

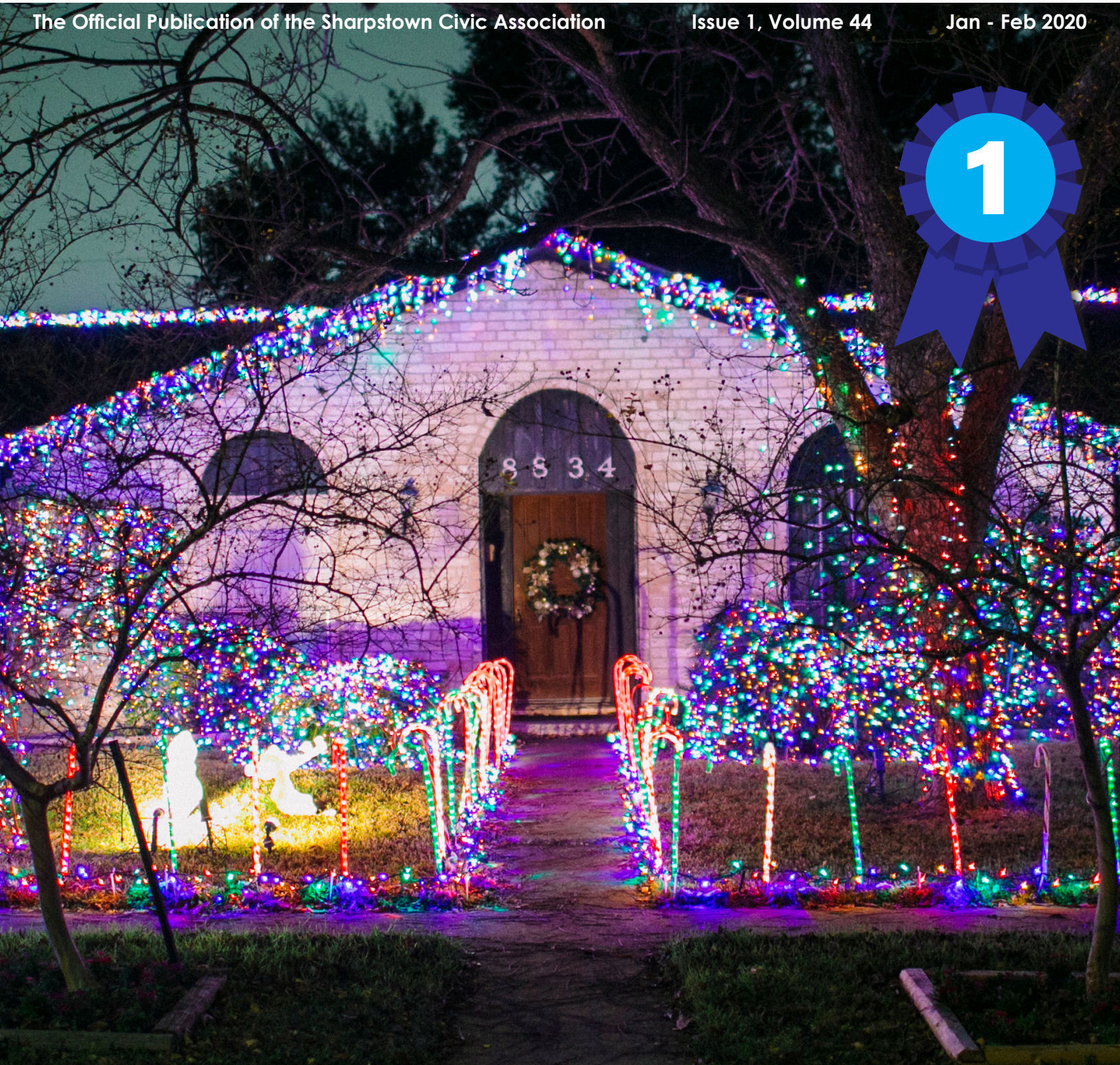


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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2020! Did you set any resolutions for the new year? Most people have already given up on theirs, but we have a strong resolve here in Sharpstown. So stick to it and good luck.

The Civic Association has our resolutions as well. And though they don’t change every year, we feel they are the most important things we can work towards (hint: it’s our mission statement):

- Deed Restriction Control
- Safety and Security
- Promotion of Sharpstown



We have 13 volunteer Board members this year that are excited to work on these three items. Obviously, it takes more than just 13 people to make this happen. This is our community – you and I live here and want to surround ourselves with the best. Help us when and where you can. If you see someone trying to damage our community, say something. If you hear someone trying to damage our reputation, say something.

We’re one of the largest and most diverse communities in Houston. Do we deserve to be proud of where we live? Damn right we do.

#SharpstownProud

Happy New Year!

Matt Wine, President



TRAVELING SCAN

Do You Like to Travel? We do too! Help your Sharpstown neighbors share the fun by contributing to the “Traveling SCAN” feature debuting in this issue. Just pop an issue of the SCAN magazine in your luggage, shoot a photo of you and the SCAN enjoying the sights, and send it to us with a note naming your location. Travel isn’t just for garden gnomes anymore.

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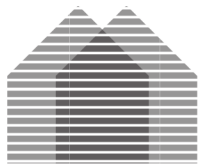
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2020 Membership Invoice

Take Action - Support a Proud Sharpstown

2020 Dues

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

Dear Neighbor:

Sharpstown is a diverse collection of long-time and brand new residents. Some of us are Houston born and raised, while others came from across the globe to make their home here. What we have in common is the desire for a safe, clean, and well-maintained community in which to live and raise our families. We want to enjoy our surroundings, know our property is safe and trust our neighbors to take care of their homes as we take care of our own. We want to work with and see results from our community resources and those representing us. **Your membership payment and volunteer participation is greatly needed to get this done. Please take the time to send in your 2020 dues of just \$250.**

- Sharpstown Civic Association Board

BENEFITS OF DUES PAYING MEMBERS:

Notary Service

4th Of July
Celebration
& Other Events

Security Alarm
Response by SEAL

Vacation Watch
by SEAL

Door Prize Drawing
at Meetings

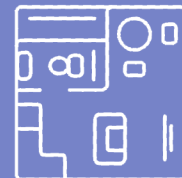
WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



Mosquito Spraying
beginning April 1st
thru Oct 31st



SCAN
(Sharpstown Civic
Association
News)



Architectural
changes
enforcement



SEAL Security
Patrol



Community
events,
Informative
Website and
Facebook page



Monthly
community
meetings



Deed violation
enforcement
including Legal
pursuit when
necessary

Check out the website Sharpstowncivic.org and our Facebook page for a complete list of member benefits and other neighborhood information.

Sharpstown has over 25% Investor Owned homes for Lease/Rent



S.E.A.L. Security Hotline

713.338.2266

Sharpstown Investor Owners:

Your property is an investment and you have unique challenges since you do not live in your home. With your dues support the SCA is able to help you protect your investment. We invite you to take advantage of this offer.

Invest in your investment by paying your dues today – HOA dues on investment properties may be tax deductible

SEAL Security Patrol – provide routine drive-by and vacancy watch upon request. A SEAL sign is provided for placement at your front door.

The SCAN Magazine – mailed bimonthly to your renter keeping them informed of trash pick schedules and other community news.

Deed Restriction and Architectural Enforcement Actions – that notify you when problems or alterations are occurring at your property.

Monthly Community Meetings

Community activities that engage your tenants and add value to your investment

Mosquito Spraying – Weekly spraying April 1 – Oct 31

Nicer Sharpstown homes = Better Sharpstown = Better tenants and higher rents

Check out the website Sharpstowncivic.org and our Facebook page
for a complete list of member benefits

YOU MAY JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE AT SHARPSTOWNCIVIC.ORG

Or Please Return This Form with Your Payment – Thankyou!

Membership Dues _____ Security _____ Total _____
\$80.00 + \$170.00 = \$250.00

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CREDIT CARD # _____ ZIP _____

NAME(s) _____ ST ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

SECONDARY EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

One payment of \$250 is requested. Please contact the SCA office if other payment arrangements are needed.



CRIME REPORT For December 2019 - HPD Website

Date of Crime	Time	Section	Robbery	Burglary	Theft-Property	Agg. Assault	Rape	Murder	HPD Case Number
12/19/2019	23:00pm	E3E				7600 Gulfton St			167124619
12/9/2019	1:00am	E3W	8500 Clarewood Dr						161829519
12/2/2019	18:00pm	S1				6700 Mobud Dr			158702719
12/10/2019	12:00pm	S1		7600 Albacore Dr					162508219
12/16/2019	9:00am	S1			7700 Albacore Dr				165764219
12/16/2019	19:00pm	S1			6800 Leader St				165737619
12/19/2019	14:00pm	S1			6300 Rowan Ln				166872119
12/25/2019	3:00am	S1			7400 Heilig Rd(Auto)				169617619
12/26/2019	4:00am	S1				6400 Rowan Ln			169881619
12/7/2019	2:00am	S2				7200 Edgemoor Dr			161278719
12/17/2019	12:00am	S2			7300 Sandpiper Dr				165829019
12/17/2019	4:00am	S2			7500 Sandpiper Dr				166044519
12/25/2019	3:00am	S2			7800 Marinette Dr(Auto)				169625119
12/8/2019	23:00pm	S3	7600 Carew St						161814419
12/24/2020	13:00pm	S3			8300 La Roche Ln				171032919
12/5/2019	18:00pm	T2			7900 Barborton Dr				160770719
12/5/2019	21:00pm	T2			8200 Hazen St				160540619
12/1/2019	12:00am	T3			8900 Hazen St				158046619
12/1/2019	11:00am	T3				8800 Sharpview Dr			158055819
12/2/2019	21:00pm	T3	8000 La Roche Ln						158993219
12/3/2019	8:00am	T3			9100 Sharpview Dr				159395719
12/3/2019	15:00pm	T3			7200 Lacy Hill Dr				159110419
12/4/2019	19:00pm	T3			7900 Augustine Dr				159925619
12/5/2019	8:00am	T3			7900 Pella Dr				159995519
12/6/2019	17:00pm	T3	9300 Stroud Dr						160707519
12/7/2019	11:00am	T3	8900 Troulon Dr						161081819
12/8/2019	1:00am	T3	7100 Augustine Dr						161412019
12/10/2019	1:00am	T3			7900 Pella Dr				162376419
12/12/2019	12:00pm	T3			8200 Augustine Dr				163442119
12/16/2019	20:00pm	T3			9000 Sharpcrest St				165754919
12/17/2019	12:00am	T3	8900 Sharpcrest St						165787919
12/20/2019	5:00am	T3		9100 Sharpcrest St					167205019
12/22/2019	12:00pm	T3			8200 Pella Dr				168317619
12/22/2019	22:00pm	T3			8800 Sharpview Dr				168702119
12/20/2020	9:00am	T3			9100 Hendon Ln				172273419
12/29/2020	4:00AM	T3			8200 Pella Ln				171427519
			7	2	22	5	0	0	Total of 36

December crime in Sharpstown as reported to HPD was down in every section except Terrace 3. Out of our 6800 homes, we had 36 reported crimes to HPD - really quite amazing. Terrace 1 and Section 5 had no reported crime for Dec. Terrace 3, however, was hard hit with Thefts-Property incidents like auto break ins and thefts from open garages. But more alarming is the number of robberies in Terrace 3. HPD warns that being aware of your surroundings as you arrive home is a huge deterrent to being the victim of a robbery. Did anyone follow you? Are there any vehicles/persons lurking near your home as you drive up? Do you have a well lit driveway? Take control and help prevent becoming a victim and always report crime to SEAL and to HPD.

VACATION WATCH

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 vacation a relaxing getaway.

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.

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.





EXPLORERS

Explorers take top spots in competitions in Mansfield and Grand Prairie and ran the 2019 Badges and Bases. Interested in this great program?

Midwest Division Explorers Program
Monday, September 30, 2019

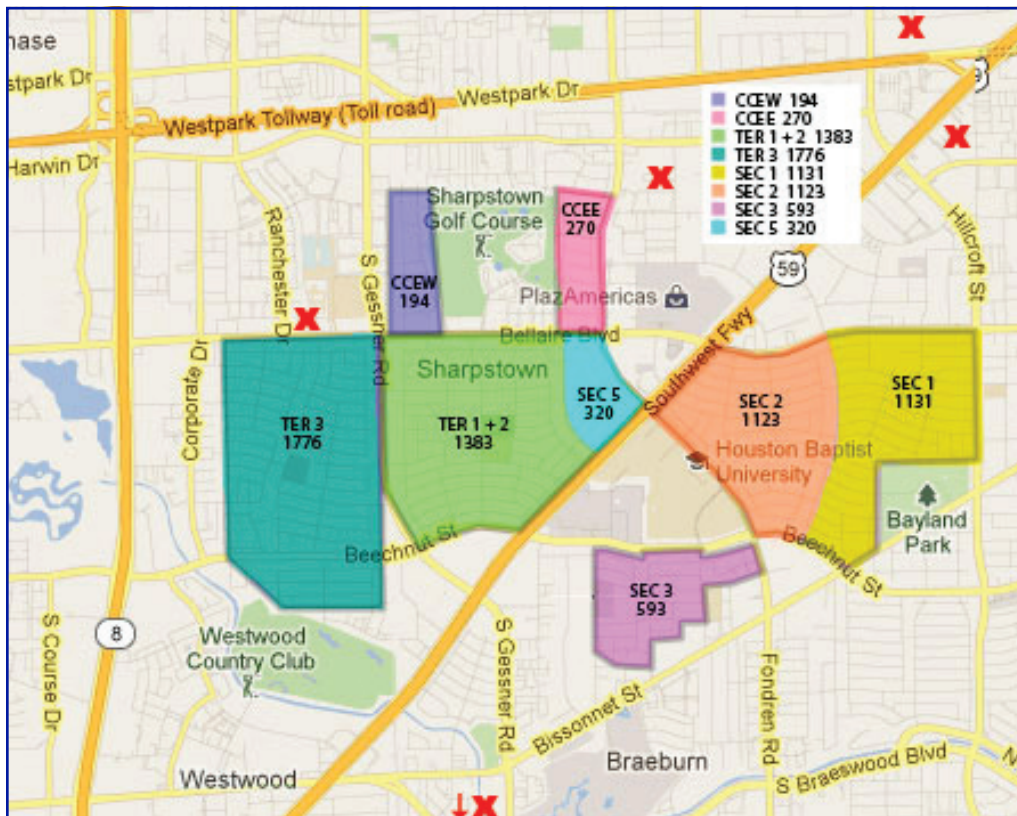
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TECH SUPPORT HELPS CATCH CROOKS

The SCA is implementing a test phase for new technology to assist in area crime reduction. LPR (License Plate Reader) cameras will be placed at key intersections to record the vehicles entering and exiting the community. Recorded license plates are cross-matched to a law enforcement list of “Rollin’ Stolen”, vehicles reported as stolen or wanted by authorities in connection with a crime, or an Amber alert.

Police departments in Memorial Villages and Jersey Village and homeowner associations across the

Houston area are utilizing LPR systems with positive results in criminal apprehension and incident reduction.

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LOOKING FOR HPD IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES

Need a copy of an accident report? Want to talk to an officer about a problem in your area? You see something suspicious and want to let law enforcement know about it? In Sharpstown, you won’t have to go very far. Our community is served by two HPD substations, South Gessner and Midwest, and two HPD storefronts, Gulfton and Ranchester. The officers located at these facilities are there to help you in any way they can, so give them a call or a visit if you need assistance.





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BELLAIRE FOOD STREET

Something for Everyone

For some diners, dining in the Southwest District can be a bewildering, overwhelming and even intimidating prospect. To those who head in without a destination in mind, with so many options and the occasional language barrier to contend with, it's easy to become perplexed, and there's nothing worse than being both hungry and confused. That's a prescription for a dreaded "hanger" episode and harsh words amongst dining companions. We've all been there. Bellaire Food Street (9393 Bellaire Blvd.) offers an easy cure, a compact and easy-to-navigate wonderland featuring a multiplicity of Far Eastern cuisines all right next door to one another. So what will you find at Bellaire Food Street?

A roll call is in order:

FAT NI BBQ offers Xinjiang-style skewered meats, seafood and vegetables along with noodles in a rustic-looking setting somewhat reminiscent of a Texas barbecue house. This is the second Texas expansion for founder Guixiao Chen, "Fat Ni" herself, who got started at age 14, grilling everything from quail to lamb tendons to squid in New York City food trucks. Fat Ni prepares their noodles fresh in-house daily. Such noodle-and-skewer fare is wildly popular street food fare in Beijing, so there is a certain symmetry to Bellaire Food Street with the street food of Beijing anchoring one end of the strip and that of one of its neighboring nations the other. And that nation is...Vietnam, where that nation's street food is the star of Migo Saigon, whose long and narrow, counter-service-and-tables interior is decorated to resemble a back alley in 1960s Saigon. Vietnamese-Americans enthuse over their hu tieu, a southern Vietnamese soup similar to pho. Unlike pho, with hu tieu, the "dry" ingredients (noodles, proteins, and vegetables and herbs) are served separately from the (pork or chicken) broth. Diners can opt to tump the meat and vegetables into the broth all at once or savor it a spoonful at a time. Other favorite items include chan ga nuong (barbecued chicken feet), and, of course, the signature mi go (egg noodles with sliced pork or chicken, served wet or dry.) Try the golden, green, and purple butterfly tea limeade or the creamy caffeine splendor of a condensed milk Viet coffee.

SHI MIAODAO serves up the culinary pride of Yunnan Province, "Crossing the Bridge" noodles with thin-sliced meat blending with carrots, sprouts, chives and corn - along with an array of rice noodle bowls featuring proteins ranging from lamb to quail eggs. Yunnan borders Vietnam and their cuisines intermingled over the centuries; many of Shi MiaoDao's satisfied customers have noticed the distinct similarity of their noodle dishes to pho. There is also a heavy representation of authentic "Chinese soul food" on the menu.

The Houston location of **JAPAN'S PEPPER LUNCH** is the first outpost of this teppanyaki chain to open in Texas. For the uninitiated, teppanyaki entrees are served on extremely hot cast-iron griddles so that diners may sizzle their meat, seafood, or vegetables to their liking at the table. Most teppanyaki restaurants are expensive and stuffy, but not this fast-casual version, one with outlets from China to Australia and now, Houston. The classic beef pepper rice is thin-sliced, tender peppered beef served with buttery white rice and corn and goes very well with their garlic sauce. Other must-tries include steak versions, kimchi chicken, Japanese-style curries, and eel pepper rice.

What's better than a tasty restaurant meal? How about two delicious restaurant meals in one? That's what you get at **CHONGQING CHICKEN POT**. Here's how that works — you order a "dry pot" entree and hotpot sides, eat as much of it as you want (including all, if you desire), then summon a waiter for broth, add the sides you got with your entree, then presto, the broth deglazes your pot and blends with the spices from round one of your meal and your original entree has been transformed into a hot pot. Chicken, beef rib, frog, garlic pork ribs and vegetable options are available, along with a multitude of hotpot sides, all at varying spice levels and with plenty of optional sauces to experiment with.

The snap of the twice-fried crispy skin giving way to the tender, juicy goodness of the meat sealed inside! Who can resist Korean-style fried chicken? But don't be fooled by the name, sports bar vibe, or emphasis on spicy chicken wings at **SOHO CHICKEN** - this is not just a Korean-style wing joint, but a Korean restaurant dishing out everything from bulgogi fries and bibimbap and kimchi pancakes to ddukbokki, jaeyook bokkeum, and late night sushi. Wash it all down with beer or soju and top it all off with hodduk, a red bean pancake topped with ice cream and fruit.

As Starbucks is to coffee, so **CHATIME** is to bubble tea: the Taiwan-based franchise is the largest milk teahouse chain on the planet. Bellaire Food Street's version has a floral, garden-like decor, all purple and green with flowers painted on the ceiling. The menu ranges from classics like Oolong and Earl Grey and roasted milk teas to mousse drinks with creamy foam on top to fresh milk tea lattes, including watermelon and matcha flavors. Don't forget to customize your drink. You can calibrate your levels of sugar and ice, and choose from a variety of bonus extra mix-ins such as Oreo cookies, grass jelly, aloe vera, red bean and more.

Sleek, cool, and modern, soft jazz plays in the background at warmly lit **TOM N TOMS**, a South Korea-based franchise that combines tasty coffee drinks and savory pretzels in a variety of flavors, from spicy chicken and ham and cheese to a large pig-in-a-blanket called the Tomntom's dog. There's also a tortilla pizza and a variety of sweet treats like cinnamon caramel toast and bingsu, Korean shaved ice dessert creations. Signature beverages include Green tea TomNccinos, persimmon smoothies, and sweet potato espresso.

Everything you need to know is in the name of **POPFANCY POPS DESSERT BAR**, they offer popsicles, and those popsicles are fancy, fresh, and hand-crafted. Not a fan of dairy? Not a problem. Right now, Popfancy offers at least ten milk-free options on its ever-changing menu, ranging from the usual suspects -- comforting stand-bys like banana berry and strawberry lemonade -- to more exotic flavors such as pineapple mojito, passionfruit, and hibiscus raspberry. A similar approach prevails on the dairy side, with familiar flavors like chocolate brownie, birthday cake, and strawberry cheesecake contending for a chance at tickling your taste buds with competitors both Latin (horchata) and Asian (lavender matcha green tea, sweet taro, Thai tea, and Vietnamese coffee).

The name **BEARD PAPA'S** puts one vaguely in mind of Santa Claus, and even the interior is bold yellow, it's always Christmas for those with a sweet tooth at this Japan-based pastry chain. Creampuffs are their specialty, and the concept is simple: pick a shell — plain or any of seven flavors ranging from chocolate and strawberry to green tea and dulce de leche; and then stuff it with any of eight flavors of custard: vanilla, chocolate, green tea, pumpkin, mint chocolate, cookies and cream, or ice cream. Wash it all down with a pumpkin, chocolate, or mocha custard cream drink, and find out why **ANTHONY BOURDAIN** called Beard Papa's creampuffs "**righteous**."

MEET FRESH is a wildly popular Taiwanese dessert and bubble tea chain. Using all-natural ingredients and dedicated to tradition, Meet Fresh's sweet treats hit the spot without triggering a sugar overload and ensuing crash/hangover. Devotees love how the tea flavor of their drinks is never drowned out by a tidal wave of sweetness. Meet Fresh also offers hard-to-find desserts like herbal jelly with taro balls and milky shaved ice adorned with a staggering multitude of potential toppings ranging from grass jelly to tapioca to ice cream and more. Be prepared - their mountainous creations usually are towering enough to serve two or more.



So there's Bellaire Food Street's current lineup.

It's open until late — nothing there appears to close before ten, making it a fun nocturnal destination. And above all it's a place of discovery, with ample opportunity for the expansion of both your culinary horizons and our innate love of people-watching. And undecided parties of squabbling and hungry dining companions can either split up or get small plates at several places in succession.

And, everybody would be happy with that. That's the point of Bellaire Food Street.

"Within Asian cultures, food not only defines the distinct cultures, but has long been the social fabric in the communities. Eating becomes an event in which friends, family and strangers socialize in night markets and restaurants in which an abundance of experiences can be had in one location. Bellaire Food Street aims to bring that familiar connection of Asia to Houston, Texas."

— FOOD STREET SPOKESPERSON

And indeed it does that and more: Bellaire Food Street combines the comforts of home for some and brand-new flavors and experiences for others, and with a hip, modern vibe overhanging it all, Houston is lucky to have it.

MEMORIAL HERMANN SOUTHWEST LAUNCHES COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Community Resource Center, located at 7777 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110, was created to assist patients and community members who are uninsured or under-insured, including self-pay and Medicaid. Working with their partner network, the Center will offer a variety of services including

- Eligibility screening and application assistance for Medicaid, CHIP, SNAP, Medicare Extra Help, and Harris Health Gold Card
- Navigation services to local medical care and social service providers
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- Resource education and navigation to ongoing mental health care

The Center is open Monday-Friday 9 am to 5:30 p.m., and can be reached at 713-456-6814 or MHResourceCenter@memorialhermann.org. Center staff includes Spanish-speakers and other language translation services are available as needed.

THINKING ABOUT A CAREER CHANGE?

If you have wondered about pursuing a new career path, or perhaps a second career, check out HISD's Alternative Certification Program. The Program is a one-year program dedicated to recruiting individuals from diverse educational and career backgrounds who are passionate about students, teaching, and learning.

Enrollees must have a conferred four-year degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 2.5 GPA, and satisfy other eligibility requirements.

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THE NEW DIST J



Dist J Staff: Chief of Staff, Paul Young (Center Right), Deputy Chief, Alvin Byrd (Right), District Coordinator, Francis Ellis (Center Left), Constituent Services, Alex Brizuela (Left), Edward Pollard, Center

Dear Sharpstown,

Over the past year I tirelessly campaigned to earn your support. I wanted to prove that I had the persistence, commitment, determination, and work ethic necessary to represent you on city council. Now that the election is over, and you have put your trust and vote in me, I want to sincerely say thank you.

As a lifelong resident of Southwest Houston, I understand the many challenges that face our area. I also see tremendous potential and I have a clear vision of what we can become. On the campaign trail I ran on The Pollard Plan. The Pollard Plan is designed to detail my vision for bettering the quality of life for everyone in District J. The Pollard Plan is not a partisan plan, it is a people plan. I have created three categories that identify and address many of our most pressing issues throughout the District.

The first category, Needs Before Wants, details a fiscally responsible approach to getting the most out of our tax dollars by placing a greater emphasis on basic core services over everything else. The second category, Neighborhoods Determine Everything, addresses the fact that in order for our district to flourish, we must first have neighborhoods that are safe, clean, and inviting. Finally, the third category, Diversity is our Strength, stresses the importance of not only embracing the different cultures that make up our district, but highlighting this unique feature in order to create opportunities and economic growth. To read The Pollard Plan in full, please visit www.pollardforhouston.com.

I am excited about the next four years. My first plan of action is to organize Listening Sessions where I will visit each neighborhood and allow residents to address my office on things they would like us to focus on. We will then create a list of priorities. By doing this, each neighborhood will be able to hold me accountable for the issues they asked me to prioritize in a transparent fashion.

As I mentioned on the campaign trail, I do not promise to change our area overnight. But what I will promise is that the commitment and work ethic I showed on the campaign trail to earn your vote, will be the same commitment and work ethic I take to city hall to keep your vote. I am very aware of the responsibility you have entrusted in me and I won't let you down. Together we will achieve great things.

Edward Pollard

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- Share growing tips with green-thumbed neighbors
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- Door prizes including Home Depot Gift Certificates

Registration information on www.sharpstownparks.org

FIREWORKS VS. GUNFIRE- THERE'S NO WINNER IN THAT WAR



First off, it is illegal for individuals to discharge fireworks within the City of Houston. Period. It's noisy, physically dangerous to those shooting them, it presents a high risk of fire for their neighbors, and is traumatic for pets and individuals suffering from PTSD. From a practical, statistical standpoint, gunfire often injures or kills innocent bystanders. Tragically, a Houston woman was killed by celebratory gunfire on

New Year's Eve as she gathered with her family outside their home. The solutions are not obvious or easy, but we will continue to look at every option available to reduce the problem during our holidays.

PICK IT UP!

Sharpstown folks love their dogs, but your neighbors don't appreciate having to pick up the "business" your pups leave behind on their walks. Please be a good neighbor and take along some "poop bags" when you head out with your canine companion.



LANSDALE PARK ACTIVITIES

- Shiller Institute Community Choir - FREE (register in person)
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Free After School Program for children 6 to 13 years of age
- Seeking Adult and Teen Volunteers (Build Your Own Hours)

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Lansdale Community Center
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<http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/communitycenters/cc-lansdale.html>



LIBRARY NEWS

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SHARPSTOWN NOVEMBER MEETING & POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP

The SCA held it's traditional November Potluck. It was our chance to thank the many who help keep Sharpstown safe and maintained and a great place to live. We often get so caught up in getting things done that we may forget to thank those that helped us get there. Oh, and the food was outstanding too!!! Thank you to all who came and contributed.





2019



LEFT TO RIGHT: Bayland Employee Anthony / Outgoing Dist J Staff / Sharpstown Trail Project presented by Houston Parks Board / Sandra Rodriguez & Jake Breault Dist 137 / Kim & Ron Davidge / SGT Nguyen Midwest HPD / SGT Juarez S. Gessner HPD / Betty Townes loves pie! / And so does everyone else! / Mike Laster and the Sharpstown Trail Project / Even our youngest residents participated / Sharpstown High School JROTC / Thanksgiving Feast / It's nice to see young people moving into Sharpstown. / SEAL Security Officers / DON (Department of Neighbors attends most SCA meetings. We appreciate their attention to Sharpstown.

LIGHT UP

You guys really lit up the night this Holiday season! In Sharpstown it was GO BIG or GO HOME when it came to holiday lighting. Many thanks to the volunteers who combed our streets night after night to find the most amazing lights and decorations. There were so many outstanding nominees that some judges couldn't bring themselves to rule out the runners-up.

SECTION 1



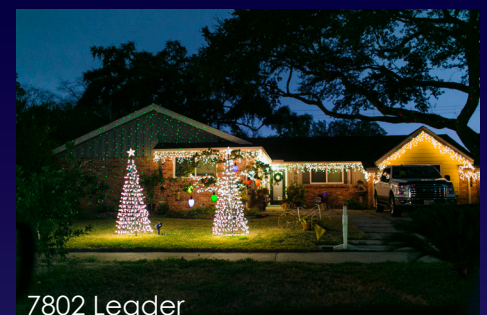
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SECTION 5



THE NIGHT



CCT1 & 2



CCT1 & 2



CCT3



ESTATES

MIDWEST HOLIDAY BASH

On December 18th the HPD Midwest Police Station was transformed into Blue Santa's wonderland. 16' tall nutcrackers greeted the crowd as they waited in line to enter. Area children were invited to have photos made with Blue Santa, live monkeys and best of all choose toys from 1000's of donations gathered by the officers. Food and crafts were manned by Sharpstown High School student volunteers and others from the community. 400 children and another 400 adults attended the 2nd year of the event. I hope next year Blue Santa will come to Midwest again!! Thanks HPD for being a wonderful partner here in Sharpstown.





SHARPSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS EXCEL

Two recent competitions for band students have made SHS band directors Sean Burke and Carlos Flores extremely proud. In November, HISD held auditions for All-City Band, and five SHS students were selected to perform. Students from across the district competed by playing college level etudes in a blind audition for a panel of judges. The students selected and their places in the All-City band are: Cynthia Yax, 5th chair Flute; Miguel Duran, 3rd chair Clarinet; Daniel Reyes, 5th chair Trumpet; Roger Agurcia, 8th chair Trombone, and Omar Soto, 5th chair Tuba. Students in the HISD All-City Band will participate in a clinic, followed by a performance on Saturday, January 25th at 3:00 p.m. at Waltrip High School.

December brought another competition—the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Region Band auditions—where both Cynthia and Miguel made the Region Band, Cynthia placing 5th chair Flute and Miguel 1st chair Clarinet in the 5A band (schools are ranked based on student population). They now have the opportunity to audition to become a member of the 5A Texas All-State Band on January 11th. Their rank in the 5A band also grants them the opportunity to perform in concert with the 6A Region Band the following weekend, which performs on January 18th.

It is quite remarkable that although most of the students who go to these competitions have weekly lessons from a private instructor (some of them starting in junior high school), our Sharpstown students, through their dedication and that of their directors, managed to surpass and excel at these competitions. Congratulations to these outstanding musicians and their directors!

STUDENT ART

Student Art at Walter Library Student artwork from three neighborhood schools will be featured at the Walter Neighborhood Library in the coming months. Karen Luik, Group Manager, and Christy Chang, Assistant Manager, have arranged to exhibit artwork from Pat Neff Elementary (Mr. Jose Rosales, teacher) from January 24-February 3; and Piney Point Elementary (Mr. Juan Huerta, teacher) from March 3-March 13. Be sure to stop by the library to see the work of these talented students.



SCOUTS

The SCA Board of Directors were visited by Cub Scout Pack 1881 on December 16th. Pack Leader Derek Rowe, resident in Sec 2 and scouts, Luke Magnum, Levi Ortiz, and Joseph Rasmussen were working on their leadership and government badge and needed to meet with community leaders. Their questions were beyond their years! We really enjoyed them!!!



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DEED RESTRICTION UPDATE FOR ALL SHARPSTOWN HOME OWNERS

AS YOUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS AND BOARD MEMBERS, WE APPRECIATE ALL THE FEEDBACK WE'VE RECEIVED CONCERNING THE PROJECT TO UPDATE OUR 65 YEAR OLD LEGAL DOCUMENTS.

WE KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE EXCITED AND READY TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT IT DOES TAKE SOME TIME TO CREATE A COMPLETE AND UNIFORM SET OF DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL NINE SECTIONS OF SHARPSTOWN.

OUR DRAFT DOCUMENTS HAVE ALL BEEN AVAILABLE ONLINE. WHEN WE HAVE A FINAL VERSIONS FOR EACH SECTION, IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL HOMEOWNERS, IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO MONITOR OUR WEBSITE (AND SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES) TO RECEIVE THE LATEST, FACTUAL INFORMATION ON THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC.

YES, IT'S A DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATION TO:

- Fail to mow and edge your yard and keep your shrubs trimmed
- Leave your Christmas lights up past January 31
- Park in your yard
- Make any exterior change on your property without PRIOR architectural approval
- Rent any part of your home to anyone else

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Hay que mantener el césped cortado a nivel correcta, y cortarle que no invade en la banqueta o la entrada. Hay que recoger el pasto cortado y mantener los arbustos cortados y en buena condición.

Hay que quitar las luces de Navidad antes de la fecha límite del 31 de enero.

Es prohibido estacionar vehículos sobre el césped.

No se puede cambiar la pintura o la estructura del exterior de la casa sin primero obtener el permiso del comité de arquitectura.

Es prohibido alquilar un cuarto de la casa.

ARCHITECTURAL FEE SCHEDULE UPDATED

The SCA Board approved an update to the fees charged for review of Architectural Change Requests. The new schedule is expanded to show some of the more commonly received requests, and to more adequately account for the costs involved in plan review.

The new fee schedule, which takes effect August 1, 2019, will also be found on the SCA website Sharpstowncivic.org

•Paint/Siding	\$25.00
•Roof	\$25.00
•Fence	\$25.00
•Windows	\$25.00
•Gutters	\$25.00
•Garage Doors	\$25.00
•Garage Conversion	\$50.00
•Driveway Alterations	\$100.00
•Carport	\$100.00
•Outbuilding/Shed	\$50.00
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•Pool	\$100.00
•Addition to House	\$250.00
•Generators/Solar Panels	\$25.00

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WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP

Sec 1, 2, 3, 5 and CCT1, CCT2, CCT3 are "Tuesday B"
Estates East and West are "Monday A"

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HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

MONTH	MON	TUES	COLLECTION
JAN	13	14	TREE WASTE ONLY
FEB	10	11	JUNK WASTE ONLY
MARCH	9	10	TREE WASTE ONLY

Section 1 & 2 - Heavy Trash on Tuesday
(second Tuesday of every month)

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

You may place waste at the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm on the Friday prior to collection.

RECYCLING THE RIGHT WAY

The City of Houston publishes a trash and recycling collection schedule but there are circumstances that often alter this schedule. Leave your container out and the next day is usually catch up day. If in doubt, call 311 or Scott at the SCA office for information. Here's a quick refresher on what to place in your GREEN curbside recycling bin and what goes in the black curbside trash container. Put these items in your GREEN Bin (make sure you empty and rinse plastic, metal, glass and coated containers).



METAL AND CANS



PLASTICS #1-5
& #7



CARDBOARD &
CARTONS



PAPER &
NEWSPAPER

METAL and CANS:

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PLASTICS:

Plastic Containers #1 - 5 and 7 (rinsed drained)

CARDBOARD and CARTONS:

Carton - Cardboard boxes and cartons from items such as milk, juice, soup, crackers, cream, beans, water, broth, wine, etc.

PAPER:

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GLASS:

Effective immediately, **glass is accepted in the green curbside recycling bin.**

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GARAGE SALE 101

Here is a guide to what is and is not allowed in Sharpstown.

- It isn't our deed restrictions that limit the number of garage sales. It is state law. If you have more than two, you are considered to be running a business and must pay taxes.
- A garage sale is for selling your unwanted personal items – not a business for selling merchandise from others
- You cannot rent out your garage or driveway to other people to conduct a sale



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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS- WHAT ARE THEY?

Associate Membership enables individuals, businesses, schools, churches, or other non-profit entities to express their support of the Sharpstown community and the work of the SCA. While Associate Members do not vote in SCA elections, they are recognized in each issue of the SCAN, at General Meetings and through other special announcements. Thank you 2019 Associate Members for your support!

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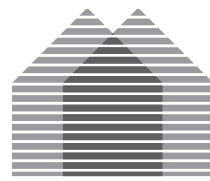
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

As Always, Meet & Greet at 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Topics To Be Announced

- Ask a Board Member Table allows for one on one questions about architectural or deed restriction issues.
- 2020 Membership Payments accepted at this meeting

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