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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

For many of you who have lived in Sharpstown for decades, you know that much has changed over the years. And although I am just coming up on my 10 year anniversary in Sharpstown, I have also witnessed a great deal of change in and around our community.



There’s been obvious commercial changes with the widening of Bellaire Blvd. and the growth that brought to Chinatown. Also, the new developments at The Pillars with Chipotle, Blaze, and others. There’ve been changes in our schools and parks. The International School continues to be very successful. We have an updated Crain park at Ed White elementary. A new splash pad and pavilion at Lansdale park. Over my 10 years here, I have helped a few friends move into the area. And it now takes more time and patience to find houses on the market. What a great sign that people want to move into Sharpstown and stay.

My favorite change to see however, is our growing relationships with other organizations. Our District J office, Houston Police Department, our State representatives, and Southwest Management District just to name just a few. It’s easy to take these relationships for granted, but not even 10 years ago these relationships barely existed. And now they are stronger than ever, with open communication and shared projects (fireworks anyone?). The hard work of people before me (and still active on the Board) created an environment where our Community is an equal partner for the things...the changes...going on around us.

Change will continue to happen. Let’s all work to keep Sharpstown moving in the right direction!

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 in upcoming issues. 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.

This little guy showed up on my bed on a cruise out of Galveston. He obviously has good taste in reading material!

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ON THE COVER

CHINATOWN IS SUFFERING FROM THE CORONA SCARE WITH BUSINESS BEING DOWN OVER 50%. THE POINT IS NOT TO MINIMIZE THE VIRUS REALITY BUT TO ELIMINATE THE FEAR SO PEOPLE WILL NOT BE AFRAID TO GO THERE.

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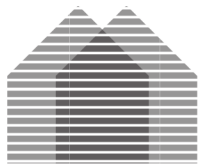
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Safety and Security	\$170
Total	\$250

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:

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Celebration
& Other Events

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Response by SEAL

Vacation Watch
by SEAL

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at Meetings

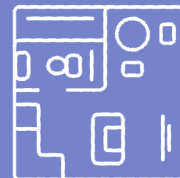
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Architectural
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events,
Informative
Website and
Facebook page



Monthly
community
meetings



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Thank you for paying your 2020 Dues!
If you have not done so, please send
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S.E.A.L Security Hotline

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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.

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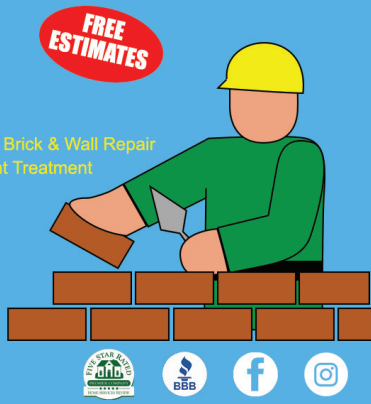


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Crime Triangle



The Crime Triangle identifies three factors that create a criminal offense.

Desire of a criminal to commit a crime;
Target of the criminal's desire; and the
Opportunity for the crime to be committed.

You can break up the Crime Triangle by not giving the criminal the **Opportunity**. Stay alert and use good judgment by knowing whom and what is around you at all times. You can avoid becoming an easy target.

Safety at Home

- Lock your doors and windows when you are at home. Criminals look for houses with the easiest entry.
- Install a peephole with a 190-degree viewing angle so that you can verify who is on the other side of your door.
- Before opening an exterior door to your home, know who is at the door and do not open the door to an unexpected visitor. This includes company employees and other solicitors.
- Exterior lighting provides additional protection from intruders. Inexpensive timers or photoelectric cells will automatically turn lights on and off at dusk and dawn.

The Houston Police Department wants you to be safe! By practicing these personal safety tips, you will reduce the opportunities criminals look for when targeting a crime victim.



Vehicle Safety

- Park in well-lighted areas so you can see your car and its surroundings from a distance.
- Have your car keys ready, look around and under your car and observe other vehicles parked nearby for suspicious persons before approaching.
- Glance into the backseat and at the floorboards of your car before entering to check for anyone hiding inside.
- If you think someone is following you, do not go home. Drive to the nearest police station, fire station, open gas station, or well-lighted place where there are people that can help you.
- If you have car problems, raise the hood and tie a white cloth to the door handle to signal for help. Get back into the car and keep the doors and windows locked. If someone stops, ask them to call for help. Do not accept rides from anyone.

Remember!

Awareness is the key to your safety.

JANUARY 2020 CRIME STATS AS REPORTED TO HPD

SECTION	TOTAL CRIMES	ROBBERY	BURGLARY	THEFT PROPERTY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	RAPE	MURDER
CCEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CCEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
S2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
S3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
T1-2	4	0	0	4	0	0	0
T3	11	1	1	8	1	0	0
TOTAL	21	3	1	16	1	0	0
2019 TOTAL	36	1	4	31	0	0	0



December 2019 crime in Sharpstown as reported to HPD was 36. January of 2020 shows 21 which is a whopping 42% decrease. The citywide crime stats also showed a decrease from Dec to Jan of 25%. This is a welcome direction but should not be the cause for you to let your guard down. Keeping valuables out of sight in your vehicles and being hyper aware of your surroundings as you arrive home each time is still very important. Let's be safe out there!!!

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.



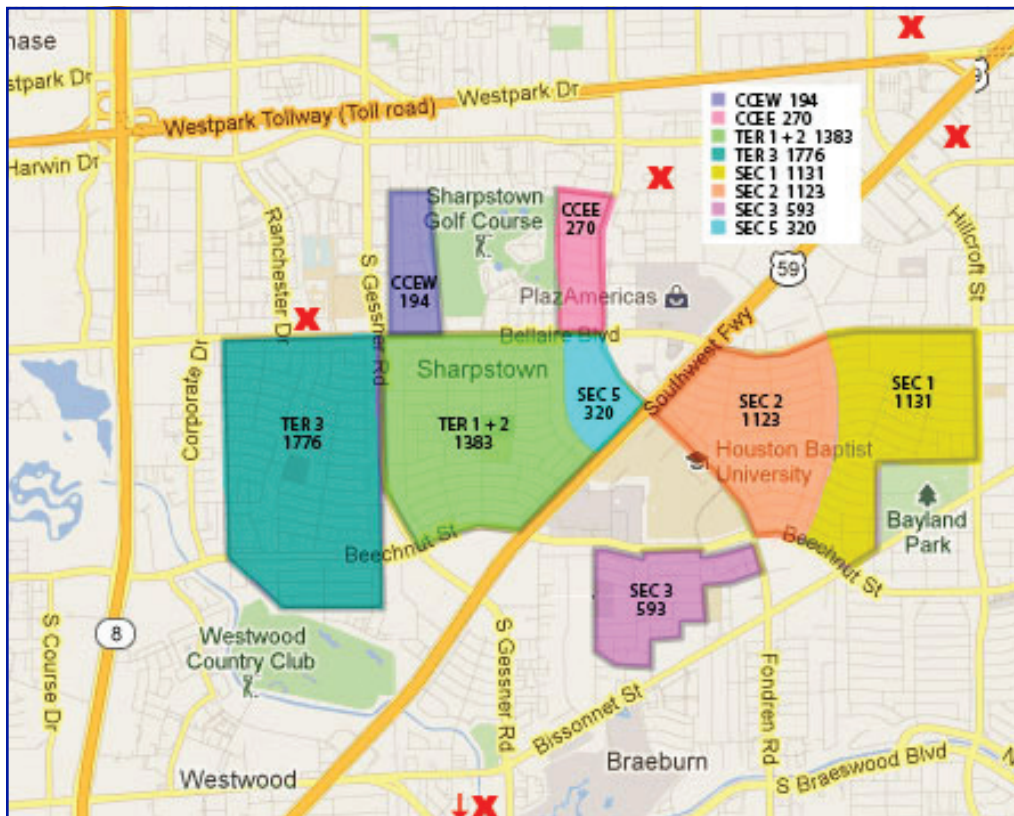
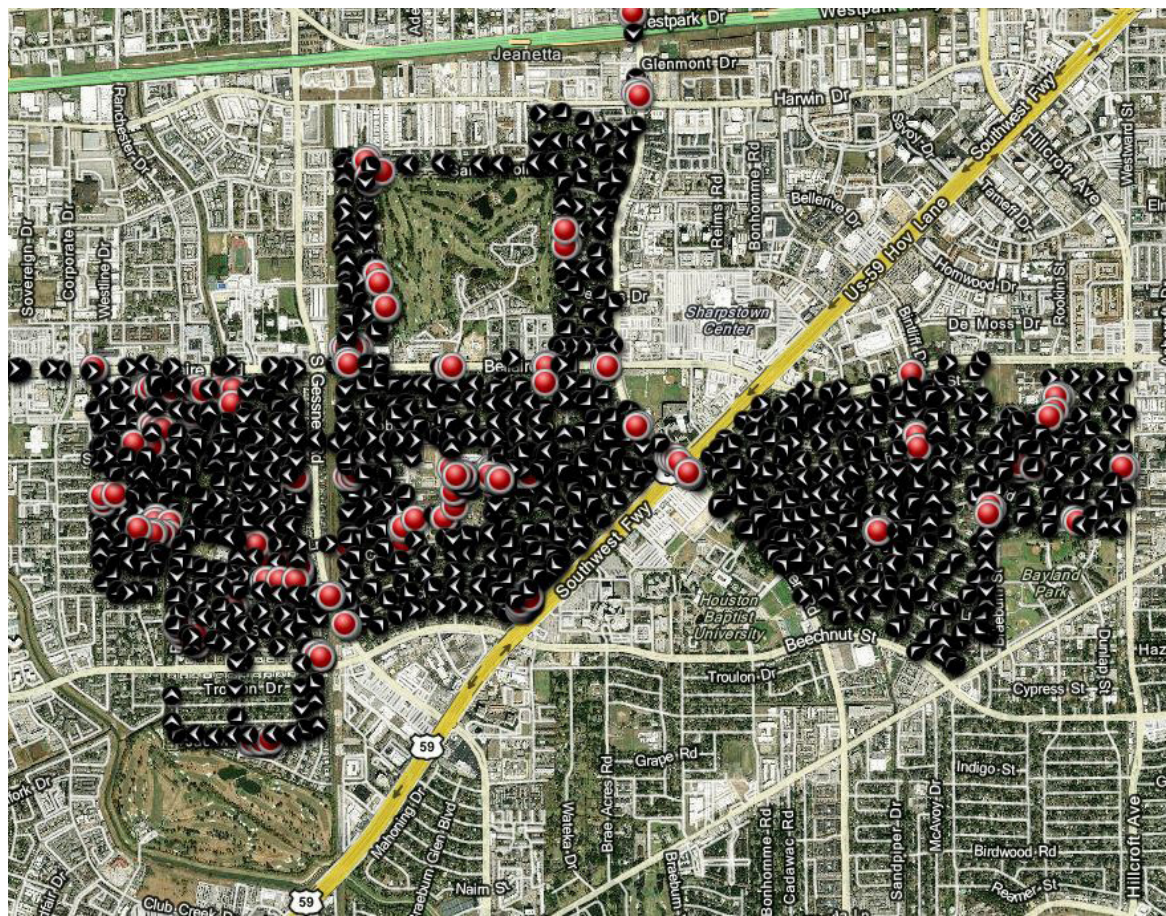
HPD honoring Officers of the Month at Midwest February PIP Meeting
 Pictured: District J City Councilman Edward Pollard, Assistant Chief Wendy Baimbridge, Officer Michael Harris, Officer Carlos Rossel, Midwest Commander Yasar Bashir



It is still a crime to park on your grass in Sharpstown – Please Don't.

SEAL SIGHTINGS?

We sometimes see someone posting that "I Never See A SEAL Car Come By My House!" Unless you work from home and face a window we can understand how that could happen. However, if you call the SCA office and tell Scott where you live, he can show you a GPS report on any given day of where they actually patrolled and when. We want you to put any fears you might have out of your mind. Seal is patrolling ALL of Sharpstown DAILY.



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.



South Gessner Substation
8605 Westplace Dr.

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Midwest Substation
7277 Regency Square

24 hours daily
832-394-1200

Gulfton Storefront
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8-4 Mon-Fri
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Ranchester Storefront
9160 Bellaire, Ste. F

8-4 Mon-Fri
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WHO AM I?

Who am I? Where do I live? These are easy questions for most of us, but not always for some seniors or other cognitively challenged individuals. A pleasant stroll in the neighborhood can turn into a terrifying experience for both the walker and their family if the walker becomes disoriented. Recent incidents in the Westbury area of Houston highlighted this problem when Good Samaritans found senior citizens who took a wrong turn and found themselves on an unfamiliar street. The seniors were not carrying any form of identification to aid in redirecting them. And, sadly, the Good Samaritans failed to notify law enforcement until much later. Had they promptly reported the disoriented individuals AND if the walkers had carried ID, their safe return to their worried families would have occurred much sooner. Please remind your neighbors and family members to always carry something showing their name, address and a contact phone number and, if you encounter someone who has lost their way, report it immediately to both HPD and SEAL.

HOVER TRUCK?

Have you noticed a new truck in the neighborhood that is so innovative it has no tires? Unfortunately, there are no hover trucks yet.

Sharpstown and other neighborhoods are experiencing a crime of opportunity that is being repeated across the city. The most attractive targets are Chevrolet or GMC pickups. The owner parks the new truck in full view outside of their garage. Having a security camera is no protection even if the camera is pointed at the driveway or, as in this photo, the curb. What many have reported is that the camera gets pointed away sometime earlier in the day before the theft takes place. Thieves apparently come through to case the neighborhood and take measures to eliminate getting caught on camera later in the night. The actual removal of the tires takes only seconds and can be done in near silence. The fancier the tires, the more attractive the hit.



Here is how you can protect your vehicles and remove crimes of opportunity in Sharpstown:

Avoid parking in the street for your daily parking. Granted it is hard for some of us, but if you have a new truck, please protect it. Our homes were built with garages and this is the safest place.

Don't leave items in your vehicle. If they are not removing tires, they will check what you left inside.

Cameras are great, but only after the fact if they haven't been tampered with. Don't expect them to stop the crime.

by Dale Davidson

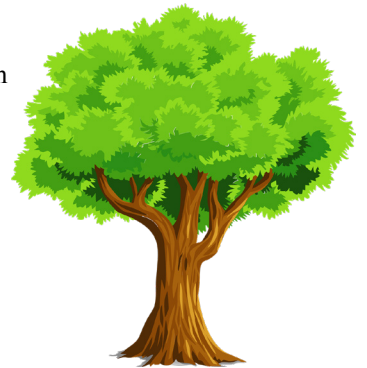
REMODELING YOUR HOME? ADDING ON?

Do you know your deed restrictions? Did you know that the Sharpstown Civic Association can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction? We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that we have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can't build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations. The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits. They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. Call 713-789-2311 and explain what you want to do and Scott will help you navigate the process. All deed restrictions are available online at Sharpstown Civic.org.

ALL ABOUT TREES

TREES ALONG PROPERTY LINES

The SCA office gets many calls about tree disputes between neighbors. If you have a tree that grows into your neighbor's yard or over their house; it is well within their right to prune it away from their property. It would be advisable to speak to your neighbor beforehand as they may want to trim it themselves. They might not even realize it has encroached onto your property.



DANGEROUS TREES

Do you have a dangerous tree on your property? Please have it removed before it damages your property or someone else's. We recommend that if your neighbor has a tree that you feel could endanger your property to put them on written notice if they are unwilling to take care of the problem. Please be a good neighbor!

STREET TREES

All the trees located on City Easements are protected. Did you know all the trees located in front of your sidewalk belong to the City of Houston? Most Sharpstown property lines begin behind the sidewalk. If you witness the removal of a city tree from a street easement, please call 832-395-7200 immediately to report it so the City can minimize tree loss. This phone line is monitored 24 hours a day.

TREE STUMP GRINDING

Has the City removed a tree from the right of way in between the sidewalk and street in front of your home? Call 311 to request tree stump grinding.

HOUSE NUMBERS
EASILY READ?

1234

Take a look at your house numbers today. Do you have house numbers on your house and are the numbers readily visible from the street? Did you know that the city requires EVERY home to have a visible house number, so that emergency vehicles can respond quickly to the correct address.

A house number painted on the curb is helpful, but it can be obscured by a parked car. The ordinance says a house number should be placed either on the primary door or within 18 inches from that door. If your house was built before 1979, then the numbers have to be at least 2" tall. If your house was built between 1979 and 2010, then the numbers have to be at least 3" tall. If your house was built after January 2010, then the numbers should be at least 4" tall.

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HARRIS COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RUMOR CONTROL

A new coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was recently detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and is causing an outbreak of respiratory illness. The current risk of contracting the virus in the United States remains low. However, Harris County is working closely with Harris County Public Health, The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in monitoring developments. Any confirmed cases will be promptly reported to the public. Novel Coronavirus is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. To stay up-to-date on information, please refer to CDC who provides information as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance.

Unfortunately, the uncertainty surrounding the novel coronavirus outbreak has led to misinformation and unsubstantiated rumors regarding the virus in Harris County. Currently, there are no confirmed cases in Harris County. It is vital that residents rely on trusted and reliable health sources of information regarding novel coronavirus. Misinformation and rumors have spread quickly on social media, thus it may not be the most reliable source of information. Residents concerned about novel coronavirus can check and share this page for updates and visit the following websites:

The Harris County Public Health Department page on Coronavirus

The Texas Department of State Health Services

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The World Health Organization

RUMOR: PEOPLE IN HOUSTON HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AFTER COMING INTO CONTACT WITH A VISITOR FROM CHINA AND ARE CURRENTLY IN AN "ISOLATION WARD."

False. There are zero cases of novel coronavirus in Houston or Harris County. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the risk of contracting coronavirus remains low in the United States. Any confirmed cases of novel coronavirus will be promptly disclosed to the public should they occur.

We are still in an active Flu season, however, and residents are encouraged to take every day preventative steps to avoid spreading respiratory illnesses by covering your cough, washing hands frequently, and staying home if you are sick. For a list of steps to take click [here](#).

RUMOR: IT IS UNSAFE TO TRAVEL TO CHINATOWN DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.

False. There is currently no reason for residents in Harris County to take out-of-the ordinary precautions related to novel coronavirus in any Asian businesses. Businesses are safe to visit. As always, routine healthy habits help prevent the spread of the flu, and other viruses. Seasonal flu is always a real concern and has caused more than 12 thousand deaths, including 78 children, from October 1, 2019 – February 1, 2020. Flu season begins in October and can last as long as May.

RUMOR: AN EMPLOYEE AT A BUSINESS IN CHINATOWN IN SOUTHWEST HOUSTON HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.

False. There are zero cases of coronavirus in Houston or Harris County. It is safe to visit businesses across the region.

RUMOR: I SHOULD WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.

False. The CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory viruses, including coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). For additional information on the prevention and treatment of coronavirus, visit the CDC website [here](#).

RUMOR: PEOPLE TRAVELING TO THE US FROM CHINA ARE SPREADING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.

False. The United States government is taking unprecedented steps to prevent and control the spread of novel coronavirus in the United States. A Presidential Proclamation on novel coronavirus mandates new travel procedures. Foreign nationals, people who are citizens of any country other than the United States, who have visited China within the last 14 days are not being allowed into the U.S. United States citizens, permanent residents, and their families who have visited China within the last 14 days are being allowed to enter the United States but are being redirected to one of 11 airports for health screenings. Depending on their health and travel history, they will have some level of restrictions placed on their movements for 14 days from the time they left China. Fourteen days is the maximum incubation period for novel coronavirus.

RUMOR: THE FLU VACCINE CAN PROTECT ME AGAINST NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.

False. The flu shot (vaccine) won't protect against coronavirus. We are still in an active Flu season, however, and residents are encouraged to get a flu vaccine, taking every day preventative steps to avoid spreading respiratory illnesses by covering your cough, washing hands, and staying home if you are sick. For a list of steps to take click [here](#).

RUMOR: IS IT TRUE THERE IS A CASE OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN SAN ANTONIO?

True. There is a case who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) that came on a State Department-chartered flight from China and was under a federal quarantine order at JBSA-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The individual is currently isolated and receiving medical care at a designated hospital.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

FALSE CORONAVIRUS RUMORS CRUSH BUSINESS AS THEY SPREAD THROUGH CHINATOWN

Lunchtime is usually bustling in Houston's Chinatown, when thousands of people head to restaurants or take breaks to buy Asian specialties in its supermarkets. But empty parking lots have been plaguing the otherwise vibrant neighborhood since Sunday, when rumors started spreading about a coronavirus outbreak here.

Business has dropped 40 to 70 percent this week as a result, owners said.

"I normally serve around 4,000 customers per day, and I am now seeing maybe a thousand," said Feng Chen, the owner of Jusgo Supermarket at 9280 Bellaire Blvd.

Posts on a popular Chinese social media platform called We Chat falsely stated that Jusgo Supermarket was shut down by Houston authorities because of concerns about the coronavirus. The rumor spread to Twitter and Instagram, said the owner, adding that he hired a law firm to trace the social media posts.

"We want to make this information very clear: There are no confirmed cases of coronavirus anywhere in the state of Texas," Dr. David Persse, health authority for the Houston Health Department, said after a press conference there Friday. "There are no concerns about a virus here at all."

U.S. Rep. Al Green called the area safe. "In fact, Chinatown, all of Houston and Texas are safe places to be, and we encourage people to deal with facts and not fear," he said. "We want people to know that this is a very vicious and malicious rumor that's being spread; they are harmful, and we want to stop it."

If people are caught spreading rumors, they may face liability for lost revenue in the area, he said.

Chen said his supermarket is losing around \$20,000 to \$30,000 a day, and that many other companies in the area are suffering as well. Wang Lin, the owner of Welcome Food Center, a couple of blocks away on Bellaire, said business is down about 40 percent this week.

Tan Tan on Ranchester Drive, one of the most popular restaurants in Chinatown for its extensive menu of Chinese and Vietnamese dishes, was serving only three of its almost 70 tables midday Friday, a peak time.

"Business has been really bad for the last days," said Muoi Ma, manager of Tan Tan. "We normally see 100 or 200 people here every day from everywhere, but rumors have scared people," she said, estimating that business has slowed down nearly 70 percent.



Owner Feng Chen, inside his Jusgo Supermarket at 9280 Bellaire Blvd. in Chinatown, Houston, Texas on Jan. 31, 2020

Ray Luk was reading an Asian newspaper while waiting for his favorite fish soup at Tan Tan, where he is a regular. "I heard about the rumors, but I don't believe a thing about it," he said. "I know there is not one case in Houston."

Kenneth Li, chairman of the South West Management District covering almost half of Chinatown, said the impact of rumors and fears could have a ripple effect in the community. "When a restaurant is affected, its employees are affected, its providers, and so on," he said.

A local taskforce is creating an informational campaign to dispel rumors and educate people about the virus, said Wea H. Lee, CEO of the International Trade Center in Chinatown.

Persse, from the Houston Health Department, said that coronavirus behaves much like any other viral illness, spreading through coughing and sneezing. "If you have those symptoms here in Texas, we can say that you probably have influenza," and January and February are peak flu season, he said.

Persse urged Houstonians to "Stop listening to Dr. Twitter; get the facts, and don't panic."

Olivia P. Tallet / Houston Chronicle / Jan. 31, 2020

MOVIES, FOOD AND US

Do you remember the scene in *The Godfather* where Clemenza makes spaghetti sauce for the men after they "went to the mattresses", hiding out from rival factions? How about Minny teaching Miss Celia to cook fried chicken in *The Help*? Movies often use food to highlight a culture, literally capture its flavor, and perhaps to illuminate its disparities.

So what does the 2020 Best Picture *Parasite* have to do with Houston's Chinatown? In *Parasite*, the filmmaker uses the preparation of a dish styled as "ram-don noodles" to explore the economic and class structure of South Korea. You can read the whole fascinating story of this dish on Food52's great blog at https://food52.com/blog/25002-what-is-ram-don?utm_campaign=20200216_eds_digest_daily&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_term=19450054

If, like me, you want to experience ram-don noodles at home, you can find all the ingredients at our local H Mart grocery, 9896 Bellaire. But you will have to wait just a bit because they are out of Nongshim Chapaggetti, the Chinese-inspired jajang ramen noodles that contribute to the "ram" part of the dish. I've already stocked up on Nongshim Neoguri, the udon type noodles making up the other half of "ram-don".



by Pat Menville

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

SHARPSTOWN SUPPORTS CHINATOWN WITH OUR PATRONAGE



Above: Welcome Supermarket in Di Ho Square and SEAL Security Patrol | SCA Board President Matt Wine enjoying (or in fear of) mud bugs at Crawfish & Beignets



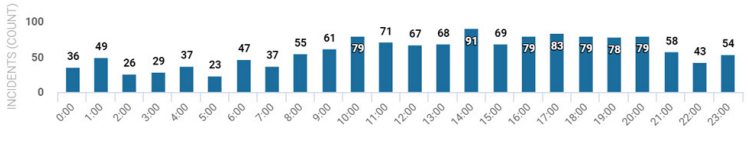
Clockwise from top:
Chinese Community Center staff enjoy food from a Chinatown eatery.
CCC Cooking Instructor Mei Li, second from left, picks up the take out for the CCC meeting.
State Representative Gene Wu and wife Miya Shea recently dined with friends to show their support of Chinatown.
Pat and Ed Menville do their weekly shopping at H-Mart in Chinatown.
HPD Midwest DRT Sergeant Roger Nguyen and Officers Alex and Gary dine with new Commander Ban T. Tien, S Gessner HPD at Hong Kong Café.
Food from Shabu House proudly served by owners Eugene and Debbie.
SCA Board Treasurer Charmaine LeBlanc, District J Chief of Staff Paul Young, and SCA Operation's Manager Scott Gilbert meet over lunch at Tan Tan.



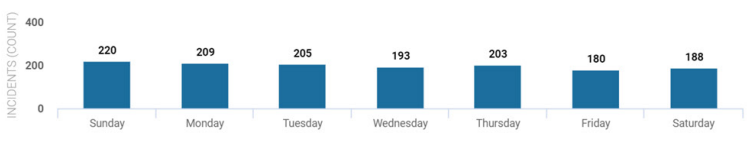
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OVER PRESSURE	1	0.1%
EMS	1,028	73.5%
HAZMAT	13	0.9%
SERVICE CALL	65	4.6%
GOOD INTENT	77	5.5%
FALSE CALL	79	5.7%
NATURAL CONDITION	-	-
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UNKNOWN	114	8.2%

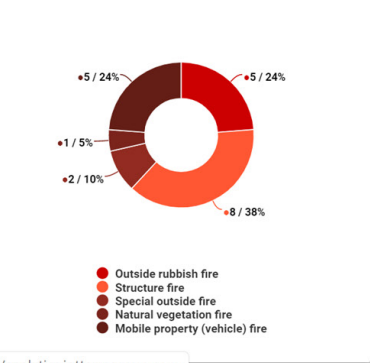
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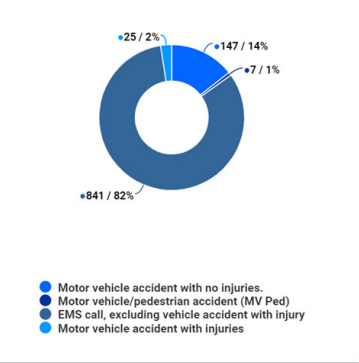
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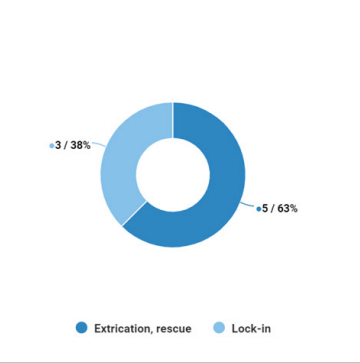
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TOTAL EMS - NON MV



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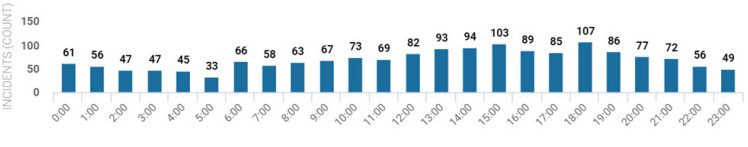
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STATION
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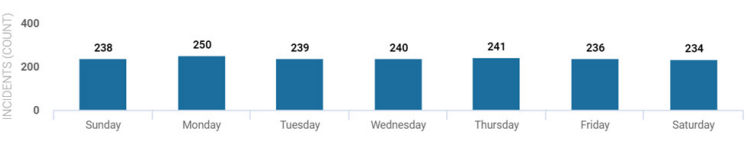
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FIRE	18	1.1%
OVER PRESSURE	3	0.2%
EMS	1,294	77.1%
HAZMAT	7	0.4%
SERVICE CALL	66	3.9%
GOOD INTENT	91	5.4%
FALSE CALL	57	3.4%
NATURAL CONDITION	-	-
OTHER SITUATION	-	-
UNKNOWN	142	8.5%

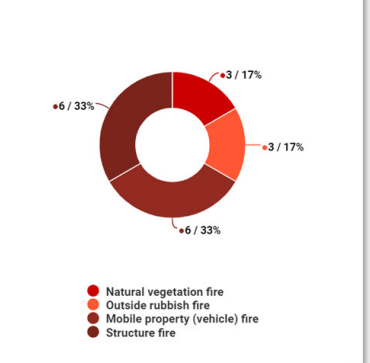
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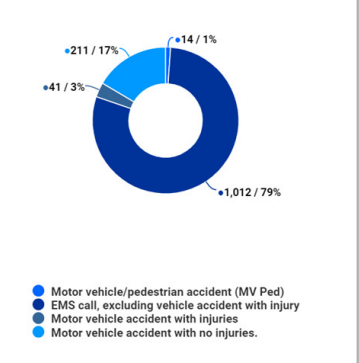
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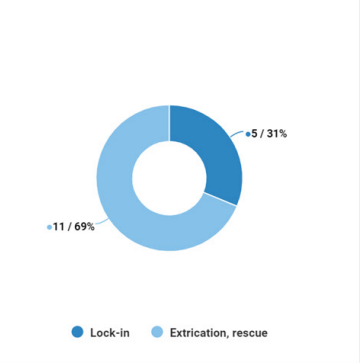
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TOTAL EMS MV DISPATCHES



TOTAL EMS - NON MV



TOTAL INCIDENT COUNT

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Canceled Incidents are incidents either with a final NFIRS of 611, or canceled enroute.

STATION
51

STATISTICS OF HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS IN SHARPSTOWN

Sharpstown is covered by three Houston Fire Department Stations that respond to a multitude of incidents across our community including fires, vehicle accidents, medical crises, and much more. Stations 10, 51 and 68 are kept very busy protecting Sharpstown residents and visitors, Thank you, HFD responders - we are grateful for your efforts!

CONTACT YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPS

All Sharpstown residents are represented by six City Council members, the 5 At-Large members and your specific district. Sharpstown is located within District J. You can contact either your District CM or any of the At-Large members with your concerns or questions. Below is a list of phone numbers and emails for each CM office.

District J—	Edward Pollard	832-393-3369	DistrictJ@houston.tx.gov
At-Large 1—	Mike Knox	832-393-3014	atlarge1@houston.tx.gov
At-Large 2—	David Robinson	832-393-3013	atlarge2@houston.tx.gov
At-Large 3—	Michael Kubosh	832-393-3005	atlarge3@houston.tx.gov
At-Large 4—	Letitia Plummer	832-393-3012	atlarge4@houston.tx.gov
At-Large 5—	Sallie Alcorn	832-393-3017	atlarge5@houston.tx.gov



DIST J LISTENING SESSION

District J Councilmember Edward Pollard hosted a series of townhall meetings called Listening Sessions. The purpose of the Listening Sessions was to hear directly from area residents about their issues and concerns, and help prioritize the District's 2020 agenda.



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S GESSNER PAVING-STRIPING: LETTER FROM SCA TO DISTRICT J AND RESPONSE

We rely on District J to help with issues in Sharpstown – here is an ongoing concern.

February 19, 2020

Dear District J,

A city contractor has done patch replacement on S. Gessner between Beechnut and Harwin. They appear to be finished. However, there are no lane markings painted to divide the lanes and it is hazardous to drive down a 3 lane street with no dividing lines. Can you find out when the lines will be painted and possibly help to expedite this to eliminate this dangerous situation.

In addition, the contractor did a poor job as the pavement is now rough and uneven. It would be great if an inspector could review the quality of work as it appears to be substandard.

SR# 3872729

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Regards, Scott Gilbert, Operations Manager

>>> Response on February 20, 2020

Good Morning SCA,

I asked for an update on this matter and this is a FYI with regard to time frame:

“A work order has been created; however, a timeline is not available at this time as there is a backlog of striping requests throughout the city. TDO is currently working through the backlog which stemmed from equipment breakdowns last year. TDO in-house striping crew has been working with a contractor to work get through the backlog and at this time, approved striping requests are being added to the queue and completed on a first-come, first-serve basis while keeping consideration of safety considerations.”

Warm Regards, David Alexander Brizuela

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United States® Census 2020

IT'S TIME TO BE COUNTED!

US Census 2020 How many people live here in the Sharpstown neighborhood? How do we find out? The government does a population count every ten years, called a "census", and this is a census year. There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

You will have three options for responding:

→ Online → By phone → By mail

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. Census Day is April 1, 2020.

Why respond? It's important that the count be correct because it affects funding, schools, voting districts, developers and others who rely on the data to make decisions.

Ten years ago, it is estimated that zip code 77074 was "under reported" by 24%. Zip code 77036 was "under reported" at 12%. When people do not get counted, then they are invisible. It is very important for Sharpstown, the City of Houston, and our state that as many people as possible here in Sharpstown get COUNTED.

WORK FOR THE CENSUS

Good Pay, Work Locally

The US Census Bureau is employing Census Takers this Spring. You must be at least 18 years old. Harris County is paying \$22-\$24.50 per hour plus transportation.

Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs

CONNECT SOUTH APARTMENTS

The SCA has recently been made aware of a proposed building project on Hillcroft. The Connect Community Apartments, a proposed mixed-use mixed-income apartment community, will be located at 6440 Hillcroft Ave.

Though this project and several others around Houston did get City approval in February, the application is currently under review by the

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. There will be several public hearings throughout the state during the Spring and comments can be left with the TDHCA up until June 19, 2020.

We will post more information about this project on our website as it becomes available.

— by Matt Wine



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YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM

This Instructional Development Class focuses on teaching the fundamental skills of basketball while providing a safe environment to grow in the sport. Kids ages 9 - 17 will learn sport-specific skills, such as dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, agility, and speed. In addition, they will learn motor skills development, fitness conditioning, and have opportunities for healthy competition. GHPAL officers will also mentor youth in leadership and healthy living. Equipment is provided to all participants. Free!

Ages: 9 - 12 years and 13 - 17 years
Fee: Free
Dates: January 21 - March 12, 2020
Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Location: Crain Park
Activity Numbers: #7116 & #7117

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Fourth Annual Sharpstown Plant Swap

Saturday, April 18, 2020

9:00 am to 11:00 am – rain or shine

8:30 am check in

Lansdale Park Pavilion

8201 Roos Road

- Swap plants, gardening books and containers
- Share growing tips with green-thumbed neighbors
- Harris County Extension Agent and Master Gardener Kimberly Perry will answer your plant questions
- Door prizes including Home Depot Gift Certificates

Registration information on www.sharpstownparks.org

SHARPSTOWN PLANT SWAP – APRIL 18TH

It's time for the annual garden Spring cleaning! Our mild winter is behind us, and plants have begun to emerge from their short hibernation. If you find that they are perhaps crowding each other a bit, it might be time to thin them out. Or maybe it is time for a new plant variety or two.

Instead of “weeding” out the extra plants, bring them to the Sharpstown Plant Swap sponsored by SPA, the Sharpstown Parks Alliance. Our fourth annual swap will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Lansdale Park pavilion from 9 am to 11 am.

A plant swap is exactly what it sounds like—an opportunity for swapping out cuttings and overcrowded transplants from your garden and sharing them with fellow Sharpstown gardeners. We will also have door prizes and giveaways.

Go to SPA's website (www.sharpstownparks.org) and Facebook for registration. You will also find general information about what to bring, and how the plant swap works.

ASK AN EXPERT!

We are also fortunate to once again welcome Kimberly Perry who will be available during the plant swap to answer your gardening questions. She represents the Harris County/Prairie View A&M Agriculture Cooperative Extension Program and teaches urban gardening classes throughout the greater Houston area. In addition, she is a Master Gardener and is a passionate advocate for healthy lifestyles with a focus on the intersection of organic foods, urban gardening, and family nutrition.



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)

Tiffany Goodlow, Site Manager
Lansdale Community Center
8201 Roos Rd
Office: 713-272-3668

Please visit our website for program registration:

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



LIBRARY NEWS

Walter Branch Library-So Much More Than Books

Our neighborhood library offers an outstanding calendar of programs and classes such as

- Basic, intermediate and advanced computer applications like Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Family movie time
- Bilingual story hours in Spanish and Mandarin
- Citizenship classes

Find the full calendar of events plus location and hours at http://houstonlibrary.org/location/walter-neighborhood-library?items_per_page=200#events





SHS RUNNERS COMPLETE HALF MARATHON

If Snoopy were writing this, he would say “It was a dark and stormy night”. However, for a busload of students from Sharpstown High School, it was a dark and EARLY morning, as they boarded a bus at 4:30 a.m. to head downtown. Through a partnership with the Houston Marathon Foundation, students from Sharpstown High School participated in the Aramco Houston Half Marathon during the Chevron Houston Marathon Weekend January 17-19. Twenty-three students completed the 13.1 mile race Sunday morning, and a few of those had run the We Are Houston 5K the previous day.

During the weekend, at a luncheon of the Houston Marathon Foundation (which sponsors the students), Senior Valeria Arce spoke about her 4 years of experience training for and running the half marathon. At that luncheon, she and Coach Carlos Quintero also had the opportunity to meet Meb Keflezighi, the American Olympian in the marathon.

On race day, the runners and their supporters, members of the SHS Theatre department and National Honor Society, mingled with thousands of other runners. The theatre and NHS students cheered the runners on at mile 11, helping to inspire them to finish the last couple of miles. The pride the students felt from completing the half and accomplishing this goal was evident from the smile on everyone’s face. It was a superb way to end the weekend!

A MAGNIFICENT MEDLEY OF MEDALS

Continuing their Season of Excellence, the SHS band began the month of February with a magnificent showing at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Solo and Ensemble contest. Thirty-two students received a medal for their Superior rating, with five of those students receiving a gold medal for performing a Class I solo (solos are graded based on their difficulty). Additionally, a Percussion Ensemble, a Bass Choir, and a Flute Trio received medals for their performance. This total of 47 medals is more medals than the band has received in the previous 4 years combined! Congratulations to these students, and hats off on their accomplishments! Mark your calendar for their end of year concert, to be held on May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium.

THE SHARPSTOWN APOLLOS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM COMPLETED THEIR SEASON AS THE 23-5A DISTRICT CHAMPIONS.



Back row: Principal Dan Deleon, Mayamah Sanoe, Jennifer Iwuanyanwu, Zounouria Kouldiaty, Lia Hall, Daniela Grande / Front row: Joyce Monene, Lataria Johnson, Jo’Nishea Howard, Aliyaiha Guillory

SAVE THE DATE

ED WHITE ELEMENTARY

- 3/26 - Principal’s Chat @ 8:00 AM
(Topic: Math 1,2,3 and Resource Fair)
- 4/16 - Principal’s Chat @ 2:00 PM (Topic: Nutrition Basics)
- 5/28 - 5th grade Promotion Exercises @ 5pm – 6:30 pm

SHARPSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

- 4/4 - Sharpstown Fine Arts Festival, times TBA (SHS Auditorium)
- 5/19 - Band End of Year Concert, 7:00pm (SHS Auditorium)
- 5/21 - Choir Spring Concert, 7:00pm (SHS Auditorium)



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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

METAL and CANS:

Aluminum and Tin Cans (rinsed drained)



PLASTICS #1-5
& #7

PLASTICS:

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



CARDBOARD &
CARTONS

CARDBOARD and CARTONS:

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

PAPER:

Paper. Newspaper, Catalogs, Magazines and Phone Books



PAPER &
NEWSPAPER



GLASS:

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

Please don't put dirty paper (greasy pizza boxes), large plastic items like old toys, or plastic bags in the green bin!

These items clog the machinery used to process recyclables resulting in delays and expense.

WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP

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

http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html

HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

MONTH	MON	TUES	COLLECTION
APRIL	13	14	JUNK WASTE ONLY
MAY	11	12	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)

Yard Waste or Grass Clippings are picked up on Wednesdays.

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



Proper Disposal of MOTOR OIL

Motor Oil is not collected in your curbside recycling or trash cart



DRAIN

Place motor oil in clean, leak-proof container. Do not mix oil with any other liquids.



KEEP

Place oil filter in clean, leak-proof container. Do not place in trash or storm drains.



RECYCLE

Take used motor oil and filter to local auto parts retailer.

HOW TO ADVERTISE IN THE SCAN

The SCAN magazine is the official publication of the Sharpstown Civic Association Inc., a 501c4 organization. The submission deadline for both advertising and editorial is generally the 4th Saturday of the month prior to publication. Delivery by U.S. Mail begins the second week of the month.

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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!

Gene Wu, State Representative District 137

Betty Townes - RE/MAX

Sharpstown Parks Alliance

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Holly Flynn Vilaseca - HISD

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Mike Laster - City Councilmember District J

Alice Lee

Bob Patterson - Southwest Fertilizer

Eva Maximous - The Shining Stars Academy

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St. Frances de Sales Rectory New 2020 Member

Houston Swim Club New 2020 Member

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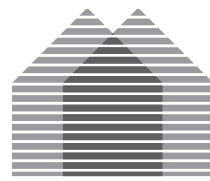
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DEED RESTRICTED COMMUNITY

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

As Always, Meet & Greet at 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Topics To Be Announced

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Bob Patterson of Southwest Fertilizer -
Spring Lawn and Garden Tips



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

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DEED RESTRICTION PROJECT UPDATE:

The attorneys are making great progress on their updates to our 65 year old deed restriction documents after many great suggestions were received by homeowners.

Section 5, CCTE, CCTW, Terrace 1 and Terrace 2 will all be completed by the end of February with Terrace 3, Section 1, 2, and 3 in March-April.

Those documents (red line version which allows you to see the original legal document and the revisions made to it) and a Spanish translation version of Section 5 will be posted on the SCA website at that time. An email will be sent out announcing they are up.

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."



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