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# July 2021

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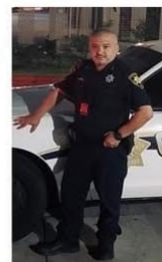
Do you have an interesting story or news you want to share? Do you have ideas about content that you would like to see in future Plaza Pulse Newsletters?

We want to hear from you! Please let  
us know by emailing  
[Pulse@sheherdparkplaza.com](mailto:Pulse@sheherdparkplaza.com)

*Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month*



**4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**  
**Starts at 9am / Sunday July 4th**



The Plaza Moms and SPP Civic Club are holding their annual 4th of July bike parade!  
Bike parade will start at the corner of Bethlehem and Apollo.

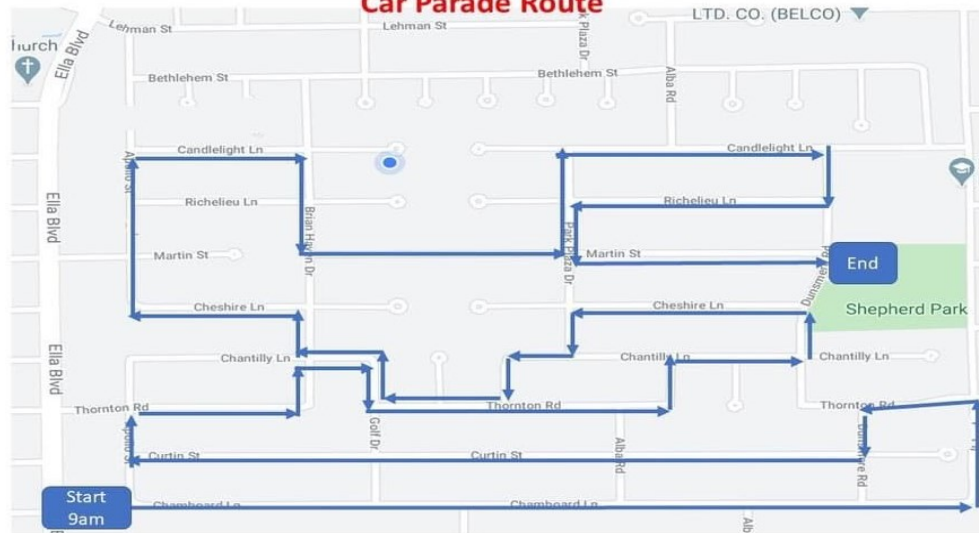
For anyone who is not yet comfortable socializing in person, a small car parade led by our Constables will also be available. Members of the SPP Civic Club Board will be handing out ice cream to neighbors during the car route.

Both parades will end at Shepherd Park, and Kona Ice and ice cream will be available for all at the park.

### Biking / Walking Parade Route



### Car Parade Route





# DEPUTY CONSTABLE PROGRAM RESPONSE CALLS

\*FIGURES ARE FOR ENTIRE CONTRACT, INCLUDING SPP AND CANDLELIGHT PLAZA\*

MAY 2021

CONTRACT CHECKS... 272	MILES PATROLLED...2,966	MEET THE CITIZEN...60
VACATION WATCH...67	OPEN DOOR / WINDOW...3	ALARM...2
BURGLARY... 1	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...2	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...4
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF...0	WELFARE CHECK...0	INFORMATION CHECK...1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE...0	TRAFFIC...6	FOLLOW UP...0
ANIMAL...2	PARK CHECK...12	SCHOOL CHECK...0

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## Positive Interaction Program 'P.I.P' - North Division

Attended by Deborah DeBram and Katherine Peale

The May Houston Police Positive Integration Program (P.I.P) featured guest speaker, Sonya Clausen, Public Information Officer for the Greater Harris County. The topic was focused on 911 Emergency line.

As background, the Greater Harris County 911 emergency line serves 5.9 million people. There are approximately 8-10,000 911 calls in the Houston area per day, with more than 12,000 in the area total. During Winter Storm Uri, the calls to 911 increased by 300%, with almost 90% of the calls made via cell phone. There are 35 call centers in the Greater Harris county area ready to address 911 calls.

Public Information Office Sonya Clausen reminds all of these tips:

- Be prepared for emergencies by keeping cell phones charged; have a back-up battery pack and charger ready in case power goes out. If power goes out, the landline jack or older style land lines will still work.
- When calling 911, speak slowly and clearly, giving the location of where you are calling from (cross streets and house number) and details of your emergency
- Texting 911 is an option should you be unable to speak (due to an injury, unsafe environment, etc.)
- Thanks to Kari's Law, you no longer need to dial "9" before 911 for calls from multi-line systems, such as hotel phones. You can now dial 911 directly, or continue with 9-911 as before; either will work.
- While there are apps for emergency communication, it is recommended (as well as being quicker and more effective) to dial 911 directly.
- As always, calling 911 should be reserved for true emergencies. 911 should NOT be used as an information or discussion line.
- The HPD non-emergency line is 713-884-3131.

911 Emergency Service is working on several enhancements, including a video link, alert service sign up, secure comment box, and opportunity to create home profiles that can include details about inhabitants.

Please join for future PIP meetings at the North Police Station, 9455 West Montgomery Road.  
Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.



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**SPP Garden Club The Garden Club is taking its annual summer break. Meetings will resume again in the fall. We wish you happy gardening!**

#### Garden Club Tip of the Month:

Did you know that sago palms are not actually palms?

The sago palms which are most common in the Houston area are cycads and are most closely related to conifers.

Cycads and conifers produce seeds that are not protected within a fruit and often grow as a cone. Already a slow-growing plant, many sago palms lost leaves during the freeze, which will cause even slower growth for these gracious plants. Be patient, as it may be too soon to tell if they will survive or not; some green growth may be delayed to even next spring. Avoid cutting the top, because the growing tips are located at the top of the trunk.

#### Garden Club Monthly Local Highlight:

Looking for ideas to engage your little nature lover? The Houston Arboretum has several children's classes available throughout the summer for exploring nature, art, and science. Class times vary, but generally are a couple hours and are available for ages 18 months - 17 years. Also, the new and much-anticipated Arboretum playscape is now open, but will be closed on Saturday and Sunday .mornings 9 am - 12 pm through July 18.



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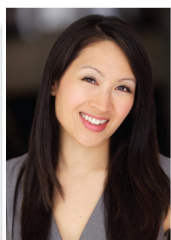
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## Heat Safety

By Romi Sandel



In Houston, it's not uncommon for temperatures to reach 100 or more degrees in July or August. But not this year! We already reached 100 degrees in June, and there is likely more to come. Here are a couple of tips to help you beat the heat:

- Seek shelter from the sun at outdoor events by using an awning, finding a tree, or opening an umbrella.
- Keep bottled water handy for you, your kids, and your pets. Drink plenty of it!
- Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. If you feel any of these symptoms coming on, find some air conditioning and place a cool, wet cloth around your neck and wrists.
- Cut back on alcohol and sugary snacks and drinks during hot summer months.
- Try to limit outdoor activity to the morning or early evening hours.
- Do not leave children or pets or in cars. Cool the car off remotely and make sure that infant safety seat buckles are not too hot to the touch.
- Take advantage of the swimming pool to keep your kids cool.
- If your kids (school age to college) are playing outdoor sports, be sure to have plenty of water or sports drinks on hand. And sunscreen!
- When you get out of your car, check the back seat as a "second" measure to protect infant and toddler passengers.
- Keep a bag packed by the door that has water, sunscreen, cloths, hats, visors, and umbrellas. That way, you can grab it on the way out and you always have it handy.
- If you're not sure if it too hot for your pet, place your palm on the sidewalk. If it hurts your palm, it will hurt their paws!
- Place a sunshield on your front windshield when you leave your car parked.
- Make sure to check your garage for pets before closing it.
- Leave lots of water outdoors for your pets. Don't tie them to a tree or post; they could get tangled and cut off from water or shade.

Stay **Cool**



Stay **Hydrated**



Stay **Informed**



## Editor's Eats: San Antonio

By Rachel Mathews

If you are heading to San Antonio for a summer vacation, chances are you will be staying on the Riverwalk or at least visiting at some point. While the actual Riverwalk has several delicious dining options, you may choose to venture a little farther for a meal or two. If so, Tito's and Southtown Pizzeria are excellent choices.

**Tito's:** Watch out for the addictive (and spicy!) salsa provided with chips. After noting how much heat the salsa packed (in addition to the 90° temps), we ordered palomas and house margaritas to cool off. These were served in pint glasses and definitely hit the spot. We decided on queso, guacamole, and fajitas, which were enough to share, but Tito's also offers nachos, tacos, enchiladas, and combo plates for those who want to try a bit of everything. Takeout and delivery options are also available.

<https://www.titosrestaurant.com/>

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**Southtown Pizzeria:** As delicious as the Tex-Mex options in San Antonio are, if you want something different, Southtown Pizzeria is a solid choice. We went with the Caesar salad and thin crust meat lover's pizza. The thin crust was perfect—crisp, light, and airy. However, if thin crust isn't for you, they also offer a hand-tossed version. The menu includes several other specialty pizzas and a create your own option, as well as several salads, appetizers, pastas, steak, fish, and of course, dessert! If you are a chocolate lover, the Torta di Cioccolato (chocolate torte topped with Chantilly cream and drizzled with caramel) is perfect. At this time, Southtown is BYOB, but this may change soon.

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The 2021 - 2022 SPPCC Board Members are looking forward to supporting this great neighborhood we live within. To help you get to know the volunteer-based board and committee, we will be featuring a 'Meet Your Civic Club Member' article highlighting fun facts and insights into your volunteer Civic Club leaders. We look forward to serving you in 2021 - 2022!



## Meet Your Civic Club Member!

**Name:** Tom Caver  
**Position on Civic Club:** Treasurer

**What street do you live on?** Candlelight Lane

**Why did you join the Civic Club Board?** I've always heard the maxim that for any organization that relies upon volunteer support, 80% of the work gets done by 20% of the members. That expression holds the truth that if an organization whose mission you care about is to be effective, you need to be willing to step up and actively participate. The SPP Civic Club has a mission that supports the quality of the neighborhood in which I live and have raised my family. I want to protect the qualities that keep my neighborhood the wonderful place it is and to hand it off to the next generation of residents in even better shape than I received from those who came before me.

**What do you hope to do as a Board Member?** I've served in multiple roles over the years as a Board Member, including Citizens Patrol Coordinator, Vice President, and President, in addition to my current role as Treasurer. As Treasurer, my primary responsibility is to ensure the security of the donations entrusted to the Civic Club by its members and to ensure those funds are spent for their intended purpose. I also maintain the Civic Club's books and records in an organized, transparent manner that allows for proper oversight by the Board.

**What's your favorite SPPCC event and why?** Oktoberfest. It draws a good crowd from across all generations of neighbors, both long-time residents and newer neighbors, empty-nesters, and families with kids of all ages.

**What is your favorite local hot spot and why?** I would say Tony's Cantina, but based on the number of neighbors I run into every time I go there, that would not be an original response. For a nicer night out with my wife, I head across the street to Rainbow Lodge. Union Kitchen on Ella and Plonk are also local spots we frequent.

**What's a fun fact you want to share?** When my wife and I bought our first house in SPP on Chamboard in 1995, we chose this area because we wanted to live centrally located to both our jobs, church, and other social activities, all of which were relatively close by. Our neighbor across the street was an original homeowner who moved to SPP with his family in the early 60s because they were looking for a more suburban location out of the "hustle and bustle" of the city.

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The greatest asset of any community is its people. The barometer of that value is the willingness of the people to become volunteers. The greatest compliment you can pay your neighbors, is to devote your time and effect to protect the neighborhood you share with them!

### Please join the Shepherd Park Plaza Citizens Patrol!

You can become a volunteer by signing up today! Training is just a few hours and YOU can help protect our neighborhood. For more information, please contact Jeff Berlat at 713-502-3529 (leave a voice message) or jberlat@yahoo.com or August Galiano at aeg3579@gmail.com.

## CITIZENS PATROL

May 2021

WEEK	TOTAL DRIVING HOURS
1	6
2	4
3	6
4	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>

Patrollers who turn in at least 4 driving hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for a random drawing. The winner of this month's \$10 random drawing is **Michelle Ganter**. Thank you to all our volunteers!



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## SPP CALENDAR

July 2021

SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1	2	3
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SPP Parade 		 				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				HEAVY TRASH TREE WASTE		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		 				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						



= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling



Please leave 3 ft between your bins and any other objects. This gives the trucks room without damage to nearby items.

**Reminder about Heavy Trash:** TREE waste is picked up in ODD months, and JUNK waste in the EVEN months. TREE waste is defined as “clean” wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps. Lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted as Tree Waste. JUNK is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material.



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#### Section 2:

Sheri Beasley  
1138 Thornton

#### Section 3:

Jack and Karen Key  
1046 Cheshire

#### Section 4:

Charles and Leslie Layout  
1059 Candlelight Lane



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Client experience rating: ★★★★★

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