

# Shepherd Park Plaza

## 2021-2022 Kickoff of Annual Membership & Constable Patrol Program Fundraising

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Shepherd Park Plaza (SPP) is comprised of residents who generously volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of our community. It is through your annual membership dues that the SPP Civic Club can support the neighborhood through a wide range of services. Due to the financial diligence of the SPP Civic Club, we have been able to maintain our annual household membership dues at \$25/ year.

In addition, the SPP Civic Club oversees and administers the SPP and Candlelight Plaza (CP) Constable Patrol Program. This annual contract is through the Harris County Precinct 1 Contract Deputy Constable Program. To join in the Constable Patrol Program, we ask for an additional household contribution of \$295/ year.

### Will you contribute your 2021-2022 Membership Dues? And join the Constable Patrol Program today?

With a total annual contribution of \$320 or just \$0.88 a day, YOU help provide for:

- Volunteer programs that enhance community and property values
  - Welcoming of new neighbors
  - Enforcement of deed restrictions and architectural controls
  - Community relations with City of Houston and other area Civic Clubs / HOA's
- Neighborhood engagement through Events / Social Gatherings / Meetings
  - Oktoberfest, Wine & Beer Crawl, BBQ Cookoff, and National Night Out to name a few!
- Beautification of the neighborhood
  - Entrance bed maintenance
  - Placement and flying of the US flag on our streets for national holidays
  - Yard of the Month and holiday decoration recognition
- Resident communication to ensure timely communication
  - The Plaza Pulse, a monthly newsletter mailed to every house in SPP
  - SPP Website and email notifications
  - SPP Facebook page
- Safety and Security
  - **Constable Patrol Program**, creating rapid response to service calls and visibility of enforcement
  - Citizens on Patrol Program, lead and coordinated by neighborhood residents
  - Curb painting maintenance of address numbers facilitate quick emergency response

During these days of dealing with the virus we know that many of our residents may be dealing with financial hardships. If you are unable to contribute the recommended amount, we understand and welcome any contribution towards our neighborhood efforts! It is our hope and intent to complete all fundraising needs by end of December 2021. For any additional information, please contact your Membership Chair, **Michele Wiechman**, 303-588-0424, [membership@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:membership@shepherdparkplaza.com)

**Contributions accepted via Check, Venmo, or with Credit Card via [www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com](http://www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com)**

## **Shepherd Park Plaza Constable Patrol Program Highlights**

Shepherd Park Plaza has been a participant in the Harris County Precinct 1 Contract Deputy Constable Program since 2000. Through this program, SPP has benefited from contracted constables patrolling the neighborhood, creating high visibility which helps in reducing crimes in the area. As deputies are specifically assigned to a contracted area, the program is known for rapid response to calls for service. Shepherd Park Plaza / Candlelight Plaza contract price split is 70/30 based upon count of homes in respective neighborhood

Your membership provides for **two uniformed deputies** patrolling our neighborhood in a **marked vehicle 80 hours per week**. This provides for a day and night shift patrol coverage! These dedicated officers consider SPP their own neighborhood and are resolved to keep SPP a safe place to live.

The SPP Civic Club sets the Constable patrol hours based on crime statistics for our neighborhood and the patrol hours of our voluntary Citizens Patrol. A great part of the time, our deputy is patrolling our streets while we are all fast asleep. Additionally, officers from the Precinct 1 Harris County Constable's patrol division make numerous sweeps of SPP even when our deputy is not on duty.

Another great benefit of the Constable Program includes the Vacation and Special Watches for those that contribute to the program! The Vacation / Special Watch coverage provides for periodic checks to the home while a resident is out of town or have a particular problem that needs to be addressed.

**We encourage all of our SPP neighbors to call the Constable Dispatch at 713-755-7628 should they witness unusual activity or to address a public safety concern.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Constable Program Liaison, Bill Scheel at [constableliaison@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:constableliaison@shepherdparkplaza.com)

For more details, please check out the Shepherd Park Plaza website at <https://shepherdparkplaza.com/constable-program/>. Please also see more details on our Citizens Patrol at <https://shepherdparkplaza.com/citizens-patrol/>.

*"I really appreciate the Constable Program Vacation Watch! It's such a peace of mind knowing that someone is helping to watch my home while we are away. In fact, with our security cameras, we noticed the constable came by EVERY SINGLE DAY that we were out of town. Thank you for caring about our home as much as you care about yours!"*  
-Elissa W.

*"We found a stray dog on one of our daily dog walks who wasn't excited on being on the streets but wouldn't let us catch him. We called the city and could not get someone to come out so we switched gears and called the Constable. Not only did they help us catch this pup, they also stayed with him until Animal Control could pick him up. Definitely above and beyond the call of duty."*  
-Travis C.

*"We had some automobile burglaries...I expressed my concerns to Captain Hennesey and as a result, increased night patrols have been assigned to SPP.....They stopped several suspicious vehicles and broke up an attempted wheel/rim thief. Thanks to all the officers helping to keep us safe"*  
-Bill S.