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December 2021

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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

Holiday Arch Lighting Parade



The SPP Civic Club is continuing our **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 from your front lawns, waving to our Constables and Santa Claus!

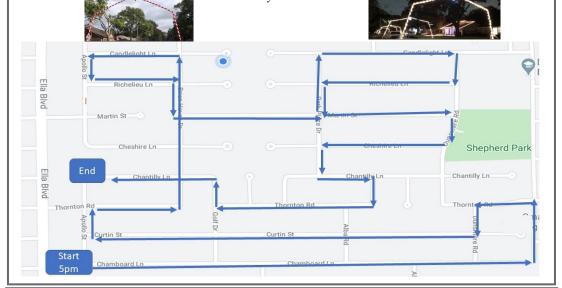
As of November 18th, we are at 56% of our Constable contract goal. Will you help us meet the remaining 44%?

We will be collecting Constable contract contributions during the parade, so feel free to bring a check, scan the QR code on the back of the trailer, send your contributions in today via venmo (@SPPCC) or go online to https://www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com/dues.

So turn on your lights, blow up your decorations, and light those arches by 5pm 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 Chair: Bill Scheel, or your Membership Chair: Philip Billeaud. Contact information available above the Plaza Pulse monthly calendar.



Home Security Checklist

Did you know that the Precinct One Constable office also offers a home security inspection?

You can find the checklist online at https://pct1constable.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Home-Security-Checklist.pdf. After you do a home security review, you can contact the Harris County Constable Precinct 1 Crime Prevention Unit at CrimePrevention@cn1.hctx.net or (713) 755-7677, to set up an appointment to inspect your home. If your home meets the requirements listed, a Deputy can also provide your insurance company with the proper documentation needed for an insurance discount.

This service is provided by Constable Alan Rosen; offered free of charge to Precinct One residents.

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Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club

WINTER HOLIDAY YARD AWARD JUDGING WILL BE THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12TH!

Start planning now for the following award categories!

* Best Overall * Best Traditional * Best Religious * Best Window * Best Door * Best Lighting * Best Street/Cul-de-sac * Best Novelty * Most Original *Children's Favorites * Section Favorite *

Note: No home may win more than one award.

In the Neighborhood HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Long-time SPP resident and former educator, Mrs. Lena McClain recently celebrated her 80th birthday! The Mayor's office declared November 6 as Lena McClain Day. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee hand delivered the declaration!







Left to Right on the group photo: Deputy Diaz, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Lena McClain, Arthur Antony (one of her former 5th grade students who is now 50), and Deputy Ross

HALLOWEEN BUST!

Deputy Lopez and Deputy Martin make a bust Halloween night. Seems this T-Rex didn't have a Harris County Dinosaur License!:)

Thank you to our Constables for keeping our neighborhood safe and having a great sense of humor!

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! https://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 2022 Constable Program sticker, please contact your Section Rep.

Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$295

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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.

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

OCTOBER 2021

CONTRACT CHECKS 673	MILES PATROLLED2,935	MEET THE CITIZEN26
VACATION WATCH88	OPEN DOOR / WINDOW2 ALARM3	
Burglary2	Suspicious Person4 Suspicious Vehicle6	
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF2	Welfare Check2	Information Check2
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE2	Traffic10	Follow-Up1
Animal1	Park Check1	SCHOOL CHECK0

^{**}SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING - CALL CONSTABLE DISPATCH AT 713-755-7628**

VACATION WATCH REGISTRY (*2-WEEK NOTICE*)...HTTP://PCT1CONSTABLE.NET/SIGN-UP/VACATION-WATCH/

SIGN UP FOR THE CONSTABLE OFFICE'S CRIME ALERTS AND NEWSLETTER... HTTPS://PCT1constable.net SELECT SIGN-UP > CRIME ALERTS; NEWSLETTER

CITIZENS PATROL

October 2021

WEEK	TOTAL DRIVING HOURS
1	4
2	6
3	4
4	7
5	3
TOTAL	24

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!

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, places contact Left Poulet.

For more information, please contact Jeff Berlat at jberlat@yahoo.com or 713-502-3529 (leave a voice message) or contact August Galiano at aeg3579@gmail.com.

Check out the Shepherd Park Plaza and Candlelight Plaza video that our Constables made!

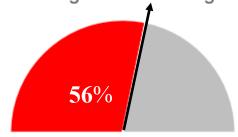
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTRRMsOBVgQ

The next time you see our Constables in the neighborhood, please say hi! They would love to meet you.

We would love to share your story of how you have benefited from the Constable Program! Please email us at pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com

2022 Civic Club Membership and Constable Program Fundraising Updates!

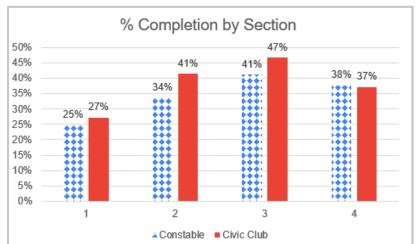
Constable Program Fundraising Progress



Thank you to **Houston Yard Art** for refreshing our Constable Program Fundraising meter!

The meter will be rotating around the different SPP entrances, giving progress updates to our fundraising efforts!





Check out the Constable Program and Civic Club fundraising by Section!

Be apart of the pride that comes with being in the section with the most contributions! Section 3 is the current Section Leader!

See page 2 for details on how to contribute!

Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club 2022 Membership Dues & Constable Patrol Program

www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com

Current Resident

Houston, TX 77018

This is the kickoff mailing for 2022 SPP fundraising for Membership Dues, Constable Patrol Program and Citizens Patrol Program which runs from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. Please update your contact information below and mail your contribution today.

Description	Amount	Fee	
SPP Civic Club Membership Dues	\$	\$25.00	
Deputy Constable Program \$		(Suggested \$295)	
SPP Civic Club Contribution	\$	(Optional)	
Citizens Patrol Contribution	\$	(Optional)	
Total Amount	\$		

Payments may be submitted using enclosed envelope OR PayPal via www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com.

Please update latest membership information in our database for this address.

Obtain contact info for any board member

Current Membership Database Details			
Name 1 - First, Last			
Name 2 - First, Last			
Address			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone 1 & 2			
Email 1			
Email 2			

Include Contact Information in Shepherd Park Plaza Directory	Make check payable to SPP Civic Club
YES	Please return form & payment to:
□ NO	SPPCC Membership Director
Visit www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com to	P.O. Box 10453
 Add your name to the email alert list 	Houston, TX 77206-0453
 Read the latest and archived SPP Pulse Newsletters 	





Grab Your Spot for Holiday in the Park Saturday, Dec. 4th, 9-11am!

Bring the family and 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!

Families must RSVP online at https://tinyurl.com/plazamomsholiday to pick a time slot to arrive within.

These time slots are just for arrival and your picture with Santa.

After that, feel free to stay as long as you like or pick up your crafts and food & take them to go!





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. Also, check out our new website: https://plazamomssociety.wildapricot.org

Rotary Club of Houston Heights

Ever wish you could make new friends while you are contributing to the improvement of the Heights area community?

You can accomplish all this and more as a member of the Rotary Club of Houston Heights! Last year the club contributed \$39,000 to over a dozen worthy nonprofits. We focus on kids, families, healthcare, food for the needy, education and housing. Rotary International is comprised of 1,200,000 members in 35,000 clubs located in 159 countries. In Rotary, we celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion. It doesn't matter who you are, who you love, how you worship, whether you have a disability, or what culture or country you (or your family) are from. All that matters is that you want to take action to create lasting, positive change in our local communities.

Heights Rotary was founded in 1939. Today we have forty five members. At our weekly noon meetings, you'll establish friendly relationships with small business owners, health care professionals, independent salespersons, lawyers, CPAs, bankers, professional fund raisers, owners of restaurants, engineers, financial consultants, realtors, and more! We are all brought together by a common interest in serving others.

Heights Rotary meets from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, at Collina's Italian Café, 502 West 19th Street. A thirty minute program focusing on important issues anchors each meeting. You are invited to visit anytime.

Please contact Ken Stallman, a Shepherd Park resident, 713-870-0764, for more information about Rotary. Participation in Rotary can enrich your life and provide a way for you to participate in the Heights community.





C: 832.687.8499 josh.anderson@angeloakhomeloans.com Apply Online: joshanderson.angeloakhomeloans.com



The 2021-2022 Garden Club meets 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

Looking for a gift for a garden-loving friend or family member? If so, here are a few suggestions:

- A garden book or magazine subscription specific to Houston or Texas. Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac as well as Texas Gardener Magazine are great resources for timely garden tips all year round.
- A fun flower pot will surely be filled quickly and the receiver will think of you every time they look at it.
- Gift cards to local plant and garden stores such as Wabash Feed and Garden or Joshua's Native Plants & Garden will let the recipient pick a gift they love while also supporting a local business.

Garden Club Monthly Local Highlight

Looking for a creative outlet this holiday season? The Houston Botanic Garden is the place for you. HBG has several upcoming events that let you explore your creative side while also deepening your understanding of plants and nature. Fairy Gardening (December 3) will inspire participants to repurpose items from the garden to construct whimsical fairy houses and create a miniature garden. Botanic tiaras (December 10) will inspire participants to use flowers, foliage, and other items to create tiaras. For more information, please visit http://hbg.org/events/

Garden Club Member Yard of the Month

This month's yard of the month goes to Julie Hetrick. The Hetrick's front yard has several bee and butterfly attracting plants including Mexican Heather and multiple colors of Vinca. They also have a beautiful Vitex bush, purple dwarf Loropetalum and Iris bushes that are well groomed and masterfully layered. The front yard is also home to several pumpkins and a colorful turkey to celebrate the fall season. Congratulations to Julie!



Mark It, Photograph It, Record It

With the holidays upon us and more decorations being placed, don't forget to take a few extra minutes to label your decorations! If you remember the October 2020 Crime Alert where there was a burglary in Garden Oaks, the stolen property was RECOVERED by the Constable's office because "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 and reminder 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.

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 thankful 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 contribution for 2022, please do so now. Additional information is available on page 2 and 4.

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Decorations Gingerbread Constable Vacation
Stocking Durham Wreath Awards
Hanukkah Parade Family Santa
Elves Party

Answers on page 8

Do you have a budding journalist or future writer in your family? We are considering having this 'Kids Corner' feature guest articles / content from our little neighbors! If you have a child who would be interested in being a rotating guest columnist, please let us know by emailing Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com

Support our local public schools!



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Waltrip High School

We look forward to sharing ways you can support Waltrip High School in future newsletters!

Editor's Eats

By Rachel Mathews, Plaza Pulse Editor

d'Alba

If you've driven down Alba recently, you may have noticed the new restaurant, d'Alba. Marketed as "a new modern American neighborhood restaurant and bar with a beautiful patio," d'Alba has stayed consistently busy since opening. The restaurant is still operating on a soft opening menu, but the offerings are delicious! The highlights are the warm marinated beets, alongside several varieties of wood-fired pizzas, pastas, salads. Don't forget the cocktail menu. d'Alba has local craft beers, wine, and unique cocktails, such as the We All Float, made with Deep Eddy Lime and raspberry sorbet, and the Rise & Shine, made with Jameson, lemon, ginger, and mint.

While close enough to walk or bike from Shepherd Park if you choose, d'Alba has a parking lot, and street parking is also available. The large patio is expansive and pet friendly. Be aware of local construction on Wakefield, and when you go, let us know your favorite menu items!

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Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club Board

Do you want to be a leader in our neighborhood? Do you want to join a fun group of volunteers dedicated to serving the neighborhood?

Then please consider learning more about the positions on the Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club Board! Reach out to the current incumbent and find out more information! We would love to share what we do and opportunities for partnership!! Contact information for Civic Club Board Members can be found online at https://shepherdparkplaza.com/ or by reaching out to the pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com and we can point you in the right direction.

> Elections for the 2022-2023 Civic Club Board will be held March 2022. Information to open positions will be shared in early Spring Plaza Pulse newsletters.

"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead









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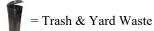




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Deed Restrictions 713-316-5255	Architecture Control 713-316-5255	Entrance Bed 713-501-3695	Plaza Moms Rep plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com	Garden Club Rep 303-588-0424	
Section 1 Rep 713-882-8613	Section 2 Rep Section2@shepherdparkplaza.com	Section 3 Rep 832-655-3425	Section 4 Rep 713-291-4485	SPP Civic Club president@shepherdparkplaza.com	

SPP CALENDAR December 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HAPPY HANUKKAH			SPPCCinitation Board Mtg	2	3	PLAZA MOMS 4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
WINTER HOLIDAY AWARD JUDGING!	13	GARDEN GARDEN	15	16 JUNK WASTE	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	6 Meruy Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	HAPPY NEW YEAR



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.

November Yard of the Month			
Section 1: Ryan & Arwen Prater 949 Chamboard	Section 2: Jim & Rita Rogers 1127 Chantilly		
Section 3: David Bartula 1051 Cheshire	Section 4: Billy and Doris Craighead 1139 Richelieu		



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SPP Wants to Welcome You

New to the neighborhood?

Contact Courtney Carlson Siegmund at courtneytcarlson@gmail.com so we can welcome you officially!





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