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October 2023

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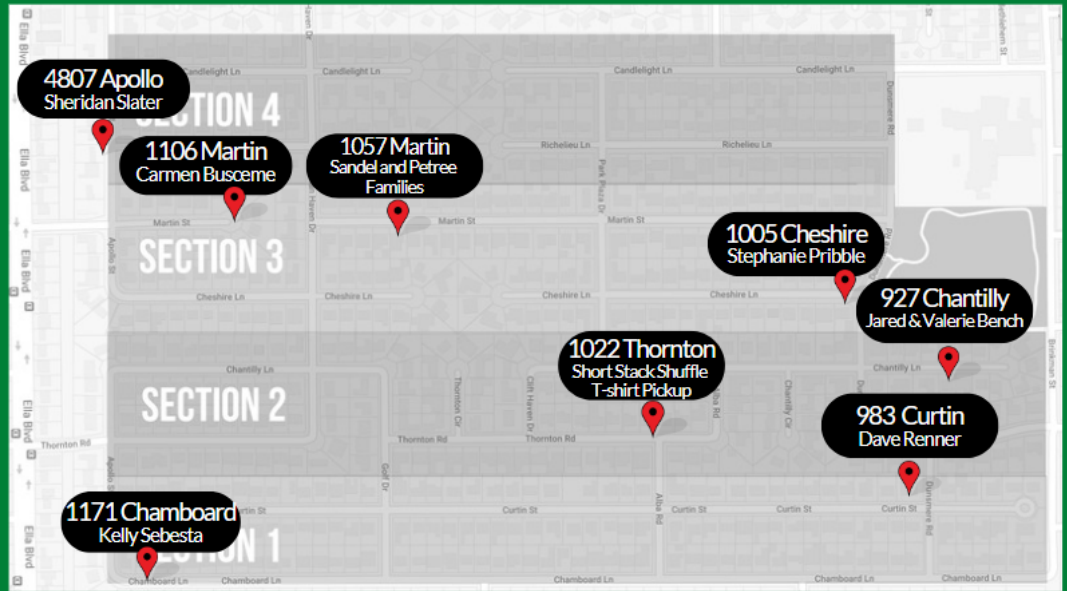
Share Your News!

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



DATE
TIME

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



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 3 for 5K Run/Walk Route



Don't feel like running or walking but want to join in the fun?

Email the Hospitality Group for volunteer opportunities!

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!

Get your ghostly groove on and decorate your yard for Halloween! Award judging will be done on October 27th. Awards will be published in the November Pulse.

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.

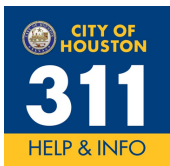
Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$325

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.

SPP Short Stack Shuffle Route:

The map shows a red route starting at a red dot on Chamboard Ln, heading west, then north on Park Plaza Dr, then east on Candleglight Ln, then south on Durham Elementary School, then east on Cheshire Ln, then south on Alba Rd, then east on Chamboard Ln, and finally south on Chamboard Ln to a green dot. Landmarks include Shepherd Park, Body and Mind Evolution, and rice univ Temporarily closed.



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Curious about our Citizen's Patrol Program?

Two of our Citizens Patrol Volunteers share their experience

What is the Citizens Patrol Program?

A citizen patrol drives their vehicle and observes the surroundings, particularly doors, windows, gates of houses/garages/vehicles, and reports to the HPD phone number/dispatcher all situations that look strange or not ok. We ONLY observe and report. If we see a house on fire, we call 911. If we see criminals in the act, we call the HPD number and the Constable number to report (the Constables and HPD coordinate efforts). We make eye contact with every driver, biker, child and adult pedestrian, and smile and wave. The HPD says that this lets everyone know we have seen them.

Why did you join the Citizens Patrol Program?

I felt this is a way to participate in our general welfare and to get to know the neighborhood. It has side benefits of getting to see our lovely homes, our creative landscaping, our many kids and dogs, and to wave a welcome to our many new residents, while we drive slowly and calmly around. And we do earn hours which earn gift cards for every 16 hours we drive. This helps with our gas expense.

What is the biggest misconception about Citizen's Patrol?

I think the biggest misconception people have about CP volunteers is that they are no longer needed. HPD says we are still needed, and HPD conducts certification training sessions so we understand how to patrol safely, not exposing ourselves to any problems, and not causing any problems.

Why is the Citizens Patrol Program important?

Citizens Patrol is important because it not only is a way to head off crime, but is a way to be connected to our neighbors, to participate, to be useful, and to be a part of the continued growth and health of our neighborhood.

How do I join the Citizens Patrol Program?

It is easy to join the Citizens Patrol Program. After a background check, you attend a training class conducted by a police officer in the evening, sometimes at a location here in SPP, sometimes at a nearby HPD station, and you will be issued an operation handbook. Next, you will be issued a certificate and magnetic signs for your vehicles, you begin patrolling (observing and reporting) and turn in a monthly sheet recording your patrol hours.



Contact the Civic Club to receive more information: <https://bit.ly/sppcp>

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August 2023

Total Driving Hours	13
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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!

Deputy Constable Program Response Calls
 Figures are for entire contract, including SPP and Candlelight Plaza
August 2023

CONTRACT CHECKS...217	MILES PATROLLED...2,883	MEET THE CITIZEN / OFFICER...5
VACATION WATCH...39	SOLICITORS...1	ALARM...2
IN PROGRESS/LIFE IN DANGER...1	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...4	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...4
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF...1	WELFARE CHECK...2	INFORMATION CALL...1
DISTURBANCE...2	TRAFFIC STOP/HAZARD...3	FOLLOW-UP...1
PROPERTY FOUND...1	PARK CHECK...1	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



New to the neighborhood or just looking for more information on Plaza Moms Society? Please scan this QR code to find out more.



Ever wondered what it means to be an IB elementary school, how the dual language program works, or where to line up for carpool line? We can help you answer those questions and any others you may have at the Plaza Moms Society Durham Night. Please join us for an information session on Thursday November 9th. There will be faculty and staff from the school as well as current and prospective moms of students there to help you navigate the elementary school process. Moms of littles and moms of students at other schools, we encourage you to come as well. Please check our website and Facebook for more details.

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Plaza Garden Club Yard of the Month

The Plaza Garden Club Yard of the Month is the home of Betty Montague at 1031 Martin Street. In her garden azaleas form a background for a bed of salvia, pentas, caladiums, and foxtail ferns which have all weathered the heat well. Height is added at the back with a Rose of Sharon, a Plumeria and a camellia. Cannas provide another splash of color in her lovely beds. You can also check out her vegetable and herb garden along the side of her house.

Our next meeting is on October 9th at 6:45PM, at 1031 Martin. Katherin McDaniel, Director of Synkroniciti will be presenting on Fairy Gardens. Find out more at <https://shepherdparkplaza.com/plaza-garden-club/>.



HOMECOMING

a retro gala: WHAT ERA ARE YOU?

Durham Elementary Gala and Silent Auction



Join the Durham PTA for a healthy dose of high school nostalgia at our adults only Gala, Live Auction, & Silent Auction. This year's theme: "Homecoming: a Retro Gala. What Era are You?". Whether you're the star of the football team, a member of The Breakfast Club, the Drum Major, a Mathlete, or somewhere in between, we are excited to host you at Wakefield Crowbar on Friday, November 3rd from 7:00pm-11:00pm for a night to remember! Buy your tickets via the link or QR code:

<https://durhampta.ticket.qtego.us/tickets/list>

Can't attend the gala but still want to support Durham Elementary?

- Register and bid on the silent auction items or submit a monetary donation through Qtego. The silent auction starts October 28th, and previews will be shared closer to the date. <https://qtego.us/qlink/durhampta>
- Donate a bottle of wine or liquor worth at least \$30 to the spirit pull. Porch drop off to Courtney at 1035 Martin St.
- Purchase a Durham family or community sponsorship! www.durhampta.org/shop

Funds raised support important campus initiatives:

- Campus beautification efforts, such as campus and garden maintenance;
- Additional teacher training to support our IB curriculum;
- Teacher grants, which provide funds to all of our core and enrichment teachers for the purchase of additional classroom activities or supplies needed to support learning and engagement; and
- Garden education programs, which enable students to connect with their natural environment and continue exploration of natural sciences.

Questions? Email Courtney at vp3@durhampta.org

IMPORTANT CONTACTS			POLICE / FIRE: 911	CITY HELPLINE: 311
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SPP Calendar						October 2023
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8	9 	10  	11	12	13	14 SPP Short Stack Shuffle
15	16	17 	18	19 JUNK WASTE	20	21
22	23	24  	25	26	27	28
29	30	31  				



=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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SEPTEMBER Yard of the Month			
Section 1: Michael & Marcia Erickson 943 Chamboard		Section 2: Cazell (Kit) Tooker 1002 Chantilly	
Section 3: Joe and Gaylene Lombardo 4803 Apoll		Section 4: Eric & Fatima Gilbert 1002 Richelieu	



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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



Upcoming Events

October 3rd - National Night Out

October 14th - SPP Short Stack Shuffle

October 27th - Halloween Decorations Judging