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BEFORE



**SQUEAKY WHEEL
GETS RESULTS**

AFTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I bought my house in 1998...a mere 24 years ago. I didn't know what a Deed Restricted Community even was. For many years I remained clueless because I never did anything to the outside of my house to draw attention from the SCA. Looking back I see that I was a violator in several areas. My rap sheet looks like this:



1. I taught cooking classes for a while at my house on a weekly basis...4-8 cars would park around my house on certain evenings for several hours. I was paid for these classes by Leisure Learning.
Violation: Business Use. ..."involved persons coming onto the Property who do not reside in the Property"
2. When my sons moved out I had a 4 bedroom house with only me so I rented out a room and advertised to attract a suitable housemate. I went through several, good and bad experiences...my leases were short term ranging from a few weeks to a few months each.
Violation: "No Lot may be used for business purposes, expressly including short-term rentals of less than 6 months or leases of less than the entire property..."
3. When I bought my house the previous owner had relocated the garage and so the driveway is wider than it should be for a two car garage. This was not contested by the SCA then and so is considered 'grandfathered' for me as the present owner.
Violation: Driveways must be the width of the garage. Two car garage = Two car width driveway.
4. My yard is a President's Message all its own, so let me just say I have had to learn to exist within the confines of the SCA and COH regulations. Work in progress!
Violation: Too much vegetation...Plants too high blocking line of sight on the corner....more on this later!

If you had asked me if I was a good neighbor I would have said yes! Although my violations were minor and short lived, there are many going on every week that are the same type of violation but much more egregious - auto sales and car repairs at multiple properties, AirBnB, homes with 5-10 individual rooms being rented out, front and back yards being completely concreted in to name a few. All must be treated fairly and equally by the SCA. This is why we have a process to work on correcting issues before they become 'legal issues'. The Deed Restrictions we have are here for good reason. If you just resent the enforcement side, then become aware of what they are and be compliant...simple as that really. I am striving for that at my house.

Charmaine LeBlanc, President

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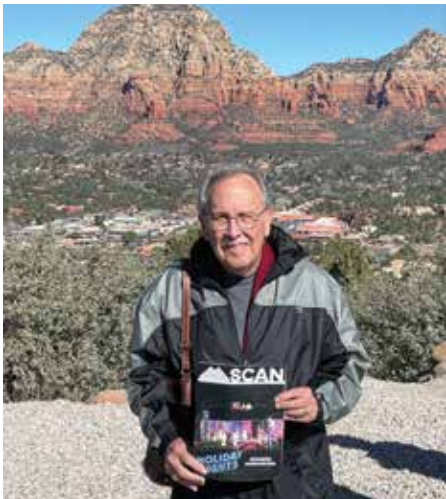
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TRAVELING SCAN

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.

Pat and Ed Menville of Section 2 took their SCAN to the beautiful painted desert on their way to the Grand Canyon in late February.



ON THE COVER

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SHARPSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2022 Membership Invoice

An Investment in Where You Live

2022 Dues

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

Membership update.... As of Feb 28th, we are well into our 2022 membership campaign. Multiple mailings to request payments have gone out in the mail. 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 988 memberships received so far, 68 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 2.28.22

Year	\$ Recd	Count	Avg	% of Total
2022	\$232,929	988	\$236	15%
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%

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!



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

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.



2022 Jan/Feb Crime Reported to HPD - By Section

Section	Total Crimes	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Aggravated Assault	Property	Rape
CCEE	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
CCEW	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
S1	6	0	1	1	3	1	0
S2	5	0	0	0	4	1	0
S3	4	0	1	0	2	1	0
S5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
T1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T2	7	0	2	1	3	0	1
T3	17	1	3	4	8	1	0
Total	44	1	8	8	22	4	1



This is the HPD Heat Map for the month of February for our area. As you can see the interior sections of our neighborhoods are relatively free from reported incidents but the closer you get to the perimeters and apartments the more incidents occur.

On the crime table we report only what is happening inside our sections, where we have private patrol. It was asked at a recent monthly meeting if we are intentionally not reporting the surrounding crime. The answer is NO. The funds we spend on our private patrol help keep our crime where it is...quite low. If we had more funds, we might be able to focus on the perimeters with cameras or additional patrol. Maybe an incentive for more home owners to participate to grow our security efforts.



GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #42

USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO BE INCLUSIVE, NOT DIVISIVE.



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.

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.

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



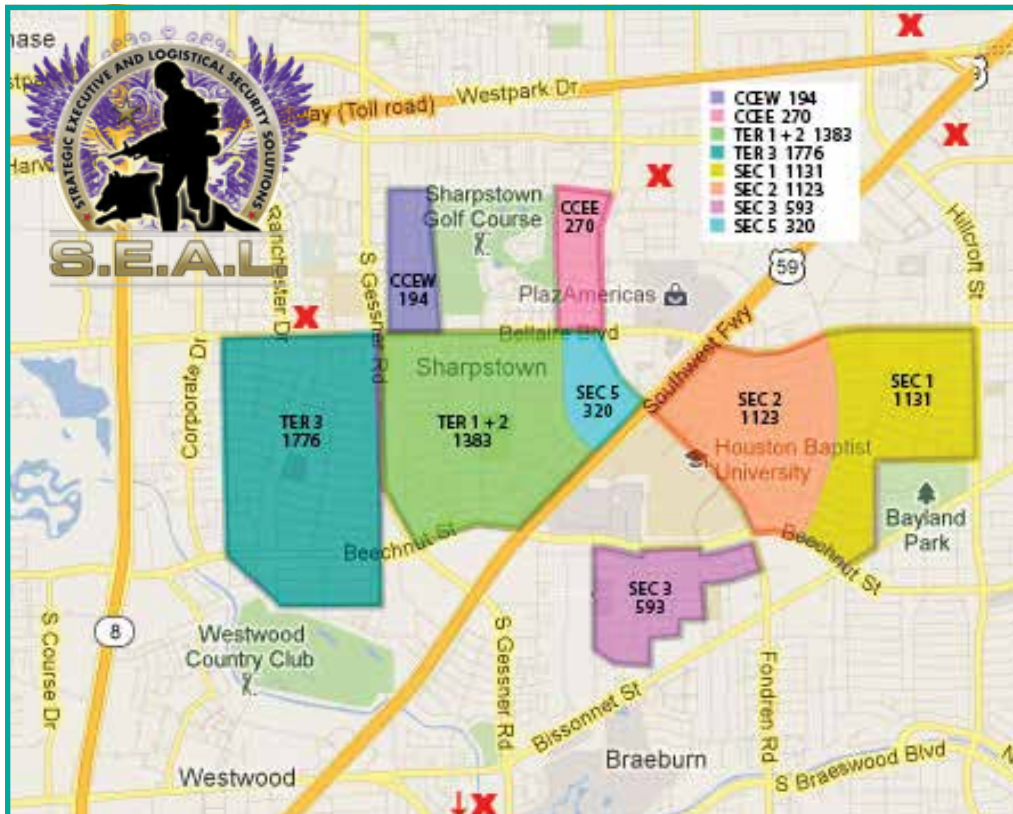
MOSQUITO PREVENTION

Weekly mosquito spraying begins 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 is still a crime to park on your grass in Sharpstown. Please Don't.

ONLY 2 GARAGE SALES PER YEAR ALLOWED



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. 24 hours daily
832-394-4700

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

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

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

PARKING LAWS

THESE ARE ACTUAL LAWS AND
WILL RESULT IN REAL FINES



PARK AT LEAST
15 FEET
FROM A
FIRE HYDRANT



PARK AT LEAST
20 FEET
FROM AN
INTERSECTION



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

DO NOT
BLOCK THE
SIDEWALK
WHEN
PARKING



DO NOT
BLOCK A
DRIVEWAY
WHEN
PARKING



PARK WITH
THE NATURAL
FLOW
OF TRAFFIC



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

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 DELIVERIES FIND YOUR
HOUSE EASILY. PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR CURB
NUMBER AND SEE IF IT NEEDS A SPRING UPDATE!

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.

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

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.



GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #22
SHOW EMPATHY BEFORE
RESPONDING TO A POST ON
SOCIAL MEDIA.



SAVE THE DATE


July 3rd
Fireworks

@ PLAZAMERICAS

For more details as they become available visit
sharpstowncivic.org



THEFT OF FIREARM FROM MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



The Houston Police Department wants to remind owners of firearms that one of the TOP items burglars target is GUNS—both in homes and in parked vehicles. By practicing safety measures, owners can keep their firearms from getting into the wrong hands.

As Thefts of Firearms/Guns from Vehicles Surge, residents are urged to leave their weapons at home. Cars were not designed to be gun safes.

The Houston Police Department highly discourages gun owners from leaving or keeping weapons in their vehicles. If you must carry your weapon and leave in a vehicle.

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Always secure your weapon out of plain sight prior to arriving at your destination.
- Always make sure the vehicle is locked. Many “car break-ins” involve vehicles that were left unlocked. Thieves will routinely check door handles looking for easy targets.
- Ensure all windows are rolled up.
- Never leave ANY item in plain site encouraging thieves to break into your vehicle. (Thieves do not know what may be concealed in a laptop bag, package or gym bag. Although you may know there is nothing of value inside a bag, a thief does not.)
- Install an auto theft deterrent such as a car alarm.
- Never walk away from your vehicle with a empty holster on your hip indicating a firearm was left in the car.
- DO NOT jeopardize your safety, the safety of your family or the safety of someone else for convenience.

SAFE STORAGE

- Safe storage applies to where the firearm is at all times—whether inside your house or inside your vehicle. It is more than hiding your gun. It is a constant responsibility and can be the difference between life and death.
- Safe storage of a firearm is securing the firearm inside a locked object.
- It is also the responsibility of the owner to restrict access from unauthorized persons at all times 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

STORAGE DEVICES

- The storage device you choose must provide a level of protection adequate to prevent unauthorized persons from accessing your firearm.
- The determination of what is “adequate protection” is a matter of judgement on the part of the firearm owner.
- If you choose to leave a firearm in your vehicle, it is highly recommended to have it secured in a lock box/safe/vault mounted inside your trunk or in the vehicle that is NOT in plain site.
- REMINDER It is unlawful to store, transport, or abandon an unsecured firearm in a place where children are likely to be and can obtain access to the firearm. A child is a person younger than 17 years of age.

As a firearms owner you should report the theft or loss of your firearm within 48 hours of discovery to your local law enforcement and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

ATF 888-930-9275

ROBO DE ARMAS DENTRO DE UN VEHÍCULO PUNTOS DE PREVENCIÓN

El Departamento de Policía de Houston quiere recordarles a los dueños de armas de fuego que uno de los principales objetivos de los ladrones son obtener PISTOLAS, tanto en hogares como en vehículos estacionados. Al practicar medidas de seguridad, los dueños pueden evitar que sus armas de fuego caigan en las manos equivocadas.

A medida que los robos de armas de fuego / armas de vehículos surgen, se pide a los ciudadanos dejar sus armas en casa. Los autos no son diseñados para ser cajas fuertes.

- El Departamento de Policía de Houston le recomienda a los dueños de armas que no dejen sus armas en su vehículo si las tienen que cargar
- Siempre esté atento de su alrededor.
- Siempre asegure o guarde su arma antes de llegar a su destino final.
- Asegúrese de que su vehículo esté cerrado con llave.
- Muchos “robos de autos” involucran vehículos que quedaron sin llave. Los ladrones revisan rutinariamente las puertas buscando objetivos fáciles.
- Asegúrese de que todas las ventanas estén cerradas completamente.
- Nunca deje NINGÚN artículo en un sitio visible para darle una invitación a los ladrones que se metan a su vehículo a robar. (Los ladrones no saben lo que está dentro de la maleta, el paquete o la bolsa de gimnasia, aunque usted sabe que no hay nada de valor dentro de ella).
- Instale en su vehículo una alarma contra robos.
- Nunca deje su arma en el vehículo y bájese del vehículo solamente con el forro del arma en su cadera.
- NO ponga en peligro su seguridad, la seguridad de su familia o la seguridad de otra persona por su comodidad.

ALMACENAMIENTO SEGURO

- El almacenamiento seguro implica la ubicación del arma de fuego en todo momento, ya sea dentro de su casa o dentro de su vehículo. Es más que solamente esconder su arma. Es una responsabilidad constante y puede ser la diferencia entre la vida y la muerte.
- El almacenamiento seguro de un arma de fuego es asegurar el arma bloqueada.
- También es responsabilidad del propietario restringir el acceso de personas no autorizadas en todo momento eso quiere decir 24 horas. Al día, 7 días a la semana.

ALMACENAMIENTO

- El dispositivo de almacenamiento que elija debe proporcionar un nivel de protección adecuado para evitar que personas no autorizadas accedan a su arma de fuego. Lo que se considera “protección adecuada” debe ser determinado por el dueño del arma.
- Si elige dejar un arma de fuego en su vehículo, se recomienda que la asegure en una caja de seguridad / caja fuerte / bóveda montada dentro de su baúl o en el vehículo en un lugar fuera de vista.
- RECUERDE es ilegal almacenar, transportar o abandonar un arma de fuego sin seguridad en un lugar donde pueda haber niños y puedan obtener acceso al arma de fuego. Un niño es una persona menor de 17 años.

Como propietario de armas de fuego:

Usted debe reportar el robo o la pérdida de su arma de fuego inmediatamente (en las primeras 48 horas) a la policía local y a la Oficina de Alcohol, Tabaco, Armas de Fuego y Explosivos de los EE. UU. (ATF).

ATF 888-930-9275



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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.

For more information please visit our website at www.sharpstownparks.org



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



GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #32

BE AWARE OF HOW POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA IS A REFLECTION OF YOU AS A PERSON.



SPRING BREAK MOVIE NIGHT
MOVIE BEGINS AT SUNSET
ENJOY A FAMILY-FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, COMPLETE WITH CRAFTS.
FREE!
Shark Tale
Monsignor Bill Pickard Park
Thursday, March 17
8201 Roos Road, Houston 77036
For more information, please visit hcp4.net or call 713-274-4050.
Harris County Precinct 4
Commissioner R. Jack Cagle

POT HOLE (ON THE COVER)

SCA MESSAGE TO DIST J 2/17/22

There is a very large pothole at 7731 Romney Rd (SR# 2200357941). The pothole covers half the street and is about 9 inches deep. The street is sinking! Someone placed barricades up but that has become a permanent District J Art Installation! This area needs a panel replacement quickly. Please see the attached photo.

RESPONSE FROM COH 3/1/22

Per TDO – ...Concrete team will investigate and place a steel plate at the above location until repairs can be completed. Due to available resources, there is no immediate timeframe on when the repairs will be completed at this time...

Romney is a busy street that joins Terrace 2 and Section 5 and is an outlet to the 59 feeder. The SCA appreciates District J's help to get this temporary fix in place until a permanent repair can be done.

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 Loblolly Pine in this issue.

While most of the trees in Sharpstown are deciduous, you may have noticed a few pines scattered throughout the neighborhood. Although there are a few different types, most of the pines are Loblolly Pines. The loblolly is native to the east coast of North America from New Jersey to Florida and Texas.

As such, it has a long history with the pioneers and is known by several other names, among them rosemary pine, old field pine, bull pine, Indian pine and longstraw pine. In the South, the name loblolly means a depression. The tree was originally observed growing in river bottoms, and that is where it acquired its principal common name.

This is an excellent tree for Houston, as it grows in all types of soils—acidic, loamy, moist, sandy, well-drained and clay soils. And, while it prefers normal moisture, the tree can tolerate some flooding and moderate drought, making it the perfect tree for our area.

One of the fastest growing southern pines, it can be used as a quick-screen in many landscapes. It has dark green needles and narrow, reddish-brown cones



that are three to six inches long. As it ages, it loses its lower branches, making it an excellent shade tree. It does tend to drop a lot of needles during dry spells, but those needles can be the perfect mulch for your azaleas. If you are considering a new planting, this is definitely a tree to consider.

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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SHS STUDENTS RUN ARAMCO HALF MARATHON

Early on a Sunday morning in January, for 8 consecutive years, students from Sharpstown High School have participated in the Chevron Houston Marathon by running the Aramco Half Marathon. The energy and excitement in the George R. Brown convention center is filled with thousands of runners for this annual event. The Houston Marathon Foundation provides students at several schools throughout the Houston area with shoes and shirts, and coach Carlos Quintero trains up to 25 students to run this race. Even last year, when the event was virtual and everyone ran on their own, students ran the race. This year, there weren't as many students, but that didn't stop the excitement. One student, Sara Solis, completed the Houston Double by running the We Are Houston 5K on Saturday and the full 13.1 Aramco Half Marathon the next day. Her brother, Carlos Hernandez, a graduate of SHS, ran both races with her. Come join us next year, the weekend of January 13-15, 2023, as a participant, a volunteer, or a spectator, and share the excitement of the marathon weekend.



A group of Sharpstown High students gets together before heading outside for the race.



Sara Solis and Carlos Hernandez, along with their father, ran the Houston Double during the Chevron Houston Marathon weekend.

NEW AGRICULTURE PROGRAM AT SHARPSTOWN

Students at Sharpstown High School have a new choice as part of the Career and Technical Education track offered through the district. Under the direction of Ms. Joanna Crumpton, the four-year program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources prepares students for diverse careers in the field of agriculture and plant science. Ms. Crumpton's bachelor's degree in Agribusiness and Horticulture, and master's degree in Agriscience have given her a strong background for success. At Chavez HS, where she taught before transferring to Sharpstown, she had 40-60 students annually pass the Texas State Floral Certification Level I, a feat which she hopes to replicate as the program develops here.

At Sharpstown, the program began last year during COVID, so only a few students are in the second year of the program. Currently, in addition to their studies, students are planting and harvesting from the garden beds which were begun by the garden club on the Braeburn Valley side of the school. As the program becomes more established, they hope to build more beds in order to provide fresh vegetables to members of the school and community. They are also in the process of replanting the fruit trees that were lost to Storm Uri last February, and as those trees develop and mature, the orchard will begin to provide fresh fruit. Long term, there are plans to build a greenhouse and establish a bee colony. If you drive by the high school, you can see that Urban Agriculture is thriving here in Sharpstown.





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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"

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

HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

MONTH	MON	TUES	COLLECTION
APR	11	12	JUNK WASTE ONLY
MAY	9	10	TREE WASTE ONLY

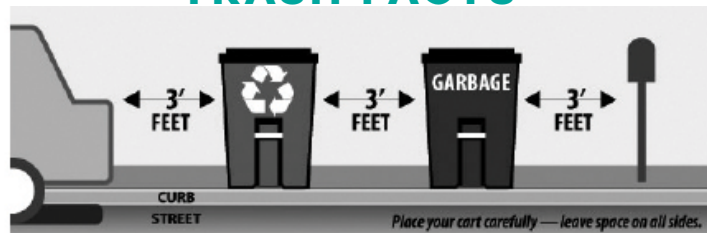
Section 1 & 2 - Heavy Trash on Tuesday
(second Tuesday of every month)

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

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

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DOES YOUR NAME BELONG HERE?

Associate Membership enables individuals, businesses, schools, churches, or other non-profit entities to express their support of the Sharpstown community and the work of the SCA. While Associate Members do not vote in SCA elections, they are recognized in each issue of the SCAN, at General Meetings and through other special announcements. Thank you Associate Members for your support!

*Alice Lee -
Executive Director of the Southwest Management District*

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

→ HEAVY TRASH!!! ←

Heavy trash and tree waste being put out at inappropriate times is a HUGE problem. Ignorance of the schedule and the COH's inconsistent routine make it an easy pit to fall in.

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!!!

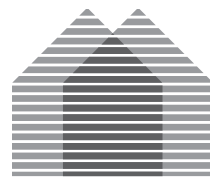
Call 311 if they don't move it - you don't have to give your name. Call the District J office and report it. Just once I'd like to drive down our streets after a pick up date and see the area clear of debris, wouldn't you?

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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