

# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

# May 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 AND BAKE-OFF

Thank you to all who joined and participated in the SPP BBQ Cook-off and Bake-off! We had a great time with beautiful weather, raising funds for our neighborhood.

Congrats to the following winners!

**BEST IN SHOW** - Tipsy Cow Cookers

#### Brisket:

1st - Tipsy Cow Cookers 2nd - Zierau Fine Foods

#### Ribs:

1st - Pickeled Rooster Galloping Piggies

2nd - Tipsy Cow Cookers

3rd - Wagon Wheel Smokers

#### Pulled Pork:

1st - Tipsy Cow Cookers 2nd - Wagon Wheel Smokers 3rd - Hi Hungry, I'm Dad

#### Gumbo:

1st - Geaux Girls 2nd - Tipsy Cow Cookers

#### Dessert:

1st - Vampire Pies 2nd - Larger than Life Lemon Pie

More than 100+ neighbors came out to enjoy the weather, food, and catch up. Our very own Constables and some lucky residents were the judges. Each winner received a yard sign to display their prowess!

Special thanks to Jon Miller for the Karbach beer donation!



# 2024-2025 Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club Board Members

Please join in welcoming the new 2024-2025 SPPCC Board Members and thanking our faithful volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication to our neighborhood. We appreciate the service from our outgoing members and look forward to partnership with our new members.

#### New SPPCC Board Members and/or Position Holders:

TRACI HAHN, Decorating Awards | JASON LEVAR, Hospitality SARAH WALLER, Plaza Pulse | Michelle Narat, Section 1 Rep

#### Outgoing Board Members and/or Position Holders:

ANGELA KELLY, Decorating Awards | TRACI HAHN, Plaza Pulse KELLEY SEBESTA, Section 1 Rep

If you are looking for ways to get involved in the neighborhood, please connect with your Section Rep. If you are interested in partnering on a specific committee, please contact the respective Committee Lead.

Contact information available in the Important Contacts above the monthly calendar.



## 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 buildfoward@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!

- Neighborhood Garage Sale May 4th
- · 4th of July Parade -July 4th

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.













Section 1 Favorite- 1103 Curtin
Section 2 Favorite- 1147 Thornton
Section 3 Favorite 1056 Cheshire
Section 4 Favorite-1044 Candlelight
1st Place Most Religious-990 Chamboard
2nd Place Most Religious-1041 Richelieu
1st Place Best Overall 4503 Apollo
2nd Place Best Overall 1106 Martin













# SAVE THE DATE





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# DON'T FORGET

Our neighborhood garage sale May 4, 2024 from 8:00am-12:00pm.

If you want to be added to the map that will be posted in the next Pulse and on our FB page, please contact Deborah at:

Deborah De Bram

Email: <u>Trvldeb98@aol.com</u>

Cell: 832-978-8105





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







## Plaza Garden Club Yard of the Month

The Plaza Garden Club Yard of the Month is the home of Linda Morgan - 1151 Chamboard.

Linda's garden is rich with colorful Spring blooms. It is a beautiful show piece.



The May Plaza Garden Club meeting will be the office installation, and then the club will pause for the summer, meeting again in September.



# Shepherd Park Plaza Garage Sale Saturday, May 4th

Have fun selling and shopping!

A few helpful tips for a successful garage sale:

- Be visible from the street. Put a sign or balloons in your yard if you are holding your sale at the back of your driveway.
- Make items visible. Move some items to your driveway or toward the front of your house.
- Hang clothes instead of leaving them in boxes or folded on tables.
- Price some items. It's not necessary to price every single item but give shoppers an idea of what prices you expect so they aren't scared to ask.
- Save your used grocery sacks to bag up items shoppers buy.
- Have plenty of change and small denominations ready.
- Be prepared for early bird shoppers arriving at or before 8:00 a.m.
- Have a few inexpensive items so people feel like they've gotten a bargain.

Each home hosting a garage sale can place a sign in their yard and do other types of advertising.

The SPPCC will have signs placed near the major entrances of SPP.





#### Deputy Constable Program Response Calls

\*Figures are for entire contract, including SPP and Candlelight Plaza\*

#### **March 2024**

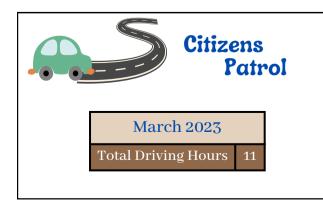
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STOLEN VEHICLE1	WELFARE CHECK2	ANIMAL HUMANE1
ABANDONED/STICKERED VEHICLE2	MENTAL HEALTH CALL1	FOLLOW-UP1
ACCIDENT2	SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT3	CIVIL PROCESS4

\*\*See Something, Say Something - Call Constable Dispatch at 713-755-7628\*\*

Vacation Watch registry (\*2-week Notice\*)...<a href="http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/">http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/</a>
Sign up for the Constable Office's Crime Alerts and Newsletter...https://pct1constable.net
select Sign-Up > Crime Alerts; Newsletter

#### **Our New Neighborhood**

As the new editor of the SPP Pulse, I was asked to write something for this month's newsletter and was initially stumped. My husband suggested I write about our experience moving to Shepherd Park Plaza. At first I dismissed that idea, not wanting to write about myself, but then realized I would actually be writing about all of you and that was a great idea! David and I bought our home in Shepherd Park Plaza in July 2023. We moved "all the way" from Woodcrest and Rosslyn but it felt to us like we had moved to another city and another time. This neighborhood is so unique and such a sweet spot in the middle of the big city of Houston. Having lived in many cities and several countries, Houston is the city I have lived in the longest (apart from where I grew up in Canada). In Houston, we have never lived far from Shepherd Park Plaza, but this is by far our favorite neighborhood. When we drive home having fought traffic jams and crazy drivers and cross that unassuming barrier between SPP and the rest of the city, we can feel our nervous systems switch to a more peaceful and calm mode. Having dogs who love to be walked, one of the first things we noticed were the sidewalks! Wow - we knew we had arrived where we wanted to be. But the peace and quiet along with it being walkable just scratches the surface of what we have come to love about our new neighborhood. Anyone we have come in to contact with has been welcoming and friendly. We love how the neighborhood comes together at different times of the year and for different occasions. It is heartwarming to see kids playing outside, selling lemonade, and just being kids. SPP has become our little oasis within the craziness of a big city. It's great that we can head out the door and go anywhere in the city and enjoy all that it has to offer while knowing that when we are ready, we can return to our little piece of serenity. Hats off to all of you for keeping this neighborhood what it is. From the hard-working board members who help ensure everything runs smoothly to every single resident who works together as a community to keep our neighborhood clean, friendly, safe, and happy. We are so glad to be here with all of you!



Neighbor, Top 20 under 40 Realtor & Community Advocate.

jessica@indyquest.net | 281-704-2061



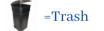






IMPORTANT CONTACTS			POLICE / FIRE: 911	CITY HELPLINE: 311
Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628	HPD (non-emergency) 713-884-3131	Plaza Pulse Editor pulse@ shepherdparkplaza.com	Plaza Pulse Advertising advertising@ shepherdparkplaza.com	SPP Membership membership@ shepherdparkplaza.com
Deed Restrictions 713-316-5255	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 Section2@ shepherdparkplaza.com	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 Calend	lar					May 2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	GARAGE 4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mothers	13	14	15	16 TREE WASTE	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	





=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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#### TRISH KYLE -AGENCY OWNER



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APRIL Yard of the Month			
Section 1:	Section 2:		
The Hartgrove Residence	Wilma Lahrssen		
1135 Chamboard	1147 Chantilly		
Section 3:	Section 4:		
The Toy Residence	Dorothy Worthing		
1115 Martin	1029 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



# 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