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Share Your News!

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@shepherdparkplaza.com

Deadline for submissions is the
15th of each month

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Save the Date! October 5, 2021

National Night Out (NNO) is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, discuss safety, enjoy some good food, and just GET OUTSIDE!
This year's NNO is on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Want to be a NNO host for your street? As a host, you are welcoming neighbors to join you in your front yard/driveway for food, fun, and community. Your house will be marked on the SPP NNO map so your block will know where to gather.
Email vicepresident@shepherdparkplaza.org to register as a host.

NNO Sidewalk Chalk Art Competition

This year, we will have a sidewalk chalk art competition!
The judging categories will be:

** National Night Out **
** Houston Sports Teams **
** Public Safety Thank You **
** Shepherd Park Plaza **

Judging will take place during the event.



<https://natw.org/>



Back to School!

By Elissa Walters, Plaza Pulse Editor



School is officially back in session!

We are excited to highlight some of our locally zoned schools in upcoming Plaza Pulse newsletters. Stay tuned as we share with you how you can get involved and support your local schools and future leaders! To start us off, check out the letter from Durham Elementary Principal Flores on page 5.

Drive Slowly; Watch for Students

As a reminder, we have many neighborhood kids who walk or bike to school. Please be mindful and drive slowly, watching for parents and students walking to and home from school. We are especially thankful for the efforts of the crosswalk signal at Ella and Thornton. Please keep an eye on this intersection and others, and allow our kids safe passage!

We wish all of our students and teachers a successful and safe school year!

The Holidays Are Around the Corner!

Begin gathering your holiday yard decorations for the Halloween, Autumn, and Winter yard awards! Stay tuned to FB and future communications for award categories and judging dates. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

around the neighborhood

Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club:

EDITOR'S EDITS

The August Plaza Pulse had the incorrect email address for the Vice-President of SPPCC with the National Night Out information. Correct address is vicepresident@shepherdparkplaza.com.

Check out the Shepherd Park Plaza website for access to the Plaza Pulse online, as well as key documents such as the New Neighbor Packet, membership and constable dues validation, and much more! <http://shepherdparkplaza.com>



Check out the Shepherd Park Plaza Facebook page for recent discussions, news, alerts, ideas, recommendations, and neighborhood events.

Ready to pay your annual Civic Club dues and join the Constable Contract? You can pay by check, Venmo (@SPPCC), scan the provided QR code, or visit the link below. Checks should be made out to SPPCC and can be mailed to SPPCC P.O. Box 10453 Houston, TX 77206. Please include your name and address in the memo. <http://shepherdparkplaza.com/pay-constable-and-membership-dues/>



Can't remember if you contributed? Check link online or email Membership@shepherdparkplaza.com. If you haven't received your 2021 Constable Program sticker, please contact your Section Rep.
Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$295

Garden Oaks and Shepherd Park (West) Drainage and Paving Project

Scheduled Start: Summer 2021
Scheduled Completion: Fall 2023
Details: Construction of stormwater drainage and paving improvements, and necessary utility upgrades.
https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/garden_oaks_and_shepherd_park_west

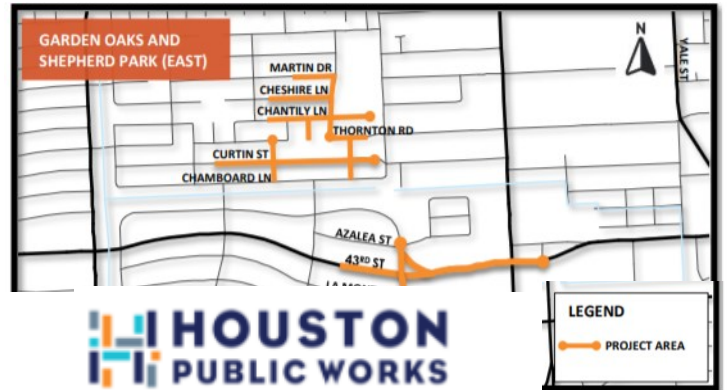
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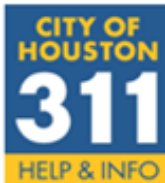
Garden Oaks and Shepherd Park (East) Drainage and Paving Project

Scheduled Start: TBD
Scheduled Completion: TBD
Details: Construction of stormwater drainage and paving improvements, and necessary utility upgrades.
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Project Number M-410022-0001-3



City of Houston Council Member, Abbie Kamin, represents the Shepherd Park Plaza neighborhood. Find out more how she represents District C, as well as FAQs at www.houstontx.gov/council/c/



Street sign down? Traffic light blinking? Tree limb down over the street? The City of Houston has a dedicated phone line and app for these types of non-emergency related issues. Call 311 or 713-837-0311.

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We appreciate our local advertisers!

The local advertisers that you see throughout the Plaza Pulse help pay for the printing of our neighborhood newsletter. Please show your support and consider contacting one of these local businesses the next time you need a quote or service.

DEPUTY CONSTABLE PROGRAM RESPONSE CALLS
 FIGURES ARE FOR ENTIRE CONTRACT, INCLUDING SPP AND CANDLELIGHT PLAZA

JULY 2021

CONTRACT CHECKS...272	MILES PATROLLED...4,580	MEET THE CITIZEN...72
VACATION WATCH...179	OPEN DOOR / WINDOW...1	ALARM...1
BURGLARY...0	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...3	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF...1	WELFARE CHECK...2	INFORMATION CHECK...2
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE...2	TRAFFIC...2	FOLLOW UP...0
ANIMAL...1	PARK CHECK...22	SCHOOL CHECK...1

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VACATION WATCH REGISTRY (*2 WEEK NOTICE*)...[HTTP://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP/VACATION-WATCH/](http://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP/VACATION-WATCH/)
 SIGN UP FOR THE CONSTABLE OFFICE'S CRIME ALERTS AND NEWSLETTER...[HTTPS://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET](https://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET)
 SELECT SIGN-UP > CRIME ALERTS ; NEWSLETTER

CITIZENS PATROL

July 2021

WEEK	TOTAL DRIVING HOURS
1	6
2	6
3	4.25
4	2
TOTAL	18.25

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 **Jeff Berlat!**
 Thank you to all our volunteers!

We want YOU!

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 effort 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 contact August Galiano at aeg3579@gmail.com.



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**You're invited to the SPP Garden Club Fall Kickoff Meeting
on Saturday, September 11th at 10am at Shepherd Park!**

We will be providing information about 2021-2021 meetings and planned programming for the year, as well as an opportunity for members to partake in a guided tour of the park to see all the wonderful changes! Coffee and donuts will be provided, and new members and visitors are highly encouraged to come to this kickoff meeting!

The 2021-2022 Garden Club will meet on the second Monday of the month at 7pm.
Please contact our Club President, Michele Wiechman, at gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com for details.
We would love to have you!

Garden Club Tip of the Month:

Fall is just around the corner and now is the perfect time to plan out your fall vegetable garden. Fall gardens do well in Houston due to our warmer climate. In September, you can plant beans, corn, cucumbers, and winter squash. For more fall gardening tips and planting ideas, visit <https://agrillifeextension.tamu.edu/> and look for their Fall Vegetable Gardening Guide for Texas.

Garden Club Monthly Local Highlight:

Did you know that the Garden Club of Houston hosts an annual Bulb and Plant Mart? A Houston tradition since 1942, the event will be held in person October 14–16 at St. John the Divine Church. Pre-orders for bulbs are going on now! Don't delay, their bulbs and plants tend to sell quickly. Check out their offerings at <https://www.gchouston.org>.

New City of Houston app: HTX Collects

By Elissa Walters, Plaza Pulse Editor

Did you know? The Houston Solid Waste Management department collects curbside service for over 395,000 residential homes within the city limits! Recognizing that garbage and recycling are the core operations of curbside service, the City of Houston has a new mobile app designed to help residents keep track of weekly service, updates, and collection delays. **HTX Collects** provides collection reminders for garbage, recycling, yard waste, and tree/junk waste specific to the resident's service addresses.

For those who prefer to view on the computer or other devices, you can also check out their updated website, enter your address, and see collection details specific to your address! <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling.html>

The HTX Collects app and online website allow you to push reminders and alerts to yourself via email, notifications, or phonecalls. The app also has a Waste Sorting game, designed to engage, challenge, and change recycling behavior. App is available for download on Apple and Android devices and can be searched with keywords—Houston Trash and Recycling.

Editor's Eats: Dream Wings

By Rachel Mathews, Plaza Pulse Editor

If you haven't made it to Dream Wings, you are missing out. The options feel almost endless and the flavors are original and remarkable. Over the course of several visits, we've tried many flavors and combinations. You can choose naked bone-in, breaded bone-in, breaded boneless, or tenders. You also have an choice of 20 different flavors! Our favorites have been lemon pepper and Cajun dry rub but the buffalo style is a solid choice. For an upcharge, you can choose all drums or all flats. Dream Wings does offer much more than wings. You can choose fish or shrimp, which are perfectly cooked and seasoned. They offer pasta, salads, and wraps, but whatever you decide, the fries with dream cheese sauce are a must! Due to its popularity, wait times can be long, but the food is worth the wait!

<https://dreamwings.menufy.com/>

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Out with the cluttered and in with the edited! Join the Plaza Moms Tuesday, September 28, at 7:30pm for our September social.

We're so honored to have decluttering expert and lifelong Oak Forest resident, Monica Danna, from Make Space Home Editing, to share tips on how to successfully declutter your space and fall in love with your home again.

BONUS, she'll reveal her top secrets on managing paper clutter as we kick off this school year and your kids start bringing home forms, folders, etc.

RSVP on Facebook or to Plaza.Moms.Houston@gmail.com today to grab your spot for drinks, dessert, and fantastic tips on a decluttering process. Also, if you haven't paid dues, please search your email for your invoice or email us to settle up for the season.

Questions or want to join Plaza Moms?

Send an email to plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com and we'll get you set up for just \$35 for the season.



Letter from the Durham Elementary President



Dear Neighbor,

As school is back in swing, I wanted to spend a few moments introducing Durham to new residents in our community. And, after the difficult time we all shared in 2020-2021, we are super excited that school started on August 23 as planned. In order to keep our students and staff safe, many of the safety protocols that were in place last year will remain in effect, for example, campus visitations will be limited by appointment only, and most meetings will continue to occur virtually.

For those of you who don't know us, Durham Elementary is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, an HISD IB Magnet Campus, and a Dual Language Academy.

Durham has 28 classrooms (Pre-K to 5) filled with energetic students learning to become future leaders. Approximately half of our student body is in the Spanish/English dual language program, which now extends into Spanish immersion classes at Black Middle School. Students in Houston ISD have the opportunity annually to apply to Durham's IB Magnet program. We offer on average 40 seats per year.

No matter which of the various programs your child is a part of, one thing for sure is that we take pride in our school and students. Our teachers incorporate global concepts into lessons so that our students are aware of the similarities and differences of other cultures around the world. At Durham, our goal is to create a well-rounded education for all of our students; we encourage our students to be inquirers as well as risk-takers.

We need your help to make our vision a reality. Our parents and neighbors help in so many ways. WE NEED YOU!

Durham is strengthened by high levels of community engagement and an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The Durham PTA supports our students with fundraising and the investment of volunteer time and talent to support enrichment programs, cultural events, technology upgrades, and campus beautification. And, the PTA is not just for parents. We welcome the time, skills, or financial support of any adult, whether you have a student at Durham or not!

You can:

- * Volunteer your time at our book fair, pumpkin carving night, holiday market, field day, or at teacher appreciation events
- * Go out for a good cause at our annual adults-only Gala on October 16
- * Support our fundraising efforts at Spotty Fun Run on November 11 or by dining out at local restaurants on Spirit Nights
- * Bring the kids and grandkids to Spring Fling and iFest (2022 dates TBD)

We can't wait to meet you on campus or at a future virtual event. Follow the PTA on Facebook at facebook.com/DurhamElementarySchoolPTA for updates, or go to www.durhampta.org/volunteer to get started with volunteer opportunities.

And my sincere thanks to all our long-time community supporters for their decades of support. We appreciate you so much!

Sincerely,
Carrie Flores, Durham Elementary School Principal cflores2@houstonisd.org

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: Leslie Bordelon

Position on Civic Club: Hospitality

What street do you live on? Cheshire (previously on Chantilly till 2020)

Why did you join the Civic Club Board? I love the sense of community that the neighborhood has and I wanted to be a part of that.

What do you hope to do as a Board Member? Hopefully this year, I can get back to throwing events and parties, as those were on hiatus last year.

What's your favorite SPPCC event and why? I really enjoy the beer and wine crawl and had the opportunity to host prior to moving from Chantilly – looking forward to hopefully starting another street-wide tradition on our new street.

What is your favorite local hot spot and why? (i.e., restaurant/drinks/activity) There are so many, it's hard to choose. We really love walking to Ploughman's for lunch, and we love all the new restaurants and bars on Wakefield. Riding our bikes there with our kiddos on the weekends has become a favorite past-time.

What's a fun fact you want to share? I love to plan and love to travel, and that has led to some pretty epic travel-related spreadsheets over the years that have been shared around many times. Hit me up if you are going on a trip soon – I might have a spreadsheet for you. :)



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SPP CALENDAR

September 2021

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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= 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.

August Yard of the Month

Section 1:

Jim and Lisa Petree
1111 Curtin

Section 2:

Kevin and Jessie Wilson
938 Chantilly

Section 3:

Pete and Sharon Santikos
1056 Cheshire Lane

Section 4:

Robert and Sandra Marshall
1016 Candlelight



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New to the neighborhood?

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so we can welcome you officially!

SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME FOR FALL

Keeping up with seasonal maintenance preserves the value of your home.

When you're ready to pass your home on to new hands,
TRUST US to manage the transition in an efficient and tidy way!

Chores

- ☐ Clean out fireplace
- ☐ Clean drip pan under refrigerator
- ☐ Run water and flush unused toilets
- ☐ Flush hot water heater and remove sediment
- ☐ Caulk any gaps in windows, doors or bathrooms

Maintenance

- ☐ Clean out garage
- ☐ Service your furnace
- ☐ Check weatherstripping
- ☐ Check and clean chimney
- ☐ Change out HVAC filters (monthly)
- ☐ Test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors

Curb Appeal

- ☐ Fertilize lawn
- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Rake leaves and dispose of mulch
- ☐ Check and reseal cracks in driveway

Preparedness

- ☐ Prepare Hurricane Kit
 - flashlights
 - water
 - batteries
 - toiletries
 - canned food

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