot withstand temperatures below 32 degrees. Before a freeze, make sure your plants are adequately watered, and add mulch, pine needles, or leaves around trees, shrubs, and bulbs. Cover plants with a sheet or a frost blanket from a garden center, and move small potted or hanging plants inside. Wrap the trunks of tender trees, and be sure to harvest any mature fruit or vegetables before the freeze. You won't regret giving extra care to your plants during these cold winter months!



Garden Club Monthly Local Highlight

Have you noticed some changes at the Shepherd Park? There has been more going on since encouraging painting colorful and inspiring rocks at the park bed sign. Your neighbors have been hard at work! Members of the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club, along with Dennis Woodward, have been taking a vested interest in the care and improvement of the Shepherd Park. Specifically, we have pruned and planted plants as well as placed mulch around many of the trees and plant beds. Mulch provides a protective barrier to the coming cold weather, as well as provides needed nutrients to the trees and plants. This is a work in progress and we hope to continue to bring life and color into this wonderful neighborhood park. If you are interested in a community work day in the Shepherd Park, please reach out to gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com.



Pam Buekner at 1042 Cheshire is our SPP Garden Club November Yard of the Month. Her front yard boasts an array of hostas, snapdragons, and pansies that add a pop of color in her garden. Pam has created a lovely fall front yard.

CITIZENS PATROL STATS

OCT 2020 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Driving
1	10
2	15
3	11
4	14
TOTAL	50

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 Shannon Zierau. 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.**

Benefits of the Constable Program

(Dues = \$295/yr)

- Active Harris County Deputy Constable Patrollers
 - 80 hours of patrolling per week
- Safety Checks, Vacation Watch, and First Responses for home alarms
- Management of vehicle speed limits for protection of our children and walkers

Benefits of the Civic Club

(Dues = \$25/yr)

- Citizens Patrol Program
- Enforcement of deed restrictions and architectural controls
 - Welcoming of new neighbors
- The Pulse, a monthly newsletter mailed to every house in SPP
 - SPP Website and email notifications
 - Events/Social Gatherings/Meetings
 - Beautification of the neighborhood
- Yard of the month and holiday decoration recognition
 - Flower beds at entrances
- Placement and flying of the US flag on our streets for national holidays
 - Maintenance of curb painting of address numbers



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


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New Neighbor/Greeter
See front page of Pulse

SPP CALENDAR

December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 29	30	DEC 1 	2 	3	4	5 Plaza Moms: Holiday in the Park Constable Parade
6	7	8  	9	10 	11 Garden Club Meeting	12
13	14	15 	16	17 HEAVY Junk Waste	18	19
20	21	22  	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29 	30	31	JAN 1 	2
 	= 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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November Yards of the Month

Section 1:

1134 Curtin
JJ & Kelly Laning

Section 3:

1107 Cheshire
Lori & Charles Kubin

Section 2:

963 Thornton
Mark Zastrow

Section 4:

1053 Candlelight
Brandon and Jennifer Brown



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We Fell in Love with SPP

back in 2006 when we were about to welcome our first child into our new home. We've lived in and remodeled three different SPP homes while raising our family and have been through many personal DIY and remodeling projects in the process. We've served this neighborhood in roles from Plaza Moms Co-Chair, Section Rep, Hospitality, and President to Architecture and Control, Flag Raiser, Hayride Driver and now as Advertising Rep. Our kids attend our zoned schools where we are also passionate about serving and giving our time and resources. Your Dream is Our Quest is not only the mission of our real estate brokerage, but also in life. Our quest to love, care and serve combine into our love of SPP and a continued passion to keep it amazing!



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