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HOLIDAY LIGHTS

**WINNERS
ANNOUNCED!**

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As I put the SCAN together and moan that I should have done this a month ago, I am reminded how amazing our neighborhood is – all 6800 of us! I could quickly sell my home of 25 years and make a hefty profit. Almost daily I receive a call, text or card in the mail from people wanting to buy my house. They know what we have here is prime real estate.

Now, are we perfect? No, we aren’t. Do we have issues to address? Yes, we do. But, through the SCA, I can promise you we have the tools, knowledge and motivation to address these issues...every day! Working alongside our partners like our District J Council office, Southwest Management District, Sharpstown Parks Alliance (SPA), TIRZ#20, SEAL and of course HPD, there is nothing we cannot figure out.

Some issues are harder to solve than others, like FIREWORKS. This Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve were a real problem for many of us. District J attempted to address some of the illegal activity by making visits to repeat offenders. To my knowledge there was not one single citation written. In my opinion, without the use of citations, my neighbors have no incentive to stop. The SCA receives many complaints about this and yet we are not the entity that can really put a stop to this. Fireworks is an example of an issue that will continue to be brought to the attention of the entities that can help. To be continued....

I want to end on a positive note in my first post as president. I see examples of amazing every day here in Sharpstown. Our beautiful trees, examples of kindness and cooperation, our awesome nearby eateries, our exposure to diverse cultures, and the hard work of the volunteers I serve with in front and especially behind the scene are just a few. Please try to look beyond negative and inaccurate media reports and inaccurate social media chatter to see that our Sharpstown community is pretty darn special. Thanks for listening!

Charmaine LeBlanc, President

TRAVELING SCAN

The SCAN does Disney! Share the fun by contributing to the “Traveling SCAN”. Just pop an issue of the SCAN magazine in your luggage, shoot a photo of you and the SCAN enjoying the sights, and send it to us with a note naming your location.



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“BE LIKE A DUCK. CALM ON THE SURFACE, BUT PADDLING LIKE THE DICKENS UNDERNEATH.”
MICHAEL CAINE

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ON THE COVER
Thank you to everyone who participated in bringing the holiday spirit to Sharpstown.
Go to page 13 to see all this year’s winners.



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2022 Membership Invoice

An Investment in Where You Live

Membership update.... As of Jan 31st, we are well into our 2022 membership campaign. The second mailing to request payments goes in the mail February 7th. I would love to surpass 2021 and get back to the levels of participation of 2017! We can do it with your support – talk to your neighbors about why you send your \$250 in every year.

One very important note to mention. Of the 825 memberships received so far, 49 of them are from residents who have NEVER supported in the past with payments. I wish I could ask each of you why this year? Why now? Is something different? What do you expect from your participation? I want you to know how much your payment is appreciated by the board and all the other dues paying members. We will strive to do you proud.

Membership Update as of 1.31.22				
Year	\$ Recd	Count	Avg	% of Total
2022	\$195,238	825	\$237	12%
2021	\$333,944	1415	\$236	21%
2020	\$327,016	1382	\$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%

2022 Dues

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

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

Private 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

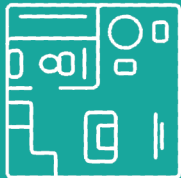
WHAT YOUR MONEY GOES TO



Mosquito Spraying
beginning April 1st
thru Oct 31st



SCAN
(Sharpstown Civic
Association
News)



Architectural
changes
enforcement



SEAL Security
Patrol



Community
events,
Informative
Website and
Facebook page



Monthly
community
meetings



Deed violation
enforcement
including Legal
pursuit when
necessary

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

Scan QR code on right to register online!



YOU MAY JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE AT SHARSPTOWNCIVIC.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 Totals - 9% Down over 2020

	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Aggravated Assault	Property	Rape	Murder	Totals
January	2	4	17	0	4	0	0	27
February	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	9
March	0	3	10	0	2	0	0	15
April	0	2	5	0	3	0	0	10
May	0	2	19	3	2	0	0	26
June	2	1	17	4	3	0	0	27
July	0	2	23	1	3	0	0	29
August	0	4	11	4	1	0	0	20
September	0	2	17	3	8	0	4	34
October	2	1	14	4	2	0	0	23
November	1	3	16	1	1	0	0	22
December	1	5	13	3	3	0	0	25
Totals 2021	9	30	165	26	33	0	4	267
Totals 2020	24	33	163	31	42	0	1	294

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.

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.



Lansdale Park was the location of the traffic stop in the photo. The accused was driving recklessly on the grass and did not have a license. The District J Patrol Polaris from Midwest HPD was able to apprehend and detain.... oh, and I believe the white vehicle won after challenging the officer to a race.

MESSAGE FROM RESIDENT - HPD AND DISTRICT J, PLEASE HELP US WITH THIS ISSUE

“Don’t know what SCA can do other than pressure HPD, but the illegal fireworks at New Year’s 2022 were really, really BAD. I’m in Section 2 on Neff and they were shooting off all around. One sounded like a cannon repeatedly. ‘Stuff’ would rain down after a particularly big explosion. It was the worst I’ve ever heard and I bought my house in ‘92. I hope more can be done by July 4th. Saying you’ll do a community fireworks display doesn’t mean a thing to the locals who want to get their hands on gunpowder. Thanks for letting me gripe!”

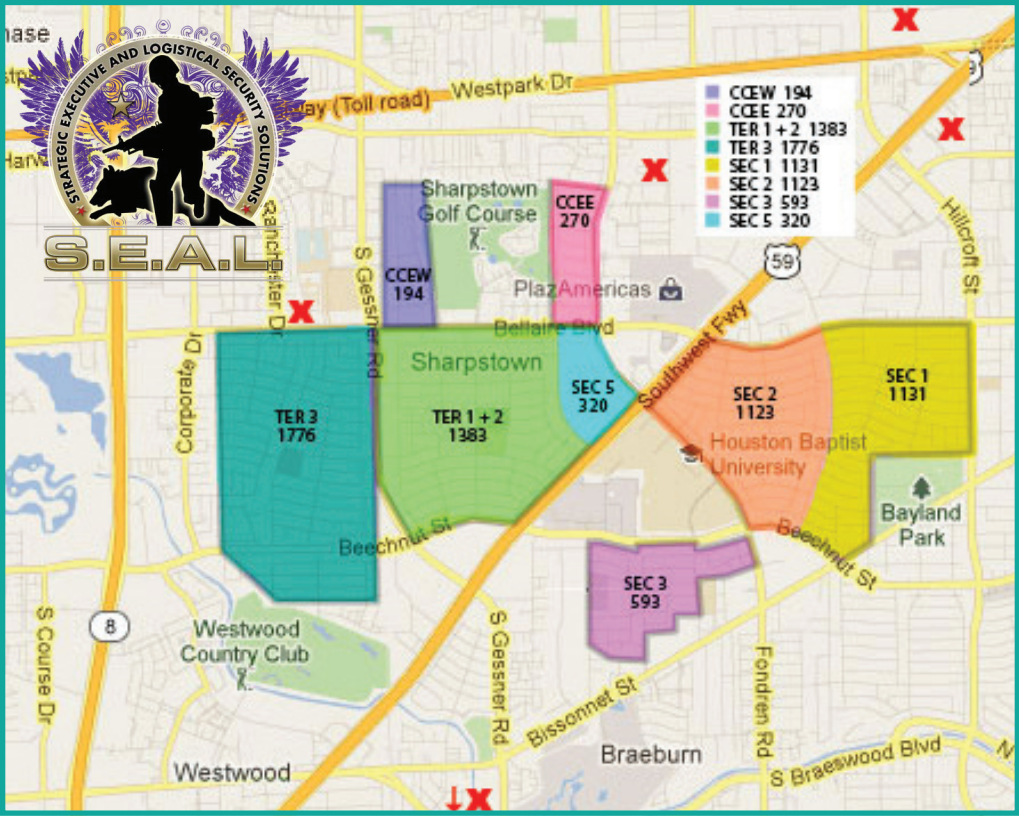


HPD TOY DRIVE

In December, under the direction of Officer Andrea Brinson of HPD Midwest, volunteers gathered to wrap toys that were ultimately given to over 60 families.



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



LOOKING FOR HPD IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES

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

- South Gessner Substation**
8605 Westplace Dr.
- Midwest Substation**
7277 Regency Square

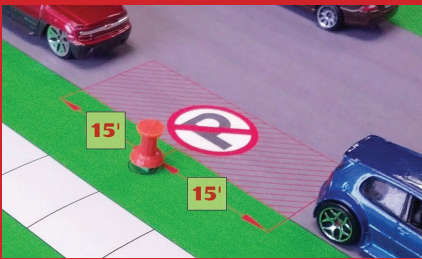
24 hours daily
832-394-4700
24 hours daily
832-394-1200

- Gulfton Storefront**
6227 Southwest Fwy.
- Ranchester Storefront**
9160 Bellaire, Ste. F

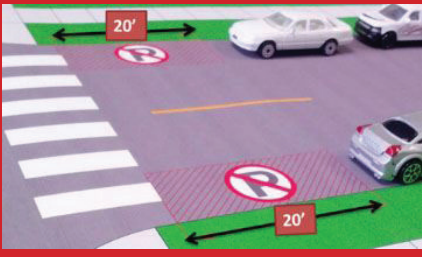
8-4 Mon-Fri
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8-Noon M-W-F
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PARKING LAWS

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

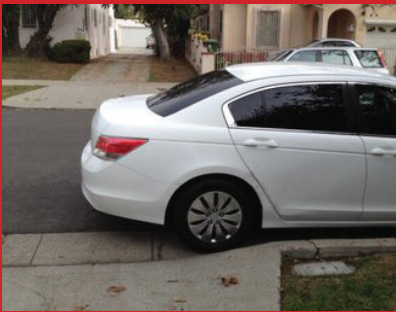


PARK AT LEAST
30 FEET
FROM A
STOP SIGN OR
TRAFFIC SIGNAL

DO NOT
BLOCK THE
SIDEWALK
WHEN
PARKING



DO NOT
BLOCK A
DRIVEWAY
WHEN
PARKING



PARK WITH
THE NATURAL
FLOW
OF TRAFFIC



DO YOU KNOW YOUR DEED RESTRICTIONS?

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

FINANCIAL CONSOLIDATION 2021 YEAR END

Period Ending	Dec 31, 2021	Period Ending	Dec 31, 2020
Revenue	\$484,284	Revenue	\$463,231
Expenses	\$471,316	Expenses	\$528,025
Change Net Assets	\$12,968	Change Net Assets	(\$64,794)
Cash on Hand	\$340,942	Cash on Hand	\$372,419

SCOTT GILBERT – SCA OPERATIONS MANAGER

There are only three measurements that tell you nearly everything you need to know about your organization's overall performance: employee engagement, customer satisfaction, and cash flow. It goes without saying that no company, small or large, can win over the long run without energized employees who believe in the mission and understand how to achieve it.

The SCA board has been hyper aware of keeping a tight budget the last two years with reduced membership numbers as members faced unusual financial challenges. But with regards to employee engagement, the SCA is extremely fortunate. Scott Gilbert, operations manager and Terrace 2 resident has held that position for the past 6 years. Overseeing the deed restriction enforcement and handling architectural requests is his primary responsibility. He also receives daily calls from residents regarding a myriad of topics: trash pickup, loose dogs, neighbor disputes, fireworks, and much more. He has been described as good at explaining why something cannot be done but does it in a clear and fair way. We could not ask for better representation for the Sharpstown Civic Association. Thank you Scott!!!!



DEED RESTRICTION PROJECT UPDATE:

THE ATTORNEYS HAVE FINALLY COMPLETED THE UPDATES TO OUR 65-YEAR-OLD DEED RESTRICTION DOCUMENTS AFTER MANY GREAT SUGGESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM HOMEOWNERS. THESE DOCUMENTS BY SECTION AND A SPANISH TRANSLATION VERSION WILL BE POSTED ON THE SCA WEBSITE VERY SOON. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT OUT ANNOUNCING THEY ARE UP.

GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #16

CHECK YOUR YARD FOR
DEBRIS AND PICK IT UP, EVEN
IF IT WAS LEFT BY THE WIND
OR A THOUGHTLESS PERSON.



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

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."

DEED RESTRICTIONS

DON'T BE A BIRDBRAIN

MESSAGE FROM RESIDENT:

With this letter I make known the situation that is happening in the community and for which I am writing today to the Homeowners Association. I live on Leader St. Houston, TX 77074. As of October 2021, the neighbors have brought roosters to their yards. The roosters crow every day late at night until all morning, you cannot rest or sleep with their crowing. I don't know what the rules are about these animals, but they are not letting my person and family sleep, I'm sure the neighbors are going through the same thing. I hope there's a restriction on having these animals in the houses of the city and we can return to calm in my neighborhood. Thanks for your attention. Resident of Leader St. Houston, TX 77074



NO POULTRY ALLOWED IN SHARPSTOWN!!! Both City ordinances and Sharpstown Deed Restrictions prohibit poultry at our properties. No chickens, ducks, geese, etc. are allowed – period! Be smart and save yourself the cost of a city citation and loss of your birds. Residents can report the presence of poultry by calling the City's 311 helpline and by filing a complaint with the SCA by phone at 713-789-2311 or online at <https://sharpstowncivic.org/deed-restriction-committee/deed-restrictioncomplaints/>

GARAGE SALE 101

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



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.



THE SHARPSTOWN PLANT SWAP IS BACK!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD
9 AM TO 11 AM
LANSDALE PARK PAVILION
8201 ROOS (BETWEEN MARY BATES AND WALDO)



Like much of the greenery in our gardens, the Sharpstown Plant Swap, sponsored by the Sharpstown Parks Alliance, will be reemerging this Spring.

Please circle April 23rd on your calendar and be on the lookout for more information in the next issue of the SCAN.

In the meantime, please visit our website at www.sharpstownparks.org

THE PROBLEM WITH PLASTIC

We live in the richest country in the world, and we produce more trash than any other country. Many of us recycle our plastic and believe that we are doing a good deed. However, did you know that less than 9% of plastic produced in the US is recycled? Most plastic is put in landfills, incinerated, or littered.

How can we do more to reduce this problem? First, be sure that you only recycle plastic that has the recycle mark and is either #1-5, or #7. Garbage bags can't be recycled, so don't put your recyclables in one. Newspaper and grocery bags can't be recycled, either. Be sure that the plastic that is put in your bin is clean, as contaminated plastic is removed and sent to the landfill.

Second, try to use less plastic. Instead of plastic bottles of water, get a refillable bottle. Put a reusable bag in your car and teach yourself to take it into the grocery store with you. Opt for paper bags instead of plastic because they are more easily, and more commonly, recycled. Avoid buying prepackaged food in the grocery store. Buy shampoo, detergents, and cleaning products packaged in paper, glass, or aluminum.

Like going on a diet, reducing our use of plastic requires teaching ourselves new ways of doing things. Sometimes, changing these habits is not only difficult, but requires more time and effort. However, if we all make small changes in our behavior, we will help make the world a better, healthier, place for the future.



CAN HPD, HFD AND DOMINO'S FIND YOUR HOUSE EASILY. PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR CURB NUMBER AND SEE IF IT NEEDS A SPRING UPDATE! IT ONLY TAKES \$30 OR \$40 DOLLARS...AND RESULTS IN HOTTER PIZZA!

DON'T MURDER THE MYRTLES!

Just a reminder—as you trim your crape myrtles, don't top them. This creates an ugly knot which will grow weak branches and will make the tree susceptible to pests and disease. Instead, remove damaged or weak branches, those that may affect pedestrians, clearance, or visibility, and branches that cross or grow towards the center. This will create a more beautiful specimen for all to enjoy.



TREES OF SHARPSTOWN

Sharpstown has many beautiful trees that were planted when the neighborhood was being built. The Sharpstown Parks Alliance is spotlighting the Southern Live Oak in this issue.

A study by Rice University, the Houston Health Department, and Houston Wilderness has identified the Live Oak as the number one "super tree" that will help make the city more livable. Live oaks pull ozone, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide from the air. This alone is an excellent reason to plant them in Houston.

The Southern Live Oak, unlike most oak trees, is nearly evergreen and replaces its leaves in a few short weeks in early spring. They have an extensive root system and wide, spreading branches, so they should be planted at least 15 feet from your house and 10 feet from a walkway or driveway. You'll notice in Sharpstown that many people trees that were planted too close to the house have been improperly pruned, while those planted farther away from the house have been (mostly) allowed to grow into beautiful trees that provide abundant shade. This is also a strong tree that withstands hurricanes, so planted in the right place, this is a beautiful tree for Houston.

FREE TREES!!!!

Now is the best time to plant a tree, and Trees For Houston has just the solution! They will be giving away free trees on Saturday, February 19th, and Saturday, February 26th, at their new headquarters at 2001 W. 34th St. (70018). They usually have a variety of trees that are appropriate for the area including several types of oaks, river birch, cypress, and loblolly pines. Pickups go from 9:00-11:00 both days. Their website (www.treesforhouston.org) also has excellent information about how to plant and prune trees.

HOW WE BECAME SHARPSTOWN-ANS - PART II

So, when our third daughter arrived and we were five in a two-bedroom apartment, it was clearly time to look for a house. At first, we drove around the neighborhood. We saw a house with a FOR SALE sign in the yard, very near Sutton Elementary. Although we learned quickly that the proper procedure, if one is interested in the house, is to call the phone number on the sign, we, being first time home buyers, simply knocked on the door. It was then we also learned what seemed to be The Rule when an interested party asks the owner even basic questions about the house. A realtor is being paid to show the house. DON'T SAY ANYTHING! The realtor will answer questions.

"Hi, we saw the sign. Could we have a quick look at the house?"

"I'll call the realtor."

"Great, how many...."

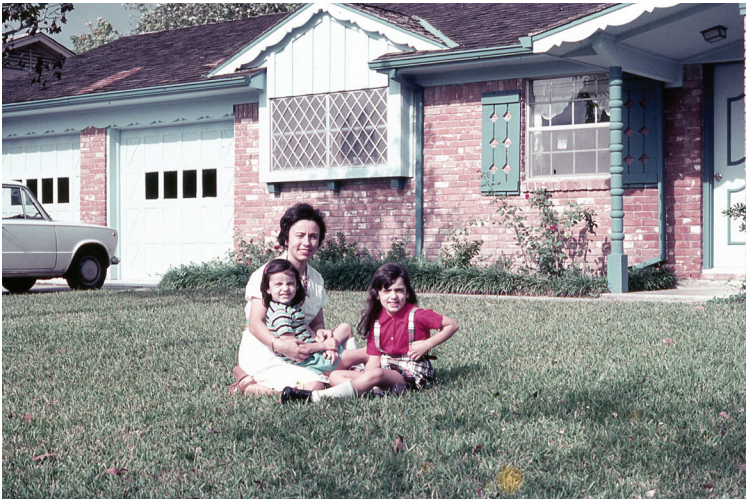
"The realtor is coming. She'll be here as quickly as she can."

"OK, but could you just tel...."

"She said she would be right here."

It was made clear there should be no more questions until the realtor arrived. She did, we were shown around and decided we would buy the house, but we knew nothing about buying a house.

My parents in Fort Worth offered to drive down and give us some advice. My dad saw the house and liked it but he thought it would be too small for five of us as the girls grew up and would want to have a room to themselves. So, we looked some more. The same realtor gave us a couple of addresses to look at. The first was on Bellaire Boulevard, but waayy out. This was in 1974 and there was very little west of Gessner then. We drove for miles and still weren't even close to the address. I was working at another radio station, KXYZ, in the Fannin Bank building at Fannin and Holcombe and I couldn't see driving that far to work six days a week, so I stopped there and turned around. There must be houses for sale closer in. On the way



back we turned into the neighborhood off Bellaire and Osage. A few blocks down, we saw a sign in a yard on Galleon Drive. Another peculiarity of Houston, I learned. Galleon is five blocks long. Memorial is a Drive. Galleon isn't. The house wasn't occupied and, we learned later, the owners had built a house in Katy and had not lived there in months. Our realtor showed it to us and we liked it although there were some things that were not easy to like. A large sycamore tree in the back yard had dropped tons of leaves which had been rained on and turned into a pile of muck on the patio.

The den, which was already dark because there were no windows, had been painted a dark blue color and then "enhanced" by what looked like a Kleenex dipped in black paint and dabbed over the blue. Another realtor told me much later than everyone she had shown the house to never got past the Blue Den. It had been on the market for over nine months. To Be Continued!

by Mike Marshall

SCAN - PEANUT IS BACK HOME!!

February 2, 2022, I got a call asking if I was the owner of a lost Parrot. I said yes and the lovely woman named Leslie told me they found my parrot named Peanut on July 4, 2020 five blocks away from my house. Her 9-year-old son saw Peanut drinking water out of their pool and said he was very weak and let them pick him up. They cared for him for the next 1.5 years. Leslie's mom was looking through old SCANS and saw my missing pet ad with a picture of Peanut. She called me and I was reunited with my parrot who flew away on July 1, 2020. I'm still shocked I have him back and he is in such amazing condition. I can't thank Leslie and her family enough for caring for Peanut and returning him back to me after 1.5 years!



HBU HOMECOMING TAILGATE HOSTED BY DIST J AND SCA

GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #31
JOIN THE SCA, EVEN IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THEY DO. IT'S EQUIVALENT TO VOTING.



FERAL CATS IN SHARPSTOWN

On November 18th, 2021 - on Nextdoor, I saw this post:

Sharpstown TNR Squad. Neighbors, I have been doing TNR (trap-neuter-return of stray cats) in Sharpstown area for the past year and half. There is such a great need for feline population control in our area. TNR must be vigorously done in order to control the population. There is no simple alternative. Some people are misguided to think if we don't feed cats, there won't be so many cats. That's simply not true. They are still there. You just don't see them gathering. I need a squad of TNR volunteers. Coordination of our efforts can make the task more manageable. TNR is only effective if a big enough percentage of cats are fixed in each colony. It's best to coordinate efforts so we know the progress in each colony. I saw the success in the Braeswood area near medical center, and how their neighbors band together to TNR more than 200 cats in the past year, I feel envious. There are so many good people in Sharpstown, and I think we can form a TNR squad too!

The approach is multifaceted:

1. We need to educate people to spay and neuter their pets and strays, especially if they feed. No free roaming unfixed cats. Can you help talk to people about the importance of fixing animals? I have resources for low cost or free surgeries. I especially need people who are bilingual.
2. We need trappers. Especially near Chinatown. It's quite fun actually. Once you perfect the techniques, it can be done efficiently and you fit it into your schedule. What joy when the trap door closes with a bang and you cheer!
3. We need transporters. Can you fit it in your day to drop off cats at the vet and/or pick up? Typically dropoff time is 7:30-8:30 am and pickup is 3:30-5:30 pm from various vet clinics around town. I rely on All Cats Veterinarian on Stella Link as well As Texas Litter Control in Humble, Tomball, and Spring (too far, I know!)
4. Temporary holding of cats in recovery is needed. This can be done in your garage or utility room.
5. Temporary fosters needed. Sometimes we find friendly cats or baby kittens in the process and will need a temporary foster. I will find rescue backing. I promise you won't be stuck with the cats.
6. Donation is needed. I hesitate to put this item in here because I don't want neighbors to feel anyone could profit from this project. Truth is, it costs to do TNR. Supplies like canned cat food for bait, pee pads, towels, gas money, some emergency medical costs. Little things add up.

Currently I am doing it alone, in both residential and commercial areas in Sharpstown and Chinatown. I could really use some help. If you are able to help with trapping, transport to and from surgeries, temporary fostering , or fundraising, we will be able to get this under control a little faster. I will show you how to do everything and help get you a trap. Feel free to message me.

Fast forward to today...I have now been an active 'trapper' since Nov 2021. In my section of Sharpstown alone, Section 5 - which is one of the smaller ones of only 325 homes, I have been able to take care of 17 cats so far. We have also taken care of others in Terrace 1 and Section 1 in the last two months alone. The number of kittens that have been prevented is huge!



IN THE SPAN OF A YEAR, A FEMALE CAT CAN GIVE BIRTH TO A STAGGERING 5 LITTERS OF KITTENS. YIKES!!

Because of Hsiao-Lan's dedication and by reaching out with this post a real difference is being made here. There are countless other volunteers and trappers doing this around Sharpstown and let me just say - Thank You!!! I feel like I belong to a secret club now where we share the bond of being 'cat people' and recognizing how to give them the best possible living situation.

How can you help?

- Decide which step is something you can do.
- Contact either of us with questions!
Hsiao-Lan Wang hlwang2000@gmail.com
Charmaine LeBlanc cleblanc@libertyoffice.com
- Come to the February 24th SCA meeting at Bayland and bring a donation of sardines, pee pads, or money, or just come to learn from Lisa Gilchrist. The link below is the organization that helps us with the Vet costs and a donation can be made on their site to benefit Sharpstown TNR. They are one of our February speakers.

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- equipment for loan (traps, recovery carriers, cat condos)
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HOPE's TNR program includes feral cats as well as stray or 'community cats'. If the cat is homeless and un-sterilized, and the trapper is willing to release the cat back to its original outdoor habitat and continue feeding it, the cat qualifies for our program.

Head to SCA's Facebook page for a list of free and low cost options in the greater Houston area.



Our Sharpstown neighbors went all out to light up Christmas for everyone to enjoy. SCA Directors drove every street to find the best of the best among our 6,800 homes. Special thanks to Dale Davidson for leading the effort.

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- 6834 Concho St 1st Place
- 6502 Rowan Ln 2nd Place
- 6334 Edgemoor Dr 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 6700 Hendon Ln

SECTION 2

- 7119 Roos Rd 1st Place
- 7326 Torquay Ln 2nd Place
- 7102 Sharpcrest St 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 7100 Roos Rd

SECTION 3

- 7419 Jackwood St 1st Place
- 8110 Cadawac Rd 2nd Place
- 7502 Imogene St 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 7300 Carew St

SECTION 5

- 7619 Kensico Rd 1st Place
- 7627 Barberton Dr 2nd Place
- 7619 Barberton Dr 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 7500 Romney

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- 7727 Sands Point Dr 1st Place
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- 6315 Lugary Dr 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 7700 and 7800 Hiawatha Dr

ESTATES WEST

- 6003 Redding Rd 1st Place
- 6407 Burning Tree Dr 2nd Place
- 6619 Burning Tree Dr 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 6400 to 6600 Burning Tree Dr

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- 8006 Leader St 1st Place
- 8218 Leader St 2nd Place
- 8203 Leader St 3rd Place
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TERRACE 2

- 8123 Sharpcrest St 1st Place
- 8502 Neff St 2nd Place
- 8414 Edgemoor Dr 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 7900 Sharpview Dr

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- 8911 Jackwood St 1st Place
- 8826 Grape St 2nd Place
- 8107 La Roche Ln 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 8800 to 9100 Tanager St

TERRACE 3 NORTH

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- 9311 Sharpcrest St 2nd Place
- 8939 Hazen St 3rd Place
- Honor Block: 9300 and 9400 Sharpcrest St

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BEHIND THE SCENES VOLUNTEERS AT BONHAM PARK

Sharpstown Section 3, south of HBU, is one of the smaller sections of Sharpstown but has a huge impact for our community at large. It is home to Bonham Elementary, Sugar Grove Academy (middle school for all sections except 1&2) and home of Sharpstown High School. Along Braes Acres there is also a city park that backs up to Bonham Elementary. It is one of the most used parks because of the expanse of flat fields for soccer playing. Many that grew up in Sharpstown remember Bonham as the park with the mysterious “Hill”.

A few years ago, through a negotiated agreement, a developer that was rebuilding an apartment complex revamped the walking trails through the park. What was left was a nice feature in a blank park with few amenities. TIRZ#20 chose to invest in landscaping and improvements that would enhance the added retention basin/soccer field on the south end of the park. Since those improvements the neighbors living near the park began making sure the garbage was being picked up on a regular basis. They even took it on themselves to call the parks department about installing better placed garbage barrels to make it easier for the users of the park to clean up after themselves. The collective efforts of each neighbor has set the tone for the park and the trash problem that once was pervasive is now only occasional and easily cleaned up if things get left behind. We are proud of this nice clean park now and want to thank all that put effort into keeping it a place we can enjoy.

Maybe you live near your neighborhood park. Take a trash bag with you when you take a walk and just pick up what you can as you walk through. If we all do this, the parks don't end up as troubling for the neighborhood. The city gets the message that we appreciate and respect the privilege of having a park in our neighborhood.

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Lansdale Community Center
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Office: 713-272-3668

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[http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/
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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

PLASTICS #1-5 & #7

CARDBOARD & CARTONS

PAPER & NEWSPAPER

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PLASTICS:
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CARDBOARD and CARTONS:
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PAPER:
Paper, Newspaper, Catalogs, Magazines and Phone Books



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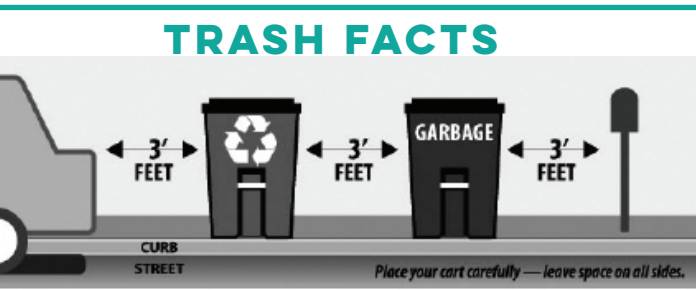
WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP

Sec 1, 2, 3, 5 and CCT1, CCT2, CCT3 are “Tuesday B”
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http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html

HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

MONTH	MON	TUES	COLLECTION
MAR	14	8	TREE WASTE ONLY
APR	11	12	JUNK 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.



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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CONTACT YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPS

All Sharpstown residents are represented by six City Council members, the 5 At-Large members and your specific district. Sharpstown is located within District J. You can contact either your District CM or any of the At-Large members with your concerns or questions. Below is a list of phone numbers and emails for each CM office.
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At-Large 2— David Robinson 832-393-3013 atlarge2@houstontx.gov
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Alice Lee -
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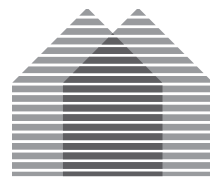
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→ HEAVY TRASH!!! ←
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Please, Please, Please! Everyone can help here. Talk to your neighbors if you see them putting out trash/tree waste before it is time. When one person puts trash out then others think it must be ok too. STOP doing that!!!
Call 311 if they don’t move it - you don’t have to give your name. Call the District J office and report it. Just once I’d like to drive down our streets after a pick up date and see the area clear of debris, wouldn’t you?

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