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March 2024

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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

SPP

BBQ COOK OFF

COME AND JOIN US
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

SATURDAY

MARCH 23

2:00PM

Buy your tickets at
<https://shepherdparkplaza.com/bbq/>

Enter a team to cook, sponsor the event,
or volunteer by visiting
<http://tinyurl.com/2024BBQCOOKOFF>



Our annual, general meeting will be held at the BBQ Cook Off
Interested in joining the SPP civic club board? If so, email
president@shepherdparkplaza.com



Show your Easter Spirit!

Holiday Yard Judging
will be done March
24th and awards will
be published in the
May Plaza Pulse



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.

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

Save the Dates!

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 - March 23
- Plaza Mom's Easter Event - March 23
- Citizens Patrol training for interested neighbors - Coming Soon!

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.

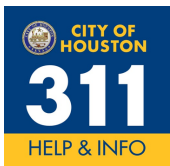
Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$325

City of Houston Council Member, Mario Castillo, represents the Shepherd Park Plaza neighborhood. Find out more how he represents District H, as well as FAQs at www.houstontx.gov/council/h/



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.



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



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March 23
Shepherd Park

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Positive Interaction Program (PIP) -North Division

Attended by Deborah De Bram and Katherine Peale

Animal Cruelty Division - 1/25/2024

Discussion Points:

- No dogs outside in bad weather
- Roomy, dry, comfortable shelter with sturdy, weatherproof walls
- No chain restraints
- Cable, leash, or rope long enough to permit moving around with ease
- Clean space, not subject to flooding, with clean potable water
- When heat of 80 degrees or more, need shade
- Failure to provide medical care
- Violence to animals
- No dogs to be left in hot car - do not break window - video the evidence - call police - witness
- Excessive Barking: fully document occurrences - sound ordinance citations
- Hoarding (toxic health issue) - max 3 animals allowed - rescue groups ok (if registered as such)
- Exotic animals prohibited - peacocks ok - grandfathered in
- Colonies of strays - trap, neuter, release
- Feral hogs at large - call animal control

*Any violation of these requirements, call 911 or 302 animal control, or 311 to make report *

North Shepherd District 1/18/24 Meeting Report

Speaker - Barry Ward, Trees for Houston

- Trees for Houston is a 501c3 supported by private monetary donations and is the largest tree organization in North America.
- Their office and educational space is located on 34th Street across from Waltrip High School, where they also give away native trees! They have a community meeting room with capacity for 50 people.
- This organization wants the community to be aware of their service! Visit their location to coordinate.
- Our freeze and drought and heat have resulted in loss of many trees. Native (not invasive) trees for your area! Free with helpful information.
- Tip: Do not plant trees in March - they should be planted in Fall or Winter



Spring Cleaning Checklist



Kitchen

- Clean and organize drawers
- Remove appliances and Clean counters.
- Take out the trash
- Clean the refrigerator
- Clean the oven
- Sweep and mop the floor
- Clean dishwasher filter
- Clean faucet.
- Clean sink.
- Clean and organize cabinets.

Living Room

- Dust furniture & surfaces
- Vacuum the couch
- Vacuum the floor
- Wash throw pillows
- Clean under/behind furniture
- Mop/Vacuum
- Arrange the couch pillow
- Clean the TV
- Change the curtains

Bathroom

- Clean sink
- Clean mirrors
- Clean the bathtub/shower
- Clean the toilet
- Change & wash towels
- Clean under sink
- Clean cabinets
- Mop the floor
- Wash the mats
- Wash Shower Curtains

Bedroom

- Wash bedding, mattress covers and clean mattress
- Sweep & mop the floor
- Wash the linens
- Dust & Organize the dresser
- Wash pillows
- Clean all the surfaces
- Clean behind/under furniture

Source: Adanna Dill



Citizens Patrol

January 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

Katherine Peale!

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Neighbor, Top 20 under 40 Realtor & Community Advocate.

jessica@indyquest.net | 281-704-2061





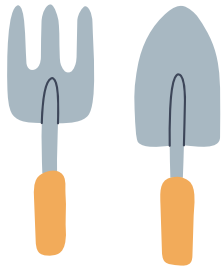
Plaza Garden Club Yard of the Month

The Plaza Garden Club Yard of the Month is the home of Anna Arata at 978 Bethlehem.



Anna has chosen a formal, symmetrical plan of mostly shrubbery for her garden which has weathered the January freeze quite well. She uses layers of varying heights for interest in textures and colors. There is a back layer of Chinese holly with red berries and a middle layer of dwarf yaupon holly and dwarf boxwoods. The front layer is a ground cover of creeping myrtle. Bright pops of purple pansies and violas are a cheerful greeting near the front porch which is flanked by two large pots of vibrant red petunias. Her garden looks beautiful all year long.

The Plaza Garden Club invites you to our next meeting on Monday, March 11th. A social will begin at 6:45pm, followed by a Bee Watering Station craft. The meeting will be at 1014 Candlelight.



Spring Clean-up check List



yard

- ☐ RAKE YARD FOR LEAVES + DEBRIS
- ☐ POWER RAKE +/-OR AERATE LAWN
- ☐ TEST, SET UP + PROGRAM SPRINKLERS

Patio

- ☐ PRESSURE WASH PATIO + ANY PATHS
- ☐ CLEAN PATIO FURNITURE + SET UP
- ☐ CLEAN THE GRILL, CHECK PROPANE OR GAS
- ☐ PLANT ANY PLANTERS
- ☐ STAIN DECK IF NEEDED

garden

- ☐ CLEAR WEEDS + DEAD LEAVES OUT OF GARDEN
- ☐ PLANT SPRING BULBS
- ☐ WASH RAISED GARDEN BEDS
- ☐ REPLACE ANY MULCH OR ROCK AS NEEDED
- ☐ PRUNE ANY BUSHES OR TREES AS NEEDED

House

- ☐ WASH SIDING IF NEEDED
- ☐ CLEAN OUT GUTTERS + WASH SOFFITS
- ☐ WASH OUTSIDE OF WINDOWS
- ☐ CHECK ROOF FOR DAMAGE + REPAIR

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Support the 2024 SPP Constable Program



74% Funded



2024 CONSTABLE PROGRAM

*** UPDATE ***

A quick update on our Constable Program funding. We're currently at **74%** of our goal, which is awesome progress! It's great to see everyone pitching in to ensure the continuity of this unique neighborhood program.

With just a bit more effort, we'll hit our target and ensure our Constable Program has the financial support it needs. Big thanks to everyone who's contributed so far. Let's keep up the momentum and get this done together!



Thank You for Your Support

Deputy Constable Program Response Calls

Figures are for entire contract, including SPP and Candlelight Plaza

January 2023

CONTRACT CHECKS...243	MILES PATROLLED...3,480	MEET THE CITIZEN / OFFICER...8
VACATION WATCH...16	MENTAL HEALTH CALL...1	ALARM...0
DISTURBANCE FIREWORKS...1	SUSPICIOUS PERSON...4	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE...2
ACCIDENT...0	WELFARE CHECK...1	PARK CHECK...1
TRAFFIC STOP...3	TRAFFIC CITATIONS...1	FOLLOW-UP...1
THEFT OTHER...1	VEHICLE SPEEDING...1	CIVIL PROCESS...1



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

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
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SPP Calendar March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 23rd Plaza Moms Easter Egg Hunt / BBQ Cook Off & General Meeting				1	2
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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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FEBRUARY Yard of the Month	
Section 1: Jamie Elmore & Daniel Kelly 1011 Chamboard	Section 2: Corinne & Gus Oppermann 1115 Thornton
Section 3: The Santikos Residence 1056 Cheshire	Section 4: Daniel & Carolyn Barrett 1119 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