



THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

September 2023

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5K

2023 SHORT STACK SHUFFLE
SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

7:30 AM - 5K RUN/WALK
8:00 AM - COME AND GO PANCAKE BREAKFAST

To register scan the QR Code or go to
<https://tinyurl.com/ShortStackShuffle>

Register by September 22nd to guarantee a T-shirt!

Sponsorship opportunities available!

For any questions, contact hospitality@shepherdparkplaza.com



See Page 4 for 5K Run/Walk Route



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

National Night Out



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

See Page 3 for Neighbors that are hosting for each section.

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.

Halloween Yard Decorations!

It may still be ghostly hot outside but Halloween is just around the corner! Show your ghostly spirit by decorating your yard. Awards will be given out in late October.

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.

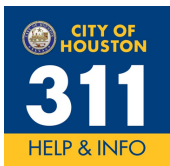
Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$325

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/



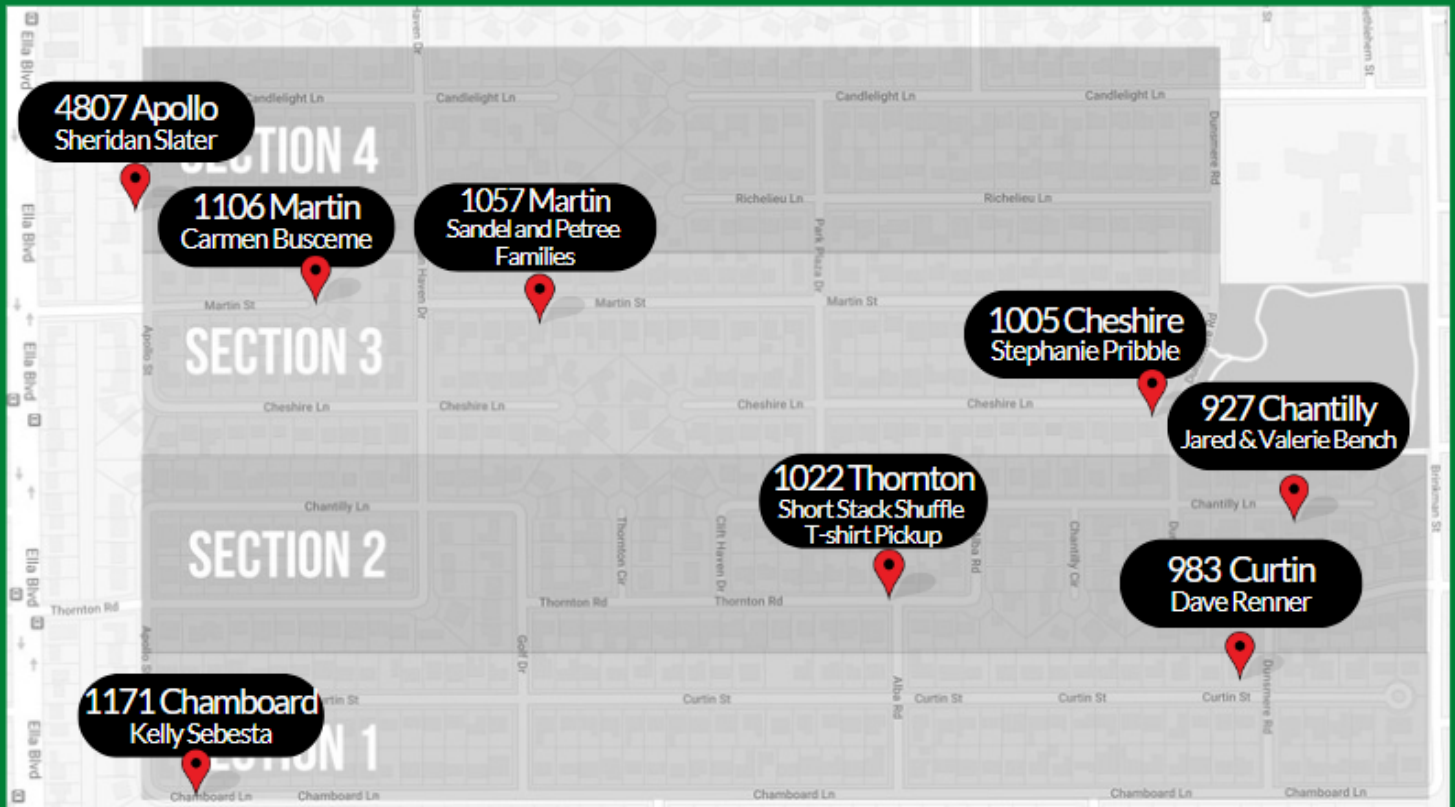
We appreciate our local advertisers!

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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



DATE
TIME

October 3rd, 2023
5:30PM to 8:30PM

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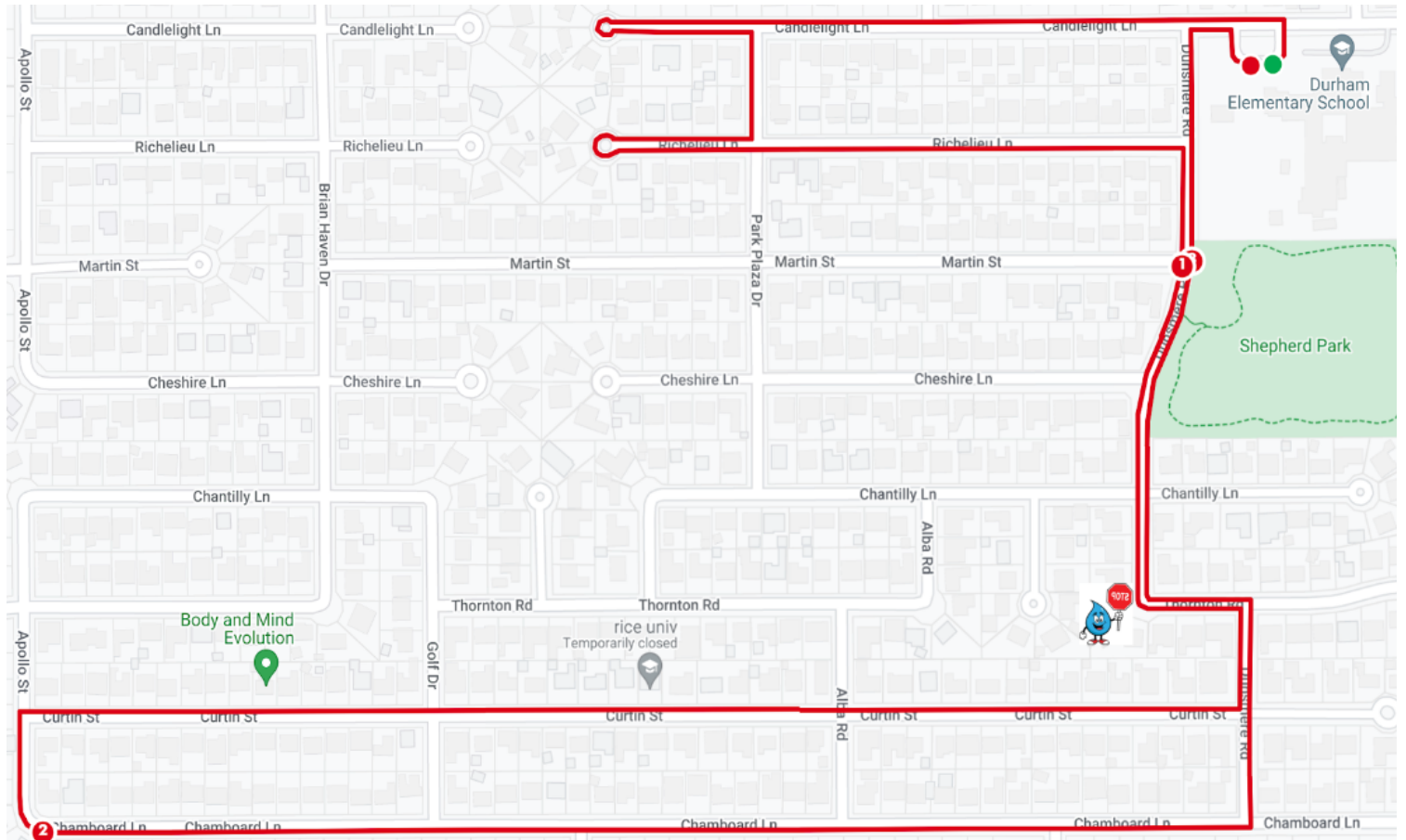
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SPP Short Stack Shuffle Route:



PLAZA MOMS *society*

2023-2024 SEASON

Monthly Socials

- August 29th - Annual Kick Off
- November 9th - Durham Night
- December 12th - White Elephant Gift Exchange
- January TBD - Monthly Social
- May 16th - Spa Night
- April 8th - Paint Night with Elizabeth Cardner

Family Events

- December 2nd - Holiday in the Park
- March 23rd - Easter Egg Hunt
- July 4th - 4th of July Parade

Couples Mixers

- September 30th - Couples Date Night

Connect with us

Please check website for final dates

Questions? Interested in volunteering?
Email plazamoms.houston@gmail.com

KIDS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL!

TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS IN SCHOOL ZONES

WORKING IN THE HEAT?

8 OZ EVERY 15-20 MINUTES

24-32 OZ PER HOUR

Deputy Constable Program Response Calls
 Figures are for entire contract, including SPP and Candlelight Plaza
August 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

August 2023	
Total Driving Hours	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
Deborah De Bram!
 Thank you to all our volunteers!



**Clark/Kotzur
Team**



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Back to school



Drive smart in school zones

As Texas children head back to school, TxDOT is calling on everyone to be extra cautious in school zones and around school buses to help keep kids safe.

School zones can be a chaotic place with children possibly dashing in and out of traffic, and unfortunately, crashes can and do happen. In 2022, there were 746 traffic crashes in Texas school zones, resulting in 23 serious injuries. The most common causes were driver inattention, speeding, and failure to yield the right of way.

There were also seven people killed and 51 seriously injured last year in the 2,305 crashes involving a Texas school bus. Driver inattention and speed were also the top factors in those crashes.

TxDOT urges drivers to slow down, pay attention and follow all traffic laws to keep children safe and avoid costly fines and tickets.

Tips for driving in school zones

- Be aware that traffic patterns around school zones may have changed since the last school year.
- Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.
- Stop and yield to people in crosswalks.
- Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines increase in school zones.
- Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.
- Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
- Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

Source: TxDOT

Tips for children walking or biking to school

- Use sidewalks. If there's not a sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.
- Cross the street at intersections or marked crosswalks. Look left, right and left again before proceeding.
- Always obey crossing guards.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked vehicles.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.
- Follow all traffic rules, signs and signals.

Durham PTA Community Sponsorship

You are an important part of the Durham Elementary School community!



Durham Elementary is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, an HISD IB Magnet Campus, and a Dual Language Academy located in the Shepherd Park Plaza/Candlelight neighborhood of Houston, Texas. Durham has 28 classrooms (Pre-K – Fifth) filled with energetic, diverse students who are learning to become future leaders. The Durham Parent Teacher Association (PTA) supports our students with enrichment programs, cultural events, technology upgrades and campus beautification. Our goal is to create a well-rounded education for all. This is where our partnership with you becomes so critical. As a community leader, you have an incredible opportunity to be a part of Durham's triumph, to positively impact the lives of our students, families, and teachers, and set them on the path to success.

Community Sponsorship information can be found at: durhampta.org/sponsor



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Upcoming Events

September - Constable Membership Drive

Tuesday, October 3rd - National Night Out

Saturday, October 14th - SPP Short Stack Shuffle

October - Halloween Yard Decorations

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
Deed Restrictions 713-316-5255	Architecture Control 713-316-5255	Entrance Bed entrancebeds@shepherdparkplaza.com	Plaza Moms Rep plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com	Garden Club Rep gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com
Section 1 Rep 713-882-8613	Section 2 Rep Section2@shepherdparkplaza.com	Section 3 Rep 832-655-3425	Section 4 Rep Section4@shepherdparkplaza.com	SPP Civic Club president@shepherdparkplaza.com

SPP Calendar						September 2023
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 TREE WASTE	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.



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AUGUST Yard of the Month			
Section 1: Theresa Quartaro 986 Curtin		Section 2: Cate & David Thompson 1066 Chantilly	
Section 3: The Johnson Residence 1060 Cheshire		Section 4: The Zatopek Residence 1017 Candlelight	