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SHARPSTOWN SHRED DAY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While the never-ending cycle of political campaigning continues all around us, I want to take this opportunity to...join them. Certainly not to campaign for myself, but rather for the entire SCA Board.

As any volunteer for a non-profit organization knows, there are never enough people to accomplish all the goals in a given year. The SCA is no different. We are always on the lookout for helpful, diverse, and willing neighbors to join us in our mission:

"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."

Sounds good, but how is that all accomplished? It is reviewing the safety reports and looking for trends to see where SEAL can focus their efforts. It is approving architectural requests to make sure that our community continues to look appealing. It is updating our existing deed restrictions to create modern and fair guidelines for our 6,800 homes. Or it may be reviving a huge fireworks celebration for everyone to enjoy. Whatever the task, the Board comes together as Sharpstown residents to further that mission statement above. Please reach out to ANY Board member (all listed on this page) and ask questions or get more insight into how you can help us.

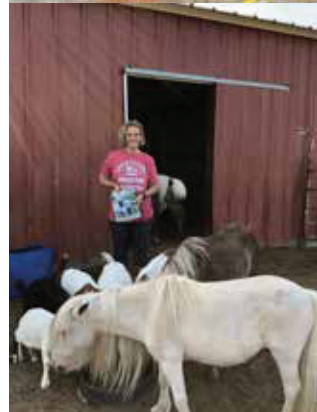
I'd like to end by offering a sincere Thank You to all of our current Board members and all of the Board members who have served over the last 65 years. The hours of service that you volunteer ensure that Sharpstown will remain an improved, safe, and desirable neighborhood!

Matt Wine, President



TRAVELING SCAN

Do You Like to Travel? We do too! But while we're all staying closer to home these days, we still want to see your SCAN's adventures. Send us a photo of your traveling SCAN shopping for groceries, getting healthy outdoor exercise, or just chillaxing at home.



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HPD S Gessner Commander Tien and Sgt Juarez and their amazing DRT officers dine at Fung's Kitchen in the heart of Sharpstown

SCA SEEKS BOARD CANDIDATES

It is that time of the year where the Sharpstown Civic Association (SCA) is looking for a few good men and women to help keep the SCA running. It is because of volunteers that we have been able to build the SCA into what it is today. The result is an organization that, through its chartered activities of deed restriction enforcement and architectural approval process and providing extra security and mosquito control, has helped Sharpstown keep its value as a place to live and raise a family.

The Sharpstown Civic Association is looking for members who are willing to voluntarily serve on the Board of Directors. Directors meet at least once a month for up to 3 hours for a business meeting. Other meetings may include committee meetings and the general meeting. Potential nominees must be willing to read proposals that come before the board and willing to discuss them via email or telephone.

The work of a Director is to listen to the issues brought before the board that may affect our neighborhood and be willing to make decisions on how to address those issues. One of the main areas that the SCA is involved in is upholding of the deed restrictions and appeals regarding architectural committee decisions. Other areas of interest deal with interaction with the community via outreach and host committees for events sponsored by the SCA.

SCA MISSION STATEMENT

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In order to qualify, you have to be a current member of the SCA (dues have been paid) and do not have any unresolved deed restriction/architectural violations. Also you will be asked to list/disclose any conflict of interests.

Those who are interested in becoming a board member please contact the SCA office to obtain an application that will be reviewed by the SCA nominations committee. The SCA office number is 713-789-2311. Or you can visit the SCA website to download the application. Applicants will be reviewed/interviewed and then a list of nominees will be approved by the board in September and put before the General Membership in November.



SCA DIRECTORS CONVENE IN OUTDOOR MEETING

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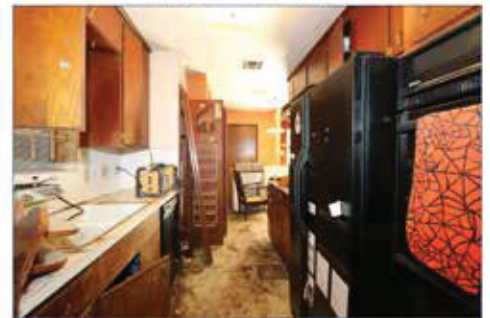
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For Sale \$269K 3BD - 2BTH

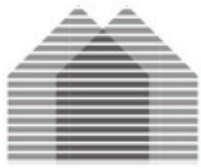


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SHARPSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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



Thank you for paying your 2020 Dues!
If you have not done so, please send
your payment soon!

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

Check # _____ VISA ___ MASTERCARD ___ DISCOVER ___ EXP DATE _____ CVC _____

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.

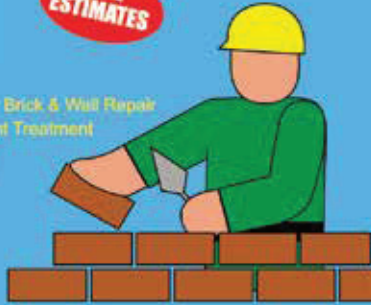


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Grill

SAFETY TIPS

Outdoor grilling is one of the most popular ways to cook food, but a grill is a fire hazard and can cause burn injuries. Follow these simple tips for safe summer BBQ grilling:

SAFETY TIPS

Grills should only be used outside.

Keep grills away from structures and out from under eaves and branches when using.

Keep kids & pets at least three feet away.

Keep grills & trays clean and free from grease build-up.

Never leave a grill unattended.

Always open gas grill lids before lighting.

Never use water to put out grease fires. Have baking soda, fire extinguisher or a bucket of sand nearby.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

Get the coals started with a Chimney charcoal starter - which uses paper for fuel. Or use an Electric starter with an extension cord to reach safely.

Use only charcoal starter fluid -if using.

Never add starter fluid or other flammable liquids to open flames.

Keep charcoal starter fluid out of kid's reach and away from heat sources.

Let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE GRILLS

Check for leaks every year. Apply soapy water to the hose and look for bubbles. If it bubbles or has a gas smell, turn off the tank & grill and get it serviced. If it does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill, call the fire department, and do not move it.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before relighting it.

SCA 2020 CRIME TOTALS

MONTH	TOTAL CRIMES	ROBBERY	BURGLARY	THEFT	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	PROPERTY	RAPE	MURDER
JAN	21	3	1	13	1	3	0	0
FEB	23	4	5	6	3	5	0	0
MAR	17	2	6	6	2	1	0	0
APR	24	0	6	9	4	5	0	0
MAY	29	1	2	17	5	4	0	0
JUNE	27	1	0	22	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	142	11	20	73	17	21	0	0

SCA 2019 CRIME TOTALS

MONTH	TOTAL CRIMES	ROBBERY	BURGLARY	THEFT	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	PROPERTY	RAPE	MURDER
JAN	35	1	4	24	6	0	0	0
FEB	33	0	5	25	3	0	0	0
MAR	20	4	1	12	3	0	0	0
APR	41	1	4	30	6	0	0	0
MAY	40	1	7	26	5	0	0	1
JUNE	25	0	2	16	6	1	0	0
TOTAL	194	7	23	133	29	1	0	1

Sharpstown crime is still trending in the right direction. Violent crime is up in Houston and Harris County but as you can see, Aggravated Assault and Robbery are sharply declining in our little part of the city. Keep up the good work Sharpstown, SEAL and HPD!!!



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.

Property Crime — Destruction, damage, vandalism

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

SEAL K-9 OFFICER BARA RETIRES



After many years of devoted service, K-9 Officer Bara has retired from her duties. Officer Bara has accompanied Lieutenant Sarabian on his daily patrols in Sharpstown for more than 5 years, and was often seen on our neighborhood streets. In retirement, Bara will join Lieutenant Sarabian and his family at their home. Thank you for your dedication, Officer Bara, and enjoy your retirement!



New K-9 Body, a 6-year old Belgain Malinois

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 on our website 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.

WHEN YOU
RECEIVE
YOUR 2020
MEMBERSHIP
STICKERS BE
SURE TO PUT
ONE ON YOUR
SEAL SIGN IN
YOUR YARD.



SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT - HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 68

Some Sharpstown residents were concerned about a July 7th Facebook post indicating that HFD Station 68 was unable to provide services to Southwest Houston and suggesting that those needing assistance call the Mayor's office or District J's office. We reached out to Councilmember Edward Pollard for clarification of the situation. He replied, "The Station was never closed. They had to take one apparatus out of use for a few hours due to unanticipated sick call-ins, on top of the existing strain on personnel due to Covid-19."

The Facebook post that went out today was not accurate, and a fire truck and ambulance were in operation at the station for the entire day. The Facebook page that circulated the information is run by an individual and is not connected to the City or the Firefighters Union.

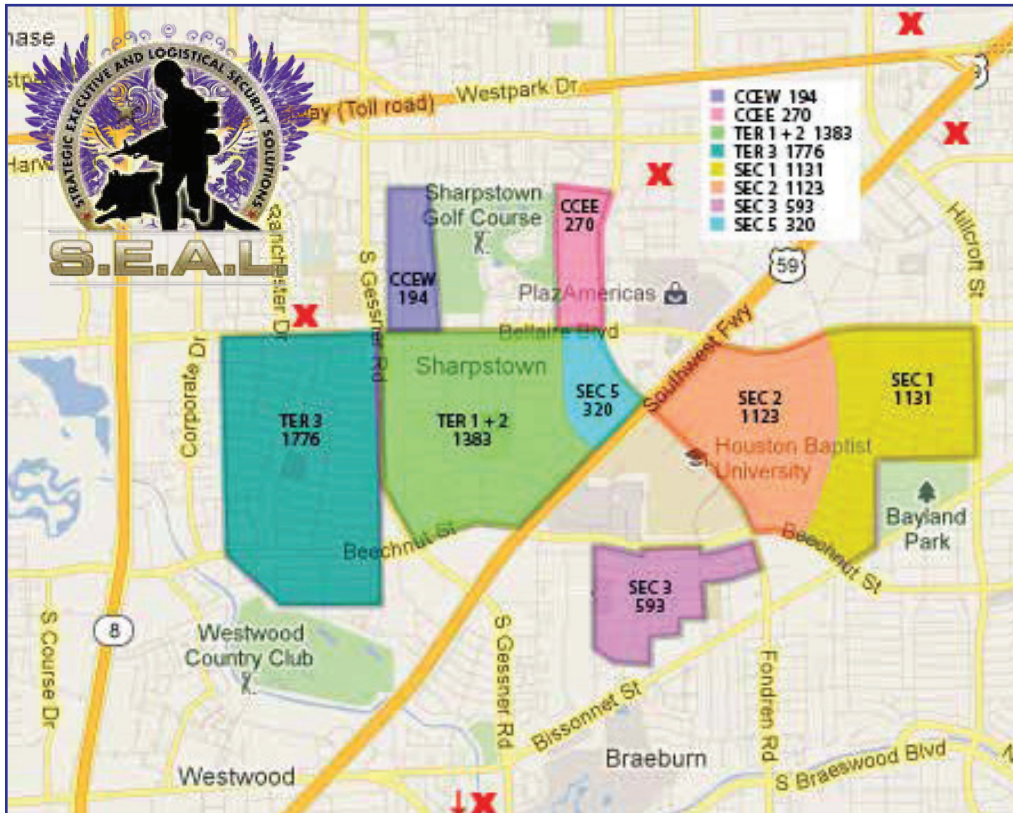
At no point should anyone who has a medical or safety emergency call our office in lieu of calling 911."

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.



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



South Gessner Substation
8605 Westplace Dr.

24 hours daily
832-394-4700

Midwest Substation
7277 Regency Square

24 hours daily
832-394-1200

Gulfton Storefront
6227 Southwest Fwy.

8-4 Mon-Fri
832-394-2660

Ranchester Storefront
9160 Bellaire, Ste. F

8-Noon M-W-F
832-394-2780

PARKING LAWS

THESE ARE ACTUAL LAWS AND
WILL RESULT IN REAL FINES



PARK AT LEAST
15 FEET
FROM A
FIRE HYDRANT

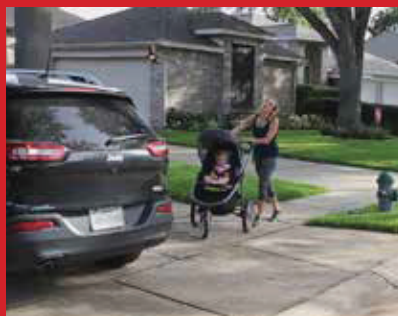


PARK AT LEAST
20 FEET
FROM AN
INTERSECTION

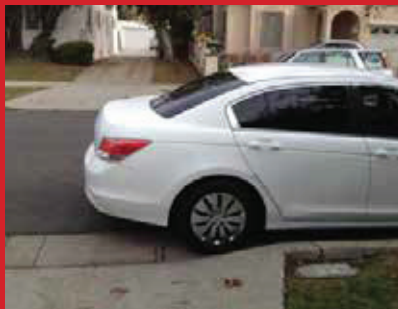


PARK AT LEAST
30 FEET
FROM A
STOP SIGN OR
TRAFFIC SIGNAL

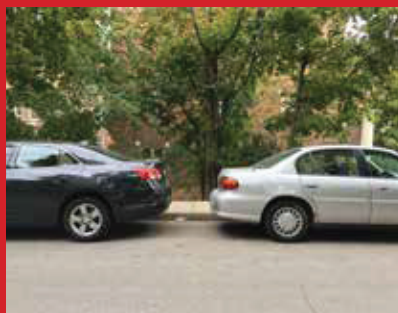
DO NOT
BLOCK THE
SIDEWALK
WHEN
PARKING



DO NOT
BLOCK A
DRIVEWAY
WHEN
PARKING



PARK WITH
THE NATURAL
FLOW
OF TRAFFIC



DEED RESTRICTIONS

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 took effect August 1, 2019, can 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
•Patio / Patio Roof	\$50.00
•Pool	\$100.00
•Addition to House	\$250.00
•Generators/Solar Panels	\$25.00



SCA PUMPS THE BRAKES ON NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEM

A concerned resident called the SCA Office with a safety concern regarding a Brake Test Area set up on one of the neighborhood's residential streets. A Brake Test Area is paint markings on the street used to measure the stopping distance of a car for State Automobile inspections. The resident felt that the test area increased the traffic on the street and created a hazard when cars were abruptly stopping in front on the street.

After receiving photos of the paint markings on the street, we contacted 311 and filed a report. We sent the Service Request Number and the photos over to Councilman Pollard's office for follow up. The original request was closed out as contractor markings by the Public Works department. After explaining once again that this was a local auto repair shop using the residential street as a Brake Test Area, the case was reopened.

We also notified Sergeant Juarez at the Gulfport Storefront to help alleviate the traffic hazard. HPD went and inspected the area and the auto repair shop and asked the owner of the shop to move the test area. The officer also contacted Public Works to have them remove the markings on the street

HPD and District J, working together, have now received confirmation that the Public Works Department will be out soon to remove the markings with a pressure washer. This should eliminate the eyesore and the traffic hazard that was created. Currently waiting on the pressure washer to be repaired, but that is another story.

If you see markings like these in your area, please take a photo and report it to the SCA.



SHUTTING DOWN ILLEGAL SALES ACTIVITY

Last month many Sharpstown neighbors noticed a very large outdoor market occurring weekly at a home in the 7100 block of Bellaire. Large box trucks brought in vast amounts of merchandise each week to conduct sales all weekend. Throughout the day, cars parked along Bellaire to shop the market, completely blocking one lane of traffic. The set-up was obviously commercial in nature, featuring an array of new merchandise.

The SCA has reported this illegal commercial activity to the City of Houston and is working closely with the City's attorney to put a stop to it.

Our Deed Restrictions and City code permit two garage sales per year. Anything over that is a commercial activity which violates our covenants. Also, the State of Texas requires collection of sales taxes on commercial sales.

What can you do to help stop these illegal sales? Report the activity to the SCA with photos. There must be photo evidence showing sales occurring on three separate occasions. Nobody has a problem with neighbors cleaning out closets and rehoming unwanted personal items. But the person offering ten new mattresses and 8 new strollers every weekend is not being a good neighbor to you.

TAKING INSPIRATION FROM ALL THE DESIGN SHOWS?

REMODELING YOUR HOME? ADDING ON...

Lots of neighbors are updating their homes, renovating, adding on. Let the SCA help you avoid problems and save money. The deed restrictions on Sharpstown properties cover both the "Where" and the "What" of building. The setbacks, easements, and building lines say "Where" construction can happen. Paint colors, fence materials, and percentage of masonry are covered by the "What" rules. Getting a City of Houston permit doesn't help you out with this. But the SCA will gladly guide you through the "Where and What".

Sadly, some homeowners have been required to remove improvements that violated the deed restrictions. Be a savvy homeowner – before you begin a project, call the SCA office at 713-789-2311, and discuss your plans with Scott Gilbert. He will help you understand the deed restrictions for your particular property, review your project, and let you know of any problems.

ALL DEED RESTRICTIONS ARE AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT SHARPSTOWN.CIVIC.ORG.

DEED RESTRICTIONS UPDATE



Many residents have been asking about the DR update and when we will be taking signatures for approval. Covid has affected this process as well, but the Board is working hard on some final adjustments to the language and we plan on presenting to the residents for approval this Fall.

- The proposed update (and several translations) will be available on our website soon.
- The proposed annual dues are lower than the current dues many of you already pay.
- The Board has REMOVED foreclosure as an option for non-payment of assessments.
- Approval of this update will provide for increased safety and better tools to address the run-down properties in Sharpstown.

**Ran out of toilet paper
and now using lettuce
leaves.
Today was just the tip
of the iceberg,
tomorrow remains to
be seen.**



SCA HOSTS LIVE AND VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING

After a 3-month hiatus due to closure of Bayland Community Center, the SCA conducted a General Meeting on June 25. Directors who were able attended in-person, and all directors were invited to participate online. The meeting was also live-streamed on Facebook and can be found at <https://bit.ly/31YStcA>

Following welcoming remarks by President Matt Wine, Matthew Cowan informed viewers about upcoming director elections, and Charmaine LeBlanc provided financial and security updates.

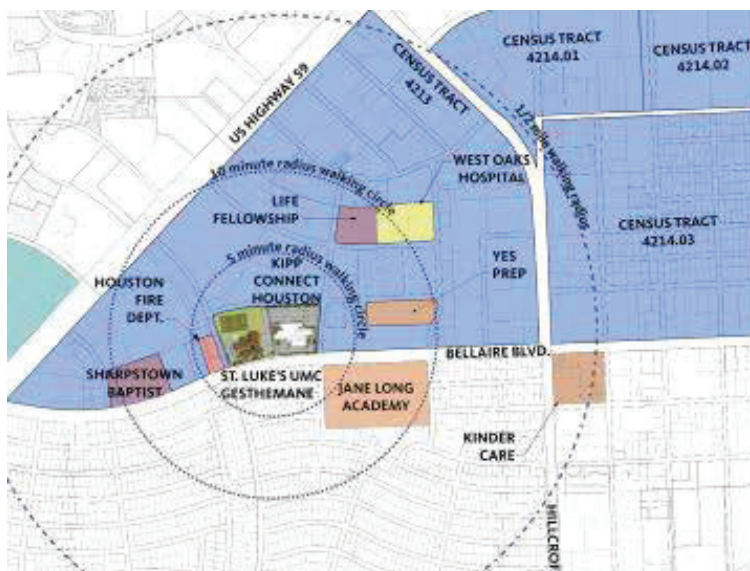
Councilmember Edward Pollard spoke briefly, encouraging District J residents to reach out to his office with their questions and concerns.

SEAL Officers Sarabian and Taylor introduced new K-9 officer Bady, a 6-year old Belgian Malinois.

Anne Whitlock, Executive Director of Connect Community, was the featured speaker. She talked about Connect Community's plans for late 2020 and early 2021 in the Gulfton/Sharpstown corridor. She addressed their plans for enhanced housing, open space, and retail areas in the corridor.

As part of their TechStyleLab, the Sewn Collaborative was created, focusing initially on employing local sewists to make face masks, with a long-range goal of returning textile production from overseas to America.

You can learn more about Connect Community at <https://purposebuiltcommunities.org/our-network/houston-connect-6800-bellaire/>



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD: GULFTON/SHARPSTOWN

- More than 18,000 residents
- 88% speak language other than English
- 19 schools within a 2 mile radius
- 46% of residents lack a high school diploma
- 60% of renters in the census tract containing Connect South Apartments are considered to be cost-burdened
- 75% of the area's housing stock was built prior to 1980

RESCHEDULED!!!!
OCTOBER 16-17, 2020

SHARPSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

REUNION
Class OF 1980

40 YEARS

CRAWFISH BOIL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

ROCKEFELLERS

DINNER BEGINS AT 6 PM

COST PER PERSON \$50, Includes Fri & Sat nights! (Golf Tournament is extra)

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FIFTY WAYS TO BEAT THIS VIRUS

- Stay away from the pack, Jack
- Don't visit your Gran, Stan
- Wipe down every toy, Roy
- To keep virus-free
- Don't hop on the bus, Gus
- Don't listen to Don, Ron
- Don't hoard the TP, Lee
- Just stay virus free
- Sneeze into your sleeve, Steve
- Stop touching your face, Grace
- Keep back to six feet, Pete
- Heed the CDC
- Just use the Purell, Mel
- Keep wipes in your purse, Nurse
- Take care of your stock, Doc
- You need PPE
- This isn't Spring Break, Jake
- Stay home if you're sick, Rick
- As COVID leaps, peeps
- Just follow the rules, fools
- And stay virus-free



Sharpstown Trail

CenterPoint easement along Gessner
from Harwin to Beechnut
Watch for exciting updates!!



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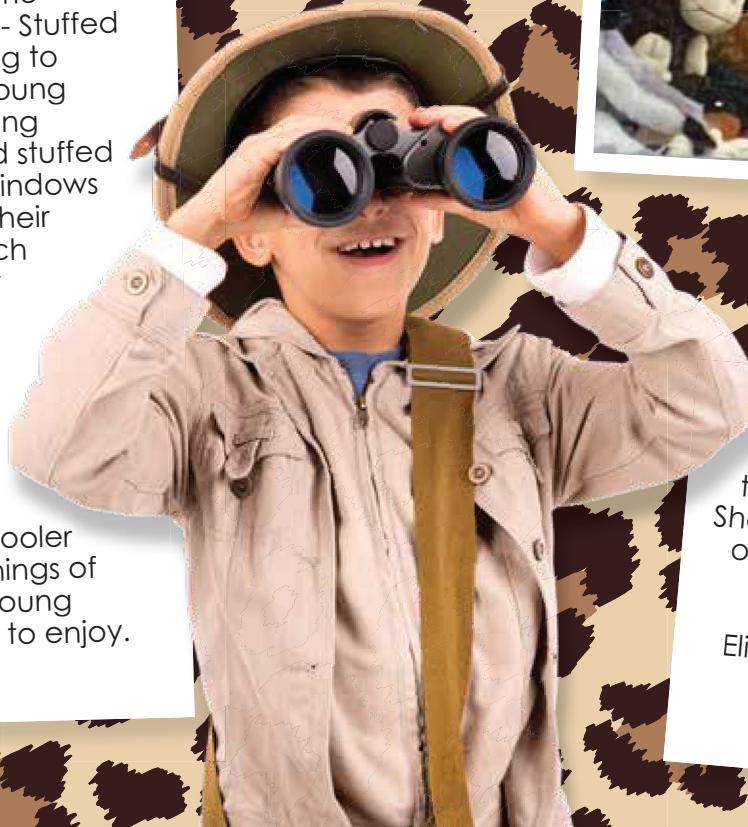
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SAFARI

This spring a new pastime swept across America - Stuffed Animal Safaris! Wanting to support families with young children during unsettling times, residents placed stuffed animals in their front windows so kids could explore their neighborhood in search of teddy bears, bunny rabbits, and a host of other stuffed animals. Many Sharpstown homes embraced this idea and the hunt was on! Once again, Sharpstown resident Elizabeth Schooler captured the "Wild Things of Sharpstown" for the young (and young-at-heart) to enjoy.



The Sharpstown Safari Project will continue through the Summer! Go to SharpstownCivic.org for details or to be Added to the Map contact
SCA Board Member
Elizabeth Bagby Schooler at
713-550-3351 or
hpdmama@gmail.com

LABOR DAY IS THE NEW 4TH OF JULY!

Or at least we hope it will be. Like so many other highly anticipated events, the Sharpstown 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks Display at PlazAmericas Mall had to be cancelled due to Covid-19.

The SCA is now planning to celebrate another uniquely American holiday, Labor Day. We are working with community partners including the Southwest Management District to provide another amazing fireworks display and, hopefully, a fun and family-oriented celebration too, to take place on Saturday, September 5th.

No one can be sure at this point what September will look like or what restrictions may be in place, but we will continue hoping and planning for fun under the sun and stars on Labor Day weekend 2020.



SHARPSTOWN PROUD PROJECT



WHO REPRESENTS SHARPSTOWN?

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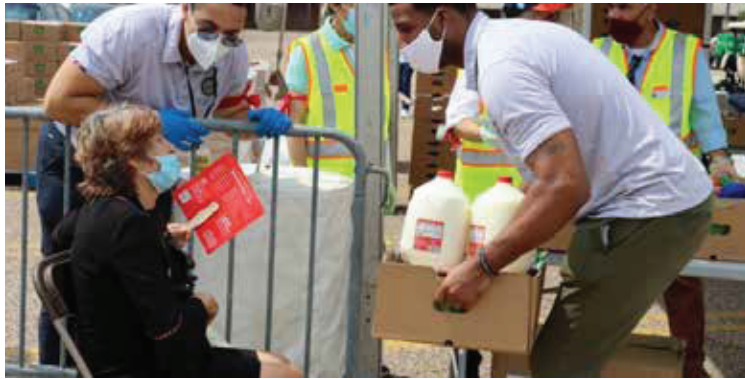


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EDWARD POLLARD'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS



Councilmember Edward Pollard and staff provide needed groceries



Long lines queuing up for assistance

The Covid crisis has brought out the best and worst in our elected officials. Just as the bad deserves criticism the good deserves recognition. To that end we need to recognize the District J food distribution organized by Councilman Edward Pollard's office.

When asked about the undertaking Pollard said:

The reason for the free food distribution is because I know that the pandemic has severely impacted low income communities the most. People are in need of resources and I wanted to do all I could to lift a little of the burden off these families during these challenging times. We were able to serve over 2,000 families with enough food for a family of 4 for at least a week. We provided boxes of meat, canned goods, fruits, vegetables, and drinks, all for free. There was no registration required and went on a first come first serve basis. We had walk up and drive thru opportunities.

This was a mammoth undertaking, and it was a rousing success with Pollard noting:

The food was provided by the Houston Food Bank, the food was purchased by the Ardenwood Group and the Southwest Management District. We had over 150 volunteers and it was held at the PlazAmericas Mall located at 7500 Bellaire Blvd in the heart of District J.

Mayor Turner showed up at the distribution. To his credit, the mayor didn't simply just show up, take a photo and leave. He happened to select the station I was manning to assist, and he jumped right in and joined the line where we were distributing milk. He simply participated rather than trying to engage in political activities.

Hunger knows no ideology. It is great to see everyone come together to address a common area of concern.

Thank you Councilman Pollard and Mayor Turner.

Greg Degeyter | May 31, 2020

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



While I was out walking my dog, I noticed a "Caring for our Community" sign in one of my neighbor's yards, so I stopped to talk with her. Getting to visit with my neighbors has been a real positive activity for me during these many weeks of isolation. While I have had the privilege of staying home, Maria has been out each day serving our community. I am so proud of one of our own and would like you to hear her story.

"My name is Maria M. Lopez and I am originally from the Philippines. I am married to Norman Lopez and we have two children, James Norman 25, and John 19. We've been living in Sharpstown for over 27 years; my children grew up here. Both of them went to St. Francis de Sales and Strake Jesuit. We love our community! We have a great neighborhood and wonderful associations. Sharpstown is our home.

I've been working in the medical field for many years. Currently, I am working at Houston Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center as a Medical Technologist running the laboratory tests. I love what I am doing because "We Save Lives". As a Medical Technologist, I am one of the workers on the front lines. I love serving our people and our community."

It is such an honor to have people like Maria from our own Sharpstown doing such vital work. I know there are others and we would like to say a big thanks to you all.

Almena Downey

FIRST SHARPSTOWN COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

Sharpstown and neighboring communities took advantage of sunny weather and free secure paper shredding to clear out decades of old documents. Sharpstown Civic Association engaged Pro-Shred, a top-of-the-line professional company, to provide secure document shredding during a drive-thru event May 23.

A steady stream of vehicles lined up to take advantage of SCA volunteers unloading boxes and bags. Unwanted sensitive paperwork was placed in a 90-gallon pink bin which, when full, was lifted up into the Pro-Shred vehicle and quickly turned into finely shredded, recyclable waste. Security minded folks could watch as their private records went directly from their vehicle to the pink bin to the Pro-Shred truck, assured that their important documents were safely disposed of.

In three hours, the Pro-Shred truck devoured 50 of the pink bins overflowing with unwanted records. This was the first SCA Shred Day and the overwhelming community response ensures there will be more Shred Days going forward. The SCA is exploring other ways to help our community dispose of unwanted materials.

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- OCT 19 MONDAY, OCTOBER 19**
Early voting begins (through Oct. 30)
- OCT 23 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**
Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot*
- OCT 30 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**
Last day of early voting
- NOV 3 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**
ELECTION DAY ** also last day for County Clerk to receive a ballot by mail

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LANSDALE PARK ACTIVITIES

- Free After School Program for children 6 to 13 years of age
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Tiffany Goodlow, Site Manager
Lansdale Community Center
8201 Roos Rd
Office: 713-272-3668

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program registration:

[http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/
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- Citizenship classes

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hours at

[http://houstonlibrary.org/location/walter-neighborhood-library?items_per_
page=200#events](http://houstonlibrary.org/location/walter-neighborhood-library?items_per_page=200#events)



2020 Census Infogram

DENVER/DALLAS REGION

JUNE 16, 2020



Over 90 million households have responded to the 2020 Census, with over four in five households doing so online. People can still respond on their own online, over the phone or by mail — all without having to meet a census taker. Click on the image for more information and to download.

Response Rate Fun Facts (June 15)

- Wyoming tied with Hawaii and Puerto Rico for the state with the highest daily total self-response at 0.1 percent each
- Utah had the highest state cumulative Internet self-response rate at 59.9 percent, followed by Minnesota and Washington
- Kenedy County, TX had the county with the highest daily total self-response rate at 1.1 percent, followed by a four-way tie that included Roberts County, SD at 0.4 percent
- Los Alamos County, NM had the highest cumulative Internet self-response rate at 74.8 percent
- Los Alamos County, NM was the top West county with 80.2 percent self-response rate

Updates to 2020 Census Operations

The U.S. Census Bureau continues to monitor the impacts COVID-19 has on 2020 Census operations and follow guidance of federal, state and local health authorities to ensure the safety of staff and the public. The Census announced updates to other operations. For all updates below, The Census Bureau will incorporate the latest federal, state and local guidelines regarding PPE and regulations.

- The Census Bureau will resume the Update Enumerate Operation on June 14-July 29.
- The Census Bureau will begin a soft launch to Nonresponse Followup starting mid-July with six ACOs. Additional ACOs will be announced for a second wave to occur later in July. All remaining ACOs will begin August 11 and conclude no later than October 31.
- The Census Bureau will count people living in transitory (RV parks, marinas, and hotels) locations September 3-28.
- The Census Bureau's Community Partnership and Engagement Program (CPEP) has resumed in-person events.
- The Census Bureau's Mobile Questionnaire Assistance (MQA) program is being modified and staff may be able to resume offering in-person questionnaire response assistance in select areas.
- The Census Bureau will continue its communications campaign through the end of data collection in October 2020.
- The Census Bureau will count population experiencing homelessness September 22-24.

For more information and details, please visit [FAQs on Resuming 2020 Census Field Operations](#) and [2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19](#)

Denver Region Response Rates

Arizona	58.0%
Colorado	64.6%
Kansas	65.3%
Montana	55.0%
Nebraska	67.7%
New Mexico	59.8%
North Dakota	61.3%
Oklahoma	55.9%
South Dakota	62.4%
Texas	56.1%
Utah	65.7%
Wyoming	54.7%
National	61.4%

Helpful Links

[2020 Census Response Rate map](#)
[How to Use the Response Rate Map](#)
[COVID-19 Operational Adjustments](#)
[Avoiding Fraud and Scams](#)
[2020 Census FAQ](#)
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HPD NON-EMERGENCY	713-884-3131

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:

Aluminum and Tin Cans (rinsed drained)

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:

Paper, Newspaper, Catalogs, Magazines and Phone Books



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
AUG	10	11	JUNK WASTE ONLY
SEP	14	8	TREE WASTE ONLY

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

Section 3, 5, CCT1, CCT2, CCT3, Estates E&W - 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.



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

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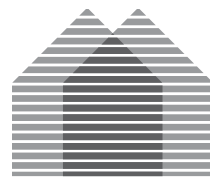
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 23, 2020

No Meeting - Summer Break

Thursday, Aug 27, 2020

Thursday, Sep 24, 2020

Bayland Community Center

- 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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ZIKA PREVENTION

Weekly Mosquito Spraying began April 1st and will continue thru October. The truck sprays after dark and covers all streets in Sharpstown. Thank you to the dues paying members for the ability to have this benefit.



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