

WELCOME



Welcome to Houston's best neighborhood! We are a community of involved and caring neighbors.

Shepherd Park Plaza has a Civic Club and several active groups that organize events throughout the year to bring the neighborhood together. We also have a Constable Deputy Program that is funded and supported by your annual membership dues. Visit www.shepherdparkplaza.com for more details.

SPP Civic Club- The Civic Club is comprised of caring neighbors who volunteer their time and talents toward preserving our property values and the quality of the life we enjoy in this great neighborhood.

Plaza Moms- Plaza Moms have been coming together to share friendship and fun in and around our neighborhoods. They work to provide great activities for kids and their parents and to make our neighborhoods an even greater place to live.

Garden Club- The Garden Club has been promoting the love of gardening, supporting neighborhood events and projects.

Citizens Patrol- The patrol has a proven record of reducing crime in our neighborhood and patrollers are certified by the Houston Police Department. Additional patrollers are always welcome for its continued success.

Men's Club- The Men's Club rallies around their service mission to support and promote our green space; Shepherd Park. This allows them to progress from their legacy and move to opportunities of involvement for men of all ages.

Annual Events

Spring:

- Civic Club Pancake Breakfast
- Easter Egg Hunt (Plaza Moms)
- Family BBQ (Men's Club)
- Crawfish Boil
- Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Garden Club Backyard Tour

Summer:

- 4th of July Parade (Plaza Moms)

Fall:

- National Night Out
- Oktoberfest
- Beer & Wine Crawl
- Fall Festival (Plaza Moms)
- Halloween

Winter:

- Breakfast with Santa (Plaza Moms)
- Christmas Festivities, Decorations and Awards

Yard Awards:

- Yard of the Month
- Most Patriotic
- Easter
- Fall
- Halloween
- Christmas



Look for other events and notifications in our monthly newsletter: The Plaza Pulse. We also encourage you to participate at Durham Elementary School's annual events, our neighborhood school.



Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 10453
Houston, TX 77206-0453

Dear New Neighbor:

On behalf of the Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club, welcome to the best neighborhood in the City of Houston! We are glad to have you here.

The Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club is your Civic Club, comprised of caring and concerned neighbors who generously volunteer their time and talents toward preserving our property values and the stability of the quality of the life we enjoy in this great neighborhood.

Some of the services your Civic Club provides are:

- **Deed Restriction Enforcement and Architectural Control** – protecting the quality of life and property values in SPP.
- **Constable Patrol Program** – coordinating the activities of our full-time Harris County Deputy Constables patrolling Shepherd Park Plaza.
- **Safety and Security** – regularly meeting with HPD to discuss crime prevention. Building rapport with local law enforcement and fire department first responders through frequent interaction and demonstrations of appreciation; supporting SPP's Citizen's Patrol program.
- **Recognition of Yard of Month and Holiday Yard Décor Award Winners** – to encourage neighborhood holiday spirit and property beautification.
- **Community Relations** – close involvement and communication with the City and other area civic clubs on matters of mutual concern such as roads, utilities, neighborhood crime prevention, park maintenance and other activities.
- **Common Area Maintenance** – maintaining signs and flowerbeds at SPP's entrances. The Civic Club also regularly has painted curb numbers repainted so guests and first responders can easily find their destination.
- **The Plaza Pulse** – our monthly newsletter to keep you informed.
- **SPPCC Website** – contains valuable information including important contact information for the City, Civic Club officers and electronic copies of current and past issues of the *Plaza Pulse* newsletter.
- **Neighborhood Social Gatherings** – The Civic Club organizes and supports social gatherings to help maintain the sense of community within SPP. These include the annual business meeting in the spring (the "Spring Fling") when officer elections are held.

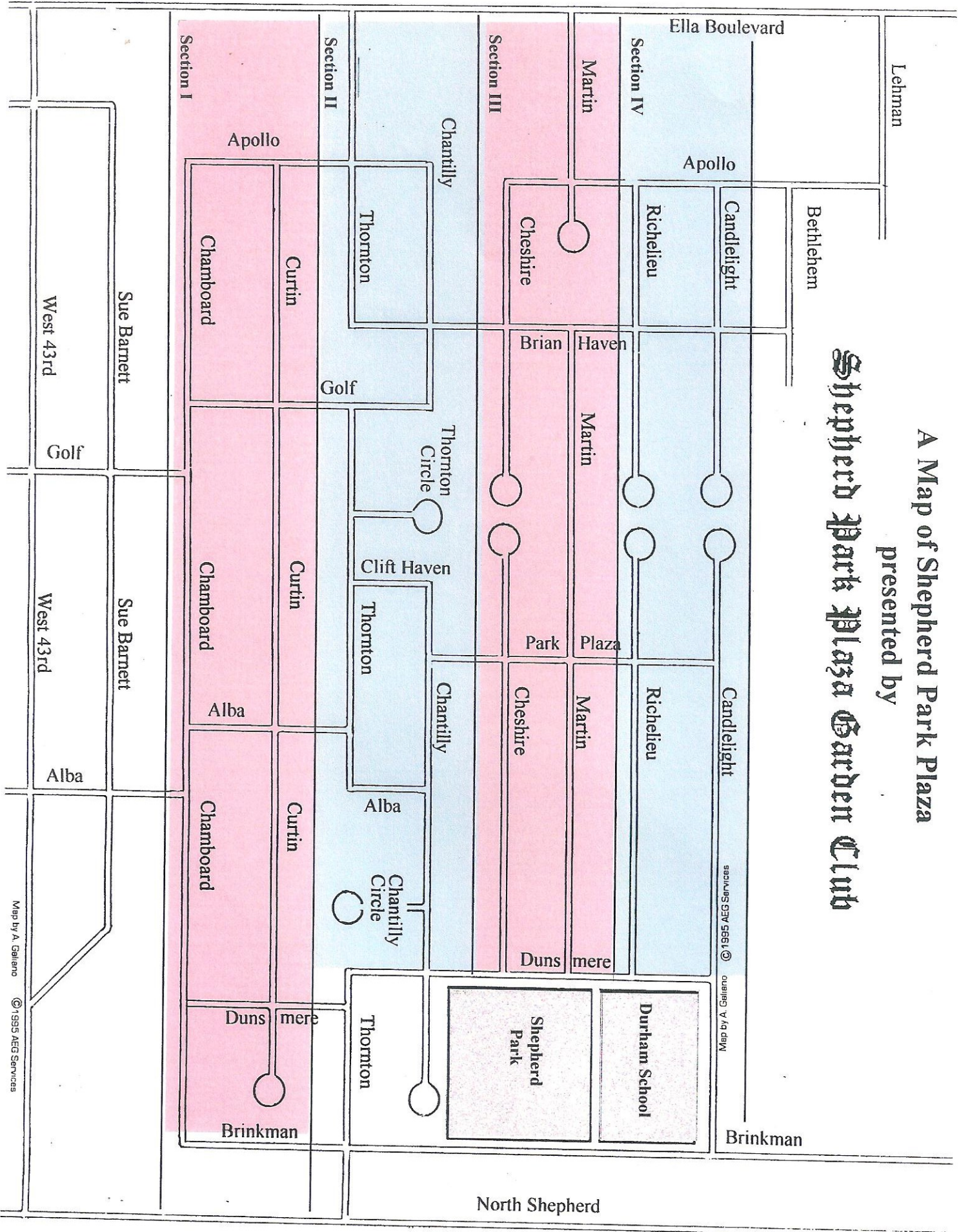
The above list represents only a portion of the many projects that the Civic Club undertakes each year. We extend an invitation to you to join us and participate in this worthwhile activity. Annual membership dues are only \$25.00. As you are completing the SPPCC membership form, **please** consider financially supporting our Constable Patrol Program and volunteering some time for our Citizen's Patrol. The Shepherd Park Plaza Citizens on Patrol program is recognized as the most successful and active citizen's patrol program in the City of Houston and contributes significantly to maintaining the safety and security of our neighborhood.

Sincere regards and welcome to the neighborhood!

Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club, Inc.

Aurélien Bouchet – President

A Map of Shepherd Park Plaza presented by Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club



SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA

SECTION INFORMATION

Did you know that you not only live in one of the best kept secrets in Houston subdivisions, but one of only 4 with value growth for seven consecutive years? Within Shepherd Park Plaza are four Sections constituting of just more than 700 homes. Each Section has a Section Representative, a resident of the Section they represent on the Civic Club board. These Representatives distribute neighborhood flyers, choose the Yard of the Month winners, and help organize neighborhood-wide events.

Deed restrictions for all sections are available online at www.shepherdparkplaza.com

Section One:

4400-4511 Apollo, 900-1191 Chamboard, 900-1187 Curtin
Contact: section1@shepherdparkplaza.com

Section Two:

4602-4614 Alba, 4703-4714 Apollo, 902-11-6 Chantilly, 4602-4619 Chantilly Circle, 4703-4719 Clift Haven, 4603-4619 Dunsmere, 4615-4718 Golf, 942-1147 Thornton, 4702-4719 Thornton Circle
Contact: section2@shepherdparkplaza.com

Section Three:

4723-4729 Apollo, 4702-4729 Brian Haven, 1002-1125 Cheshire, 1002-1116 Martin
Contact: section3@shepherdparkplaza.com

Section Four:

48-3-4907 Apollo, 4803-4805 Brian Haven, 1002-1139 Candlelight, 1002-1139 Richelieu
Contact: section4@shepherdparkplaza.com

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TALKING TRASH

Our regular collection day is **Tuesday**, and trash can be placed on the curb for pickup no earlier than 6 pm on Monday evening. This includes our rolling bins as well as bags of lawn clippings. When you place your bins, be sure they are curbside (not in the street) and placed at least 3 ft. apart. *Generally speaking* after a Monday holiday, trash and recycling will be picked up on Wednesday.

Lawn clippings must be bagged in the approved clear, biodegradable bags with the city-approved logo. If you pay a lawn service to bag your clippings, they are responsible for removing them from your property. Please do not leave lawn clipping bags or bundles on the curb beyond the Monday evening thru pick up time frame. If you are self-bagging your clippings, please do not place on the curbside until the stated pick up time frame.

Heavy trash collection is the 3rd Thursday of each month. Tree waste is collected in the odd numbered months and junk waste is collected in the even numbered months.

If you have damaged containers or are in need of the registered containers, call the City of Houston at 3-1-1.

Glass containers (bottles, jars, etc) are no longer accepted in the Green recycle bins.

A Short History of Shepherd Park Plaza by Dorothy Lofton

Long before the white man came, Orcoquisac Indians hunted deer, bear and buffalo in this area. They were a small tribe, which roamed the lower San Jacinto and Trinity River valleys, fish ing and hunting in family groups along the upper reaches of Galveston Bay.

Evidence of several of their camps has been uncovered along Spring and Cypress creeks. In winter they settled into semi-permanent villages in the northern part of Harris County where they hunted and sometimes cultivated maize.

Farming has long been a part of life in this area. (Even today we have a Community Garden, managed by SPP's own Beth Galiano, at the entrance to our subdivision on Alba.) Glenn Holliday, first president of our Civic Club, recalled growing up in the early 1920s on a truck farm on what is now Donovan Street.

The area where we live (here in Shepherd Park Plaza) was once the location of vegetable and dairy farms; the Farmers Market on Airline was created to provide a place for these small truck farmers to sell their produce. The subdivision as we know it today began with the sale of 222 lots on 10 blocks in what is now called Section One.

This sale was made to Suburban Homes Lumber / Oak Glen building Company on May 29, 1958 by Sweeney Estates, owned by John S. Mellinger, an attorney with offices in the old Union National Bank Building. In October 1958 the neighborhood newspaper, *The Leader*, reported that Ella Boulevard had been re-topped from W. 43rd to Pinemont. And, in September 1959 *The Leader* reported that "extensive... residential development was taking place right at our doorstep." Five model homes were built on Chamboard in Section One, just east of Alba.

Shepherd Park Plaza today encompasses four sections and 729 homes and is considered one of the best neighborhoods in the city - and one of the safest. In 1993 Shepherd Park Plaza's "Citizens on Patrol" under the leadership of Don Blaise was cited by the Houston Police Department for significantly reducing neighborhood crime.

Shepherd Park Plaza

MEN'S GROUP

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The SPP Men's Group got underway back in 2001 when several men noticed that there were several women's groups in the neighborhood. Letters were sent out to several men to generate interest, and the rest is history. The group has no official rules, no officers, no by-laws or committees. The only requirements are:

- Retired or available at noon meetings
- live in the neighborhood
- have an appetite
- interest in the neighborhood
- enjoy lunch with friends and neighbors
- monthly lunch meeting 2nd Thursday

Friends are welcome. Check the calendar in the *PLAZA PULSE* for date, location and time.

Shepherd Park Plaza Garden Club



The Shepherd Park Plaza Garden club was established in September 1975, still promoting neighborliness through the beautification of our homes and gardens.

Our meetings are varied, with guest speakers, food, business and laughter. They are held the 2nd Monday evening of each month, September thru May at 7 p.m. Our two non-meetings are the annual December Christmas party, and the May Installation of Officers. Please check the PLAZA PULSE for our contact number and the day and location of our meeting.

We welcome both men and women in the neighborhood to our meetings. We maintain several projects for the neighborhood, including enhancing the Memorial Beds in Shepherd Park, activities at the Durham Elementary School, , desserts at Civic Club sponsored neighborhood meetings and several other fundraisers to support our maintenance efforts.

SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA

CITIZEN PATROL

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POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF HOUSTON

Dear New Resident:

Shepherd Park Plaza Patrol (SPPCP) was formed in August, 1991, and is made up of neighbors like yourself who have volunteered to either patrol the neighborhood at scheduled times or be base station operators. Since the patrol started, crime has dropped by approximately 75%. One hour a week is the normally scheduled patrol time. There are quarterly meetings to meet other volunteers, learn about the program, etc. The Patrol is completely financed by donations from Shepherd Park Plaza residents. As a Patroller, you are furnished with a radio, signs for your car, shirts and jackets so you are easily recognizable to the public.

Vacation Watch is available for weekends, vacations, etc. through our Constable Program. Patrollers are greatly needed, and we would appreciate your participation. Patrollers meet their neighbors, earn gas card credits for hours patrolled, and provide a valuable service to the new address you call home. For an application check the HPD website, or for more information contact me and let's discuss your options and interests.

For Vacation Watch information, please go the Constable's website via the link below:

<http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch>

Sincerely,

Deborah DeBram and Katherine Peale
constableliaison@shepherdparkplaza.com



Shepherd Park Plaza

CONSTABLE PROGRAM

Help Protect SPP for .79 cents a Day

SPPCC's Deputy Constable patrol service is provided by your donations to the program thru the Civic Club. You may contribute at any time during the year. Application form is attached for your convenience, or available at the website, www.shepherdparkplaza.com. The suggested donation is \$290, or just 79 cents a day, far less than a cup of coffee.

What do you get for \$290?

The Civic Club contracts for two uniformed Deputies to patrol our neighborhood along with Candlelight Plaza, with whom we share a contract. These patrols consist of 80 hours per week (shared with Candlelight Plaza). The scheduled hours of patrol will rotate to prevent a pattern for those with criminal intent to follow, and are influenced by crime statistics and coordination with our Citizens Patrol. Additionally, officers from the Constable's Patrol Division make numerous sweeps of SPP when our deputy is not on duty. Our assigned Deputy becomes a friend, and considers SPP his neighborhood and is resolved to keep SPP a safe place to live.

Why do we need a Deputy Constable Patrol?

Open any newspaper or watch any newscast to learn about the crime in Houston. The Police Department is stretched to the limit and must answer calls on a priority basis. Our Deputy is only a minute away when on patrol, and this is a great comfort and an even better deterrent to criminals.

Won't you send in your contribution today?

The sooner we receive your donation, the better able we are to budget for the coming year. If you can't afford the \$290 fee, please send what you can. Sadly, some SPP residents are unable to contribute to the program, but can still receive the benefits with your help. Please consider sending in your donation today!

April 1, 2018

Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club

2018 Membership Dues & Constable Patrol Program

www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com

Name or Current Resident

Address

Houston, TX 77018

This is the kickoff mailing for 2018 SPP fundraising for Membership Dues, Constable Patrol Program and Citizens Patrol Program which runs from **September 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2018**. Please update your contact info below and mail your donation today.

Description	Amount	Fee
SPP Civic Club Membership Dues	\$	\$25.00
SPP Civic Club Donation	\$	(Optional)
Deputy Constable Program	\$	(Suggested \$290)
Citizens Patrol Donation	\$	(Optional)
Total Amount	\$	

Payments may be submitted using enclosed envelope **OR** PayPal via www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com.

Please update latest membership information in our database for this address.

Current Membership Database Details		
Name 1 & 2		
Address		
Home Phone		
Cell Phone 1 & 2		
Work Phone 1 & 2		
Email 1		
Email 2		
Emergency Contact #1 Name/Phone		
Emergency Contact #2 Name/Phone		

Visit www.ShepherdParkPlaza.com to

- Add your name to the email alert list
- Request SPP vehicle decals
- Read the latest and archived SPP Pulse Newsletters
- Obtain contact info for any board member

Make check payable to **SPP Civic Club**

Please return form & payment to:

Maureen Sullivan
SPPCC Membership Director
1054 Cheshire
Houston, TX 77018