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June 2023

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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

Neighborhood
4TH OF JULY PARADE
9:00AM Parade starts at Bethlehem & Apollo
Followed by Kona Ice at Shepherd Park
Hosted by SPP Civic Club, CP Civic Club, & Plaza Moms

Additional Parade Details and Map on Page 3

Durham Elementary School PTA Recognized as Most Award-Winning PTA in Houston ISD for Second Year in a Row

Houston, TX - The Durham Elementary School PTA has once again been named the most award-winning PTA in all of Houston Independent School District (HISD) for the second consecutive year. With a membership of over 224 members, including every faculty member on campus, the PTA received recognition for their growing involvement of parents, membership of all faculty, and membership and involvement of men in the PTA, among other achievements.

The PTA received a total of five awards for their hard work and dedication, including recognition on the Superintendent's Report Card. Their commitment to fostering a strong sense of community and involvement in the school has paid off, with membership at a five-year high. In addition to their PTA awards, Durham Elementary School earned an A rating from the Texas Education Agency in their 2022 School Report Card, with special distinction for achievement in science and academic growth.

Parents and community members interested in seeing how their own school stacks up can view the Texas PTA roster at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CGK-c48zzMEyotDXIPg_Idv2gg20kktBStOUNFgX3Oo/edit#gid=0.

About Durham Elementary School: Durham Elementary School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) magnet and dual-language campus in Houston ISD. The school has educated students from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade in the Garden Oaks/Oak Forest area for over 50 years. For more information, please contact: Kelly Levar, vp2@durhampta.org, 832-721-0304.

Around the neighborhood

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 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/>

Neighborhood Shout Outs!

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 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.

Garage Sale Report

The garage sale held on May 7th was a big success! We had over 20 homes participating and neighbors reported many visitors and lots of things sold. Our next garage sale will be in the fall. Many thanks to Deborah De Bram for coordinating this event.

In the Neighborhood

City of Houston Drainage and Paving Project - REMINDER!

The City of Houston Garden Oaks and Shepherd Park (West) Drainage and Paving Project is continuing to progress. As a reminder - please be sure to take before / after pictures of your yard, should any issues arise.

<https://www.engagehouston.org/garden-oaks-shepherd-park-west>

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

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.

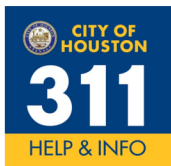
Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$325

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/



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.



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.



The Plaza Garden Club meets on the second Monday of the month, September - May. Please contact gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com for details if you would like to join us in the fall! We would love to have you!

Garden Club Member Yard of the Month

The Garden Club Yard of the Month for May is Anna Arata's home. Her flower beds are designed in layers, which give depth and dimension to her home. The front layer is Asiatic Jasmine that is low to the ground. Behind that are Little Gem boxwoods, then a row of yaupon holly. The back row is Red Beauty holly, which will have beautiful red berries loved by birds. The red begonias and white geraniums provide a bright splash of color. Stop by and admire her artistic touch. Congratulations, Anna, on a job well done!



Neighborhood 4th of July Parade details:

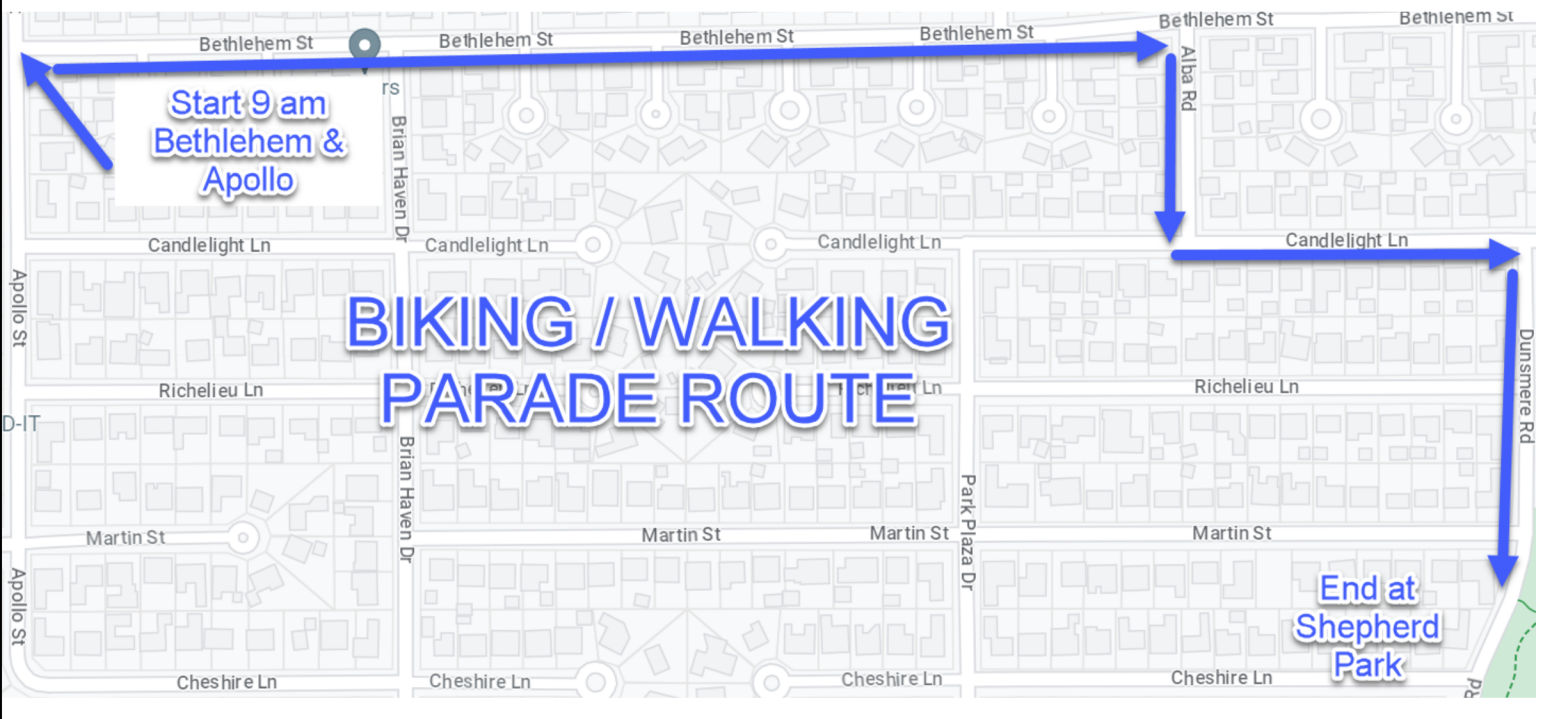
Please come dressed in your most patriotic gear! This includes decorating your bike, golf cart, and self! Don't forget your helmet!



Please be **READY** at the parade start by 8:45am to ensure you are included in the parade!



Parade order will be golf carts, bikes, then walkers and strollers. This allows for a smooth flow and pace.



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Be Aware. Share the Road. Save a Life.

written by Carmen Busceme



Spring has sprung and summer has begun! With the changing seasons, Shepherd Park Plaza is bustling with families enjoying the outdoors by walking, running, and cycling throughout the neighborhood. Between the cars, construction, and pedestrians, let's refresh and review safety measures that we should all observe daily.

Everyone: Be alert all the time. Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals. Make eye contact with drivers and pedestrians. Never assume the other person sees you! Err on the side of courtesy and respect for your neighbor.

Drivers: Slow down and always be prepared to stop quickly. Be patient and recognize that you are sharing the roads with your neighbors.

Walkers: Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. If there is no sidewalk, or a sidewalk isn't accessible, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

Runners: Run facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

Cyclists: Ride single-file in the direction of traffic. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

Have you seen neighbors wearing lights instead of reflectors to increase visibility? Looking to get one for yourself? Check out brands like noxgear.com or avantolifestyle.com.

We love our neighborhood, the quality of life it offers, and the families who reside here. With each of us doing our part, we can enjoy the roads together safely for years to come.

Some helpful links for more on this subject:

<http://txdot.gov/en/home/safety/bicycle-pedestrian-safety/pedestrian-safety.html>

<http://txdot.gov/en/home/safety/traffic-safety-campaigns/bicycle-safety.html>

<http://txdot.gov/en/home/safety/traffic-safety-campaigns/distracted-driving.html>

<https://www.rrca.org/education/for-runners/runner-safety-tips/>

<http://txdot.gov/en/home/safety/traffic-safety-campaigns/work-zones.html>

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 Figures are for entire contract, including SPP and Candlelight Plaza
April 2023

CONTRACT CHECKS...314	MILES PATROLLED...2,883	MEET THE CITIZEN / OFFICER...8
VACATION WATCH...33	SOLICITORS...1	ALARM...1
BURGLARY...1	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...2	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF...0	WELFARE CHECK...0	INFORMATION CALL...2
DISTURBANCE...2	TRAFFIC...3	FOLLOW-UP...4
ANIMAL...0	PARK CHECK...5	SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT...6

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

May 2023	
Total Driving Hours	11

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!

Energy Saving Tips:

- Set thermostats 2 to 3 degrees higher during peak times (usually 2 PM to 8 PM); programmable thermostats should be optimally set to 78 degrees while no one is home.
- Close blinds, shades, and curtains on windows which are exposed to direct sunlight.
- Avoid using large appliances, such as ovens, washing machines, and dishwashers, especially during peak times; Delay charging electric vehicles and running pool pumps until after peak hours if possible.
- Turn off and unplug lights and non-essential appliances when not in use.

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Hurricane Season starts June 1st.

Get ready now!



Take time now to prepare a hurricane emergency kit. Check below for items to include in your kit.

Don't wait until a warning is issued and the stores are empty or closed.

Prepare an emergency plan and make sure every member of your family knows what to do if they aren't home when an emergency is declared.

Image: NOAA

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water and non-perishable food for several days
- Extra cell phone battery or charger
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener (if kit contains canned food)

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- Important documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- Cash and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items and hand sanitizer
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil

Source: www.ready.gov

IMPORTANT CONTACTS			POLICE / FIRE: 911	CITY HELPLINE: 311
Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628	HPD (non-emergency) 713-884-3131	Plaza Pulse Editor pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com	Plaza Pulse Advertising advertising@shepherdparkplaza.com	SPP Membership membership@shepherdparkplaza.com
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SPP Calendar **June 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 	14 	15 JUNK WASTE	16	17
18 	19	20 	21 	22	23	24
25	26	27 	28	29	30	

 =Trash  =Recycling



By request of our collectors, 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. JUNK is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material.




Clark/Kotzur Team
RE/MAX More

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Debbie Kotzur
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 debbie@debbiekotzur.com

MAY Yard of the Month	
Section 1: Travis & Laura Tucker 1106 Curtin	Section 2: Gary & Sarrah Moseley 1147 Thornton
Section 3: Bob & Raycene Hilsher 1105 Martin	Section 4: Chad & Kelly Owens 1033 Candlelight



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Ready to pay your annual Civic Club dues and
join the Constable Contract?
Pay via Venmo (@SPPCC) or scan the QR code!
Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$325



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
- Flower Beds at Entrances
- Plaza Pulse Newsletter and Website
- Yard of the Month and Decorating Awards
- Placement of US flag on light poles for national holidays