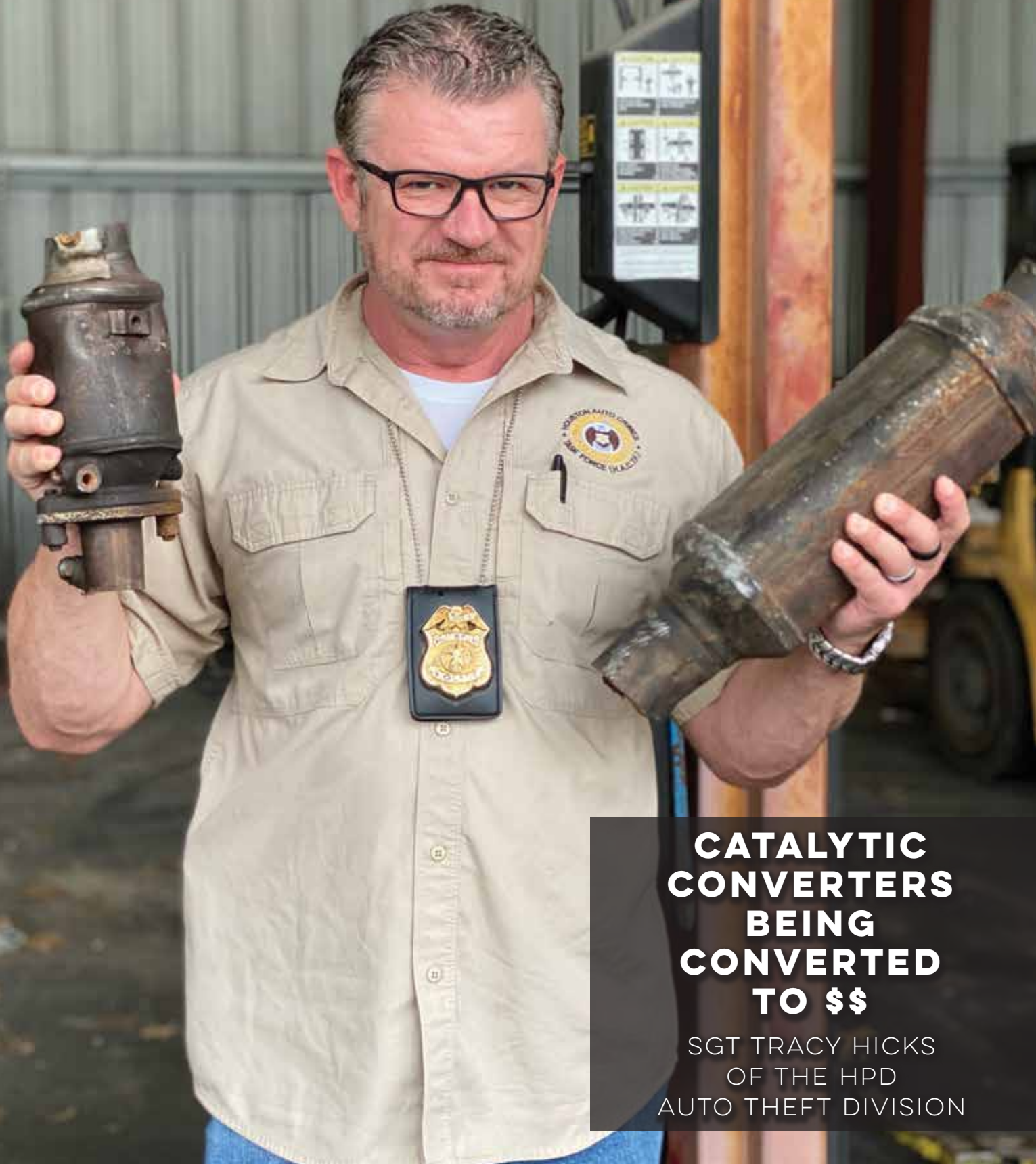


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CATALYTIC CONVERTERS BEING CONVERTED TO \$\$

SGT TRACY HICKS
OF THE HPD
AUTO THEFT DIVISION

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Are you ready for some outdoor activities? Maybe seeing some of your neighborhood friends again? Me too! As the vaccines make their way to more people, we are starting to see spaces fully open up throughout the city. So come say hi and join us for some upcoming events in the Sharpstown area:

The return of Shred Day on Saturday, May 22nd. Bring all your sensitive paperwork and old tax material to the SCA office as we sponsor a professional shred company for secure disposal.

May 27th is our annual Safety Program (and first big program of the year) at our General Meeting. This crowd favorite is back with speakers and demos from SEAL Security and HPD.

And of course we have to celebrate 2021 (and 2020) with Fireworks for the 4th of July. Join us for the return of this family-friendly event. Save the date and watch for more information coming soon.

Sharpstown is a GREAT community with so much to offer people of all ages. With so much time apart, some of us may have forgotten that. So put down the tablet, turn off the TV, and let’s celebrate our Community. I hope to see all of you soon!

Matt Wine, President



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GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #40

AS TREES AND SHRUBS
BEGIN TO LEAF OUT,
CHECK TO SEE THAT YOUR
SIDEWALKS ARE CLEAR.



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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Our annual May Safety Meeting will include HPD on this topic. Find out how to prevent this costly crime. Also see the fan favorite SEAL K-9 demonstration! Join us May 27th at 6:30pm.

TRAVELING
SCAN

This fellow says come to Cozumel and see me! He agreed to hold my SCAN because I was ‘working remotely’ but perhaps Mexico was a little more remote than my boss might have wanted? They had great internet though so I don’t think anyone knew but Mr. Iguana! Send us a photo of you and your SCAN on your travels....



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2021 Membership Invoice

Take Action - Support a Proud Sharpstown

April Membership Update: 224 new members joined the SCA since the last issue was printed. This is a 3.5% increase. Thank you! Typically we have maintained about 24% participation, meaning out of 6680 homes we would receive dues from about 1600. 2020 saw this reduced to 21% or 1382 paying members. Received to date for 2021 are 1306 member payments - putting the paying members at 19.55%. This is still a deficit from prior years.

The reduction in dues has resulted in the loss of one SEAL officer for the 2021 patrol. More budget cuts will have to be made to offset the deficit like the cancellation of our HPD supplemental patrol.

For those of you still debating whether \$250 is something you can spare for the upkeep and safety of Sharpstown, I ask you to please send it in today. The SCA puts your money to good use maintaining the safety and quality of life where we live. For those who have paid - thank you very much.

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
2021 Dues. You can pay online
at SharpstownCivic.Org

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

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 – provides 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 tenant 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.



SCA 2021 CRIME STILL 19% BELOW 2020

MONTH	ROBBERY	BURGLARY	THEFT	PROPERTY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	RAPE	MURDER	TOTAL CRIMES
JANUARY 2021	2	4	17	4	0	0	0	27
FEBRUARY 2021	1	1	3	1	3	0	0	9
MARCH 2021	0	3	10	2	0	0	0	15
APRIL 2021	0	2	5	3	0	0	0	10
2021 TOTAL	3	10	35	10	3	0	0	61
JANUARY 2020	3	1	13	3	1	0	0	21
FEBRUARY 2020	4	5	6	5	3	0	0	23
MARCH 2020	2	6	6	1	2	0	0	17
APRIL 2020	0	6	9	6	4	0	0	25
2020 TOTAL	9	18	34	15	10	0	0	86

I stated in the last issue that I suspected our crime lull that we have been enjoying would not last....this time I am happy to be wrong! Woohoo! Thefts and Property Crime are 74% of total crime. These don't involve harm to people and are the most preventable. Keep it up Sharpstown!!!!

- Keep personal items out of your vehicles.
- Light up your porches and driveways at night.
- Trim trees away from city street lights if they are blocking them.
- Carefully watch your surroundings as you leave and return home.
- Report anything suspicious to 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.

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 drain and become part of a bigger problem.



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.



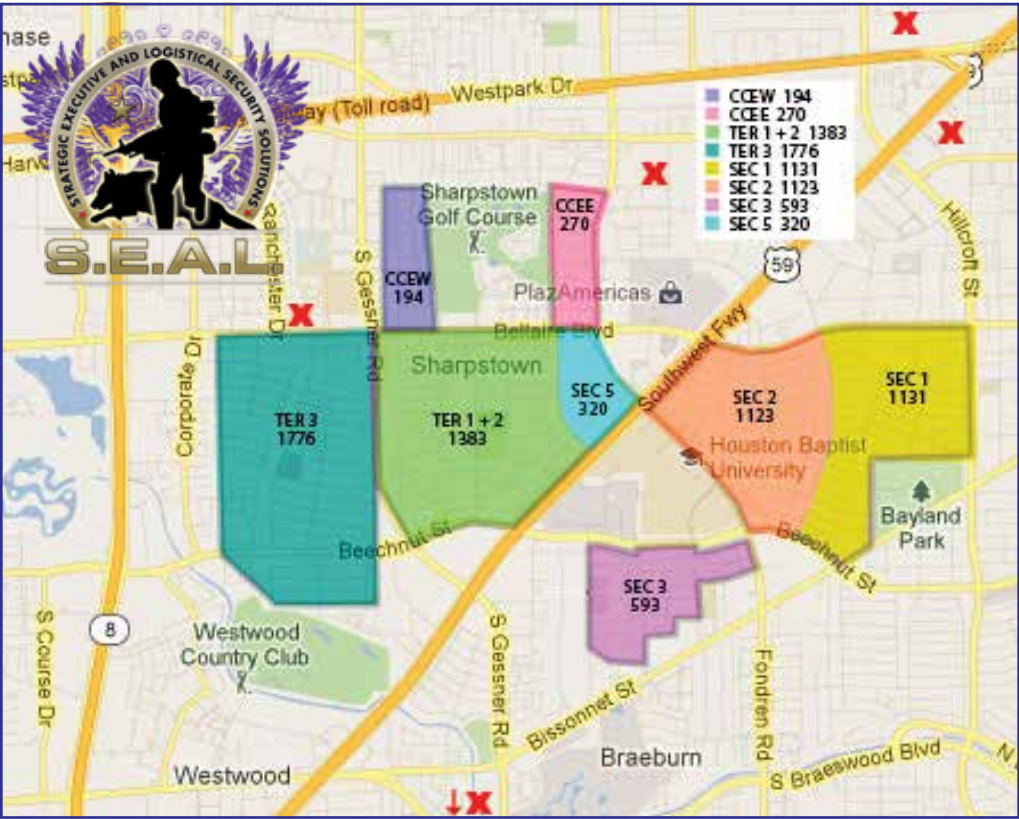
It is still a crime to park on your grass in Sharpstown – Please Don't.

GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #24
WELCOME A NEW RESIDENT
BY MAKING YOUR FIRST
INTERACTION A POSITIVE
ONE.



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.



South Gessner Substation
8605 Westplace Dr.

24 hours daily
832-394-4700

Midwest Substation
7277 Regency Square

24 hours daily
832-394-1200

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6227 Southwest Fwy.

8-4 Mon-Fri
832-394-2660

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9160 Bellaire, Ste. F

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

CATALYTIC CONVERTER - STEALING TO SELL FOR PRECIOUS METALS

This month's SCA meeting at Bayland on May 27th will feature Sgt Tracy Hicks of the HPD Auto Theft Division. He will speak on the rising trend of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles. This is happening in Sharpstown. Stealing one is quiet and fast. If your car is manufactured after 1975, it's sure to come in with a catalytic converter. A missing catalytic converter will not prevent your car from running. Rather it's a device located on the lower side of your car (honeycomb-shaped) to convert the harmful pollutants into water and carbon dioxide. The catalytic converter is compulsory to have to protect the environment from pollution. If someone violates this, they have to pay fines and will be unable to have the vehicle inspected.

Sgt Hicks will discuss ways to make it harder for the thieves. What Vehicles are targeted by Catalytic Converter Thieves? Any vehicle manufactured after 1974 can be a target. However, Trucks and SUV s (Sports Utility Vehicles) are the vehicles they target the most. They prefer Trucks and SUV's, because they are higher off the ground and easier to crawl under. Come join us to learn about this....tools to keep us safe!



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.

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



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 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 sharpstowncivic.org

RESIDENTS THANK SCA

This is from an investment owner with 2 properties in Sharpstown:

Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 1:21 PM

Subject: Thank You!

To: <sharpstowncivic@gmail.com>

Just a note to say thanks for all of your input, great efforts to keep our community great and for taking the time to always talk to me about my issues !!!!! It is very comforting to be in good hands with our HOA!!!!

Thx! L.C.

A handwritten note from a home owner of 34 years:

Dear Civic Association, 2021
We greatly appreciate everything you do for our community and support your efforts 100%. We have lived in Sharpstown since 1987. Just 2 years after we were married. It's hard to believe it's been 34 years already. Thank you for working to keep our neighborhood safe and beautiful.
Sincerely,
Robin & Ralph

Sharpstown Trail

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



ARCHITECTURAL FEE SCHEDULE UPDATED

Below are the fees charged for review of exterior changes to your home. These are the more commonly received requests and account for the costs involved in plan review. This fee schedule, along with the Architectural Change Request, can be found on our 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

DO YOU EVER CALL THE DISTRICT J OFFICE?

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David.Brizuela@houston.tx.gov
Houston.tx.gov/311
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PRECINCT 3 - NEW LEADER

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Harris County Precinct 3
Commissioner
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DEED RESTRICTIONS

MOSQUITO PREVENTION

Weekly mosquito spraying began April 1st. This happens after dusk and will continue through September. You can help by eliminating standing water around your yards where the critters live.



IT'S MAY FOR GOODNESS SAKE!



**PLEASE TAKE DOWN YOUR
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS!**



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 later this year.

- 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.

Find out more information at
 Si quiere información en español, pueden visitar a
SouthwestManagementDistrict.org
 HoustonTx.gov/fire

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.

GOT PAPER??? SAVE THE DATE!

No one loves Tax Day, but we all have to deal with it, as well as the mountains of paper we accumulate to support our tax filings, our insurance claims, our businesses and life in general. Here's FREE help for everyone wanting to get rid of that box, bag, cabinet or house full of sensitive documents. You can bring your unwanted paperwork by the SCA office, 6815 Redding Road, from 9-12 for free, secure, on-site shredding. And you are welcome to stay and watch as your paper feeds the giant Shred Monster.

SHARPSTOWN SHRED DAY MAY 22 9AM - NOON



MAY GARDEN PROJECT

PIZZA GARDEN



Materials

- Large Pot
- String
- Herb seeds/plants
- Veggie seeds/plants

It's pizza time! Run to our pot yard to grab a big terra cotta pot. Section off triangle pieces of the pot by creating an X over the pot with string, then adding an additional piece of string down the middle of the pot. You should end up with 6 triangle sections. Next, pick out your favorite pizza toppings at Buchanan's in either plant or seed form. Soon you'll have your own pizza garden!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

A PEP TALK FOR PROCRASTINATORS

Some things are tough to do and the thought of doing them may make you want to call a friend or log onto Facebook or open a bag of chips - anything but face the work at hand. But chronic procrastinators pay a high price for their non-action. They typically carry deep-seated feelings of guilt and are at risk for acquiring bad habits. There is a way to break free from the habit of stalling, however:



1. Notice why you put off doing a task. Are you waiting to be in the right mood? Or maybe you're continually prepping for the task without actually doing it? There is no "right time" to start a project. People who wait for the right mood to strike may end up waiting their whole life.
2. It's OK to fail. Procrastination is a way to protect yourself from criticism and failure. If you don't follow through on something, then nobody can judge you and you can't fail, right? But, in fact, procrastinating becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy: you do end up failing because you never do the thing you want to.
3. Take care of yourself. Another common reason for procrastinating is low energy. Some people just don't have the energy to tackle big projects. That's usually due to lack of sleep, a poor diet that leaves you feeling sluggish, or other unhealthy habits. Take care of your body and your mind will follow!

*"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon.
 December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has
 flown." - Dr. Seuss*



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311 GETS A REBUILD!

EXPECTED TO RELEASE JUNE 1ST. MANY OF THE FRUSTRATIONS FROM THE EXISTING SITE WILL BE FIXED. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT THIS NEW TOOL HAS TO GIVE.

ANTI-ASIAN HATE

AN OP ED BY HOUSTON'S DIST J COUNCIL MEMBER

As Houston City Council Member for Dist J, I have the pleasure of representing the most diverse district in the most diverse city in America. The city of Houston always brags about being diverse and how diversity is our strength, but it has to be more than a catchy phrase. Diversity is only as strong as inclusion, and the foundation of inclusion is founded upon embracing people who are different while speaking up and speaking out for them as an ally in the face of hate.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "... the ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the good people," and that "... our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." As a black male living in America, I have experienced many instances of racism and prejudice. I know first-hand how it feels to be profiled, stereotyped, demeaned, and belittled solely because of the color of my skin. I also know the feeling of being in certain spaces where racism overtly exists but feeling like I do not have an ally to stand up and speak against it. In the current climate of racism against Asian Americans, it is incumbent upon those who are not Asian to speak out against it, especially those who know first-hand how it feels. When we hear or see people say or do things that express hate toward those in the Asian community, we must not tolerate it. The boldest way to denounce it is by saying something, because being silent is being complicit.

I am proud to represent a significant constituency of Asian Americans who bring value, talent, culture, and hard work to our great city - first, second, third and fourth generation Asian Americans who are striving to attain the American Dream like us all. I truly believe there is more that unites us than divides us, and when we bind together there is nothing we cannot achieve.

So, I write this as a testament of support to my Asian brothers and sisters. I refuse to be silent in the face of any hate or bigotry because we must be allies to one another if we truly want our diversity to be our strength.

Edward Pollard

DISTRICT J PATROL

District J Patrol strives to bridge the gap between the law enforcement officers in District J and the communities they serve. Residents may report small neighborhood violations and infringements, such as panhandling, loitering, overgrown lots, graffiti, homeless encampments and other public nuisances. To file a report, visit the online portal at www.DistrictJPatrol.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDING PROJECTS

Several times a year I receive offers of volunteers needing to perform service for various reasons such as listing them on scholarship applications. It is a win for Sharpstown no matter the motive! A youth camp called FUGE Camps will be offering their help to us from June 29 - July 1st. The youth will be staying at our wonderful neighbor HBU. The SCA has been tasked to find projects for them to work on. We have had these kids before and their energy and enthusiasm are endless. We can certainly pick up the endless trash that has blown in along the Centerpoint trail or rake leaves. I hope to find residents of Sharpstown, older than me (LOL) that need help at their homes. Clean out a garage? Paint a patio or deck? Make new flower beds and plant? Does your church need help with a project?

If you have or know someone who might have a project, please reach out to me. You may think that you cannot ask for help, but the benefit to the kids to do meaningful service is priceless. What would you like to get done?

Charmaine LeBlanc cleblanc@libertyoffice.com 281-687-1323



Students Clean Up Sharpstown

2021 KEEP HOUSTON BEAUTIFUL DAY

Saturday, April 10th, hundreds of volunteers from throughout the city met at 26 locations as part of Keep Houston Beautiful Day. Two groups in Sharpstown were a part of that event, and one of those groups was the Sharpstown Parks Alliance. As part of our commitment to keep the storm drains free of debris, the SPA has chosen to clean the drains at our area parks. The opportunity to clean the parks and the drains on the same day was fortuitous, and we began our journey at Lansdale Park. While some members traversed the park picking up litter, one intrepid member went to the three drains to check for debris. Not a problem—all of the drains (names: I Need to Pick Your Drain, I'm Having a Drainstorm, and Left Drain-Right Drain—No Matter) were cleared in minutes.

From there we moved on to Crain Park, which was already much cleaner than Lansdale. Those two drains (Water U Doing and Water U Thinking) were also clear, and we cleared that park in less than 30

minutes.

We ended the morning at Bonham Park, (where Eau To Go and Aqua No Net were free of debris) which was also relatively clean, with most of the litter being on the park side of the fence. The two worst offenses regarding litter at all three parks were cigarette butts and water bottle caps, and most of the litter was small, making it difficult to pick up. However, we enjoyed the weather, the exercise, the camaraderie and the knowledge that we were doing our part to Keep Houston Beautiful.



Above: Sharpstown Parks Alliance members and friends did their part to Keep Houston Beautiful. Pictured: Steve Whitt, Michelle Whitt, Vic Wimberly, Matt Wine, Andrew Le, Pat Menville and Tony Tuckwiller.



A CLEAN CRAIN PARK IS A HAPPY CRAIN PARK!

SHARPSTOWN PARKS ALLIANCE

The Sharpstown Parks Alliance has recently received two grants for SYGA, the Sharpstown Young Gardeners Alliance. A grant of \$2,500 was awarded by the fairlife Grant Foundation for the gardens at Sharpstown High School, and a grant of \$2,600 was awarded by The Garden Club of Houston to enhance the Nature Center at Ed White Elementary.

You may have seen a commercial for fairlife milk on TV. The company was founded in 2012, and the fairlife Grant Program was started in 2017 to "nourish the hard work of grass roots organizations who are working passionately to improve food systems in their neighborhoods and communities." Sharpstown High School is using



the grant money to grow and improve the fruit orchard at the high school in order to eventually provide fruit for the community. Funds are also being used to increase the vegetable beds at the school in order to provide fresh vegetables to students and their families.

The Garden Club of Houston was established in 1924. The purpose of the Garden Club of America is to "stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications, and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement." Ed White's program, Regeneration for a New Generation, an effort to restore and update the Nature Center, was the impetus for this award. Funds will be used to create some new flower beds, in addition to improving the pond area of the center.



SHS students Maria Elena Maldonado and Nohe Aguilera Miranda display some of the trees and mulch purchased with fairlife Grant Foundation funds.

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>



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



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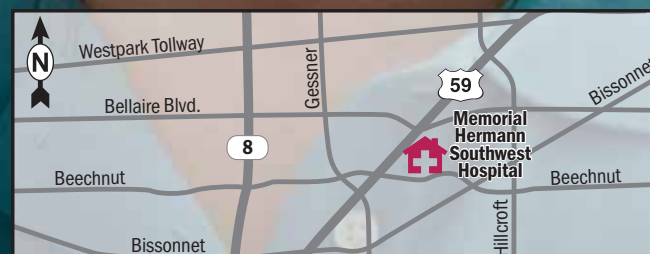
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SHS AND SCA LOSE A WONDERFUL FRIEND

When the SCA had in person meetings in 2019-2020 a highlight was always the JROTC from SHS presenting the flags. That program thrived because of the dedicated teachers that inspired the students. Col. Delgado told us recently “our instructor James Cheatham Jr passed away. He was riding his motorcycle and was impacted by a driver unaware that he was on the lane. Devastating loss for the program, the students and myself. He did enjoy taking the cadets to the SCA meetings.”



James was someone I only spoke to for a few minutes at each meeting. He had such a great smile and kept a close watch on his kids. I will miss him and I wish I could thank him for all his service to SHS and the SCA.



SHARPSTOWN HIGH- BEAUTIFUL IN SPIRIT AND DEEDS

For Keep Houston Beautiful Day on April 10th, 18 enthusiastic students, teachers and neighbors picked up litter around Sharpstown High School and along the Bissonnet/Fondren corridor. Our efforts resulted in 30 bags of trash! Participating students represented Sharpstown High's theatre, student council, national honor society, economics and biology classes. Many thanks to teachers Ms. Katie Murphy, Mr. Julio Morales and Mr. Calvin Williams for recruiting students and for being superb role models by also participating in the clean-up. It was a great team effort!

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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 & NEWSPAPER

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

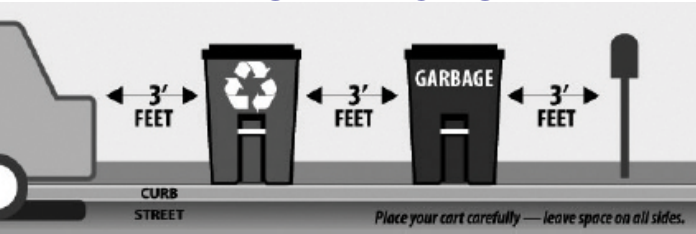
Sec 1, 2, 3, 5 and CCT1, CCT2, CCT3 are “Tuesday B”
Estates East and West are “Monday A”
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HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

MONTH	MON	TUES	COLLECTION
JUNE	14	8	JUNK WASTE ONLY
JULY	12	13	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.

TRASH FACTS



How to set out your garbage and recycling:

- 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.
- Container must face the street with handle facing 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 3ft space between garbage and recycling container. This allows the truck to operate safely.
- Containers must be removed from the curb line and/or public view by 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection and stored in a secure location.

HOW TO ADVERTISE IN THE SCAN

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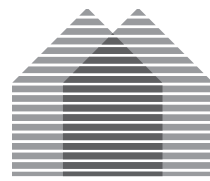
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Will be in person and streamed LIVE
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May 27, 2021

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM

Meeting @ 7:00 PM

K-9 Demonstration @ 6:45 PM so come early!

The topic is safety. Officer Tracy Hicks,
HPD Vehicle Theft Division will be speaking
about Catalytic Converter theft and how to
prevent it from happening to you.

Our April meeting had 30 people in
attendance and the large room was more
than able to allow for social distancing.
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