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March 2022

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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



Join your neighbors for a BBQ Cookoff and Bakeoff!

Tickets can be purchased in advance by:
- Credit card by visiting https://shepherdparkplaza.com/bbq
- Venmo (@SPPCC)

Be sure to indicate your name and event in the memo or comments!

All proceeds go to the SPP Constable Program. Questions? Contact pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com

All SPP residents are invited to join for SPPCC Business Meeting on March 26th before the SPP BBQ Cookoff & Bakeoff!

We'll meet and elect the 2022 - 2023 Civic Club Board, as well as discuss how YOU can get more involved in the neighborhood. Please join us!

Please stay tuned to Facebook and email for the final SPPCC Board Member nominations!

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Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club

Welcome New Residents!

New to the neighborhood? Looking to connect and find out more information about the Shepherd Park Plaza neighborhood? Please contact our SPP Civic Club Board Greeters so we can welcome you officially! All new neighbors receive a welcome packet, so reach out to our neighborhood greeters at courtneytcarlson@gmail.com if you haven't received yours.

Looking to get involved in your section? Contact your Section Rep!

Names are shown on the left side of page 1 and contact information is available online at https://shepherdparkplaza.com, under SPP Civic Club - Officers & Committees.

Want to show your SPP pride?

Purchase a SPP koozie! \$6 for 1, \$10 for 2. Pay via Venmo @sppcc and email <u>courtneytearlson@gmail.com</u> to coordinate pick-up. Limited supplies, so order yours today!

Save the Date!

We have a lot of fun events coming up this spring! Stay tuned to the Plaza Pulse, SPP Facebook group, and emails for more information!

- SPP BBQ Cookoff and Bakeoff March 26, 1 4pm
- SPP Garden Club Plant Sale April 9
- Plaza Mom's Easter Event April 9
- SPP Community Garage Sale May 7, 8am Noon

Upcoming Holiday Yard Awards

The next SPPCC Holiday Yard Awards will be for Easter! Start planning now for the available awards: Best Overall, Most Religious, and Section Favorite. Judging will take place in early April.

In the Community

Would you like to support Boy Scout Troop 277? Holiday flag service is a fundraiser for the troop, as well as for the individual scout. The half that goes directly to an account for the individual scout allows the scout to fund his own way for camps and high adventure outings. The scout will place a flag in your yard for these holidays: ◆ Presidents' Day ◆ Memorial Day ◆ Independence Day ◆ Labor Day (until after Patriot's Day on 9/11) ◆ Veteran's Day ◆

The cost is \$50 per year, which includes posting, retrieving, and storage. In addition, any flags that become damaged will be replaced, and if you currently have flags that need to be retired, the scout will also take those! For more information, contact 277flags@gmail.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! 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*

JANUARY 2021

CONTRACT CHECKS 234	MILES PATROLLED3,778	MEET THE CITIZEN44
VACATION WATCH71	OPEN DOOR / WINDOW0	ALARM3
Burglary0	Suspicious Person2	Suspicious Vehicle3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEFO	Welfare Check1	Information Check2
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE2	Traffic9	Follow-Up0
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

Check out the Shepherd Park Plaza and Candlelight Plaza video that our Constables made! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTRRMsOBVgQ

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Left: Deputy Lopez Right: Deputy Purcell 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.

CITIZENS PATROL

December 2021

TOTAL WEEK DRIVING HOURS

TOTAL 21

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 **Deborah De**

Bram!
Thank you to all our volunteers!

Drainage Project

The City of Houston Garden Oaks and Shepherd Park (West) Drainage and Paving Project has officially kicked off.

Impacted residents and businesses are encouraged to contact city contractor Maher Matta at 713-501-3771, public works project manager Ismat Ara at 832-395-2394 and public works inspector Charles Jones at 281-382-7971 with requests or concerns.

Questions? Contact City of Houston buildfoward@houstontx.gov or 713.387.0311

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 jberlat@yahoo.com or 713-502-3529 (leave a voice message).





The 2021-2022 Garden Club meets on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Please contact our Club President, Susan Fitzpatrick, at gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com for details.

We would love to have you!

Garden Club Tip of the Month

If you're looking to plant an edible garden this year, March is a great time to get started. When deciding what to grow, companion planting is something you should consider. Companion planting is the practice of growing different plants near each other for mutual benefit. Planting flowers in your vegetable garden such as sunflowers, marigolds, or zinnias can help to repel pests as well as attract beneficial pollinators. Similarly, if tomatoes and peppers are in your garden this year, consider planting basil or other herbs nearby. To maximize the benefit of the herbs, consider letting some of them flower- but not all of them! Note that letting herbs flower can alter the taste if you wish to use them in the kitchen.

Garden Club Monthly Local Highlight

Save the Date! The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club will be holding it's annual plant sale on Saturday, April 9th. This is a great opportunity to enhance your yard with some new plants, many of which are grown in the neighborhood by garden club members. Whether you're looking to stock up to build your garden or seeking a fun accent there will be something for you. More details will be announced closer to the sale.

Garden Club Yard of the Month

After a few frozen days and nights in February, we have decided to take this month off from awarding a Yard of the Month. This will allow our members get their frostbitten gardens groomed and ready for a beautiful blooming spring and summer.

FREE COVID-19 At-Home Tests

Residential households can order one set of 4 free at-home test from USPS.com. It's fast and easy! Go to https://special.usps.com/testkits for information and order form.











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Durham Elementary Kindergarten Round-Up

Durham Elementary will be hosting a Kindergarten round-up registration event for the 2022-2023 school year on **Saturday, March 5**, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Parents can bring enrollment documents and register on site. For parents seeking information about pre-K enrollment, please visit www.hisdchoice.com.

Required enrollment documents include:

- Proof of address (utility bill, such as light, gas, water, or lease)
- Child's original birth certificate
- Child's immunization record
- Parent identification



Editor's Eats: SPOTLIGHT - Great Heights Brewing Company

By Rachel Mathews, Plaza Pulse Editor

We wanted to take the opportunity to call out great places on Wakefield that are being affected by ongoing construction. We are so fortunate to have these options in our neighborhood, and we wanted to remind you of an existing favorite or tempt you into visiting a new-to-you location.

Great Height Brewery is a fantastic local spot with several seasonal and year-round beers, ranging from Lager-ish Kolsch, a light, crisp beer, to Citramendous, an IPA with notes of grapefruit. Seltzer and wine are available for those who don't prefer beer, and there are a couple of soft drink options for the kids. If you get hungry, try one of the food trucks on Wakefield!

Check traffic directions when heading out, as that can change regularly depending on the phase of construction. Great Heights is close enough to bike to if the construction is a concern. Check their Facebook page for most recent updates regarding the construction, available beers, and food trucks.

Great Heights Brewing Company | https://ghbrewing.com/ | (281) 220-6900

Kid's Corner

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Shamrock Ireland Patrick Rainbow Blarney Parade March Clover Irish Green Luck Gold 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

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Support our local public schools!



Durham Elementary

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- Kroger Community Rewards Durham Elementary
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- Box Tops Download the Box Tops app and scan grocery receipts



Frank Black Middle School

- Amazon Smile Frank Black Middle School PTO
- Kroger Community Rewards FBMS PANTHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM #PV93
- Box Tops Download the Box Tops

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Need a nearby beach getaway for the weekend for a small family? Check out this Crystal Beach, TX vacation rental through VRBO. It's bright and cheery and pet friendly. It's property ID#2413197 Owners are SPP residents.



Check out this beach vacation rental in Crystal Beach, TX. It's perfect for several couples with kids or a 3-generation family getaway. It's property ID#2214815 on VRBO.

Owners are SPP residents.

Meet Your Civic Club Member!



Name: Kelly McNeill

Position on Civic Club: Secretary

What street do you live on? Richelieu

Why did you join the Civic Club Board? I love this neighborhood and wanted to give back in some way.

What do you hope to do as a Board Member? To provide leadership and collaboration in the ongoing work our Civic Club provides to the neighborhood.

What's your favorite SPP event and why? Definitely the Wine Crawl. It is always a wonderful fall event to kick off the holiday season.

What is your favorite local hot spot and why? I love Plonk. It has a great atmosphere, menu, and of course, wine. It is nice to have a wine bar and restaurant of this quality so close to home.

What's a fun fact you want to share? When I first moved into the neighborhood there were black squirrels that lived in the park and the surrounding area. They are larger and more robust than the gray squirrels. Unfortunately, there are very few remaining. If you are able to see one you can consider yourself very lucky.

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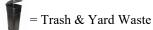
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Section 1 Rep 713-882-8613	Section 2 Rep Section2@shepherdparkplaza.com	Section 3 Rep 832-655-3425	Section 4 Rep 713-291-4485	SPP Civic Club president@shepherdparkplaza.com

SPP CALENDAR March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	SPPCC**********************************	3	4	5
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



= 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.



February Yard of the Month	
Section 1: Laurie Cacioppo 963 Curtin	Section 2: Kelly and Bruce Wilkin 4714 Brian Haven
Section 3: Taylor and Leah Leftwich 1013 Martin St	Section 4: Creston and Holly Inderrieden 1008 Candlelight



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SPP Wants to Welcome You

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Contact our neighborhood greeters at courtneytcarlson@gmail.com so we can welcome you officially!

Fran Marino 713-530-5330 fran@franmarino.com Remember to call your friend 'Fran"

2022 Rodeo Houston Entertainment Schedule

Cody Johnson



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March 1	Keith Urban
March 2	Tim McGraw
March 3	King & Country
March 4	Ricky Martin
March 5	Jon Pardi
March 6	Los Tucanes De Tijuana
March 7	Luke Bryan
March 8	Maren Morris
March 9	Kane Brown
March 10	Journey
March 11	Bun B's H-Town Takeover
March 12	Parker McCollum
March 13	Dierks Bentley
March 14	Sam Hunt
March 15	Gwen Stefani
March 16	Khalid
March 17	Chris Stapleton
March 18	Marshmello
March 19	Brad Paisley
March 20	George Strait



2022 RODEOHOUSTON* ITERTAINER LINEUP

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY















































Tickets on sale Jan. 13, 10 a.m. at rodeohouston.com!

All show times are at 6:45 PM unless otherwise noted. For more information visit:

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