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SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

February 2021

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## SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

### BOARD POSITIONS

Are you a long-time resident of SPP and interested in seeing our deep traditions continue? Are you new to the neighborhood and interested in getting involved? The Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club needs you! We are currently recruiting the positions listed below for the 2021-2022 Board Year. If interested, please contact Courtney Selinidis (Courtney.selinidis@gmail.com, 617-869-4789).

#### Available Positions:

- Citizens Patrol Coordinator
- Decorating Award Chair
- Greeter
- Hospitality Chair
- Section 2 Rep
- Section 3 Rep

For a complete breakdown of roles and responsibilities for board positions, visit <https://shepherdparkplaza.com/sppcc-roles-and-responsibilities/>

### SHAKING THINGS UP TO BE COVID SAFE FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING!

Due to COVID and the fact that all face-to-face meetings will be postponed for the time being, the Civic Club is shaking things up for the 2021 Annual Spring Business Meeting.

How? The time, day of the week, everything! First, it will be a virtual meeting. Next, we are moving the day of the week for the meeting from the weekend to a weekday (Wednesday, March 10, at 7:30pm).

During the meeting, we'll elect the new Civic Club Board and talk about how to get more involved in the neighborhood. All SPP residents are invited to this event! Hope to "see" you all there!

**Details:** March 10, 2021; 7:30-8pm

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/95983978090?pwd=Z0RGVIR1eStVdFpwcldeWN2a3RTUT09>

If joining manually:

**Meeting ID:** 959 8397 8090

**Passcode:** 917406



## Around the neighborhood

2020 is a year none of us will forget. It has been a challenge to every family and each individual in Shepherd Park Plaza. We have weathered a pandemic, civil unrest, educational challenges, and much more.

We should all be very proud of the Deputy Constables assigned to patrol SPP. They have taken great risks to their personal safety to stay on the job through the Covid crisis. The Precinct One Constable's office was not untouched by the virus, but they managed to fulfill their obligations to us and others within the precinct. We have been blessed with fine officers and command staff.

Over the last year, our deputies have performed 4,728 contract checks, which works out to be about 91 checks per week! They had more than 600 vacation watch requests, responded to more than 100 calls regarding suspicious persons or vehicles, and conducted 170 park checks. Our Constable Program is one of the reasons we have one of the lowest crime rates in our area. Also, the deputies logged 32,521 miles during their patrols. This is the same distance as 8 1/2 round trips from Houston, TX to Portland, Maine!

If you have not renewed or joined the 2021 SPP Constable Contract, do so today. Don't put it off. Scan the QR code below, pay via Venmo (@SPPCC), or visit [www.shepherdparkplaza.com](http://www.shepherdparkplaza.com). Can't remember if you donated? Please send an email to [Membership@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:Membership@shepherdparkplaza.com). If you haven't received your 2021 Constable Program sticker, please contact your Section Rep.



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DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE... 1	MILES PATROLLED...4167	WELFARE CHECK... 1
ANIMAL HUMANE... 1	MEET THE CITIZEN...50	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...2
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...2	BURGLARY-MOTOR VEHICLE...1	MEDICAL EMERGENCY... 1
ALARM...2	MISSING PERSON... 1	THEFT OTHER...3
INFORMATION CALL... 1	PARK CHECKS...9	TRAFFIC STOP... 1
VACATION WATCH...54	NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK... 1	WRIT... 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

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



February is Black History Month, also known as African American History Month. This event was first celebrated in February 1926, with the month of February selected because it coincides with the birthdays of both President Abraham Lincoln (Feb 12) and abolitionist/writer Frederick Douglass (Feb 14). Looking for ways to commemorate this February? Stay tuned to websites, such as 365 Things To Do in Houston or Houston on the Cheap, for information about upcoming local activities and events. You can also go online to the Houston Public Library and check out books via HPL To Go - curbside to learn more about the history with books/audio on the subject.

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**Are you looking for a way to celebrate Valentine's Day?  
Here are some suggestions to spend the day with your  
loved ones!**



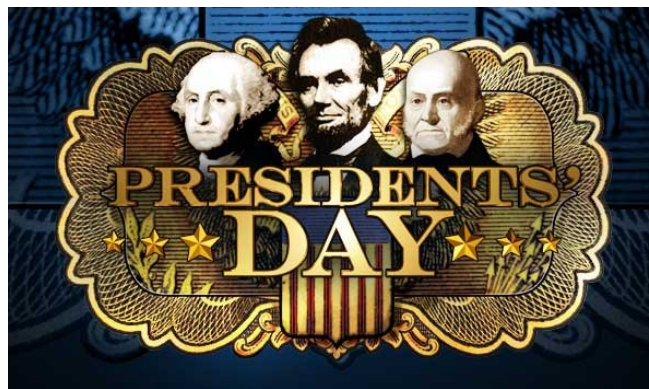
- Make a homemade card: Break out the construction paper, scissors, and glue. Share your skills in poetry, but word to the wise - go easy on the glitter.
- Press flowers: This age-old practice seems to have fallen away. Bring it back by taking a step outside or to the park to pick some flowers; then bring them home and press between paper. Place under a heavy object, such as books, to get a pressed flower that will last much longer than fresh ones.
- Chocolate-dipped strawberries: A very popular treat, however, consider making it a fun activity and make your own at home! You can pick up the chocolate dip at the grocery store, along with the strawberries or your fruit of choice. Dip and enjoy!
- Heart-shaped pizza: Getting hungry? Another fun idea is to make your own pizza and shape it into a heart. You can go crazy with your own toppings or play it safe and order a heart-shaped pizza from your favorite pizza delivery joint! What other food items can you make in the shape of a heart?
- Let love grow: With spring around the corner, Valentine's Day is the perfect time to start planting. Go to your local nursery and pick out some plants, vegetables, or flowers to enjoy for many weeks and months after Valentine's!

### Presidents Day Fun Facts

Let's test your knowledge about Presidents Day and our U.S. Presidents! Did you know...

- Presidents Day was originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington. Presidents Day is now recognized as a day to celebrate all U.S. Presidents, past and present.
- President Theodore Roosevelt has the most national parks named in his honor.
- President Ulysses S. Grant established Yellowstone as the first national park.
- These U.S. Presidents celebrated their birthday in February: George Washington (Feb 22), William Henry Harrison (Feb 9), Abraham Lincoln (Feb 12), and Ronald Reagan (Feb 6).

Since 1862, it's been a Senate tradition to read Washington's Farewell Address. A new senator is selected every year, alternating between Republicans and Democrats, to read the speech. Perhaps you will join this great tradition and read his address this year on Feb 15. [https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/minute/Washingtons\\_Farewell\\_Address.htm](https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/minute/Washingtons_Farewell_Address.htm)



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SPP Garden Club meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. New members and visitors are always welcome! Please contact our Club President, Susan Fitzpatrick, at [gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com) for details on our next meeting location. We would love to have you!

### Garden Club Tip of the Month

Still working on that green thumb? Here's a sure fire way to have some green in your house and make a fun activity for you and your family. Everyone will love these painted cactus rocks!

1. Collect your materials (smooth faced rocks, paint, decorative sand, small pot)
2. Paint your rocks to look like your favorite cactus. Wait to dry.
3. Fill pot halfway with decorative sand.
4. Assort rocks in pot to look like a beautiful cactus plant.
5. Enjoy!

Source: <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/diy-rock-cactus-craft/>



### Garden Club Monthly Local Highlight

There's a new plant pop-up market in town! A Flora Faire is a new monthly market event where you will find an array of various plant work shops, Houston's finest exotic plant growers, and local artisans displaying their wares for purchase to add to your personal plant collection. The next market is on Saturday, February 6th, at Cedar Creek Bar & Grill, 1034 W. 20th Street. Future markets will be the first Saturday of every month. For more info, check out <https://www.facebook.com/aflorafaire/>.

### Garden Club Yard of the Month

Our February Yard of the Month is Maureen Sullivan. Maureen's yard has a beautiful oak tree, a variety of shrubs including crepe myrtle, azaleas, Indian hawthorn, and perennials - Daniella, foxtail ferns, and lantana. Pansies, snapdragons, and alyssum add a splash of seasonal color.





## CITIZENS PATROL STATS

### DEC 2020 Patrol Hours

Prepared by Deborah DeBram & Katherine Peale

WEEK	Driving
1	10
2	5
3	12
4	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>

### 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](mailto: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 Galiano. 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.**

### Couples' Night Out + Champagne Truck = The Perfect Match



Join the Plaza Moms Saturday Feb. 6 at 6:30pm outside at 1057 Candlelight Ln. for a parents' night out in the neighborhood!

The bubbly will be flowing from the adorable Bubble Tap champagne truck, and individual Italian boxed dinners will be catered per person (cocktail style, no seated dinner).

Tickets can be purchased for \$30 by sending your payment via PayPal to [plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com](mailto:plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com). Be sure to label your payment with your name and "Couples Mixer."

Just like all of our events, masks are a must! Email [plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com](mailto:plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com) with any questions.



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New Neighbor/Greeter  
See front page of Pulse

## **SPP CALENDAR**

**February 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JAN 31	FEB 1	2 	3 	4	5	6 Plaza Moms Dinner
7	8 Garden Club Meeting	9 	10	11	12	13
14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 Happy Presidents Day	16 	17	18 HEAVY Junk Waste	19	20
21	22	23 	24	25	26	27
28	MAR 1	2 	3	4	5	6
 = Trash and Yard Waste  = Curbside Recycling		<b>Reminder about Heavy Trash:</b> 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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#### **Section 3:**

1032 Martin  
Alex & Melissa Taylor

#### **Section 2:**

1058 Chantilly  
Brandon & Kelci Berry

#### **Section 4:**

1044 Candlelight  
Norma Aguilar & Mike Arcos



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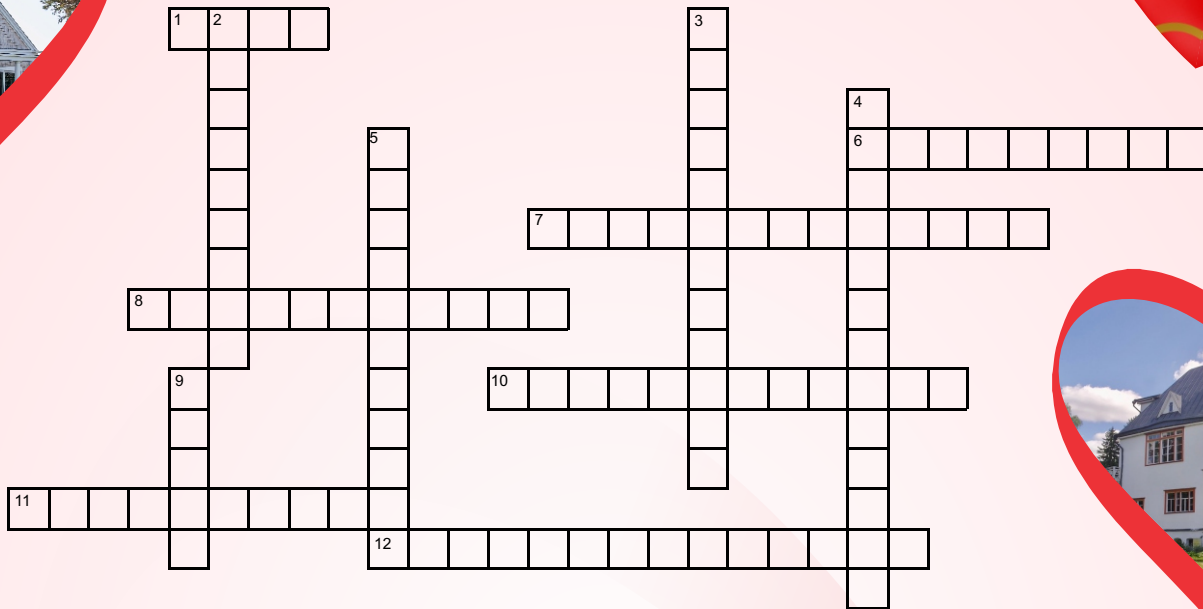
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- 1 The place where one lives with family
- 6 The estimated value of a property based on a qualified expert's written analysis.
- 7 A day of love on February 14th
- 8 A lender's written guarantee to grant a loan up to a specified dollar amount.
- 10 "Good faith" deposit, typically held at the title company until closing
- 11 A thorough professional examination that evaluations the structural and mechanical condition of a property.
- 12 This type of insurance is acquired to protect against any unknown liens or debts against the property.

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- 2 A fee paid to purchase the unrestricted right for buyer to cancel the contract within a specified time period. Typically used to perform due diligence.
- 3 Fees associated with completing real estate transactions
- 4 A legal agreement between buyer and seller to purchase real estate, for a specified price and terms, and for a limited time period.
- 5 A real estate agent who represents the interests of homebuyers.
- 9 A formal request to purchase a home.



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