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Share Your News!

Please pass along any news of note about SPP residents so 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 by contacting Romi Sandel at 713-962-4171. Support SPP Safety Give to the Constable Program

This year's requested Constable Patrol contribution is \$200 per household. The visibility and authority provided the Constable Program helps deter potential crime. We all benefit through a safer **neighborhood, lower crime, and higher property values, and it's an** investment worth making to keep SPP a wonderful and safe place to live! We have also recently partnered with Candlelight Plaza (CP), to our north, for a combined Constable Patrol program with TWO patrollers! <u>Rather than raise the recommended donation</u> <u>amount, we are hoping to increase participation, so your support is more important that ever! We are hoping to exceed 75%!</u>

What do you get for \$200? <u>Two</u>full-time armed and uniformed deputy patrolling our neighborhood in a marked vehicle for a total of <u>80 hours</u> **per week. Officers from the Constable's patrol division make numerous** sweeps of SPP and CP when our assigned deputies are off-duty.

Can you contribute in installments? We realize that a lump sum payment may not be feasible for everyone, so you are welcome to contribute in installments. You may do so by mailing periodic payments or by making online payments as you are able. However, we are not able to send reminders or bills, so we ask that you set up your own reminder **system that works for you. No donation is too small...even \$5 a month** can make a difference!

Please send your contribution today! The sooner we receive your \$200 contribution, the better able we are to budget for the coming year. **If you can't immediately afford the \$200, please send what you can**— contributions in any amount are welcome. In fact, we are now able to accept recurring contributions via PayPal at <u>ShepherdParkPlaza.com</u>. Or you may mail your contribution to SPPCC Membership Director, 1135 Richelieu.

Want to do MORE? Attend a neighborhood fundraising event! November—Wine & Craft Beer Crawl (details on p. 2 and on website) April—Annual Crawfish Boil, date tbd

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Saturday, November 22, 5-7pm

\$50 per Adult / Kids are free! Join us on Chantilly btwn Park Plaza and Clift Haven to taste some delicious wine and accompanying appetizers.

More details at <u>ShepherdParkPlaza.com</u>

The Shepherd Park Plaza Historians Unite



(from left to right: Lou Rice, Corinne Oppermann and Cindi Phelps)

Both Lou Rice and Cindi Phelps have a wealth of knowledge and experience, which they offered to Corinne Oppermann at the October 13, 2014 Meeting of The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club. Both Lou and Cindi have done a remarkable job as neighborhood Historians over the past decades. Corinne is new to the job, but she has embraced it with much zeal and gusto. We are very fortunate to have these three ladies as Residents of Shepherd Park Plaza. Thank you to all three and all others who give so much of their time and selves to make this a nice place to call Home!

September 2014 Citizens Patrol Stats

Patrol Hours Prepared by Charli Merchant

WEEK	Hours Patrolled	
1	9	
2	15	
3	17	
4	17	
TOTAL	58	

New Patrollers are Needed!! Contact Karen Cruse at 713-824-4799 or kjcfm4954@yahoo.com for information.

Training for Citizen Patrol certification is the second Tuesday of each month at 9455 West Montgomery at 7 pm. Anyone who regularly walks in the neighborhood is invited to join the COP group. More eyes on our neighborhood means more watching for suspicious activity.

The winner of the random \$10 gas bonus for July is August Galiano.

Congratulations August! Patrollers who turn in at least 5 hours by the 5th of the month are eligible for a random drawing for a \$10 gas card. Gift cards for accumulated driving hours will be distributed at the monthly meeting. Please turn in your hours on time!

Principal's Corner Durham Elementary, an IB World School

Durham is grateful for the support of its neighbors in SPP and appreciative of your patience on nights with higher school traffic. If you want to get involved on a personal level at Durham, **please don't hesitate to contact Zara Labardini, Durham PTA** President at 281.250.3585 or Holly Inderrieden, Durham PTA Vice President at 832.477.7871.

Here are some upcoming events at Durham:

- Durham will host a Literacy Curriculum Night on <u>Thurs-day</u>, <u>November 6th</u> to educate and engage families on literacy both in the classroom and how to support literacy at home.
- Durham's Fall Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for <u>No-vember 10th-14th</u> in the Durham library. This is typically a day-time activity for students and families to be able to purchase books for their personal home libraries.
- A Fun Family Movie Night is being hosted for Durham families on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 18th</u>. Check the website at<u>www.durhampta.org</u> for event information as the date draws closer.



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Calls handled by Deputy Constable

Arrests0
Alarm Responses
Contract Check 146
Information Calls 0
School Check 2
Park Checks 47
Open Door 1



August 2014

Vacation Watch	51
Vehicle—Speeding	0
Parking Lot Check	0
Traffic Stop	7
Medical Emergency	2
Miles Patrolled 3,4	82

Meet the Citizen358
Welfare Check 4
Criminal Mischief 2
Home invasion0
Suspicious Persons14
Suspicious Vehicle
Animal (Humane)

Citizen Patrollers News

If you are currently patrolling our neighborhood, we thank you for your service and your time, and ask you to continue to help keep us safe. If you have quit patrolling, or never have started, please consider joining us! A small commitment of at least **four hours per month driving, walking, or biking** any time of your choosing makes a big impact on the quality of life in SPP. Visible patrollers are a deterrent and while we now have two Deputy Constables, they are not here 24/7 and can't be everywhere at all times.

The training is short and simple, the background check is painless, the certification is for two years and can be renewed online or by mail with your signature on two forms. For an application, forms, supplies, or more information, contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com.

Halloween Decoration Awards

And the Winners Are...

Best Overall 1st Place: 1028 Candlelight 2nd Place: 4707 Apollo

Most Original 1st Place: 1118 Richelieu 2nd Place: 1127 Thornton

Scariest 1st Place: 1159 Curtin 2nd Place: 1063 Thornton **Autumn Decoration Awards**

Judging will be November 8

Best Overall (1st & 2nd Place)

Most Original (1st & 2nd Place)

Best Scarecrow (1st & 2nd Place)





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SPP CALENDAR Nov/Dec 2014							
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Save the Date! Breakfast with Santa December 6 Durham Elementary

Upcoming Events:

November 6—Ladies Night Out, 8pm, Wakefield Crowbar **November 10**—Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Inderrieden house, 1008 Candlelight

For more information and locations, join Plaza Moms! It's only \$35 for the year and gets you on our Facebook page as well as Big Tent. Contact us at plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com.



Men's Group

The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's Group will meet for lunch at Live Oak Grill, 10444 Hempstead @ Dacoma, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 13th. August Galiano will present an entertaining video presentation and Chuck Blesener will lead a discussion on what is happening in Shepherd Park Plaza.

The group is open to all men of the neighborhood with no officers, no dues, and no rules. Just come when you can and enjoy good food, good conversation, and great neighbors. For more information on the group, contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945.



The SPP Travelers' next trip will be on Friday, December 5th to view Christmas lights by hayride in Ledbetter, and eat at the steakhouse in Carmine. The plan is to leave Shepherd Park by 1pm, have an early steak dinner in Carmine, then enjoy a dusk-to-dark hayride to enjoy the lights. We plan to be home by 9:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person.

The group's next trip will be to Texas City on Wednesday, January 14th, so save the date!

For more information about the SPP Travelers, contact Chuck Blesener at ccbles77@gmail.com or 713-683-9945. Chuck sends periodic emails to the Travelers group—send him an email if you'd like to be included in future messages.



The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club met on Monday, October 13, 2014 at the home of Vicki Brandt, 979 Curtain.



Beth Galiano presented a wonderful program on seeds. At the conclusion, she gave each attendee a lovely pouch, compliments of Susan Fitpatrick, with assorted seeds.

Vicki provided a warm setting for her and her co hostesses to offer a well accepted meal of Lasagna, Salads, Beer Bread and assorted Desserts. These menu items were provided by Vicki Brandt, Susan Fitzpatrick, Carol Jean Hebert, Linda Morgan and Romi Sandel.

During the business meeting, the 2014 – 2015 Budget was approved. By Law and Standing Rules revisions were also approved. The three choices for the Christmas Dinner were presented and the overwhelming vote was for Spaghetti Western on T. C. Jester. Everyone sincerely appreciates what the Figueroas do for the neighborhood. The Yard of the Month for October was given to Sarrah Moseley, 1147 Thornton. Get Well Wishes will be sent to Melba Bruce and Barbara Raines.

Linda Altimore was a guest and by the end of the meeting she had joined the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club. Door Prizes were won by: Linda Altimore, Debbie Elliott, Beth Galiano, Anne Marie McReynolds, Linda Morgan, Corinne Oppermann, Cindi Phelps, Lou Rice, Colleen Roberts, Colette Robichau, Romi Sandel and Dennis Woodward.

The SPPGC's own Beth Galiano will speak on Gingers at next month's meeting which will be held on Monday, November 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Sheri Beasley, 1138 Thornton.

Anyone interested in the Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club is most welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting. Please contact **Carol Jean Hebert** at (713) 681-1552 or CarolJeanHebert@yahoo.com for further details.

Garden Club meetings are held on the Second Monday of the month, September through May at 7:00 p.m.



The Garden Club's October Yard of the Month Award goes to:

Sarrah & Gary Moseley 1147 Thornton



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October Yards of the Month

Section 1:

943 Chamboard Michael Erickson & Marcia West

Section 2: 4702 Thornton Cir Chris & Ashley Eastin

Section 3: 1002 Cheshire

Matt & Angie Hoover

Section 4:

1107 Richelieu Michael & Rachelle Vento



New to the neighborhood?

Even if you are not-so-new, but haven't gotten around to introducing yourself yet, contact Sheri Beasley at 713-688-5016 or <u>MammaMia 54@yahoo.com</u> so we can welcome you officially.