



Community Unites for Annual Membership Meeting at Bayland Park Community Center



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President's Message

In recent issues of the SCAN, I have written about our continuing efforts to be more open and transparent. In the last issue, I talked about our new sign policy (which is now available on our website). There was also a piece on our new ACC approval signs showing that exterior modifications have been approved by SCA. We hope to accomplish two things with this – let observant residents know that construction has been approved (and conversely, not approved by SCA), and educate everyone that all exterior changes must have prior written SCA approval before construction begins.

Work at my own house was just recently completed. I submitted my ACC approval request (as required by the deed restrictions) and paid the fee. Your board members are not exempt from having to go through this process. Despite being a board member



(and president), I wasn't 100% sure about what needed to be submitted or what the fee was going to be. I had a new roof installed and had a patio cover/roof extension added to the back – that is completely within the setback lines and not higher than the rest of the roof. Is that 2 fees? 1 fee? What kind of sketch did I need to turn in? How extensive a materials list, etc.

I was able to call the SCA office to find out, but it became very clear that we need to do much more to provide our residents the information they need to do the right thing and find out what would be allowed or not before you begin construction. This fall, your SCA board will be working to make that happen. We will be updating and creating several new policies to try to provide that information in an upfront and clear manner. As we did with the sign policy, it will be posted to our website and residents will have the opportunity to comment.

Like the sign policy and signs in general, there are those who have differing opinions – but they need to be heard and respected. And I ask that if the consensus goes “the other way” and not what you would have wanted, be respectful of the process and the result. Remember, we are neighbors – not the Hatfield's and McCoy's.

In the meantime, I invite you to let me know what you see in your daily travels through Sharpstown that you think needs to be addressed, or what you've heard your neighbors griping about. The only way we can address an issue is if we know about it, so let us know. You can contact me by email at president@sharpstowncivic.org or letter to the SCA office. If it's a deed restriction violation, be sure to report it to www.sharpstowncivic.org or to the SCA office.

Thanks for continuing to be Sharpstown Proud!

Margaret Mitchell, President



Newly elected president Margaret Mitchell and the SCA attorney Shawn McGee, who spoke at our November Annual Membership Meeting.



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The SCAN Forum:

Ask Questions, Make Comments, Be Engaged

by Jerry Alexander,
SCA Board Member



This is the last SCAN Forum for 2018 and my last as the writer. It's time to give others the opportunity to present their views and fresh ideas addressing neighborhood problems and informing residents about community news. Thank you to all that have contributed to the Forum with your questions and comments these last three years. Without you, the Forum would not be possible and your participation was greatly appreciated. I'll miss attempting to answer your questions and clarifying your comments but I won't miss the edition deadline.

1. I have observed SEAL cars patrolling adjacent neighborhoods and officers in SEAL cars parked at different Sharpstown business locations. Do SCA security dues pay for patrolling other neighborhoods and business stakeouts? Of course not, your SCA security dues pay for SEAL Security to protect the Association's homes and property only. Southwest Management District contracts with the same SEAL Security to provide security for the local businesses and other HOAs have hired SEAL Security to guard their communities too. A social media discussion was recently started about an officer-occupied SEAL car parked in the parking lot of a local business for many hours and how it was a waste of SCA dollars. "He should have been out patrolling the neighborhood instead of just sitting in a parking lot for hours on end!" Turned out the officer and car were contracted by the business to do just what he was doing, protecting the business and its customers from potential criminals seen in the area recently. So, sometimes things aren't as they seem. SEAL Security provides a great service working with HPD protecting our homes and businesses.
2. As a homeowner, I don't see the Association doing anything to improve the community quality of life, so why should I become a member? The SCA spends your dues to provide a variety of services and enforce rules to protect the market value of each property in Sharpstown. The problem is many of the services go unnoticed by homeowners. Deed restriction enforcement is a major priority of the Association but the enforcement of deed restrictions cannot be reported to the public unless the violation becomes public knowledge through court filings. It's a state law! That sometimes makes it look like the Association isn't doing anything when the truth is they are doing a lot. Working with HPD, SEAL Security patrols our neighborhoods and protects our homes and properties from the bad guys. SEAL Security is there but

you may not see them cruising slowly down your street, often during the hours you are away at work. Another SCA service paid for with your dues is mosquito protection. Spraying is done once a week during mosquito season to protect residents from multiple mosquito-borne illnesses. Dues also pay for the Association's bimonthly newsletter, The SCAN, and community outreach events during the year. Wonder if residents would miss the services if they were discontinued?

3. Well, it's almost the holiday season and my wife wants to know the guidelines for putting up outside decorations. Just what I need, another "honey do"! There is no timeline for setting up holiday decorations but a good rule for Christmas setup is Thanksgiving week; there is however a guideline for take down. The Association uses Super Bowl weekend as the deadline for decorations to be taken down. Make sure your decorations don't create a public hazard or block any sidewalks or your neighbor's driveway without permission. Use common sense and have fun making memories and celebrating the holidays.
4. Why is the SCA membership (about 25% the last three years) so low and what is being done to increase the membership? The membership committee has worked hard developing new programs (Merchant Discount Program & Welcome Wagon Packet) to engage non-member residents to join the Association. Potential new members are constantly being educated and recruited through the SCAN, email blast and membership letters explaining the importance of membership and the community services provided by the SCA through membership dues. The committee has had many discussions trying to determine why 75% of our residents decline to join. Is it that some residents can't afford the \$250 annual fee? Monthly payments are available. Are the dues too high? Compared to other HOAs, \$250 is pretty cheap. Is there a language problem? The SCA application is written in multiple languages. Finally, do homeowners just not understand how enforcement of deed restrictions and community services maintains or even increases the value of their home and the quality of the neighborhood? The committee hopes not, but will continue trying to recruit new members. Are you a member?
5. Is it OK to drive down the sidewalk when the street is flooded? It's not OK, in fact it's illegal. Driving through a lawn is considered "Driving on the sidewalk". In order for a police officer to fine an individual an eyewitness must report the incidence to HPD and have the license plate number of the car involved. Citation fines and court costs range from \$184.10 to \$304.10. The driver is also responsible for civil damages. Some of those damages may include repairing the tire ruts in the lawn, replacing damaged sprinkler heads and underground plumbing pipes broken from the weight of the car as it rolls over the pipes. The best strategy is to park your car on high ground and wait until the water goes down. Homeowners would appreciate it and so will your pocket book!

SCA Board of Directors 2019 Nominations

At the Annual Meeting November 15, 2018, SCA members elected directors and officers for the 2019-2020 period.

Elected to another two year term were

- Donna Fain
- Heather Handley
- Charmaine LeBlanc
- John Lorenz
- Elizabeth Schooler
- Matt Wine

Elected to their first two year term as directors were

- Byrom Wehner
- Almena Downey

The following Officers were elected to one-year terms

- President – Margaret Mitchell
- Vice President – Matt Wine
- Treasurer – Charmaine LeBlanc
- Secretary - Carrie Ann Schwartz-Hill

Sharpstown appreciates the time and talent these individuals devote to our community.



2018 Board, not shown are Kate Washmon, John Lorenz and Matthew Cowan

SCA Mission Statement

“To serve and improve the Sharpstown community through enforcement of deed restrictions, architectural controls, enhancing our residents’ safety, and promoting Sharpstown as one of Houston’s most desirable neighborhoods.”

2018 Directory—Board of Directors

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Welcome New SCA Directors-Elect Byrom Wehner & Almena Downey

Byrom Wehner and Almena Downey, both long-time Sharpstown residents, were elected to the SCA Board of Directors at the November General Meeting. Byrom and Almena will begin their service in January, 2019.

Byrom and Almena have lived in Country Club Terrace 3 and 2 respectively for many decades. The SCA is grateful for their renewed service to our community.

Be sure to look them up at SCA General Meetings and give them a Sharpstown thank-you.



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Membership	\$80
Safety and Security	\$170
Total	\$250

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Informative
Website and
Facebook page



Monthly
community
meetings



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HOW TO PAY? On our website www.sharpstowncivic.org or mail in the dues form below

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2019 MEMBERSHIP & SECURITY

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\$80.00 + \$170.00 = \$250.00

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Deed Restrictions

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- But I didn't change the color
- But I didn't move the fence
- But my neighbor didn't get approval
- But the title company said there wasn't a Civic Association
- But I see others just like it in the neighborhood

We hear all these and many more excuses several times a week. STOP! ALL EXTERIOR CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE.

Please don't waste your precious time and money on construction that may not meet the Sharpstown requirements-ASK FIRST. The SCA hates to see homeowners pay to build something and then pay again to remove it. Worst of all, those folks sometime end up paying costly legal fees as well, and potentially facing City of Houston fines too.

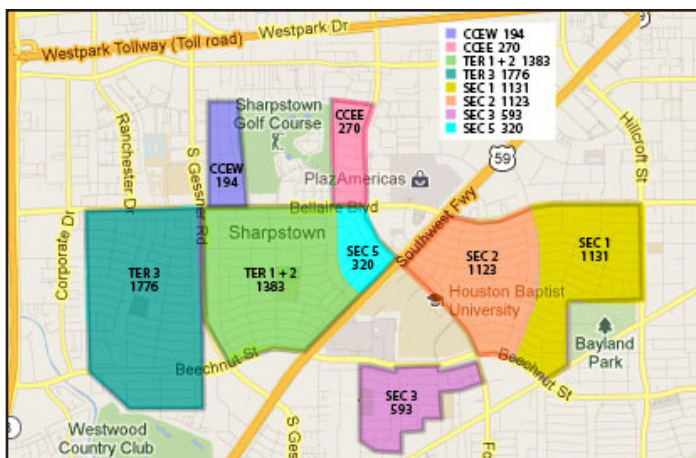
BE SMART – SAVE TIME AND MONEY – SUBMIT ALL EXTERIOR PROJECTS BEFORE YOU START.

Current Deed Restriction Cases—Open

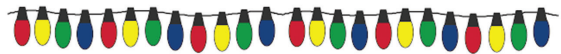
(Sharpstown has just under 7,000 homes)

Section	Open DRV Totals	Total Homes in Section	% of DR's out of 6,790 homes
CC Estates	31	464	7%
Section 1	134	1131	12%
Section 2	97	1123	9%
Section 3	8	593	1%
Section 5	23	320	7%
Terrace 1&2	106	1383	8%
Terrace 3	101	1776	6%
Totals	500	6790	7%

Data as of October 29, 2018



A FRIENDLY REMINDER:



PLEASE TAKE DOWN YOUR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS!

EARLY JANUARY!!



September Meeting

HBU's John Holmes details plans for Pillars development



October Meeting

Dale Davidson explains Sharpstown's numerous school choices

Midwest Bike Patrol on Duty in Sharpstown

Commander Bashir and a few DRT officers went out Thursday, November 8, 2018 on bike patrol around the district. We visited several businesses and met with members in the community. Having visibility should help deter crime as the holiday season is upon us. We will be patrolling on our bikes once a week, in hopes of reducing crime in our community. This is a picture from that ride.





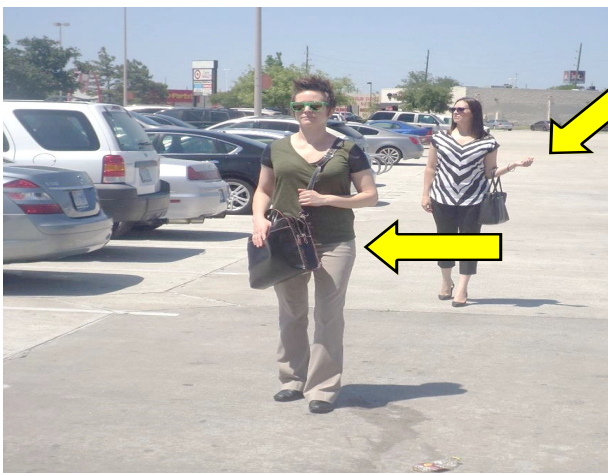
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- Never leave your purse unattended, even for a second

Definitions of Crime Types

Robbery —The taking of money or goods in the possession of another, from his or her person or immediate presence, by force or intimidation.

Burglary—(breaking and entering) an unlawful entry into a building for the purposes of committing an offence. Usually that offence is theft.

Theft —the act of stealing; the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods or property of another; larceny. Examples include ransacking unlocked cars, taking property out of open garage doors, taking a purse off a front seat of an unlocked car, taking a mower out of the back of a pickup truck.

Auto Theft—the act of stealing your automobile or truck.

Aggravated Assault —an attempt to cause serious bodily injury purposely.

Rape—unlawful sexual activity carried out against the will of a male, female, or person under age, or incapable of consent.

SCA 2018 Crime Totals - BMV still a problem area

	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Aggravated Assault	Rape	Murder	2018 Totals
January	1	7	23	3	0	0	34
February	0	2	14	3	0	0	19
March	2	2	21	2	0	1	28
April	3	2	15	2	0	0	22
May	1	7	18	3	0	0	29
June	0	9	27	3	4	0	43
July	2	6	24	7	0	0	39
August	3	2	15	2	0	0	22
September	1	8	25	1	0	0	35
October	1	7	9	1	0	0	18
Totals	14	52	191	27	4	1	289
% of Total	5%	18%	66%	9%	1%	0%	100%

BMV = Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

If it were not for BMV's Sharpstown would have an amazing crime report considering our 6800 homes and being located in the heart of southwest Houston. Perceived crime, thanks to our excitable media and social media reporters, can appear high but just look at the stats. SEAL and HPD are on our front lines doing what they can every day and night and we appreciate all they do. Citizen awareness and preventive action (removing valuables from view in vehicles) is another key component to our safe neighborhood. We can do even better by heightened awareness....watch your back, your neighbors back and be safe out there!!

Homelessness and Public Health

We see homeless "street people" on a daily basis; they are as much a part of our urban landscape as pigeons. And, like the pigeons, their "droppings" can have a direct impact on public health. The men and women living on Houston's streets use the pavement as their public toilet, and their bodily waste contaminates our storm water drainage system, bayous and, ultimately, our rivers and bays.

Large encampments such as develop in area underpasses compound the problem. Houston Police Lieutenant Ora Chandler assisted San Diego, CA police earlier this year when they experienced a significant outbreak of hepatitis, a potentially deadly disease spread by human waste, directly tied to the city's homeless encampments.

Giving change to panhandlers only supports their ability to remain on the street and reduces the likelihood they will seek access to more permanent housing and receive the treatment needed for addiction or mental illness.



Holiday Travel

Did you know that one important service provided by S.E.A.L. Security is a complimentary vacation watch for your home? Just download and complete the form <http://sealsecuritytexas.com/wpcontent/uploads/2015/04/vacation-watch-form.pdf> then call the dedicated Sharpstown S.E.A.L. hotline at 713-338-2266. An officer will check on your home daily to help make this year's holiday travels more carefree.

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Trash/Recycling

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Important Numbers & Contacts

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Heavy Trash Schedule

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Collection
December	10	11	Junk Waste
January	14	8	Tree Waste Only

Section 1 & 2—Heavy Trash on Tuesday
 (second Tuesday of the month)

Section 3, 5, CCT1, CCT2, CCT3—Heavy Trash on Monday
 (second Monday of the month)

Section CCE-E, CCE-W—Heavy Trash on Monday
 (second Monday of the month)

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Community Happenings

Improved Scores at Two Local Schools

The 2017-2018 school year was challenging for two of our local schools. Sharpstown HS and Bonham Elementary entered the school year with poor ratings from the state because of the 2016-2017 scores and had been identified as “improvement required” or IR. For Bonham it meant if they stayed in that category one more year they would be taken over by the state because they had remained at that level for several years. Sharpstown HS had been doing OK but had an off year because of some changes in the school.

With the start of the new year Harvey hit and created a diversion. The schools had been ramping up across the 2017 summer prepared to change the course of their status. Bonham got a new principal with specific marching orders to turn the school around or else. Sharpstown HS understood they were under the gun to stop any roll back in academic performance and had begun outlining a plan of action. School had to be delayed because of the flooding consequences across the area.

Sharpstown HS also had the added diversion of a move into their new building. The challenge was heightened when it took place during the school year with the old building still standing.

At the end of the school year early word was that the schools had done fairly well on the state assessments. And across the summer the analysis confirmed that Bonham had been brought out of IR meaning it would not be taken over by the state. A lot of hard work went into that turnaround and we thank the efforts of the administrators and teachers of Bonham Elementary for putting the students first to bring success to our neighborhood.

Sharpstown HS also attained a better state assessment. The students performed better on the test enough to remove the IR status. When doing the analysis of data what stood out in particular was that Sharpstown held its own among the comprehensive neighborhood high schools in HISD. Of the 23 that fall in that category Sharpstown was number 8. The others that had higher scores also had magnet programs that assisted with keeping their scores higher. Sharpstown HS currently doesn't have a magnet so the student population consists of students from the community without application or tryout. This accomplishment is important because it shows that students and staff of Sharpstown High School are capable of achievement. As a community we can be supportive of the efforts of the school in providing a comprehensive high school experience. When students enter a magnet program, the flexibility of trying arts, sports and other electives are stolen away by the narrowness of the programming. These well rounded experiences provide more opportunities for students to find their niche and passions to pursue.

Congratulations to the staff and students of Sharpstown HS and Bonham Elementary.

Sharpstown's Choir Serenades NNO Visitors as Neighbors gather at Lansdale Community Center



SHS Musical hits the boards in January

The Sharpstown High School Fine Arts Department will present the musical “In the Heights” January 17-19, 2019. This is the first musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda, who later wrote the Broadway smash hit, “Hamilton”. Stay tuned for more information.



(Bottom) Dale Davidson, Margaret Mitchell Join SHS teacher Jennifer Kuhleman for NNO (Top) Neighbors celebrate National Night Out with SHS students

Fall + School = Garden Club

Fall is in the air, school is going strong, and the local school garden clubs are up and running. A new “crop” of students from Bonham, Ed White, and Sutton are growing radishes, lettuce, cilantro, peas and other fall vegetables. Sharpstown High



School has an active garden club, and those students go to Bonham on Fridays to help while they await plans to begin their own garden at the new SHS campus. The students look forward to the weekly meetings and work hard, though work comes

to a halt when someone spies a worm, a bug, or some other interesting creature. Compost piles are being started at each location, as the students learn the process of how leaves and grass are broken down by nature to become a wonderful addition to the soil. Long-term, the plan is to connect these clubs so that the students can learn from each other. This is just another cog in the wheel that makes Sharpstown a great place to live!

Glass Recycling Bin Restored to Sharpstown Park

In September many residents noticed that the large bin for glass recycling was missing from the parking lot adjacent to Sharpstown Golf Course. The bin was one of several originally placed around Houston in 2016 through a partnership between the City of Houston and Strategic Materials, Inc., America’s largest commercial glass recycler. Unfortunately, careless handling of the breakables resulted in removal of the bin to eliminate broken glass in the area.

Council District J received numerous calls about the problem and worked in tandem with the Solid Waste Department to have the bin restored to our area. As of November 1, glass recycling is once again available at Sharpstown Golf Course. Thank you District J Councilmember Mike Laster and staff for helping Sharpstown recycle!



Thank You for Your Service!

SCA Director Jerry Alexander will complete his term of service on the Board December 31, 2018. The SCA is grateful for the new initiatives and hard work Jerry brought to the community. Many residents know him for his production of the SCAN Forum, where their questions about Sharpstown life received thoughtful, well-researched answers. Jerry also chaired the Membership Committee which created the new Welcome Packets and the Merchant Discount Program. Jerry, your contributions are greatly appreciated by all!

Tiny Treasure

Nestled not too far from the Hillcroft and Beechnut intersection is Sharpstown’s least known and visited park. Covering only .25 acres, the Sharpstown Green Park, located at 6300 Sharpview, was designed to provide residents in Section One with a quiet respite.

Established in 1985, the park has a brick walkway, benches and lots of shade from the tree canopy. However, there has been wear and tear over the years prompting a need for improvements. Members of the Sharpstown Parks Alliance recently met to tour the park and discuss how the group might be able to obtain necessary resources for renovation.



Over the course of the next few months, the committee will be choosing design upgrades to the hardscaping and determining what maintenance is needed for the existing landscaping. Concurrently, the committee will begin a fundraising campaign to cover the costs.

If you would like to volunteer, make a donation, attend a committee meeting or find out more about the Sharpstown Parks Alliance, please visit www.sharpstownparks.org. *Save the Date of April 13, 2019 for our third annual plant swap.*

Community Happenings

Houston Fire Department Seeks SCA Participation in Strategic Planning

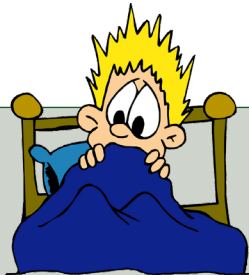
Houston Fire Department is engaging with local civic clubs, HOA's and other community stakeholders as a crucial part of their current Strategic Planning Initiative. The process provides HFD needed information on community priorities and perceptions about the various public safety roles the department engages in. While firefighting and ambulance response are the two most visible ways the Department interacts with us, they also function in public education, arson investigation, hazardous materials response, and technical rescue including weather-related events such as flooding.

SCA Directors Charmaine LeBlanc and Dale Davidson, plus SCA staffer Scott Gilbert, met with Leonard Chan, HFD's Accreditation Manager, for several hours providing information about the unique needs and challenges of the Sharpstown community. This material will be aggregated to guide HFD in future planning, a critical step in maintaining top-tier accreditation. In turn, the accreditation ranking is directly linked to property insurance rates in the area, and thus to homeowners' premiums.

As part of the discussion, the SCA requested an incident run summary to better understand community utilization, and a fire hydrant inspection schedule to make sure area hydrants are maintained at their operational peak. We also asked to be included in the Fire Department's public relations stream so Sharpstown residents will receive timely safety information and tips.

Scared of Crime?

Who isn't? Sharpstown crime is near record low rates except for THEFT. And that is one area where you can TURN YOUR FEAR INTO ACTION. THEFT is removal of property from your car, truck, garage, porch, etc. Sure, it's a nuisance to bring in the tools from your truck, the laptop from the car, your purse and gym bag from the van. But it's a much bigger nuisance and financial loss to replace these things and your essential documents like driver's license, credit cards and so on. HPD and SEAL Security work tirelessly to keep Sharpstown safe but reducing theft is up to YOU! So bring in your "stuff", secure your vehicles, and close those garage doors....and while you are at it, leave your porch light on!



Lansdale Park Activities

December 15, 2018 is Our Family Fun Day and Community Christmas Party. The community is invited to come out for refreshments and wear their festive sweaters or Christmas Colors. Please bring an unwrapped/ unused toy for our Christmas toy drop off.

Community Ping Pong - FREE
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Thursdays 6:30 pm – 7:30pm

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Tiffany Goodlow, Site Manager
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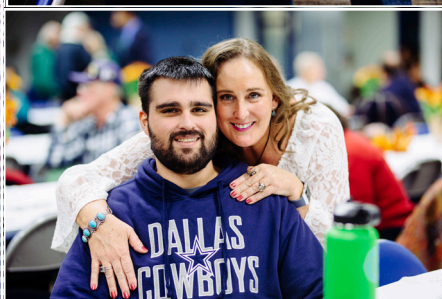
Parks and Recreation Department
Please visit our website for program registration:
<http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/communitycenters/cc-lansdale.html>

SHS 50th Homecoming



(Above) Apollos show Homecoming Spirit! (Below) SCA Directors Elizabeth Schooler and Donna Fain lead 50th Sharpstown High School Homecoming Parade

November Annual Potluck / Election



Community Happenings

Fung's Kitchen Seafood Restaurant Review

by Pat Menville

Sharpstown has much to celebrate in new restaurants opening in our area, but we have great neighborhood traditions as well. One of these is Fung's Kitchen, located in the Arena Plaza along Hwy 59 South between Bellaire and Fondren. Fung's has served Hong Kong-style dishes since the 1990's.

Fung's is beautifully decorated in a traditional style, replete with amazing jade carvings and tanks of exotic live seafood.

On a recent visit we explored the menu, starting with Asparagus and Crab Meat soup. Delicately flavored and brimming with white asparagus, it was a great starter for our meal. That was followed by a great classic dish, Roasted Crispy Duck. The boneless duck was tender and juicy, each slice topped with crispy skin and ready to tuck into soft warm buns with a drizzle of plum sauce.

Next we sampled the Crispy Birds Nest with Sauteed Chicken and Walnuts. The Nest is a bowl crafted of slim noodles and fried to crunchy perfection before filling with slices of white meat chicken and walnuts in a creamy sauce. The bowl is broken up before



serving so that each diner gets some of the crispy bits with their chicken.

The Flat Rice Noodles with Beef and Vegetables was equally good, combining slices of tender beef and assorted vegetables in a well-seasoned brown sauce.

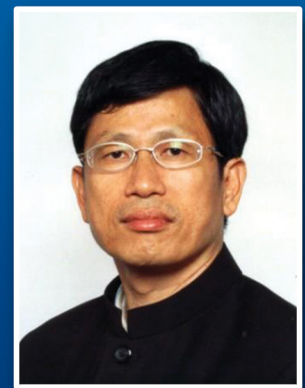
And last, but certainly not least, we ended our evening with Fresh Mango Pudding. Each golden pudding is separately molded and topped with a charming heart design.

Open 7 days a week, with Dim Sum service on weekends, Fung's is well worth a visit whether it's your first or your 50th.

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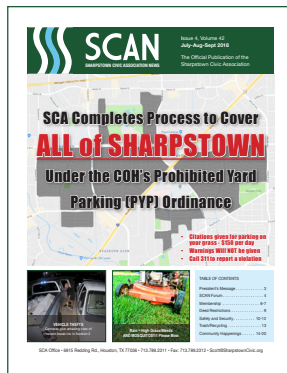
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Please take the time to send in your
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