



THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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Cottontail
(17 in. long)

Support SPP with Your Membership!

It's time once again for Shepherd Park Plaza residents to pay annual Civic Club dues. Your \$25.00 dues payment helps create the outstanding neighborhood we all call home. The Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club is comprised of residents who generously volunteer their time and talents to help preserve the quality of life we've come to enjoy. While our association is volunteer-run, it does take money to make some things happen.

What does your \$25 help provide?

- **Deed Restriction Enforcement & Architectural Control**—protecting our property values
- **Constable Patrol Program**—coordinating the activities of the full-time Harris County Constable who patrols the neighborhood (A separate dues drive is conducted annually for the Constable Program, but the SPPCC board provides program administration.)
- **Safety & Security**—attending regular meetings with Houston Police Department and other enforcement agencies regarding crime prevention and analysis; delivering “thank-you” refreshments to area police and fire units; supporting the SPP Citizens Patrol program
- **Beautification & Decoration**—honoring yard displays for Christmas, Easter, Autumn, and Halloween and recognizing residents with Yard of the Month awards
- **Community Relations**—communicating regularly with the City of Houston and other area civic clubs on matters of mutual concern such as roads, utilities, neighborhood crime prevention, trash collection, and parks
- **Property Maintenance**—maintaining signs and plantings at neighborhood entrances and regularly mowing drainage ditches to prevent flooding
- **Resident Communication**—distributing The Plaza Pulse, managing www.shepherdparkplaza.com, sending email alerts and other periodic notices, and publishing a resident directory
- **Prevention & Preparedness**—painting curbside address markers to facilitate emergency response and spraying to minimize mosquitoes
- **Neighborhood Gatherings**—organizing neighborhood meetings in the fall and spring and other events such as National Night Out block parties

These are just a few of the important reasons to pay your 2010-2011 SPPCC dues. If you've not yet paid your dues, you can download an application at www.shepherdparkplaza.com!

Join SPPCC—Get a Directory

An updated directory of SPPCC members is being compiled. **The directory will list all SPP residents who were Civic Club members in 2009, along with any new members who join by April 30, 2010.** If you would prefer to not be included in the directory or to leave your phone number unlisted, please send your information (name and address) to **Rhonda D'Eramo** at rhderamo@aol.com or 713-686-3681. If you are interested in placing an ad in the directory, please contact **Billy Hartman** at advertising@shepherdparkplaza.com.

Sprucing Up for Spring

In an effort to spruce up the neighborhood, SPPCC will have curb address numbers repainted this spring. This is not only for aesthetics—having curb numbers also helps with address identification for guests, Citizens Patrol, and emergency responders. The repainting will follow the pattern of previous years, with each interior lot receiving two numbers—one on each side of the driveway. Corner lots will continue to receive a number at the front sidewalk and on the corner. The painting company will **not** paint over any custom jobs (Texas flag, A&M, UT, etc.). If you have a custom curb number and would like to have it repainted in black and white, please email president@shepherdparkplaza.com by April 15, so that arrangements can be made.

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Jonathan Sterbanz & Barbara Bryant

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Men's Group Rep. Chuck Blesener

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Spring Fling Launches New Year

The SPP Civic Club begins a new fiscal year on April 1, and we are excited to introduce our new and returning board members. As this issue went to press, the following SPP residents had agreed to serve, pending election by the SPPCC membership at the Spring Fling on March 27.

Position	2010-11 Nominee
President	Jennifer Lamb
Vice President	Eileen Hartman
Secretary	Romi Sandel
Treasurer	Tom Caver
Membership	Tom Dornak
Restrictions Enforcement	Billy Hartman & Matt Schulte
Architectural Control	Steve Rogers
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Publicity/Pulse Advertising	Steve Loden
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Landscape Maintenance	Monica Krause
Parks/City Liaison/DRT/PIP	Ted Dwiggans
Historian	August Galiano
Hospitality	Chas Biediger, Jennifer Brown & Caroline Marciano
Greeter	Eileen Hartman
Citizens Patrol/Traffic & Safety	Karen Cruse
Constable Patrol Coordinator	David Barrett & Creston Inderrieden
Block Captain Coordinator	Mike Clark
Section 1 Representative	Jason & Tara Williams
Section 2 Representative	Jonathan Sterbanz & Barbara Bryant
Section 3 Representative	Lynn Myers
Section 4 Representative	Norma Salazar

Thanks to all who have volunteered their time and energy in support of our neighborhood. And thanks also to our "retiring" board members—John Mills, Jim Worthing, Brian Lamb, Joel Sandel and Trisha Roberts. We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of SPP!

Sponsor SPP Solar Lighting!

SPPCC will use a City of Houston grant to help us install solar lighting at the neighborhood's 12 entrance signs. The SPPCC board is currently investigating appropriate solar lighting systems, and if all goes as expected, installation of the lighting will take place by mid-year.

The grant we received requires that SPPCC raise matching funds from residents and sponsors. Last year, we received tremendous support when we repainted, and we again are inviting our residents to sponsor a light for an entrance sign. The estimated cost for each lighting package is estimated at \$400—you can help purchase the equipment with a \$200 sponsorship. Volunteers will handle the installation. Thanks in advance for your support!

To sponsor a sign, please mail a check payable to SPPCC to: Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club | Attn: Treasurer | P.O. Box 10453 | Houston TX, 77206

Note: Please indicate that your payment is for the solar lighting project.

Support Our Constable Program

SPP's Constable Patrol Program is fully funded by our residents and provides an armed and uniformed officer who patrols our neighborhood 40 hours each week. In 2010, each resident is asked to contribute \$175 to keep our deputy patrolling, but contributions in any amount will help fund this important security program.

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As of March 9th, 398 residents or 54.5% of SPP homes had contributed to the 2010 program—and we appreciate the support! Check the list of those who have contributed for this year's program to see if you have given your support. If not, please download a contribution form at www.shepherdparkplaza.com and mail or deliver the form along with your check (payable to SPP Civic Club) to Tom Dornak at 1135 Richelieu.

2010 Constable Patrol Contributors (as of March 9, 2010)

4423 APOLLO	991 CHAMBOARD	1062 CHANTILLY	4715 CLIFT HAVEN	1011 MARTIN	1047 RICHELIEU
4439 APOLLO	994 CHAMBOARD	1063 CHANTILLY	4719 CLIFT HAVEN	1016 MARTIN	1052 RICHELIEU
4507 APOLLO	1002 CHAMBOARD	1066 CHANTILLY	946 CURTIN	1017 MARTIN	1053 RICHELIEU
4511 APOLLO	1003 CHAMBOARD	1067 CHANTILLY	947 CURTIN	1018 MARTIN	1054 RICHELIEU
4703 APOLLO	1006 CHAMBOARD	1102 CHANTILLY	955 CURTIN	1019 MARTIN	1055 RICHELIEU
4715 APOLLO	1011 CHAMBOARD	1106 CHANTILLY	958 CURTIN	1020 MARTIN	1057 RICHELIEU
4725 APOLLO	1014 CHAMBOARD	1122 CHANTILLY	962 CURTIN	1021 MARTIN	1061 RICHELIEU
4727 APOLLO	1015 CHAMBOARD	1126 CHANTILLY	972 CURTIN	1023 MARTIN	1062 RICHELIEU
4815 APOLLO	1018 CHAMBOARD	1127 CHANTILLY	979 CURTIN	1024 MARTIN	1063 RICHELIEU
4827 APOLLO	1019 CHAMBOARD	1131 CHANTILLY	982 CURTIN	1025 MARTIN	1064 RICHELIEU
4831 APOLLO	1026 CHAMBOARD	1134 CHANTILLY	983 CURTIN	1026 MARTIN	1102 RICHELIEU
4907 APOLLO	1031 CHAMBOARD	1143 CHANTILLY	986 CURTIN	1027 MARTIN	1103 RICHELIEU
4706 BRIAN HAVEN	1035 CHAMBOARD	1146 CHANTILLY	990 CURTIN	1029 MARTIN	1106 RICHELIEU
4714 BRIAN HAVEN	1038 CHAMBOARD	1150 CHANTILLY	1002 CURTIN	1030 MARTIN	1107 RICHELIEU
4727 BRIAN HAVEN	1039 CHAMBOARD	1155 CHANTILLY	1006 CURTIN	1031 MARTIN	1110 RICHELIEU
4729 BRIAN HAVEN	1043 CHAMBOARD	1166 CHANTILLY	1007 CURTIN	1032 MARTIN	1111 RICHELIEU
4803 BRIAN HAVEN	1046 CHAMBOARD	4602 CHANTILLY CIR	1010 CURTIN	1035 MARTIN	1119 RICHELIEU
4805 BRIAN HAVEN	1050 CHAMBOARD	4603 CHANTILLY CIR	1011 CURTIN	1036 MARTIN	1122 RICHELIEU
1002 CANDLELIGHT	1055 CHAMBOARD	4615 CHANTILLY CIR	1015 CURTIN	1039 MARTIN	1123 RICHELIEU
1006 CANDLELIGHT	1059 CHAMBOARD	4618 CHANTILLY CIR	1023 CURTIN	1042 MARTIN	1126 RICHELIEU
1007 CANDLELIGHT	1063 CHAMBOARD	1002 CHESHIRE	1030 CURTIN	1043 MARTIN	1127 RICHELIEU
1008 CANDLELIGHT	1066 CHAMBOARD	1003 CHESHIRE	1031 CURTIN	1045 MARTIN	1130 RICHELIEU
1010 CANDLELIGHT	1071 CHAMBOARD	1004 CHESHIRE	1046 CURTIN	1046 MARTIN	1131 RICHELIEU
1014 CANDLELIGHT	1111 CHAMBOARD	1005 CHESHIRE	1047 CURTIN	1047 MARTIN	1134 RICHELIEU
1016 CANDLELIGHT	1115 CHAMBOARD	1006 CHESHIRE	1066 CURTIN	1048 MARTIN	1135 RICHELIEU
1017 CANDLELIGHT	1119 CHAMBOARD	1007 CHESHIRE	1067 CURTIN	1049 MARTIN	942 THORNTON
1018 CANDLELIGHT	1127 CHAMBOARD	1009 CHESHIRE	1071 CURTIN	1053 MARTIN	943 THORNTON
1019 CANDLELIGHT	1134 CHAMBOARD	1010 CHESHIRE	1075 CURTIN	1054 MARTIN	946 THORNTON
1021 CANDLELIGHT	1135 CHAMBOARD	1011 CHESHIRE	1078 CURTIN	1055 MARTIN	951 THORNTON
1024 CANDLELIGHT	1138 CHAMBOARD	1013 CHESHIRE	1103 CURTIN	1057 MARTIN	954 THORNTON
1026 CANDLELIGHT	1142 CHAMBOARD	1015 CHESHIRE	1106 CURTIN	1061 MARTIN	955 THORNTON
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1038 CANDLELIGHT	1158 CHAMBOARD	1023 CHESHIRE	1118 CURTIN	1103 MARTIN	978 THORNTON
1042 CANDLELIGHT	1162 CHAMBOARD	1024 CHESHIRE	1119 CURTIN	1105 MARTIN	979 THORNTON
1043 CANDLELIGHT	1167 CHAMBOARD	1025 CHESHIRE	1126 CURTIN	1106 MARTIN	1010 THORNTON
1044 CANDLELIGHT	1174 CHAMBOARD	1026 CHESHIRE	1127 CURTIN	1107 MARTIN	1015 THORNTON
1049 CANDLELIGHT	1175 CHAMBOARD	1027 CHESHIRE	1130 CURTIN	1108 MARTIN	1018 THORNTON
1050 CANDLELIGHT	1179 CHAMBOARD	1030 CHESHIRE	1134 CURTIN	1109 MARTIN	1027 THORNTON
1053 CANDLELIGHT	1191 CHAMBOARD	1034 CHESHIRE	1139 CURTIN	1110 MARTIN	1030 THORNTON
1054 CANDLELIGHT	902 CHANTILLY	1035 CHESHIRE	1142 CURTIN	1115 MARTIN	1034 THORNTON
1056 CANDLELIGHT	906 CHANTILLY	1037 CHESHIRE	1151 CURTIN	1004 RICHELIEU	1039 THORNTON
1058 CANDLELIGHT	907 CHANTILLY	1039 CHESHIRE	1154 CURTIN	1005 RICHELIEU	1042 THORNTON
1065 CANDLELIGHT	910 CHANTILLY	1040 CHESHIRE	1162 CURTIN	1006 RICHELIEU	1051 THORNTON
1066 CANDLELIGHT	919 CHANTILLY	1041 CHESHIRE	1163 CURTIN	1007 RICHELIEU	1055 THORNTON
1103 CANDLELIGHT	922 CHANTILLY	1042 CHESHIRE	1166 CURTIN	1008 RICHELIEU	1059 THORNTON
1107 CANDLELIGHT	923 CHANTILLY	1043 CHESHIRE	1174 CURTIN	1010 RICHELIEU	1067 THORNTON
1110 CANDLELIGHT	930 CHANTILLY	1045 CHESHIRE	1178 CURTIN	1012 RICHELIEU	1071 THORNTON
1115 CANDLELIGHT	934 CHANTILLY	1046 CHESHIRE	1182 CURTIN	1016 RICHELIEU	1106 THORNTON
1119 CANDLELIGHT	938 CHANTILLY	1049 CHESHIRE	1183 CURTIN	1018 RICHELIEU	1107 THORNTON
1126 CANDLELIGHT	939 CHANTILLY	1051 CHESHIRE	1186 CURTIN	1019 RICHELIEU	1111 THORNTON
1130 CANDLELIGHT	1002 CHANTILLY	1052 CHESHIRE	1187 CURTIN	1020 RICHELIEU	1119 THORNTON
1131 CANDLELIGHT	1006 CHANTILLY	1058 CHESHIRE	4615 DUNSMERE	1026 RICHELIEU	1122 THORNTON
1134 CANDLELIGHT	1010 CHANTILLY	1059 CHESHIRE	4619 DUNSMERE	1029 RICHELIEU	1123 THORNTON
1135 CANDLELIGHT	1018 CHANTILLY	1060 CHESHIRE	4615 GOLF DR	1030 RICHELIEU	1142 THORNTON
1138 CANDLELIGHT	1022 CHANTILLY	1103 CHESHIRE	4702 GOLF DR	1031 RICHELIEU	1146 THORNTON
1139 CANDLELIGHT	1026 CHANTILLY	1104 CHESHIRE	4703 GOLF DR	1032 RICHELIEU	1147 THORNTON
949 CHAMBOARD	1030 CHANTILLY	1106 CHESHIRE	4706 GOLF DR	1033 RICHELIEU	4702 THORNTON CIR
950 CHAMBOARD	1034 CHANTILLY	1108 CHESHIRE	4710 GOLF DR	1036 RICHELIEU	4707 THORNTON CIR
958 CHAMBOARD	1035 CHANTILLY	1109 CHESHIRE	4711 GOLF DR	1037 RICHELIEU	4718 THORNTON CIR
967 CHAMBOARD	1043 CHANTILLY	1113 CHESHIRE	4714 GOLF DR	1038 RICHELIEU	4719 THORNTON CIR
978 CHAMBOARD	1047 CHANTILLY	1114 CHESHIRE	1002 MARTIN	1041 RICHELIEU	
979 CHAMBOARD	1051 CHANTILLY	1119 CHESHIRE	1003 MARTIN	1042 RICHELIEU	
982 CHAMBOARD	1058 CHANTILLY	1120 CHESHIRE	1004 MARTIN	1043 RICHELIEU	
990 CHAMBOARD	1059 CHANTILLY	1125 CHESHIRE	1007 MARTIN	1045 RICHELIEU	

How Do You Report a Crime?

It's critical that all crimes, no matter how small, be reported to the authorities. If crimes are not reported, HPD and other policing authorities are not able to accurately assess law enforcement needs in our area. So, what should you do if you are victim of a crime?

If you have an emergency or life-threatening situation, call 911. For other types of crimes (theft, vandalism, etc.), call Constable Dispatch at 713-755-7628 so that our Deputy Constable can come to your home, make a report, and determine what actions should be taken. In addition, please call HPD to make a report. In many situations, you can make a report online (see the following article) or you can go to the HPD storefront on 43rd St. to file a report.

Finally, let your neighbors know about any incident that may be of interest to the area by emailing Billy Hartman at advertising@shepherdparkplaza.com. He can then share the information with a neighborhood email alert.

City, Police Services Changing

By Ted Dwigans and Chuck Blesener

BioBags Now Available—The City of Houston's Compostable Bag Program begins April 5, 2010 after several delays. These special bags are designed to biodegrade in about 90 days and are for leaves or grass trimmings only. The proper bags will have the City of Houston seal on them. Go to www.cityofhouston.gov for a list of stores that sell the bags at an approximate cost of \$9.00 for 10 bags. It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that the proper bags are used even if the yard is maintained by a lawn care company. Eventually, yard trimmings will not be picked up unless they are in the correct bag. Twigs or branches are not to be disposed of in these bags. A good alternative for the bags is to mulch or compost yard waste.

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CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY MARTIN

Miles Patrolled... 812



Arrests0
 Alarm Responses..... 1
 Citizen Contacts 40
 Disturbances..... 0
 Investigations..... 2
 Park Checks 27
 Vacation Watch..... 0
 Misc. Calls..... 53
 Dispatched Calls..... 7
 Total Calls..... 136

FEBRUARY 2010

Traffic
 Verbal/Written Warnings... 14
 Citations... 18 for 29 court violations

FEBRUARY 2010 CITIZEN PATROL STATS

Patrol Hours <i>Prepared by Robin McClung</i>	SECTIONS				
	1	2	3	4	Total
Auto Patrol Hours	4	13	3	19	39
Walk/Bike Patrol Hours	10	3.75	0	8	21.75
Total Patrol Hours	14	16.75	3	27	60.75
Base Station Hours	0	31	0	0	31
TOTAL HOURS	14	47.75	3	27	91.75

Interested in patrolling?

Patrollers can walk, bike, drive or operate a base station. Any necessary equipment and training is provided.

Contact **Karen Cruse** at 713-476-0506 for information.

The \$10 Winners for February were **Mel Lofton, Bill McReynolds, Robert Mullins, and Pamela Parker.** *Attention Patrollers:* To qualify for monthly drawings, patrol hours must be turned into **Robin McClung** at 1178 Curtin by the 5th of each month. **Interested in patrolling?** Contact **Karen Cruse** at 713-476-0506.

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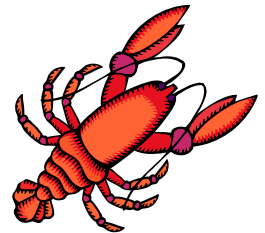
around the neighborhood

By Romi Sandel & Laurie Hardwick



► **In Sympathy**—Long-time SPP resident **Juanita Vera** passed away on March 6. She received the Distinguished Mexican American Award in 1976 and was the first Hispanic precinct judge in Houston. We extend our condolences to son **Al** and daughter-in-law **Susan** and son **George**, all SPP residents, along with daughters **Gloria**, **Sylvia** and son-in-law **Roy** along with her grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

Boiling for Dollars!—The SPPCC crawfish boil is back again, offering a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and support your neighborhood! The event will be held on Saturday, May 1 at 6 pm at the home of **John & Dee Davis**, 4718 Thornton Circle. SPP resident **Shawn Boatman** and his buddy **Mike Chiasson** will be in charge of the cooking—and are providing their service as a donation to SPPCC. You'll get all the crawfish, fixin's, beer, margaritas and soft drinks you can handle. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Attendance will be capped at 100—bring your friends and invite your neighbors! If you've not yet purchased tickets, please contact **Patricia Dornak** at 713-683-6502 or pdornak@gmail.com to reserve your spot today.



Share Your News—Please pass along any news of note about SPP residents so that we can spotlight them in future issues of the *Pulse*. If you have news to share, please let us know by emailing pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com or contacting **Romi Sandel** at 713-962-4171.

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Online Police Report Available—Houston citizens may now report minor crimes online. After completing the necessary information, the reporter will receive an actual incident number, and be able to print the report for future reference. The form, which can be accessed at www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm, can ONLY be used to report:

- Theft (under \$5,000 in value) with no suspects or witnesses. If the total value of items is greater than \$5,000, you cannot use this form. (Example: your bicycle is stolen from your front yard.)
- Criminal Mischief—Non Vehicle Related with no suspects and no witnesses. (Example: someone intentionally damaged your property.)

Online reporting can be used if:

- You have access to a valid, functioning e-mail address. and
- You are the actual victim of the theft, loss, or criminal mischief (not a witness, relative, friend, etc.)

This site should never be used to report an emergency, a crime in progress or any type of injury. For emergencies, call 911. For any other situation that requires the response of a police officer, call 713-884-3131.

Track Crime Stats Online - To increase public safety and crime prevention awareness in Houston, the Houston Police Department has created an interactive crime tool for citizens at mycity.houstontx.gov/crime. Residents can track and map crime trends in neighborhoods. The site allows you to search for crime incidents as far back as 30 days or within the previous 24 hours by address, area, Council district, superneighborhood, or police beat. Additionally, users will be provided monthly Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) of Part I crimes by police beats and districts in a tabular data form dating as far back as January 2006. Shepherd Park Plaza is located in police beat 3B30.

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it's my neighborhood*



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE: 911

CITY HELPLINE: 311

Citizens Patrol
713-476-0506

Deed Restrictions
713-305-5035

Traffic & Safety
713-476-0506

New Neighbor/Greeter
713-305-5036

Garden Club
713-681-6049

CP Vacation Watch
713-682-5959

Architectural Guidelines
713-956-1167

Plaza Pulse News
713-398-3917

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713-682-0920

Plaza Moms
713-476-9466

SPP Membership
713-683-6502

Park & City Liaison
713-688-7979

Pulse Advertising
713-305-5035

Men's Group
713-683-9945



SPP CALENDAR

APRIL 2010



= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY

MONDAY












TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>DEPUTY CONSTABLE DISPATCH 713-755-7628</p> <p>A Note About Trash: You can legally put your heavy trash out at 6:00 PM the Friday before your heavy trash day. To facilitate curbside pick-up, leave 3 feet between trash & recycling cans.</p>				 April Fool's Day	1	2	3	
	5	 	6	7		8	9	10
11	12		13	14		15	16	17
18	19		20	21		22	23	24
25	26		27	28		29	30	



Oak Forest Veterinary Clinic

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Join the Men's Group in Galveston

by Chuck Blesener

The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's Group had a great turnout at their monthly luncheon and meeting in March. **August Galiano** narrated a short film presentation on the Group's past trip to the old art deco Hobby Airport Museum and the Weather Museum. He also showed a Hollywood film clip of one of Carmen Miranda's extravagant movies. Carmen Miranda was the Group's pinup girl for the month, one of their 'divas from the past'. **Chuck Blesener** gave a report on the happenings in the neighborhood and a lively discussion was had by all. The group will meet next on Thursday, April 8, 11:30 am, on the back porch at Spaghetti Western. All men of the neighborhood are invited to join them for lunch and friendly conversation.

The Men's Group is also planning a bus trip on Wednesday, April 28. They will travel to Galveston for some sightseeing and lunch. The trips are open to all men and women of Shepherd Park Plaza and their friends over the age of 50. For more information, contact **Chuck Blesener** at 713-683-9945 or ccbles@earthlink.net.



Plaza Moms to Meet April 19

Please join the Plaza Moms at 7 pm on Monday, April 19 for our monthly meeting at the home of **Jennifer Brown**, 1053 Candlelight.

Use this evening as a time to refresh yourself and get acquainted with your neighbors and friends that you may not have seen lately. This is sure to be a good time for mixing and mingling! Come relax, have a glass of wine and rejuvenate yourself for spring!

Watch Big Tent or for an email coming soon with details on our next Plaza Moms Night

Out, which will be held at Pinot & Picasso. This is a fun place to learn how to paint while having a glass of wine. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact julie@julielandreth.com.

Moms and moms-to-be are welcome and encouraged to join this very active area group. If you have questions regarding the Shepherd Park/Candlelight Plaza Moms, please contact **Julie Landreth** at Julie@julielandreth.com or **Trisha Roberts** at trisha.roberts@anadarko.com.



Garden Club to Visit Shangri-la April 12

by Jeanette Blesener

March Madness seemed to be rampant as the SPP Garden Club's March meeting dissolved into laughter during the Brown Bag game. This fun and successful meeting was hosted at the home of **Evonne Alford**, and the frivolity raised \$400. **Shari Beasley** and **Robin McClung** co-hosted. **Bessie Moseley** was honored with the SPP Garden Club Yard of the Month Award.

Romi Sandel will open her home on April 12 for the next meeting when **August Galiano** will present a program on the Shangri-la Gardens in Orange, Texas

It's Easy to Go Green!

If you'd like to stop receiving a paper copy of the *Plaza Pulse* each month, you can opt to receive an email link to the full-color version on our website instead. If you'd like to go green, log on to www.shepherdparkplaza.com to join the *Plaza Pulse* email list, and choose to be omitted from our monthly mailing. **Note: You must sign up for this option even if you are already on the email alert distribution list.**

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File Homestead Exemption by April 30!

By Eileen Hartman

If you are a new resident of SPP (purchased your home in 2009), we remind you that the deadline to file your Harris County tax homestead exemption is April 30. To qualify for a homestead exemption, you must own and reside in your home on January 1 of the tax year (January 1, 2010). By filing this exemption—you will save approximately 20% on your annual tax bill.

To check your current status or to download forms, please go to www.hcad.org or call 713-957-7800. HCAD's new address is 13013 NW Freeway, 77040. The application form needed is form 11.13 "Application for Residential homestead Exemption". If you wish to protest your home's value, that deadline is May 31.

NOTE: If you lived in SPP prior to 2009, and you currently hold a homestead exemption on your property—it is not necessary to refile.

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If you have moved into the neighborhood recently and have not yet been greeted by the SPP Civic Club, please contact Eileen Hartman at 713-305-5036 or eileen@hartmanassociates.com.

Got Email?

If you provide the SPP Civic Club with your email address, you can receive periodic alerts about important news in our area. And if your email address changes, please be sure to provide your updated address to SPPCC at membership@shepherdparkplaza.com and advertising@shepherdparkplaza.com.

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