



# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

May 2026

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## HAPPENINGS IN THE HOOD



Inviting all Shepherd Park Plaza & Candlelight Plaza Residents!

Movie starts @ sunset  
Bring-your-own chair, drinks, snacks

*Movie Nights @ Shepherd Park are a joint collaboration between both neighborhoods. May's event is hosted by Candlelight Plaza.*

Need to clear out those cluttered closets?

Looking for some hidden treasures & unique finds?

Whether you're a seller or a shopper, join the neighborhood garage sale!

**CANDLELIGHT PLAZA & SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND**  
**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Neighborhood map will be distributed to all participants to share with shoppers. A Drop off location for unsold items to be donated will be shared via email.

Email [Hello@CandaceHelstrom.com](mailto:Hello@CandaceHelstrom.com) with any questions

Signup with your address via the QR Code

## 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](mailto:Pulse@shepherdparkplaza.com)

**Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month**



# 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](mailto: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.

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 and Instagram (NEW @spp\_civicclub) (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](mailto:Membership@shepherdparkplaza.com).

If you haven't received your Constable Program sticker, please contact your Section Rep.

Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$350

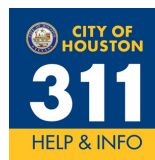


## We appreciate our local advertisers!

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.

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/](http://www.houstontx.gov/council/h/)



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.

Visit our website for info on:

- Membership
- Meetings
- Club Projects



What a fun and informative 2025-2026 season it has been! Many knowledgeable speakers taught us so much, and we were proud to host our annual plant sale in March that seemed to be so enjoyed by the community. As we enter May, our season is coming to a close with our End of Year Banquet--a catered dinner for our members on May 11th to cap off the year reminiscing and enjoying each other's company. We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer! See you around the neighborhood and when we gather again in the fall (September)!

Contact email: [gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com](mailto:gardenclub@shepherdparkplaza.com).

## SPP DECORATING AWARDS: EASTER

Congratulations to the Easter decorating award winners!

### Best Overall

1st: 4503 Apollo

2nd: 1031 Martin

### Most Religious

1st: 990 Chambord

2nd: 1056 Cheshire

### Section Winners

Section 1: 1178 Curtin

Section 2: 1147 Thornton

Section 3: 1125 Cheshire

Section 4: 1046 Candlelight



Next opportunity for awards: July 4th

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# NEIGHBORLY NEWS

## Shepherd Park Plaza Dads Take on the Texas Water Safari

This June, a team of Shepherd Park Plaza residents, aptly named the Father Figures, will take on one of Texas' most grueling endurance challenges: the Texas Water Safari! The race spans an incredible 260 miles from San Marcos River to the Texas coast, pushing competitors through days of nonstop paddling with little to no sleep. First held in 1963, the Safari is widely regarded as one of the toughest canoe races in the world and a true Texas tradition. This year's race runs June 12–16.

Representing our neighborhood on the water:

- Kevin Simpson
- Kelly Carmouche
- Jason Levar
- Chris Averett



Supporting them behind the scenes is a dedicated ground crew:

- Dave Paris (Captain)
- John Garza (Captain)

While the race itself lasts only a few days, preparation takes months and comes with significant costs, from entry fees and safety equipment to boat maintenance, training, and coordinating the ground crew that keeps paddlers fueled and moving.

The team is currently seeking community and local business support through sponsorships through May 15th. Contributions help ensure the team can compete safely and successfully, and any funds raised beyond expenses will go toward river conservation efforts.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Gold (\$1,000): Large logo on team apparel and ground crew vehicle, pre-race visit with team and boat, and social media recognition before, during, and after the race
- Silver (\$500): Medium logo on team apparel and ground crew vehicle, social media recognition before and after the race
- Bronze (\$250): Small logo on team apparel and social media recognition before the race
- Friends of the Team (\$100): Social media recognition before the race

If you're interested in supporting the Father Figures or learning more, the team would love to connect. Please email [garzajohn325@gmail.com](mailto:garzajohn325@gmail.com).

Let's cheer on our neighbors as they take on this uniquely Texan challenge!



**Kristi Kolmetz**  
Broker/Owner  
Shepherd Park Plaza Neighbor



**Clark/Kotzur Team**



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# NEIGHBORLY NEWS (CONTINUED)

## Girl Scouts Donate Cookies to Office of Emergency Management

Local Girl Scout Troop 122056, based in Shepherd Park Plaza, recently donated Girl Scout cookies to the local heroes at the City of Houston Office of Emergency Management (OEM), located just minutes from our neighborhood.

During our visit, the OEM team welcomed us warmly and taught our troop about emergency preparedness and what happens during an activation. The girls also enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of Houston's 9-1-1 Call Center.

Highlights from the visit included:

- Learning how first responders, public works, and Red Cross work collaboratively during emergencies
- Q&A session about OEM's work and how emergency response is coordinated
- Observing an emergency call being taken and seeing firsthand how 9-1-1 operators support our community

The OEM team was presented with a certificate of thanks along with our cookie donation, and our troop is still buzzing with excitement from this memorable experience.



**CALL FOR YOUTH (AGES < 18) CONTRIBUTORS!**

**MONTHLY YOUTH-CENTERED SECTION OF THE PLAZA PULSE**

CONTENT IDEAS INCLUDE (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):



**EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:  
PULSE@SHEPHERDPARKPLAZA.COM**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE REVIEWED  
PRIOR TO PUBLICATION**

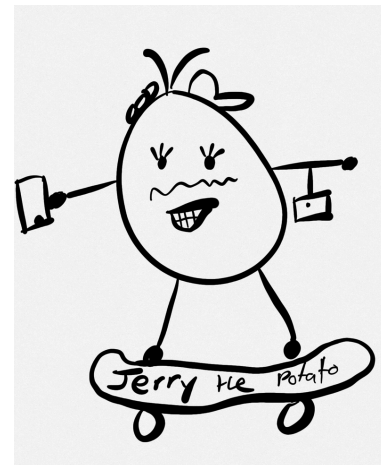
## NEW CONTENT PREVIEW: YOUTH YARD

### Boredom Buster Riddles

1. If mom lives in the black house, dad lives in the blue house, and the sister lives in the green house, who lives in the white house?
2. What can you catch but you cannot throw?
3. What goes up but never goes down?
4. If Sam's mom has 4 children - North, West, and East - what is the name of the 4<sup>th</sup> one?
5. If there's a one-story house and everything is yellow - the furniture, the lights, the walls - what color are the stairs?

see answers on page 6

Submitted by Zachary N., age 9



Submitted by Elyse N., age 12

Your neighborhood expert.

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# Deputy Constable Program Response Calls

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

March 2026

Alarm - 2	Accident FSGO - 1	Compliance Check - 1
Contract Check - 142	Criminal Mischief - 2	Disturbance Other - 1
Drug Possession - 1	Follow-Up - 5	Information Call - 1
Meet the Citizen - 118	Meet the Officer - 2	Mental Health Call - 1
Missing Person - 1	Terroristic Threat - 1	Theft Other - 2
Suspicious Person - 3	Suspicious Vehicle - 2	Theft Residence - 1
Traffic Hazard - 1	Vacation Watch - 34	Vehicle Stickered - 1
Welfare Check - 1	Writ - 1	Miles Patrolled - 3,282

**\*\*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



**SEE SOMETHING.  
SAY SOMETHING.**

5. There are no stairs  
4. Sam  
3. Your age  
2. A cold  
1. The President  
Youth Yard - Riddle answers

## CITIZEN'S PATROL



### What is the Citizens Patrol Program?

Patrollers are certified by the Houston Police Department. A citizen patrol drives their vehicle and observes neighborhood surroundings- particularly doors, windows, gates of houses, garages, vehicles, and reports to the HPD & Constable all situations that look strange or suspicious. We ONLY observe and report.

<https://www.shepherdparkplaza.com/citizens-patrol>

**Citizens  
Patrol**

March 2026	
Total Driving Hours	31.5



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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 Section1@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 Calendar** May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	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
31						



=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 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.



- Card classes - in person and virtual
- Custom events - mom's night outs, team building, birthdays, etc
- Monthly kit subscriptions
- Unique paper crafted gifts and decor

No experience needed - come relax and get creative right here in SPP - Follow us to find our events

Emily Hatcher  
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April Yard of the Month	
Section 1: 1010 Curtin	Section 2: 959 Thornton Brooke Cadwallader & Mark Sumell
Section 3: 1105 Martin	Section 4: 1030 Richelieu Donald Harding



# THE PLAZA PULSE

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB

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Ready to pay your annual Civic Club dues  
and  
join the Constable Contract?

Scan the QR code for online payments or  
pay via Venmo (@SPPCC).

Civic Club: \$25 Constable Program: \$350



## Curious where your \$25 annual SPP Membership dues go?

We use these funds to benefit the neighborhood 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
- Neighborhood events & gatherings

Visit our website for more info!  
[www.shepherdparkplaza.com](http://www.shepherdparkplaza.com)