



# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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### Bring Family to Fall Fling October 23

SPPCC's semi-annual general membership event, the Fall Fling is set for Saturday, October 23 at Durham Elementary School. The evening will focus on fun and community and offer a great way to connect with your fellow SPP residents—new and not so new.

The doors open at 6 pm, followed by a delicious dinner from Spaghetti Western at 6:30 pm. After dinner, you can sample fabulous homemade desserts from the SPP Garden Club. While at the Fling, you can:

- Learn how you can improve our neighborhood's security by participating in our Constable Patrol and Citizens Patrol programs
- Pay your annual SPPCC dues and contribute to the neighborhood's Constable Patrol
- Find out about Plaza Moms, the Men's Group and the Garden Club
- Get to know your neighbors in a fun, casual setting
- Win a door prize . . . if you're lucky!

Dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under, and you may pay by check or cash at the door. There's no need to RSVP or dress up—just come as you are. Plus, qualified babysitters will be on hand to keep the younger set entertained at no extra cost.

Make plans to come out, enjoy good food, great neighbors and a fun-filled fall evening!

**Got Something to Give?** If you have a business or organization and would like to contribute a door prize to the Fall Fling, please let us know. Gift cards, gift certificates, actual merchandise, anything and everything is appreciated, and the gathering is a great way to promote your business! Contact **Chas Biediger** at [chas@chasbiediger.com](mailto:chas@chasbiediger.com) if you have something to contribute.

### Support Your Constable Patrol for Less Than \$4 a Week!

A letter with information about the Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club (SPPCC) 2011 Deputy Constable Patrol fundraising campaign was mailed to residents in September. Included were a 2011 contract application and return envelope for your convenience. The suggested Constable Patrol contribution for 2011 is \$200 or just \$3.84 a week—a lot less than a cup of Starbucks's coffee!

**What do you get for \$200?** A full-time armed and uniformed deputy patrolling our neighborhood in a marked vehicle 40 hours per week. Additionally, officers from the Constable's patrol division make numerous sweeps of SPP when our deputy is not on duty. Many of you have met our new deputy, James Ebdon, and I can tell you that there is not a more dedicated officer on the force. James has been a breath of fresh air as he has gotten very involved in helping us keep our neighborhood safe. His work hours are set by the SPPCC board and are based on crime statistics for our neighborhood and the patrol hours of our Citizens Patrol. A great part of the time, our deputy is patrolling while we are all fast asleep.

**Why support our Deputy Constable Patrol?** With the Houston Police Department stretched to the limit, supporting additional security patrols for SPP is a tangible and visible way to help deter crime in our area. **HPD** crime statistics for 2010\* report **501 crimes in our police beat 3B30** which includes SPP, Garden Oaks, and Oak Forest. HPD reported 43 violent crimes and 299 non-violent crimes. Very few these crimes occurred in SPP, and having an officer only a minute away can contribute to keeping criminals out of our neighborhood.

**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 through PayPal at [www.shepherdparkplaza.com](http://www.shepherdparkplaza.com). We realize that budgets may be tighter than normal, and that a lump sum payment may not be feasible. For those in that boat, we encourage you to set up a recurring payment through PayPal of any amount to help cover the cost of this great service. No donation is too small . . . even just \$5 a month will make a difference!

Based on current patterns of support, we need better participation from everyone in order to continue to afford the Constable Program moving forward. We all benefit through a safer neighborhood, lower crime, and higher property values, so let's all get on board so that we can continue to keep SPP a wonderful and safe place to live!

*\*Crimes reported for January-April & June 2010.*



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## Gather October 5 for National Night Out

Shepherd Park Plaza will observe National Night Out along with the rest of Texas on Tuesday, October 5 from 6 to 8 pm. Block parties will be hosted throughout the neighborhood, and every resident is invited to attend the gathering closest to your home. National Night Out was created more than 25 years ago to help neighbors get to know one another and coordinate efforts to prevent crime. By knowing our neighbors and our neighborhood, we can more effectively prevent crime in our area. So, please make plans to attend the party nearest to your home! **Deborah DeBram** and **Catherine Peale** are coordinating SPP's National Night Out activities—if you are interested in hosting or co-hosting a block party, please contact them at [algebrakp@aol.com](mailto:algebrakp@aol.com) or 713-812-7626. If you don't think you can manage a party on your own, Deborah and Catherine will help you team up with your neighbors to host an event. As this issue went to press in mid September, the following parties had been scheduled. And to make this truly a neighborhood night out, please contact your host to see if you can bring food or drink to the gathering.

Section	Host	Address	Contact
<b>Section I</b>			
West	Kelley Sebesta	1171 Chamboard	713-681-5272
<b>Section II</b>			
West	Deborah De Bram & Katherine Peale	1131 Chantilly	713-812-7626
West	Michael Pate & Bob Warren	1131 Thornton	713-686-3379
Center	Chas Biediger	4715 Clift Haven	713-686-4946
Center	Craig Dietz & Don Obenrader	1039 Thornton	713-688-5170
East	Colleen Roberts & Dennis Woodward	943 Thornton	713-290-8961
<b>Section III</b>			
Center	Jack & Karen Key	1046 Cheshire	713-688-3000
Center	Jay & Lydia Ochoa & Geraldine Daniels	1043 Martin	713-681-1490
<b>Section IV</b>			
East	Amber & Tom Caver	1050 Candlelight	713-686-1917

### Thanks to Our Solar Sponsors!

SPP was recently recognized by the City of Houston for our successful participation in the Matching Grant Beautification Project. We've even been contacted by other Houston neighborhoods about our lighting installation. We extend our gratitude to those of you who have donated to support the installation of solar lights at our neighborhood entrances. In addition to those previously recognized, we'd like to thank:

**Diane Gleason, 954 Thornton**

Donations for the lighting project are still welcome and much appreciated. To contribute, simply make your check payable to SPPCC, note that it is a contribution to the lighting project and mail to:



Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club  
Attn: Treasurer  
P.O. Box 10453  
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Patrol Hours <i>Prepared by Charli Merchant</i>	SECTIONS				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Auto Patrol Hours	8	42	9	36.5	95.5
Walk/Bike Patrol Hours	26.25	29	0	25.5	80.75
Base Station Hours	0	51	0	0	51
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>34.25</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>227.25</b>

**Interested in patrolling?** Contact **Karen Cruse** at 713-824-4799 or [kjcfm4954@yahoo.com](mailto:kjcfm4954@yahoo.com) for information. Required Citizens Patrol certification/re-certification training is usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 am and 7 pm at 9455 W. Montgomery. New members must fill out the application forms and return them one week prior to the training date. Certification is good for two years. For more information about the training, call 281-405-5341.

The \$10 winners for August were **Frank LaBelle, Robert Mullins and Mary Kleinhenz**. Shipley's Donut winners were **Chuck & Jeannette Blesener, Frank Coats, Melvin Hohle, Bob Wottrich and Alfred Jatzlaw**. To qualify for monthly drawings, patrol/base hours must be turned in to **Charli Merchant** at 4615 Dunsmere by the 5th of each month.

**Citizens Patrol Reminds Residents to Stay Safe**

Citizens Patrollers who regularly patrol at night report that many residents are not turning on porch lights, leaving darkness all around their homes. Criminals work well in the cover of darkness. Another common report is that people are leaving their blinds and drapes open, with lights on, when they appear to be away from home. This is fabulous advertising to criminals--showing off what you have that they might want. They can go "window shopping", then watch carefully, so they can come back later to break in and take what they like at your house. These are safety issues, and all of us need to be mindful of doing our part to keep our neighborhood safe.

Also, bicyclists who ride at night need lights and reflectors on bikes, and riders need to wear reflective and protective clothing. A recent encounter with a night rider had a patroller chastised for having bright lights on, but the cyclist was wearing dark clothes, and had no reflectors on his bike, nor was he wearing a helmet. Cyclists certainly have a right to cycle, but should take precautions for safety of their persons. Safety is our primary concern!

**Our Citizens Patrol Needs You!** Do you regularly walk or bike the neighborhood? You can put those hours to good use by joining the Citizens Patrol. Or, you can drive SPP in your vehicle. There's no required amount of time that you must patrol each month—even an hour or two is appreciated and needed! **We especially need patrollers in Sections I and III.**

**Get to Know Your Deed Restrictions**

*By Chuck Blesener*

*This is the third in a series of articles about our neighborhood deed restrictions, City building codes, and City ordinances that we all must follow to keep Shepherd Park Plaza a desirable and safe neighborhood in which to live. SPP Deed Restrictions are available at [www.shepherdparkplaza.com](http://www.shepherdparkplaza.com) under Section Information.*

**Architectural Control** – Whether constructing or remodeling, it is necessary to submit your plans and specifications to the SPPCC Architectural Control Committee for approval as to conformity and harmony of external design and location with respect to topography and ground elevation. You must also obtain necessary building permits from the City and when you do, you will be required to swear under oath that you meet all the restrictions requirements and have approval from your Civic Club.

**Size/Type/Percentage** – There are restrictions on minimum house and lot sizes varying by section, and subdividing lots. Home exteriors must be 51% masonry. The restriction requiring wood shingle roofs is no longer enforceable by state law. All homeowners are asked to contact the Architectural Control Committee for roofing alternatives as to appropriate type and color of an architectural grade of any leading brand shingle.

**Miscellaneous** – All sections have restrictions against the keeping or raising of livestock, having animals (except dogs and cats) and prohibit breeding or commercial activity, the

dumping or storage of trash, having incinerators, permitting oil drilling or mining activity, any offensive activities, and the placement of temporary structures. No house trailers, mobile homes, junked automobiles, or automobile parts shall be parked, placed, or stored on any street or lot.

**Get Ready, Get Set, Decorate!**

Fall is in the air, and it's time to deck the yards for our great autumn holidays—Halloween and Thanksgiving. SPPCC will reward the best yards with decoration awards in the following categories:

- **Halloween.** Scariest Décor, Most Original Design and Best Overall . Judging—October 24.
- **Autumn.** Best Scarecrow(s), Best Décor and Most Original. Judging—November 15.



This is great chance to tune up your decorating skills, and Christmas is just around the corner!

**What's Happening Around Houston?**

Are you looking for a way to kick up your heels on Saturday nights? The SSQQ Dance Studio has opened their new location at 1431 W. 20<sup>th</sup> – in the same building as Restaurant Depot. In addition to offering lessons in country, salsa, swing and ballroom dancing, the studio offers special Saturday night "crash courses" and dance parties. The type and style of dance varies by week, but each evening offers a 2-hour lesson beginning at 7 pm and then ends with a dance party from 9 pm to midnight. There's no need to RSVP, and you can pay at the door--\$20/individual or \$35/couple. If you're already an expert and don't need the lesson, you can come to the party for just \$7/person. For more information, visit [www.ssqqdance.com](http://www.ssqqdance.com) or call 713-869-0777.

## Near Northwest Super Neighborhood Council Formed

By Chuck Blesener

After a series of informational meetings, the Near Northwest Super Neighborhood will soon become a reality. A By-laws Committee meeting was held by interested community representatives in mid-August to write the group's by-laws, which included changing the name from the originally proposed Oak Forest/Garden Oaks Super Neighborhood. A second meeting of the Organizational Framework Committee met later in August to decide which neighborhoods and organizations within the set boundaries have expressed an interest in being represented on the Council and establishing the number of at-large seats. All interested neighborhood representatives met on August 31 to vote and accept the recommendations of both committees. The Council By-laws and Framework are now being presented to City Councilmember Brenda Stardig. She will bring it before the City Council and Mayor for their approval and then the Super Neighborhood Council can begin business.

The SPPCC Board has authorized current president **Jennifer Lamb** to be our delegate and **Patricia Dornak** and **Chuck Blesener** to serve as alternates. These individuals along with **Billy Hartman** and **Tom Dornak** saw to it that our neighborhood was well represented at all meetings. Council meetings are open to all interested persons in the area and also include representatives from business organizations, schools, churches and non-profit neighborhood organizations.

This new Super Neighborhood is one of 88 created by, and whose boundaries were set by, the City of Houston. Within the boundaries of the Near Northwest Super Neighborhood are sixteen neighborhoods with organized homeowners associations. The following neighborhoods have sent representatives to participate in the formation process: Garden Oaks, Garden Oaks Plaza, Shepherd Forest, Mangum Manor, Candlelight Oaks, Candlelight Plaza, Shepherd Park Plaza, Ella Lee Forest, Candlelight Oaks Village, and Candlelight Estates HOA (Sec. 2-4 & Candlelight Woods). The neighborhoods of Oak Forest, Forest Pines, Forest West, Candlelight Estates Sec. 1, Candlelight Place, and Pinemont Park Square have not sent representatives or made a commitment to participate. It has been proposed that there will be three at-large seats by area to represent the residents of neighborhoods whose civic associations choose not to participate and those who live in areas without organized homeowners associations. There will also be a business delegate, one public school and one private school delegate, a delegate from faith-based organizations, and one from non-profit neighborhood organizations. Delegate positions may be added or deleted as necessary by the by-laws committee.

Super Neighborhood Councils are formally recognized by the City and were created to encourage stakeholder organizations (i.e. civic associations, etc.) of neighboring communities to work together to identify, prioritize and address the needs and concerns of the broader community. This creates a manageable framework for community action and allows the City to provide services more efficiently. City departments (Police, Planning, Public Works, Parks, etc.) understand the SN concept and are responsive to the SN's ad hoc requests for service. The SN works to champion and prioritize requests for service within the City's Capital Improvement Plan (large projects), and to provide a vehicle for smaller requests through the Super Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) process. There is no cost or tax assessment associated with the SN. Elected officials are interested in meeting and working with the SNs because they represent a large organized group of voters. Mayor Parker and our District A council member, Brenda Stardig are very supportive of our Council creation.

### CALLS HANDLED BY DEPUTY CONSTABLE



Miles Patrolled... 1230

Arrests..... 0  
 Alarm Responses ..... 2  
 Citizen Contacts ..... 43  
 Disturbances ..... 3  
 Investigations..... 0  
 Park Checks..... 32  
 Vacation Watch ..... 7  
 Misc. Calls ..... 63  
 Dispatched Calls ..... 8  
 Total Calls ..... 167

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 Citations... 13 for 21 court violations



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# around the neighborhood

By Romi Sandel & Laurie Hardwick

► **96 Candles!**—SPP resident **Rosalie Leggio** celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday in August. In the year she was born, the price of Coca-Cola was 5 cents a bottle, a Hershey's chocolate bar was 2 cents, and gasoline was 12 cents a gallon. Other historic events that same year: Babe Ruth debuts as pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, World War I began and the first feature-length silent comedy film was released – "Tillie's Punctured Romance." Gypsy Rose Lee (dancer), Joe DiMaggio (baseball player) and Bert Parks (Miss America emcee) were born in the same year. Happy Birthday Rosalie!

► **New Arrivals**—Congratulations to the Leshner family! **Christina, Kirby** and big brother **Luke** welcomed **Max Pierce** to the family on August 29. And best wishes to **Valerie and Joshua Thompson**. They welcomed daughter **Leah Mae** on September 5.

► **Martin Street Flocked Again!**—Residents on Martin Street can't seem to shake those flamingos that keep appearing to help celebrate special occasions. This month's recipient was **Laurie Hardwick**, who was celebrating her birthday.

► **Welcome!**—**Dennis Woodward** and **Colleen Roberts**, along with their children **Catherine, Robin and Miles**, have added a new member to their family. **Yenlik Kadyrbekovna Beketayeva**, a 15-year-old exchange student from the Republic of Kazakhstan, has moved into their home and will be spending the next several months in SPP. She is attending Waltrip High School during her stay.

► **Get Well Soon**—We send hopes for a speedy recovery to **Elwaine Barrett** and **Rosalie Leggio**, both of whom have been in the hospital in recent weeks

**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](mailto:pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com) or contacting **Romi Sandel** at 713-962-4171.

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713-305-5035

Traffic & Safety  
713-824-4799

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  
713-956-2474

SPP Historian  
713-682-0920

Plaza Moms  
281-788-8782

SPP Membership  
713-683-6502

Park & City Liaison  
713-688-7979

Pulse Advertising  
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Men's Group  
713-683-9945



## SPP CALENDAR OCTOBER 2010



= Trash and Yard Waste



= Curbside Recycling

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<b>DEPUTY CONSTABLE DISPATCH</b> <b>713-755-7628</b>						1	2
3	4	5 National Night Out Curbside Recycling	6 SPPCC Board Meeting	7 Plaza Moms NIGHT OUT	8	9	
10	11 Garden Club Meeting	12 Trash and Yard Waste	13	14 Men's Group Meeting	15	16	
17	18	19 Curbside Recycling	20	21	22 Plaza Moms SHOPPING NIGHT	23 Fall Fling	
24 Halloween Decoration Judging Plaza Moms FALL EVENT	25	26 Heavy trash JUNK waste only	27	28	29	30	
31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	A Note About Trash: You can legally put your heavy trash out at 6:00 PM the Friday before your heavy trash day.						

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## Men's Group Recognizes Resident

By Chuck Blesener

The Shepherd Park Plaza Men's Group held their monthly luncheon and meeting on September 9 at Don Jose's. They will meet again on October 14 at Spaghetti Western on Shepherd. You can join the lunch bunch at 11:30 am.

The Men's Group also presented their annual John Wayne Award to a deserving member of our neighborhood. This award is given to a person who represents the best qualities of a good neighbor and works diligently for the betterment of our community. There were three very deserving nominations and an election was held. The winner of the SPP Men's Group 2010 John Wayne Award is **Jim Worthing**. He will be our guest for lunch in October and will receive a certificate of appreciation for all his efforts, including 'keeping the flags flying'.

The Men's Group doesn't have any bylaws or officers, doesn't collect any dues and doesn't have any rules. Mostly the meetings are very informal, but occasionally there are programs or guest speakers. The men meet the second Thursday in each month at 11:30 am. For more information contact **Chuck Blesener**, at [cables@earthlink.net](mailto:cables@earthlink.net) or 713-683-9945.



## Plaza Moms Ready for Pampering, Shopping & Fun!

The Plaza Moms Society has an exciting October planned!!! Mark your calendars for a "Ladies Night Out" on Thursday October 7. Come relax with us at the Texan Nail

Spa (on 43rd and Ella). Join us as we relax, chat, and get our nails or toes done with your friends. Doors open at 6pm for the Plaza Moms group only. So make your reservation now. **Send your rsvp to [chas@chasbiediger.com](mailto:chas@chasbiediger.com)**

**Get a Head Start on your Holiday Shopping!!** Plaza Moms Society presents our Annual SHOPPING on the PLAZA. Friday, October 22, 2010 from 4 - 8:30 pm at Durham Elementary. Join us for an evening of shopping with more than 30 vendors offering great products such as clothing, jewelry, food, stationery, gifts and so much more! Admission is only \$2.00 at the door. The first 75 shoppers will get a free Plaza Moms shopping tote. There will also be great prizes provided from each vendor and awarded to lucky shoppers!



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And, our annual **Fall Event** is scheduled for Sunday October 24 from 4-6 pm. This is a great opportunity for the kids to don their Halloween costumes a bit early and come to Shepherd Park for fun activities, pizza, and more! Please contact **Barbara Bryant** at [barbb84@gmail.com](mailto:barbb84@gmail.com) for any additional info or if you'd like to assist. We'll see you at the park to kick off some Halloween fun for the kids! There is a \$5/person fee for non Plaza Moms members—or you can join for \$35 on the spot.



## Garden Club Plans Fall Fundraisers

The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club recently kicked off the 2010-2011 year with a wonderful dinner at the home of **Carol Jean Hebert**. Program plans for the coming year were discussed and a few new members were welcomed.

Co-hostesses for the event were **Barbara DePrato, Debbie Elliot, Linda Morgan, and Cindi Phelps**. Yard of the month for September was awarded to **Kaylen Young** at 1047 Curtin.

The Garden Club will again sell poinsettias for the upcoming holiday season. Look for the opportunity to support the Garden Club by purchasing poinsettias at the Plaza Moms Shopping on the Plaza event and the SPPCC Fall Fling. And, the group will also provide yummy desserts for the Fall Fling—another neighborhood favorite! Both of these efforts are fundraisers that support the Garden Club's ongoing neighborhood beautification efforts.

The Garden Club will meet on October 11 at 7 pm, at the home of **Sheri Beasley**, 1138 Thornton. For more information on you can get involved, please contact **Alice Bongers** at [ajbongers@att.net](mailto:ajbongers@att.net) or 713-681-6044.

## Pay Your SPPCC Dues Online!

Thanks to the 288 (40%) homes that have paid their 2010/2011 SPPCC dues as of August 31! While we appreciate the generous support of these residents, we are still considerably behind our typical SPPCC participation. Letters to homes who had not yet paid their annual Civic Club dues were sent in early September as a reminder that we truly need everyone's support to keep our neighborhood programs running! Your \$25.00 dues payment helps maintain the outstanding neighborhood we all call home.

And to make Civic Club membership even easier, you may now pay your dues electronically at [www.shepherdparkplaza.com](http://www.shepherdparkplaza.com). It's quick, convenient, and an easy way to contribute to our neighborhood. 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.

**It's easy to pay your 2010-2011 dues—simply log on to [www.shepherdparkplaza.com](http://www.shepherdparkplaza.com) and pay with PayPal or download an application and return with your check as instructed.** For more information, contact **Tom Dornak** at [membership@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:membership@shepherdparkplaza.com) or 713-683-6502.



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## Stay on Schedule with Heavy Trash

The City of Houston typically picks up SPP's heavy trash on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. But, each month, the type of heavy trash that they will retrieve varies. To ensure that your trash is picked up, make sure to only put the right materials at the curb.

- **Tree Waste in Odd Months** (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) - "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps (lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted)
- **Junk Waste in Even Months** (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) - furniture, appliances, and other bulky material.

Confused? Check the calendar in each issue of the *Plaza Pulse* to see what's being picked up this month.

## September YARDS OF THE MONTH

### Section 1:

BEVERLY MATTOCKS  
1139 CHAMBOARD

### Section 3:

GREG & JENNIFER FIGUEROA  
1120 CHESHIRE

### Section 2:

MICHAEL PATE & BOB  
WARREN  
1131 THORNTON

### Section 4:

GEORGE & BEVERLY  
RUBENSTAHL  
1012 RICHELIEU

SPP Wants to  
Welcome You

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](mailto: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](mailto:membership@shepherdparkplaza.com) and [advertising@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:advertising@shepherdparkplaza.com).

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