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SHARPSTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT PARADE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new year is almost upon us and I hope everyone has a joyful and safe Christmas. I have become more knowledgeable about video conferencing than I had ever imagined, but I will put that knowledge to good use and catch up with the family members and friends who live far from Sharpstown. I hope you get the opportunity to do the same.



I would like to thank my fellow Board members, CM Pollard and his staff, HPD and SEAL, and others of you who were able to join us at Bayland for our November meeting. It certainly wasn't our huge pot-luck dinner as in years past, but it was a safe way to connect with a few of you in person. It was also our annual meeting to vote for the Board members that will represent Sharpstown for the next two years. Thank you to our returning Board members and welcome to Jason Davalos and Casey Cummings as new Board members (their bios are in the pages of this SCAN).

The new challenges we all faced in 2020 have not gone away. But I am very excited and confident to face those challenges with this Board. I know that each member has the best long-term interests of Sharpstown in mind with every decision they make. As a resident, I know you are committed to Sharpstown's success as well and I ask that you join us in 2021 - fill out the membership form (in this issue or online) and submit with your dues so we can continue our important mission:

"To serve and improve the Sharpstown community through enforcement of deed restrictions, architectural controls, enhancing our residents' safety, and to promote Sharpstown as one of Houston's most desirable neighborhoods."

Here's to a happy and healthy New Year!

Matt Wine, President



NEW 2021 SCA BOARD

Sharpstown Civic Association is delighted to announce the election of Jason Davalos for a 2-year term on the Board of Directors.

Jason, a U.S. Army veteran, works at Johnson Space Center in support of NASA's human spaceflight programs.

He and his wife, Ana, live in Country Club Estates 3. An avid woodworking and welding hobbyist, Jason hopes his work with the SCA will afford the opportunity to meet more Sharpstown residents and use his skills to assist the community.

The SCA board welcomes Casey Cummings - being appointed to 2021 open slot.

I am 33 years old, and I have lived in Houston since 2015. I moved to Sharpstown in 2019. I am a Registered nurse working in informatics for an Electronic Health Record (EHR)



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TRICK-OR-TREAT PARADE

Janine Jack, Sharpstown High School senior class sponsor/Wonder Woman and Joy Schooler/T-Rex

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company. I am a member of the Houston Pride Band since 2018. I enjoy gardening, painting, reading, cooking, volunteering, and video games. I am currently in the process of closing on my house in Terrace 2 (December 10th) and hope to make Sharpstown home for a long while!

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2021 Dues

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

2021 Membership Invoice

Take Action - Support a Proud Sharpstown

It Takes A Village.....

2020 has been a year like none other, a year no one saw coming or really knew how to cope with. But the Sharpstown community is still here, still strong, still proud. Like all of you, Sharpstown Civic Association worked to figure out a new way of doing those things you expect of us. Ways to support our Mission Statement, "To serve and improve the Sharpstown community through enforcement of deed restrictions, architectural controls, enhancing our residents' safety, and to promote Sharpstown as one of Houston's most desirable neighborhoods." And the SCA is ready and able to continue that work in 2021 with you - with your support, both financial and volunteer. Sharpstown remains a community of amazing diversity and resilience, so we ask you to walk forward into 2021 with the SCA. Together, as neighbors, we can support the ongoing story of community that is Sharpstown.

Pat Menville, Secretary

Dear Neighbor:

There comes a moment in the existence of every community when the opportunity for renewal is at hand. With tens of millions of dollars in development and improvements underway, we need an engaged and effective civic organization that can help improve the community we live in. Some of us can serve on boards and attend meetings and feel the desire to advocate for Sharpstown. Others are busy doing that for their children's schools, churches, jobs and families. We all see priorities through our own circumstances and none are less important than the others. I am fortunate enough to choose to spend much of my time advocating for Sharpstown through the civic association. Sharpstown is powerful, we are voters, we pay taxes, we are strong supporters of freedom and justice and we defend our neighborhood. I am thankful to have the SCA connection to work through with our other community partners. Without those of us that send in their dues this would not be possible. Please, support our community for 2021.

Charmaine LeBlanc, Treasurer

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
2021 Dues. You can pay online
at SharpstownCivic.Org

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 _____

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SECONDARY EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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



JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2020 CRIME BY SECTION

SECTION	ROBBERY	BURGLARY	THEFT / PROPERTY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	RAPE	MURDER	TOTAL CRIMES
CCEE	0	1	14	2	0	1	18
CCEW	2	0	4	0	0	0	6
S1	6	7	27	7	0	0	47
S2	1	4	25	2	0	0	32
S3	1	1	15	2	0	0	19
S5	2	0	9	1	0	0	12
T1	0	3	9	2	0	0	14
T2	2	1	39	3	0	0	45
T3	9	11	37	10	0	0	67
2020 TOTAL	23	28	179	29	0	1	260
2019 TOTAL	21	60	219	60	0	1	361

The City of Houston is reporting daily that crime, especially violent crime, has risen during 2020. Why are we not seeing that here in Sharpstown? Compared to 2019, the crime in Sharpstown has dropped a staggering 28% in all categories that we have control over. HPD and SEAL patrols, bimonthly SCAN educational materials on safety topics, lighting up our driveways and porches, extra vigilant residents watching their surroundings and reporting suspicious vehicles....I have to assume all of these things working together are keeping our island of Sharpstown safer. Whatever it is...KEEP IT UP Sharpstown!

PS...It's Porch Pirate season, so be watchful of those UPS and FEDEX trucks making deliveries to your doors.



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 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.



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.

DRIVEWAY POLICY

The SCA has adopted a new policy to guide residents in replacing or repairing their driveways. Written in straightforward language, the policy covers location and placement of driveways, allowable driveway sizes, acceptable and prohibited construction materials, and a checklist of information that must be submitted to request approval.

The policy has been filed for record with the Harris County Clerk. A copy of the Driveway Policy, and all other Sharpstown policies, can be found on the SCA website SharpstownCivic.org under the Deed Restriction tab.

As always, you can contact the office by email or phone with any additional questions you might have on the policy.



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

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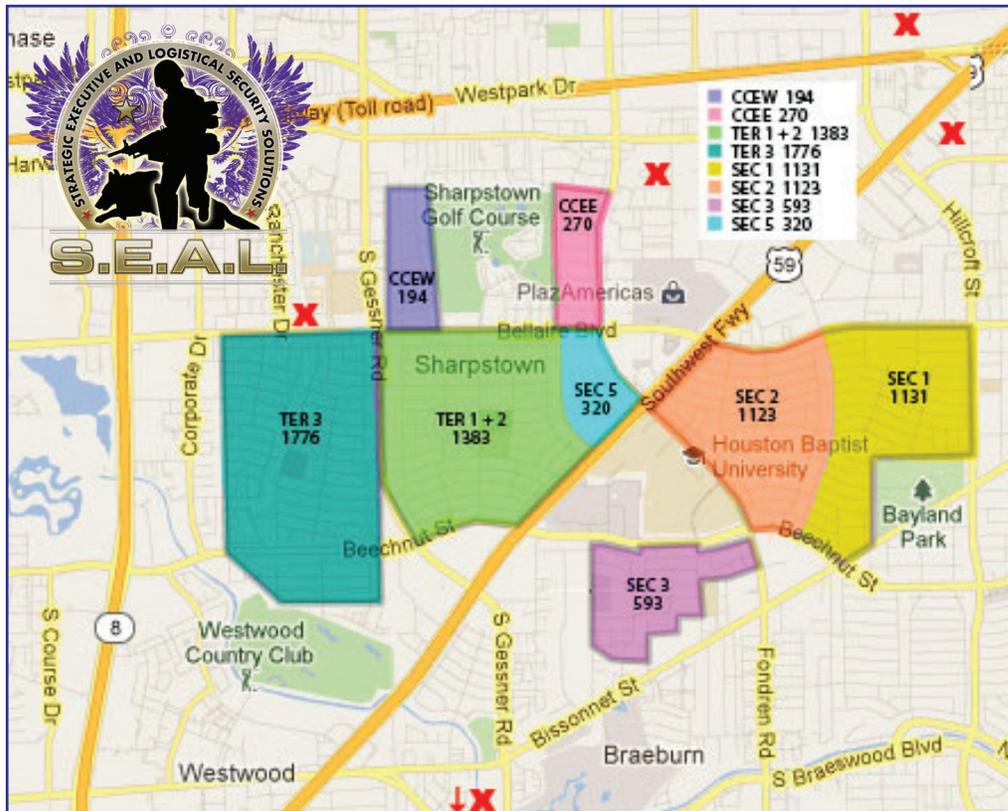
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South Gessner Substation 24 hours daily
8605 Westplace Dr. 832-394-4700

Midwest Substation 24 hours daily
7277 Regency Square 832-394-1200

Gulfton Storefront 8-4 Mon-Fri
6227 Southwest Fwy. 832-394-2660

Ranchester Storefront 8-Noon M-W-F
9160 Bellaire, Ste. F 832-394-2780

ED WHITE GETS NEW PRINCIPAL



Dr. Franklin Chang has been named the new principal at Ed White Elementary School. Dr. Chang is a native Houstonian, and a proud product of HISD, graduating from Bellaire High School. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston, a master's degree from Northeastern Illinois University and a PhD from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Prior to his current appointment, he was an Assistant Principal at Forest Brook Middle School and most recently served as the Dean of Instruction at Houston Academy for International Studies. As part of that leadership team, he helped establish new dual credit pathways and improved student achievement in all areas.

He is delighted to be selected as Ed White's new principal and cannot wait to meet and get to know the members of the school community. His priority is to continue the proud traditions of the Ed White family. The mission of the school is to provide all students with the educational opportunity to develop their full potential by creating a supportive learning environment, focusing on quality instruction, and engaging students with rigor and relevance to build strong relationships with a commitment to excellence.

REGENERATION FOR A NEW GENERATION

With new leadership at the helm, Ed White Elementary has begun a multi-year project to spruce up their grounds. Jessica Hernandez, the school's Wraparound Specialist, in conjunction with Tony Tuckwiller, the Sharpstown Parks Alliance liaison, is working on making the outdoor school environment more kid friendly.

"Regeneration for a New Generation" is an effort to restore the beds and nature area around the school. A Saturday SAVE (Sharpstown Area Volunteer Experience) on November 7th asked for volunteers to help initiate the process. Council Member Edward Pollard and members of his staff joined volunteers from the University of Houston, the Sharpstown Civic Association, the Sharpstown Parks Alliance, neighbors, the school principal, teachers, parents, and students; in two hours they were able to clean the vegetable garden and prepare the front of the school for a later planting. Another SAVE will be scheduled for the spring, when the SPA will be planting trees donated by Trees for Houston.

Plans are under way to design a front flower bed, restore the pond, plant a pollinator/native plant habitat, and create a memorial/meditation garden. Dr. Chang, the principal, would also like to be able to add more benches throughout the grounds so that students can extend their outdoor learning. If you have any expertise in design or landscaping and would like to help, please call Ms. Hernandez at Ed White and join the fun.



Pictured left to right: Jessica Hernandez, Wraparound Specialist; Jennifer Kuhleman, volunteer; Leslie Zalasar, teacher

SHARPSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE TEACHER NAMED THE 2020 SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Julio Morales, Sharpstown High School theatre teacher, has been named the 2020 Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Educational Theatre Association. He received the award in September at the Texas Educational TheatreFest.

An alumnus of Sharpstown High School and the University of St. Thomas, it was at UST where he decided to become a theatre teacher. His professor at UST, Claire McDonald, stated that

Julio "has the energy, creativity, compassion, and talent to be the awesome teacher he has become". His passion clearly shines through at Sharpstown, where his students are encouraged not only to explore their creativity, but are encouraged to give back to the community through their volunteer efforts. You can regularly see them at various events in the area, in addition to keeping the storm drains clean around the school.

His students have done well at both the local and the statewide level, and two students participated in the International Thespian Festival this summer. Heaven Jefferson received an excellent rating in the Individual Solo Musical Competition, and Iris Gregory has received over 30 college and university callbacks from all across the country, as she plans to pursue a degree in Stage Management. At the annual state-wide UIL competition, his students have continuously demonstrated excellence by being named to the All-Star cast at the contests. The program at SHS has done so well that this year a second director, Ms. Erin Lamb, was added to assist with the increase in students.

COVID-19 has created a chasm in performance opportunities, but when the chance arises, be sure to attend a production from this wonderful director and his talented students. Meanwhile, follow the SHS theatre department on their website or Instagram.

<http://tinyurl.com/sharpstownhightheatre>

Instagram: @sharpstownhightheatre

TRICK-OR-TREAT PARADE



Trick or Treat for our Sharpstown kiddos, young and old :) We wove our way through several sections of Sharpstown, but alas our treats ran out as did the daylight. Can't wait to make improvements for next year and visit ALL HOMES!

Thank you to our contributors, supporters, and volunteers without whom this would have been possible.

Elizabeth Schooler

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



NEIGHBOR, SCA AND COH - PARTNERSHIP MAKING THINGS HAPPEN

On Monday, November 23rd a long time neighbor in the 7200 block of Sharpview was concerned when their large pile of tree waste was not picked up. They had reached out to 311 and were unable to get a resolution. The SCA machine (haha) went into action... (queue Mission Impossible music...). Scott Gilbert went by, took photos and created a 311 report. He sent our top notch District J Constituent Services Alex Brizuela the information. Scott noticed several red flags with regards to the giant pile of 'tree' that may have prevented the city from disposing of it. In order to keep from blocking the sidewalk, the pile was placed further back from the curb than normally suggested. There was a power line very close to the edge of the pile - putting the claw in danger of contact. Finally the pile was leaning up against 3 Crepe Myrtles possibly damaging them from the disposal action of the heavy equipment. Nevertheless, the pile needed to go!! Board members Pat Menville and Charmaine LeBlanc (sensing a possible SCAN photo op) met with the homeowners that Saturday morning (in the rain I might add) to assess the situation. Seeing the size of the pile the directors realized that we had to have the help of Solid Waste to help dispose of it. Director LeBlanc emailed the District J staff that day to ask for direction. Deputy Chief Alvin Byrd replied within minutes to say that he would drive over on Monday and offer his advice. Fast

forward two days to this morning at 9am. Mr Byrd and the COH Solid Waste team of Larry Turner, Hayden Rankine and Gerald Walkins tackled the pile and as you can see by the photo, the Crepe Myrtle survived the ordeal. The SCA is so grateful to partnerships with our council office and with Solid Waste Assistant Director Anthony Bowie and Senior Supervisor James Bennett. They pulled fast strings to get this neighbor the help they needed. Sharpstown thanks you!!!

SCA 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

Sharpstown Civic Association, Inc.

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Modified Cash Basis

For the Period Ended October 31, 2020

	10 Months Ended 10.31.20	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$376,765	\$383,750	(\$6,985)
Expenses	\$433,007	\$463,333	(\$30,326)
Cash In Bank	\$346,578		

2020 Membership Update-Recap

Year	\$ Recd	Count	Avg	% of Total
2021	\$805	5		
2020	\$324,025	1369	\$237	21%
2019	\$374,189	1620	\$231	24%
2018	\$364,822	1586	\$230	24%
2017	\$348,380	1675	\$208	25%
2016	\$355,087	1708	\$208	25%
2015	\$314,252	1610	\$195	24%
2014	\$305,235	1506	\$203	22%
2013	\$291,366	1381	\$211	20%

NOVEMBER MEETING AND ELECTION

The SCA held its Annual Meeting on November 19. As with so many other events, this year's meeting looked very different due to Covid-19 safety protocols. A smaller-than-usual group of residents came to hear updates on SCA programs and activities, and to cast their ballots for SCA Directors and Officers. In lieu of the usual Thanksgiving potluck, attendees received box meals from BB's Cafe (use logo) with Cajun fried turkey sandwiches, chips and cookies. A video of the meeting can be viewed at <https://sharpstowncivic.org/2020/11/20/sca-general-membership-meeting-replay-available/>

Exciting developments on the Sharpstown Centerpoint Trail were announced at the SCA Annual Meeting on November 19. Plans are being drawn up and construction will begin on the first section of the trail in 2021.



Councilman Edward Pollard spoke at our virtual meetings in September.



The November meeting was 'in person' at Bayland.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARKS

In conjunction with the Houston Half Kind Stride program, the Sharpstown Parks Alliance just raised \$4,097.15 for the parks in Sharpstown. The Kind Stride program is the fundraising arm of the Koala Health & Wellness Houston Half Marathon & 10K. Normally held the last Sunday in October, this year the run became virtual, and runners were allowed to run wherever they wished. Tony Tuckwiller, being a Sharpstown resident and member of the Sharpstown Parks Alliance, decided to run around all 5 parks in Sharpstown. He and Kevin Poe participated in the run, and donations to these runners resulted in an additional \$1,500 for third place team. By virtue of being the top individual fundraisers, Tony (3rd place-\$800) and Kevin (4th place--\$700) played their part in reaching the \$4000 total. The Sharpstown Parks Alliance will work with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, the Houston Parks Board, the Department of Neighborhoods, and District J to upgrade and maintain our parks. A huge shout out goes to all who donated for this worthwhile cause.



STORM DRAIN PROBLEMS

If you have a storm drain in front of your house, please check to see if it has any debris. It doesn't matter whether it is leaves, pine needles, or trash--pick it up and throw it away. Don't let it flow into the storm sewer and become part of a bigger problem.

TIME TO SAVE

The Sharpstown Parks Alliance has initiated a project to maintain and improve the green spaces in Sharpstown. Called SAVE—the Sharpstown Area Volunteer Experience—we're asking you to join us by giving an hour of your time to help make Sharpstown a better place to live.

Our primary SAVE is the Adopt-a-Drain project, in conjunction with the City of Houston. Storm drains allow water to flow from the streets into the channels and bayous before eventually ending in Galveston Bay, and the city has asked individuals and organizations to “adopt” drains by keeping leaves and trash away from the drains.

The SPA has adopted the drains at Bonham, Crain, and Lansdale Parks. The drains are at the corners of the parks, and we are asked to clean them four times a year. If you are able to clean “Aqua No Net”, “Eau To Go” (Bonham), “Water U Doing”, “Water U Thinking”, (Crain), “I Need To Pick Your Drain”, “I’m Having A Drainstorm”, or “Left Drain, Right Drain—No Matter”, (Lansdale), go to www.sharpstownparks.org, and sign up for a SAVE.

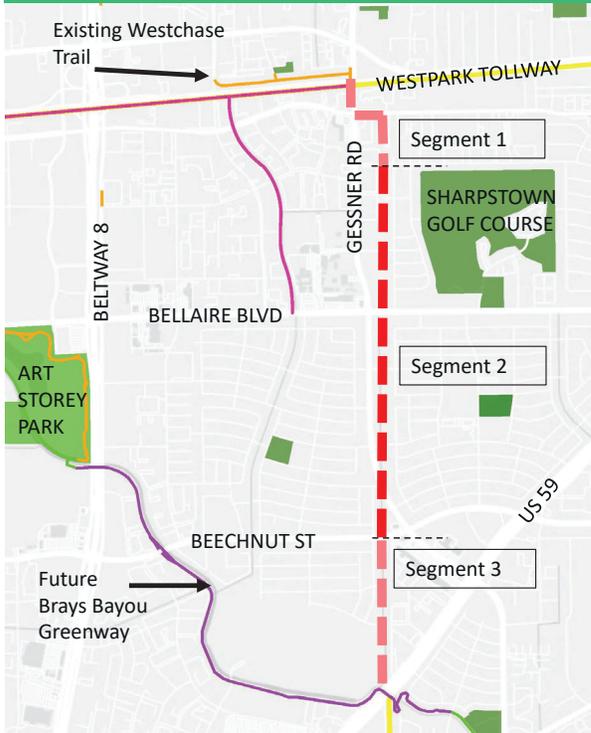


SCA President Matt Wine and community volunteer Carl Hruska not only cleaned the storm drains, they cleaned the drains in the park.

STAY TUNED TO THE SCA WEBSITE SHARPSTOWNCIVIC.ORG, THE SCA FACEBOOK PAGE, AND SUBSCRIBE TO SCA EMAIL AT [HTTPS://SHARPSTOWNCIVIC.ORG/REGISTER-FOR-UPDATES/](https://sharpstowncivic.org/register-for-updates/) FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES, VIDEO MESSAGES FROM SCA DIRECTORS, AND OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS.

SHARPSTOWN TRAIL UPDATE

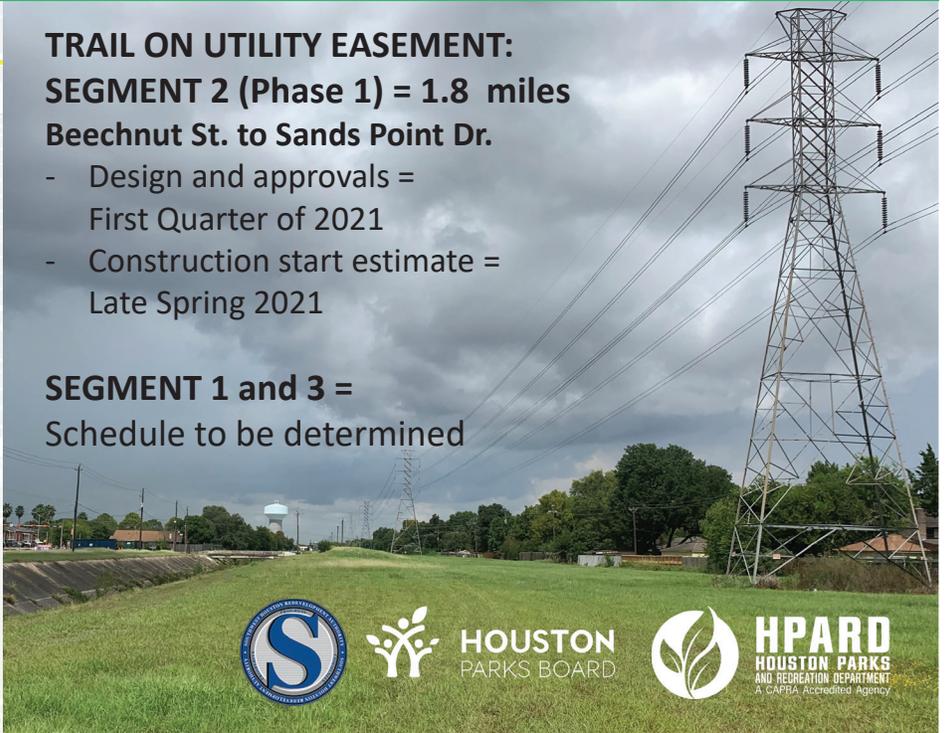
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**TRAIL ON UTILITY EASEMENT:
SEGMENT 2 (Phase 1) = 1.8 miles
Beechnut St. to Sands Point Dr.**

- Design and approvals = First Quarter of 2021
- Construction start estimate = Late Spring 2021

SEGMENT 1 and 3 =
Schedule to be determined



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SHARPSTOWN TRAIL – PHASE 1 PLAN

BEECHNUT STREET TO SANDS POINT DRIVE



SOUTH GESSNER CROSSING –
Hawk signal planned (example shown)



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT LISA GRAIFF –**
lisag@houstonparksboard.org

BELLAIRE CROSSING –
Crossing at intersection.
Coordinating with City of
Houston safety project.

BEECHNUT STREET

SANDS POINT DR.



MERRY
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and A GREAT NEW YEAR

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

DECK YOUR HALLS
FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN YOUR
PHOTO IN
THE NEXT SCAN
& A GIFT CARD!

JUDGING WILL BE DEC 7 - 25

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP JUDGE, CONTACT SCOTT AT THE SCA OFFICE AT 713-789-2311

Light Up Sharpstown Contest!!!
Are you going to win!!!

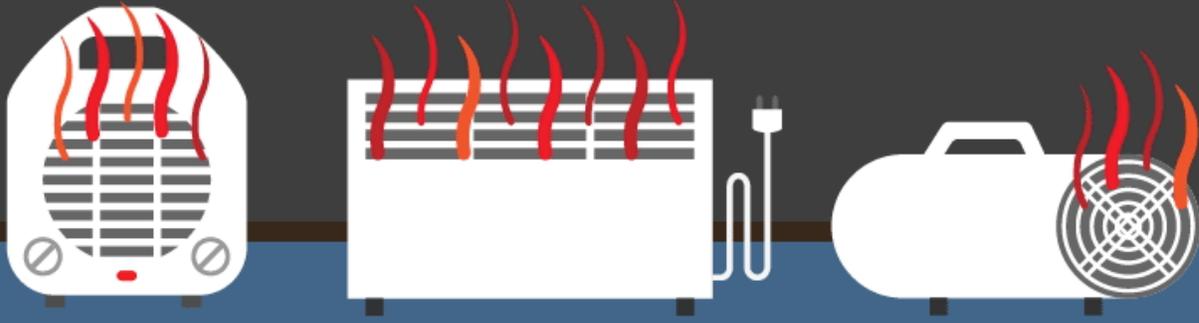


Santa is coming to
Sharpstown on Dec. 24!
Go to
www.sharpstowncivic.org
for updates.





SPACE HEATERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 1/3 OF HOME HEATING FIRES & ABOUT 80% OF HOME HEATING FIRE DEATHS



THE HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT URGES CITIZENS TO USE SAFETY WHEN USING HEATING DEVICES

The Houston Fire Department urges citizens to be careful and follow some simple safety tips when using space heaters, fireplaces and other supplemental heating sources. Any shift away from the exclusive use of central heating presents an increased possibility for fire.

Citizens should always keep in mind that: Space Heaters Need Space. The Houston Fire Department recommends the following safety tips when using supplemental heating sources:

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm.
- Never leave children unattended in a room with a space heater
- Children knock over space heaters especially if they are placed on top of wobbly tables or stools and near where the children play. Children may also stick paper or toys in the grates of the space heaters especially gas space heaters.
- Keep all combustible materials, including yourself at least 3 feet from the heater
- Open face heaters should have a screen
- Provide ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

Vented Gas / Fired Heating Appliances Tips - Central heating units, floor furnaces, recessed wall heaters, and vented space heaters.

- Inspect annually by a qualified service technician.
- Do not use these type units without a proper vent pipe. Vent pipes must exhaust to the outside!
- If your flame is not blue, it is not burning properly. It is producing Carbon Monoxide, which can't be seen, smelled or tasted. Turn it off.
- Use flexible metal tubing with threaded ends to connect the heater to the gas valve. There should be a cutoff valve for the heater at the wall. Never use a rubber hose to connect a space heater to the gas valve!

- Use soapy water to check all connections and valves for leaks. NEVER use a match to test for a gas leak!
- Look for the American Gas Association label and follow the manufacturer's recommendations for proper usage.

Electric Heaters Tips

- Never overload outlets or breakers
- Don't use extension cords for the heater. If the cord is hot to the touch, turn off the heater and unplug it!
- Electric heaters permanently installed in the wall or ceiling should have lint and dust removed regularly. Lint and dust will burn!

Fireplace safety from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA)

According to the NFPA While fireplaces often conjure up images of warmth and comfort, they also represent a source of home heating fires. Creosote - a sticky, oily, combustible substance created when wood does not burn completely - rises into the chimney as a liquid and deposits on the chimney walls, and plays a role in nearly one-fourth (23%) of all home heating fires each year.

Just like a space heater, keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from a fireplace, and create a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires.

- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room
- Never leave a fireplace fire unattended, particularly when children are present.
- Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container, and kept at a safe distance from your home.
- Make sure you open your fireplace flue, if applicable. There have been several fires this month because citizens left the flue closed.



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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

HPD has partnered with the Houston Public Library and Houston City Council to introduce Little Free Libraries (LFL) to several of our patrol stations. Little Free Libraries is a community book exchange program that gives children another way to access books. Having Little Free Libraries at our patrol divisions creates an opportunity for us to further our mission of #RelationalPolicing by engaging with the community and, at the same time, promoting literacy. Community members are welcome to “Take a Book” and/or “Leave a Book,” for free.

Participating locations serving Sharpstown:

Midwest Patrol Division 7277 Regency Square

South Gessner Patrol Division 8605 Westplace Dr

LANSDALE PARK ACTIVITIES

- 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](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





Trashfacts

City of Houston
Solid Waste Management Department

Services Guide



Garbage and Yard Waste Collection

GARBAGE COLLECTION

- City-provided containers must be placed at the curb between 6 p.m. the day before and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.
- Place container on the curb facing the street with the handle facing the house.
- Containers must be accessible and not blocked by obstacles, including parked cars, trees, mailboxes, fencing, etc. Blocked containers will not be emptied.
- Leave at least a three (3) feet space between garbage and recycling container to allow our trucks to safely operate.
- Remove containers from the curb line and/or public view by 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection and stored in a secure location.

Do NOT put the following in your BLACK GARBAGE container: Household chemicals, computer equipment, yard trimmings, hot ash/coal, dead animals and construction/ demolition remodeling debris.

**Chemicals and hot ashes cause truck fires.*

YARD WASTE

Yard waste is grass clippings, leaves and small branches. It must be placed in City-approved compostable bags to be collected. The City-approved compostable bags may be purchased at local grocery or hardware stores; be sure to look for the City Logo on the box. Yard waste is collected weekly on the same day as your garbage. Place the bags at least 3 feet from your garbage cart. Filled bags must weigh less than 50 pounds. Bundle small branches less than 4-feet in length and smaller than 18-inches in diameter and place next to the bags for collection. Yard waste mixed with trash, paper, plastic or any other type of waste will not be collected. Work performed by a contractor such as a yard service company must be removed by the contractor.



**Look for bags with the city-approved logo.*

Know Your Service Days

Never miss another collection day. Visit our online search tool and enter your Houston area address for information.



For information visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org

Extra Capacity Collection Fee

ADD-A-CAN

This program provides residents with the opportunity of having a second or third garbage can serviced for a fee. The fee will be added to your monthly water bill upon request of the service. Call 3-1-1 to enroll in Add-A-Can.

TAGS FOR BAGS

Extra bags of garbage are collected only if they have a special tag attached. The "Tags for Bags" program allows residents the convenience of purchasing "tags" instead of additional cans if they require extra service occasionally. These tags may be purchased at Fiesta, HEB, Sellers Bros. and participating Kroger stores. Residents may also download an order form at houstonsolidwaste.org and send the completed form and payment through the mail. Yard waste bags do not require tags.

SET YOUR CARTS
THREE FEET APART





IMPORTANT NUMBERS

SEAL SECURITY	713-338-2266
HPD MIDWEST SUBSTATION	832-394-1200
RANCHESTER STOREFRONT	832-394-2780
HPD S GESSNER SUBSTATION.....	832-394-4700
GULFTON STOREFRONT	832-394-2660
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 **PLASTICS #1-5 & #7** **CARDBOARD & CARTONS** **PAPER & NEWSPAPER**

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
DEC	14	8	JUNK WASTE ONLY
JAN	11	12	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.



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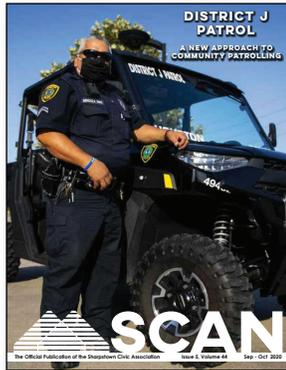
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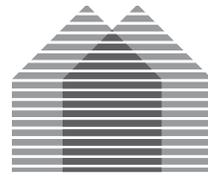
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

January 28, 2021

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
 Greet & Eat @ 6:30 PM
 Meeting @ 7:00 PM

The goal for meetings for 2021 is to be back to face to face and having interesting neighborhood topics and speakers to bring value. If you have an idea for a topic, please let us know!!!!

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