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December 2022

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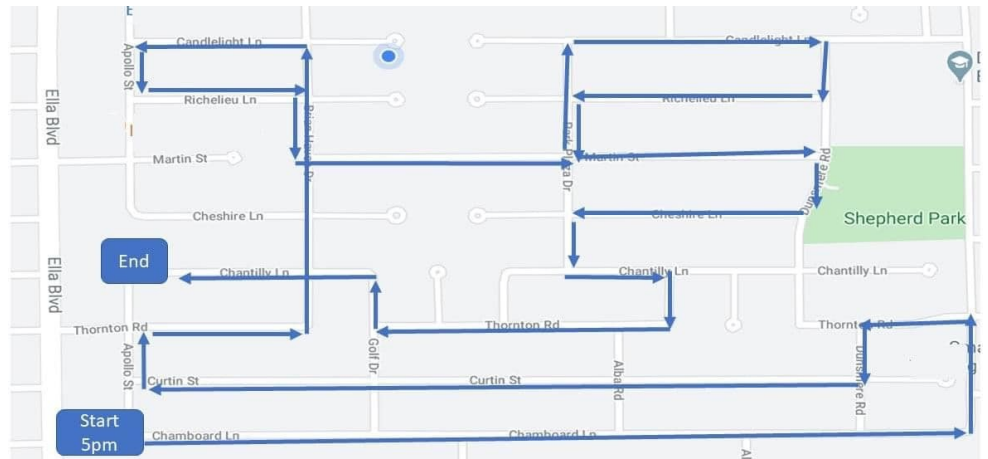
Do you have an interesting story or news you want to share? Do you have ideas about content that you would like to see in future Plaza Pulse Newsletters?

We want to hear from you! Please let us know by emailing
Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month



The SPP Civic Club is continuing the tradition of a constable parade through the neighborhood. **Turn on your lights, showcase your decorations, and light those arches by December 4 at 5pm, or light them as the parade passes!** Those who want to participate in the parade in their golf carts or vehicles can meet at the corner of Chamboard and Apollo at 5pm.



2023 Constable Program Fundraising Update

As of end of October, **37%** of our SPP homes have contributed to the 2023 Constable Program Fundraising. Our formal fundraising push will end December 31st.
Will you help us in this final month by participating in the 2023 Constable Fundraising?

Thank you very much to all of our neighbors who have contributed thus far to the 2023 Constable Fundraising.
We especially thank and appreciate those who have gone above and beyond in their donations!

For those who have contributed, the 2023 Constable Stickers will be distributed beginning in January 2023.
Questions? Please contact the Membership Chair or your Section Rep.



Left: Deputy Osviel Lopez – Day Deputy
Right: Deputy Maria Aguirre – Night

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 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 2023 - 2024 Civic Club Board will be held March 2023.

“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

Editor Eats

By Rachel Mathews

Cold weather (well, Texas-cold) is upon us, and that means some will be seeking out warm, comforting meals. When the craving hits, venture out to Sao Lao Thai Café. Once Pho-jita Food Truck, Sao Lao now has a brick and mortar on North Shepherd and just celebrated their one-year anniversary. The highlights for us were the drunken noodles, chicken pho, and the boat noodle soup, which has been called the best boat noodle soup in Houston by several patrons. Sao Lao is counter service, but that gives you an opportunity to pick up a bag of light, airy rose cookies before you go. Aside from soup and noodles, Sao Lao also offers dumplings, red curry, and several more Thai faves.

Sao Lao Thai Café | 5013 N. Shepherd | 832-203-5920 | saolaothaicafe.com

SHOP SAFELY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Shopping in Person

- Be vigilant when walking in and out of stores, in parking lots, and stay off your phone.
- Lock your vehicle and ensure that any valuables are out of sight.
- Shop with a friend, there is safety in numbers.
- Carry your purse close or place your wallet inside one of your pockets.
- Have your keys ready when walking to your vehicle.
- Ask a store associate or store security officer for help to your vehicle if you feel unsafe.
- Leaving purchases in your vehicle is not recommended, if needed, do so in a locked trunk.
- If you feel that someone is following your vehicle, drive to a police station and call police, do not drive home.
- Exercise additional caution when shopping with young children.

Online Shopping

- Before starting your online shopping, ensure your anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-spam software is up to date and you have a strong firewall installed.
- Use a secure connection, avoid using public Wi-Fi.
- Shop on safe sites, look for https: instead of http: or a lock symbol on Macs.
- Utilize Third-Party Payment options such as PayPal, Venmo, Zelle, etc. for safer checkouts.
- Never give out your personal information to people who call or email you.

Avoid Package Theft

- Have your packages delivered to your workplace or an alternative location if you are away from home.
- Video doorbells and outdoor security systems can be effective theft deterrents.
- Package lockboxes are useful when available.
- Request a delivery signature.

Third-Party Payment Options

- When setting up Third-Party Payment options such as PayPal, Venmo, Zelle, etc. always utilize two factor authentication.
- Enable alerts to receive notifications of changes to your account.
- Set up a PIN Code.
- Secure your phone with a lock screen.
- Keep your account settings private.

Safe Package Exchange Sites

1302 Preston Street, Houston, Texas 77002 and
7300 N. Shepherd Drive, Houston, TX 77091

- Look for this Present Purchase Safe Zone sign.
- There are cameras directed at the sites and deputies nearby to keep you safe.
- The program runs through December 25th.

Contact Us

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BEWARE OF SCAMS

Please be aware scammers are pretending to be representatives from the Texas Workforce Commission, the Federal Stimulus Program, Census, IRS, and COVID-19 testers.

NEVER give away personal information and remember, these agencies will **NEVER** ask you for a credit card or bank account information!

pct1constable.net/scam

Curious where your \$25 annual SPP Membership dues go?

We use these funds in numerous ways! Below are just a few...

- Street Number Curb Painting
- New Neighbor Welcome Packets
- Plaza Pulse Newsletter and Website
- Yard of the Month and Decorating Awards
- Flower Beds at Entrances
- Placement and flying of US flag on streets for national holidays

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 (email carmenbusceme@gmail.com) so we can welcome you officially! All new neighbors receive a welcome packet, so reach out to our neighborhood greeters if you haven't received yours.

Going on vacation soon? Planning to be away from home for an extended time?

Be sure to sign up for the Constable Vacation Watch! Recommended to give a 2-week notice, if possible.

<http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/>

Do you have an upcoming celebration? Do you want to give a special shout out of recognition or honor?

\$25 will secure you a business card size space to highlight and share your news! All proceeds go to the SPP Constable Program fundraising. Send an email to the Pulse Editors at Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com for any questions and content submission. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. First paid, first published. Spaces limited to 4 shout outs per month.

Winter Holiday Decorating Awards

Start planning now for the below award categories! Judging will take place December 14 & 15.

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

Note: No home may win more than one award.

In the Community

Based upon 2020 Census data, the Houston City Council has voted to approve and adopt a redistricting plan that will establish new boundaries of City Council Districts. Due to this redistricting, Shepherd Park Plaza will be in District H, effective January 2024. For more information, please visit <https://www.letstalkhouston.org/redistricting>.

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.

<https://shepherdparkplaza.com/dues>

Can't remember if you contributed? Check link online or email Membership@shepherdparkplaza.com.

If you haven't received your Constable Program sticker, please contact your Section Rep.

Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$325



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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Writing a business plan

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SPP Garden Club

Please join us for our January 9th meeting at 1054 Cheshire.
Program will feature the Underhill Urban Farm with a focus on getting your spring garden ready!
Doors open at 6:45pm.

We would love to have you!

Email gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com with any questions.

Garden Club Member Yard of the Month

November Yard of the Month is the home of Coleen Roberts at 943 Thornton. She has gone native in her yard and created a happy home for bees and butterflies. The day we visited there were over 40 butterflies sipping on her flowers. Milkweed, blue mist flower, cosmos, purple aster, Indian blanket, creeping zinnia, crown flower, umbrella wort, and lantana are the main attractions for her pollinators. For people, Colleen has yarrow, garlic chives, tomatoes, as well as a pear and an orange tree.

The next sunny warm day, stop by and see if you can spot some butterflies.



Save the date! Garden Club Plant Sale on April 1, 2023

Garden Club Local Highlight

Looking for trees and wanting to save on your budget? Keep an eye out for future Trees for Houston tree giveaways! The local organization has monthly free tree giveaways during planting season around the city. There are quite a few upcoming tree giveaways already scheduled for December! In addition, Trees for Houston is currently breaking ground to build their new campus right outside our neighborhood off 43rd between Ella and TC Jester, across from Waltrip High School. Find out more about this great local organization at <https://www.treesforhouston.org>



'Tis the season for holiday fun and Plaza Moms has just the two events you need to get in the Christmas Spirit. Start your December off with a visit to Mr. Santa Claus himself at Plaza Moms Holiday in the Park on December 3rd from 9:00-11:00am. Come visit our very own Land of Sweets to get your family photo made with the big man, drop off your gift wish list in his trusty sack, grab some breakfast, and maybe even do a craft or two. This is guaranteed to be fun for the whole family, so secure your spot now.

Families must RSVP online at <https://tinyurl.com/holidayinthepark2022> to secure an arrival time. These time slots are specific to your arrival and time with Santa, so feel free to stay as long as you would like afterward. For more information and to sign up, visit plazamomssociety.wildapricot.org

But don't put away your Christmas outfit too quickly after Saturday's event because Plaza Moms Annual White Elephant gift exchange is just a few days later. Bust out your best Christmas sweater and join your fellow moms on **December 6th at 7:30pm** for an evening of holiday cheer! Wrap up a favorite thing to exchange, and get excited for what you will take home in return!

Holiday in the Park:

December 3rd, 9:00-11:00am
Shepherd Park

White Elephant Gift Exchange

December 6th, 7:30pm
1013 Martin Street, Houston, TX 77018

For more information on Plaza Moms, visit us at plazamomssociety.wildapricot.org or email us at plaza.moms.houston@gmail.org



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Shepherd Park Plaza neighbor



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FIGURES ARE FOR ENTIRE CONTRACT, INCLUDING SPP AND CANDLELIGHT PLAZA

OCTOBER 2022

CONTRACT CHECKS... 313	MILES PATROLLED...4,140	MEET THE CITIZEN / OFFICER... 14
VACATION WATCH...21	OPEN DOOR / WINDOW... 1	ALARM...0
BURGLARY...0	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...4	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...7
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF...0	WELFARE CHECK... 1	INFORMATION CALL... 1
DISTURBANCE ...3	TRAFFIC...6	FOLLOW-UP...7
ANIMAL...4	PARK CHECK...2	SCHOOL CHECK...0

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

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

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

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



Left: Deputy Osviel Lopez – Day Deputy
Right: Deputy Maria Aguirre – Night

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

OCT 2022

**TOTAL
WEEK DRIVING
HOURS**

TOTAL 13

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 **Katherine Peale!** 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, please contact Jeff Berlat at jberlat@yahoo.com or 713-502-3529 (leave a voice message).

Drainage Project

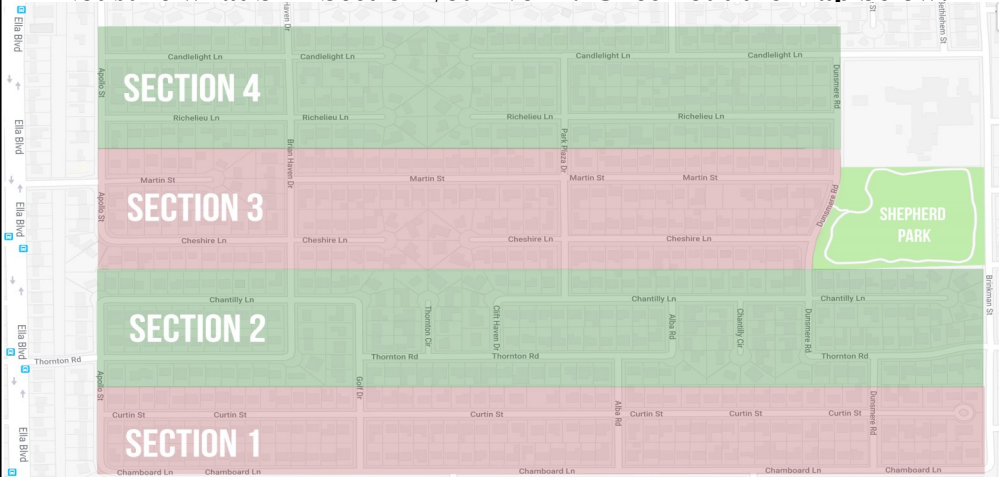
The City of Houston Garden Oaks and Shepherd Park (West) Drainage and Paving Project is continuing.

See link below for project details: <https://www.engagehouston.org/garden-oaks-shepherd-park-west>

Questions? Contact City of Houston
buildforward@houston.tx.gov or
713.387.0311

Info on the Garden Oaks & Shepherd Park East project here: <https://www.engagehouston.org/garden-oaks-and-shepherd-park-east>

Not sure what SPP Section you live in? Check out the map below!



Deed Restriction questions?

Check out the Section Deed Restrictions online at <https://shepherdparkplaza.com>. Want to talk to someone? Contact our Deed Restriction and Architecture Control Board Member, Darryl Rickaway, at 713-316-5255.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

POLICE/FIRE: 911

CITY HELPLINE: 311

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SPP CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



= Trash & Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling



Please place bins in the street, not on the sidewalk/curb.

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.

Ready to pay your annual Civic Club dues and join the Constable Contract?

Pay via Venmo (@SPPCC) or scan the QR code for more information
Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$325



NOVEMBER Yard of the Month

Section 1: Bob & Cindy Wolfram 4507 Apollo	Section 2: Todd Dawson & Patricia Brouassa 979 Thornton
Section 3: Kevin & Eva Kim 1016 Martin	Section 4: Bob & Paulette Partin 1062 Candlelight



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so we can welcome you officially!

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MAKING THE SEASON BRIGHT

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