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**SHARPSTOWN PARKS
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PLANT SWAP 2022**

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Do you remember that feeling when you climbed up the ladder to the high dive? Remember how much higher it was from up there? Remember the kids in line behind you yelling at you to jump? Did you or did you climb back down the ladder?

This is how I feel about launching the approval process of our newly updated deed restriction documents. Countless hours, money and effort have been poured into this project. It all started when we took an investor owner to court and had the judge throw out our case because he said our deed restrictions were outdated and unenforceable. Yikes – that’s not good! The SCA Board then set out to have our attorneys update our 9 Section documents to fix these deficiencies – no easy task.

The SCA Board felt a strong desire to do this with the input from homeowners. We had lots of meetings, emails, phone calls and a great deal of discussion on what the DR’s should and SHOULD NOT focus on. Making them address issues that did not exist 60 years ago when they were written was a high priority. Examples of those are fireworks, street and yard parking, limiting commercial vehicles, types of businesses that can be run from a home, and short-term leases to prevent AirBnB and Rooms for Rent, among a few.

Another key change was removing the foreclosure mechanism from the DR documents. If a violation does not get fixed, a lien will be placed on the property that will be paid when the property is sold, but no foreclosure can occur. The SCA Board agreed to make this change based on the input of those residents providing feedback.

The bottom line is we need to do this to legally maintain the standards in our neighborhood. This is not about specifying the type of petunia you can grow or how many trees you can plant. We are not that kind of neighborhood and don’t want to be.

I am not going to climb back down the ladder but I get butterflies just thinking about it. It is time to jump off that high dive. The future of Sharpstown is in our hands and it is pretty exciting!

See page 10 and 11 for details...

Charmaine LeBlanc, President

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.

Jason Davalos and dad, Luis Davalos, in Fort Clark Springs, Tx



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Sharpstown Parks Alliance brings back their popular Spring Plant Swap.

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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2022 Membership Invoice

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Membership update.... As of April 28th, membership payments have slowed down to a trickle. Multiple mailings to request payments have gone out. I would love to surpass 2021 and get back to the levels of participation in 2017! We can do it with your support – talk to your neighbors about why you send your \$250 in every year. As has been the case in the past, only 1 in 5 homeowners see the need to pay their membership assessments.

You 20% are to be thanked for the SEAL patrol, mosquito spraying and deed restriction enforcement that we enjoy in Sharpstown. At the risk of sounding calloused, I don't understand why the other 80% are not willing to do their part? Some are not financially able to and that is ok – we support your decision. The rest of you???? I want those of you that have paid to know how much your payment is appreciated by the board and all the other dues paying members.

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!

2022 Dues

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

Membership Update as of 4.20.22

Year	\$ Recd	Count	Avg	% of Total
2022	\$301,201	1276	\$236	19%
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%



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 _____

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SCA 2022 Crime Totals - 30% UP - But With Valid Reasons

Month	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Property	Aggravated Assault	Rape	Murder	Totals
January	1	4	13	3	0	1	0	22
February	0	4	9	5	4	0	0	22
March	1	4	15	5	1	3	0	29
2022 Total	2	12	37	13	5	4	0	73
2021 Total	3	8	30	7	3	0	0	51

The crime stats comparison for 2022 vs 2021 is now Apples and Oranges. The 2021 February freeze and the continued Covid shutdown kept 2021 unusually crime free. 2022 is back to ‘normal’. But normal for Sharpstown homes is amazing. Out of 6,800 homes, we experienced 73 incidents reported to HPD. This equals less than one incident per day in Sharpstown..

I am not a law enforcement professional but when I shared these stats with HPD, they agreed that we are doing something very right. Avid residents keeping watch and reporting suspicious activity, SEAL Patrols and the SCA’s close partnership with HPD are the key pieces to our success. KEEP IT UP!!



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.

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.

SCOTT GILBERT – OPERATIONS MANAGER OF THE SCA

If this guy is seen taking photos from his truck of a deed restriction violation, remember – It is his job!!! This is Scott Gilbert – Operations Manager of the SCA. Photos are an important detail to not only document a violation, but also to show when an issue has been remedied. He is often reported to SEAL as a suspicious vehicle...



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



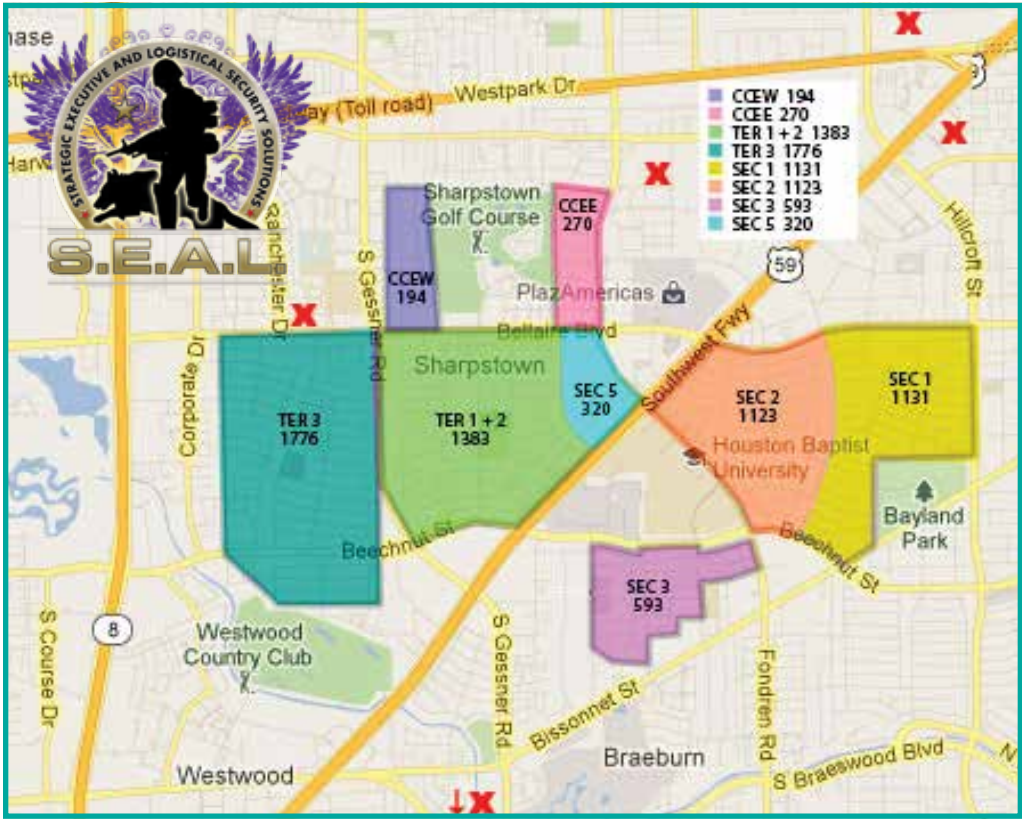
VACATION WATCH

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 #3
ANTICIPATE A NEIGHBOR'S NEED AND OFFER HELP BEFORE BEING ASKED..



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	Gulfton Storefront 6227 Southwest Fwy.	8-4 Mon-Fri 832-394-2660
Midwest Substation 7277 Regency Square	24 hours daily 832-394-1200	Ranchester Storefront 9160 Bellaire, Ste. F	8-Noon M-W-F 832-394-2780

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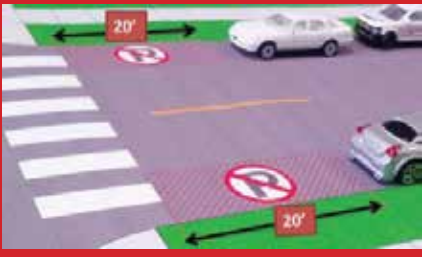
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15 FEET
FROM A
FIRE HYDRANT



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



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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.



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

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- Missing Shingles?
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DEED RESTRICTIONS



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 #17

RESPECT BOUNDARIES,
BUT COMMUNICATE WITH
NEIGHBORS ABOUT ISSUES
WHICH REFLECT NEGATIVELY.



CAN HPD, HFD AND DELIVERIES FIND
YOUR HOUSE EASILY? PLEASE LOOK
AT YOUR CURB NUMBER AND SEE IF IT
NEEDS A SPRING UPDATE!

IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY

UPDATED DEED RESTRICTIONS

Throughout its 65-year history, our neighborhood and its laws have continually changed. What's remained constant is the rich sense of community among neighbors and our focus on ensuring Sharpstown continues to flourish.

That's why we've partnered with our legal teams to ensure our deed restrictions reflect modern laws and community needs while enhancing safety and upholding the integrity of our neighborhood. Our goal is keeping you informed every step of the way, and it's now time to approve the finalized updates to our community's deed restrictions. All changes can be reviewed by visiting www.sharpstowncivic.org/dr-update-project

KEY UPDATES TO THE DEED RESTRICTIONS

MODERNIZED LEGAL LANGUAGE

Our deed restriction revisions include modernized language which conforms to the current state of Texas law, which will help the Association enforce its restrictions more efficiently. Consistent, compassionate enforcement of shared restrictions keeps our community safe and clean.



REDUCED ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

Annual fees will be reduced to only \$200 per household, but will become mandatory for owners within the Association. These fees will continue to fund the private security patrol and will help the Association's ongoing beautification of our community.

VEHICLE REMEDIATION

The updated deed restrictions will help to reduce commercial parking and vehicle storage within the Association, and impose penalties for parking violations, including unauthorized street parking. Clear streets allow emergency vehicles to quickly and easily access streets, residences, and businesses, and are essential for the safety of our children.



REGULATED INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The amended deed restriction will regulate short-term leases and enforce safer and more secure rental practices. Under the new restrictions, Airbnb, VRBO, Rooms for Rent, and other short-term rentals will be strictly prohibited.

ARCHITECTURAL ENFORCEMENT

Some items, such as the Association's architectural control enforcement, won't change significantly. The underlying restrictions regarding what may and may not be built within the Association will be largely untouched to ensure that all new builds, remodels, and updates comply with the governing documents and the Association's procedures. Doing so helps owners to avoid costly mistakes and delays.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

We need 51% approval in each section to pass the newly updated deed restrictions.

REVIEW THE UPDATES

Visit the website and locate the legal document for your section to approve
www.SharpstownCivic.org/dr-update-project

APPROVE THE UPDATES

By **June 1st** you will receive a special mailer with a unique code to approve online

OR

you can approve in-person anytime after **June 1st** at the SCA office

6815 Redding Rd.
Houston, TX 77036

TELL A NEIGHBOR

Let your neighbors know you've approved and how their approval would help pass the updates for your section!

EARLY BIRD APPROVAL

Want to be one of the first to approve? Come to our next meeting! May 26th, 2022 at 6:30PM in the Bayland Park Community Center



LEARN MORE

Visit us at
www.SharpstownCivic.org/dr-update-project
to read the updated deed restrictions.

Or, scan our QR Code for more information.



QUESTIONS?

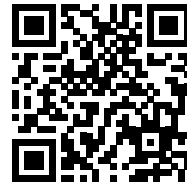
Feel free to reach out, we'd love to answer your questions!
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31 WAYS TO CELEBRATE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2022

Join Asia Society Texas to celebrate the vibrant and diverse traditions and contributions of Asians and Asian Americans! Highlighting live programs—virtual and in-person—our calendar also features a curated selection of on-demand ways to celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage throughout the month of May and beyond.

For more information about each event, please visit:



AsiaSociety.org/APAHM2022

SUNDAY
1 **IN-PERSON**
FREE EXHIBITION ADMISSION
10 AM - 6 PM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

Playlist:
JAMS AND BOPS FOR A GROOVY SUNDAY

ATTEND LISTEN

MONDAY
2 **Monday Encore Series:**
KAISAR ANVAR

WATCH

TUESDAY
3 **Houston's Asian American Journeys:**
GLEN GONDO

WATCH

WEDNESDAY
4 **At-Home Activity:**
FOLD AN ORIGAMI CRANE!

LEARN

THURSDAY
5 **IN-PERSON**
Permission to Come Home:
DR. JENNY WANG ON ASIAN AMERICANS AND MENTAL HEALTH
6 PM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

ATTEND

FRIDAY
6 **Friday Food:**
SPOTLIGHT ASIATOWN

TASTE

SATURDAY
7 **IN-PERSON**
TEEN BOOKS ALIVE WITH MALINDA LO!
10 AM - 1 PM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

ATTEND

IN-PERSON
FESTIVAL OF EID
4 - 8 PM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

ATTEND

SUNDAY
8 **Sunday Staff Picks:**
WHAT WE'RE READING (FICTION)

READ

MONDAY
9 **Monday Encore Series:**
TURKISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

WATCH

TUESDAY
10 **Houston's Asian American Journeys:**
MAL BERNARDO

WATCH

WEDNESDAY
11 **IN-PERSON**
Bank of America Women's Leadership Series:
HUMA ABEDIN ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND PRIVATE LEGACIES
6 PM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

ATTEND

THURSDAY
12 **LIVE**
COOKING ALONG WITH CHEF GEORGE CHEN
7 PM CENTRAL, VIRTUAL

WATCH

FRIDAY
13 **IN-PERSON**
KUNG FU FILM NIGHTS: THE GRANDMASTER
8 PM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

ATTEND

SATURDAY
14 **IN-PERSON**
ARCHITECTURE TOUR
10 AM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

IN-PERSON
ART TOUR
11 AM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

TOUR

SUNDAY
15 **IN-PERSON**
MICHELLE ZAUNER IN CONVERSATION WITH BRYAN WASHINGTON
7 PM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

ATTEND

Sunday Staff Picks:
WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

WATCH

MONDAY
16 **Monday Encore Series:**
T.T.C. DANCE

WATCH

TUESDAY
17 **Houston's Asian American Journeys:**
Y. PING SUN

WATCH

WEDNESDAY
18 **Playlist:**
BOLLYWOOD BLASTS

LISTEN

THURSDAY
19 **LIVE**
AT HOME IN ASIATOWN VIRTUAL TOUR
6 PM CENTRAL, VIRTUAL

PARTICIPATE

FRIDAY
20 **Program Highlight:**
COOKING AT HOME WITH PRIYA KRISHNA

TASTE

SATURDAY
21 **IN-PERSON**
ART TOUR
11 AM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

TOUR

SUNDAY
22 **Sunday Staff Picks:**
WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO

LISTEN

MONDAY
23 **Monday Encore Series:**
FORMOSA QUARTET

WATCH

TUESDAY
24 **Houston's Asian American Journeys:**
DONNA COLE

WATCH

WEDNESDAY
25 **At-Home Activity:**
DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL FUN

LEARN

THURSDAY
26 **Asia In-Depth Podcast:**
KAL PENN'S AMERICAN JOURNEY

LISTEN

FRIDAY
27 **IN-PERSON**
KUNG FU FILM NIGHTS: ONCE UPON A TIME IN CHINA
8:30 PM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

ATTEND

SATURDAY
28 **IN-PERSON**
ART TOUR
11 AM AT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CENTER

TOUR

SUNDAY
29 **Sunday Staff Picks:**
WHAT WE'RE READING (NONFICTION)

READ

MONDAY
30 **Monday Encore Series:**
NO-NO BOY

WATCH

TUESDAY
31 **Houston's Asian American Journeys:**
DR. KHAWAJA AZIMUDDIN

WATCH

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LANSDALE PARK ACTIVITIES

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- Seeking Adult and Teen Volunteers (Build Your Own Hours)

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Office: 713-272-3668
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program registration:
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communitycenters/cc-lansdale.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/communitycenters/cc-lansdale.html)



SHARPSTOWN PARKS ALLIANCE (ON THE COVER)

April 23, 2022 Sharpstown Parks Alliance brought back their Spring Plant Swap at Lansdale Park. After a 2-year hiatus due to Covid-19, the Alliance partnered with Sharpstown Civic Association, Southwest Management District, and Harris County Precinct 4 for this fun event. Residents across Sharpstown and adjoining communities brought cuttings and transplants from their gardens to swap with their neighbors. Urban Harvest expert Kim Perry educated folks on growing herbs in containers and shared seed packets. Harris County Precinct 4 representatives set up a display about their services, and donated wildflower seeds and legacy tree seedlings too. Urban Harvest provided several compost bins. A special thanks goes out to Sharpstown High School volunteer Adrian Argueta for his assistance and to Shipley Donuts for their generous support. Home Depot, Urban Harvest, and HC Precinct 4 provided door prizes, which were appreciated by all.



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



HOW WE BECAME SHARPSTOWN-ANS - PART III

I was born and grew up in Fort Worth, but I left in 1967 for two years in Dallas and on to Houston in September, 1969. When I go back to Fort Worth, my old neighborhood hasn't changed much but there are whole new neighborhoods that were undeveloped prairie when I left, completely unfamiliar to me now.

I wondered what Sharpstown would look like to someone who had moved away and returned after 50 plus years. Most of the places they remembered would have gone, replaced by something unfamiliar. I asked for some help on Facebook's Southwest Houston page and received over 120 responses with memories of businesses that are no longer here.

We moved into the Hillcroft Apartments on the corner of Ashcroft and Jessamine, one block east of Hillcroft. The complex was demolished several years ago and the Gabriela Mistral Center for Early Childhood opened on that corner in 2005. Two blocks north from there, Marcus Jones Buick was on the corner of Hillcroft and Bellaire. I can remember radio spots that always featured the sales manager. "Mr. Jones told me to move out ___ cars before the end of the week." We never heard from Mr. Jones himself. A number of people mentioned a couple of places near Hillcroft and



Beechnut, The Purple Cow and Der Wienerschnitzel. I vaguely remember both but never ate there. We did eat, the few times we could go out on a radio disc jockey's salary, at the Casa Ole' at the end of an L shaped strip center, on the northwest corner of Hillcroft and Bellaire. Loew's Sharpstown Drive formerly occupied a large part of that corner and there was a stone marker with a time capsule inside that was moved to the Sharpstown Park Community Center. Across the street on the northeast corner was a Walmart type store called Globe. We bought simple ornaments for our first Christmas tree in 1969 there. They still adorn our tree every year. The Globe building is now Fiesta. Romano's, later Luby's cafeteria sat across Bellaire at Ashcroft. That building now is a Chinese Buffet.

While there are more Chinese/Vietnamese/Asian restaurants than one can count on Bellaire west of Gessner today, I remember only one that was in a strip center on Bellaire and Atwell for years. I don't recall the name. Later there was Wan Fu in the strip center at Dashwood and Fondren, next to the Safeway supermarket.

At the other end of Ashcroft, at Bissonnet, was to us newcomers, just the nearest grocery store. It didn't take long to realize it was practically legendary, Sacco's #2. On Saturdays, it was jammed with shoppers. There were 14 checkouts and every one of them was manned. Mr. Sam Sacco was very often on the floor, greeting customers and handing out candy to the kids.

Two businesses that I remember from those days are still there, Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins at Bellaire and Mapleridge. Nearby was Shakey's Pizza, but it is long gone. It was a fun family place with long tables that were shared with other customers.

Then there was Sharpstown Mall, but that will have to wait....

Mike Marshall

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TNR

14 cats, trapped, neutered, and returned to their colony in Terrace 3-could have 20-30 more there to do. PLEASE don't let this happen! It is not kind and the cats suffer in this kind of over population. Please contact the SCA office if you need help with this issue in your neighborhood. Remember, a female cat can have 4-5 litters a year with up to 8 kittens...potentially 40 more feral cats brought into the world by one cat...you can help!



CITY UPDATES PET ORDINANCES – MICROCHIPS REPLACE TAGS

In January the Houston City Council unanimously passed updates to several pet-related ordinances. Effective immediately, pet owners will be required to microchip their pets along with obtaining a city license. The microchip will replace the license and rabies tags previously issued.

Animal control officers can scan an animal's microchip in the field and return the wayward animal to its home rather than taking it to the shelter. "It removes the step of bringing them to the shelter," BARC Public Information Officer Cory Stottlmyer said. "It gets them back directly to their owner so that just puts less stress on us here at the shelter and reunites owners with their pets sooner." Plus, you won't have to worry about Fido or Fluffy losing their collar and tags either.

BARC employees will help educate Houstonians about the new program requirements and offer opportunities to have your animals microchipped at reduced cost.

FLOCK LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS

In March, City councilmember Edward Pollard announced details of his plan to combat crime in District J, including allocation of funds to HPD to acquire Flock License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras. In partnership with local management districts and businesses, up to 100 cameras will be deployed across District J.

The LPR cameras use license plate recognition technology to aid law enforcement in the prevention and solving of crimes. The cameras will capture still photos of all passing vehicles to identify vehicle make, type, color, license plate, and other unique vehicle details. They are not capable of video recording or live streaming.

The Flock system will send an alert to HPD if the car has been reported to have been involved in a crime. The technology will also be able to document vehicles with fake or paper license plates.

BELLAIRE PAVER REPLACEMENT

In response to deterioration of the pavers at seven intersections along Bellaire Boulevard between Fondren and Corporate Drive, TIRZ 20 has entered into a contract for replacement. The project to replace the pavers was awarded to Teamwork Construction Services at a cost of \$860,555. Project completion will take approximately 7 months.

SHARPSTOWN TRAIL UPDATE

Start of construction on the initial phase of the Sharpstown Trail, Sands Point to Beechnut, has been slightly delayed. The Federal funding bill containing an earmark of \$1 million for the Sharpstown Trail was finally signed on March 15, 2022. TIRZ 20 and the Houston Parks Board will now begin the task of coordinating a specific agreement for the project funding which is estimated to take 4 to 6 months.

YOU CAN SERVE AS AN ELECTION WORKER!

Yes, you can be one of the amazing folks checking in voters and helping them navigate the voting process during early voting and on Election Day. Lots of knowledgeable and helpful folks are needed to cover the various polling locations across our communities so, if you would like to learn about becoming an election worker, check out all the great information at Election Workers - Election Division (harrisvotes.org) and learn more about qualifications, registration, and training.

GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #34

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TREES OF SHARPSTOWN

In late March and early April, you may have noticed several trees in Sharpstown that were full of beautiful white flowers but had no leaves. This deciduous tree is the Ornamental Pear.

If you're looking for a tree that exemplifies a change of seasons in Houston, the Ornamental Pear is the perfect choice. Early spring brings a show of white blossoms, which gives way to glossy green leaves as summer arrives. The leaves turn orange or red in the fall before dropping and leaving bare branches in the winter.

There are several varieties of ornamental pear trees, and some are considered invasive. These trees can produce fruit, though inedible to humans, but many varieties require two trees for pollination. For this reason, a single tree makes for a good choice in the city. In a large yard, the slender trunk will not block sight lines while providing abundant shade; and in a small yard, its height stands as a contrast to other shrubs and low-lying plants. While an ornamental pear can be planted at most any time of year, as with most trees, the best time to plant is late fall, allowing the energy to go to the roots.



SHS DRAMA CLUB CLEAN UP

For Keep Houston Beautiful Day, a small but enthusiastic team from Sharpstown High School's theatre class collected 9 bags of trash on the school grounds. With overcast skies, it was a pleasant day to help keep the school and the neighborhood clean and beautiful. Thank you Mr. Morales and students for your dedication!

SHARPSTOWN FAMILIES REPRESENTED BY TWO HISD TRUSTEES

Families with students attending local HISD schools are represented by two members of the HISD Board.

Sue Deigaard, Trustee Position V, was originally elected in 2017. She represents families served by Sutton Elementary, Long Middle School and Long Academy, and Las Americas.

Kendall Baker, Trustee Position VI, was elected in 2021. He represents those residents served by Bonham Elementary, Neff Elementary and Early Learning Center, Ed White Elementary, Sharpstown International School, Sugar Grove, and Sharpstown High School.

More information on HISD and your representatives is available at www.houstonisd.org

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A professional headshot of Kenneth Li, a man with glasses wearing a suit and tie.

HBU - SCA AND DISTRICT J TEAM UP FOR KEEP HOUSTON BEAUTIFUL DAY

On April 4th over 110 HBU student athletes were dispatched to 9 projects in the Sharpstown area for service and beautification projects. Lansdale Park, Ed White - Sutton - Neff - Neff Early Learning schools, Tzu Chi Food Distribution and three residents with home projects, were the lucky locations. Bamboo jungle, new flower beds, painted lawn furniture and garage cleanouts were made simple with the abilities of the amazing students and their coaches. This has become a semi-annual activity and the SCA is very grateful for our HBU neighbor and their willingness to help. If you have a project that you would like help with please contact Scott at the SCA office to be put on the list.



SYGA HAPPENINGS

The Sharpstown Young Gardeners Alliance (SYGA) is on the move. Here are some of the latest activities:

- A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a plant from the school tomato/pepper plant sales. We collected over \$1,000, which goes to purchase t-shirts for the students and improvements for the gardens.
- Neff Early Learning Center has joined the group, under the leadership of NELC teacher, Svetlana Makambila. The kindergarteners and 1st graders have two beds in which they are growing vegetables, in addition to caring for plants throughout the campus.
- Last year, Neff Elementary School added a butterfly garden to attract monarchs, and just last month built a garden in the shape of a heart. Many thanks go to Nan Cramer, with HISD Nutrition Services, for the materials for both gardens. Plus, we couldn't have done this without the help of HBU Athletics, who provided the muscle to build the beds. The Neff Garden Club is under the leadership of Jackie Short, teacher, and Raquel Bruner, volunteer.
- The Sutton Elementary School Garden Club has become active again, under the leadership of Ms. Betty Melgoza and Ms. Laura Adame. With the assistance of Mr. Steve Hanrahan, volunteer, the students have been hard at work planting, weeding, and harvesting. Almost every week, they are able to take fresh vegetables home to their family.



- Ed White has restored their pond, with the assistance of students from the University of Houston Downtown and an Eagle Scout project. A grant from The Garden Club of Houston has provided us the funds for this project, as well as restoration of The Memorial Garden, thanks to the efforts of Ms. Jada McMahan, teacher, and Ms. Linda Poole, volunteer. And, for the first time in several years, all eight vegetable beds are being used to provide fresh vegetables to the students and their families.
- Agriculture students from Sharpstown High School recently went to Don Greene Nature Park (6009 Cypress Street), where they learned to identify edible plants and used them in a soup. The students and the club are growing fresh vegetables for students and faculty in their garden by the side of Braeburn Valley at SHS, under the leadership of Ms. Joanna Crumpton, ag teacher.

If you are interested in helping at these schools (and sharing the harvest), please contact Tony Tuckwiller, advisor to SYGA, and Treasurer of the Sharpstown Parks Alliance.



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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

METAL and CANS:

Aluminum and Tin Cans (rinsed drained)

PLASTICS:

Plastic Containers #1 - 5 and 7 (rinsed drained)

CARDBOARD and CARTONS:

Carton - Cardboard boxes and cartons from items such as milk, juice, soup, crackers, cream, beans, water, broth, wine, etc.

PAPER:

Paper, Newspaper, Catalogs, Magazines and Phone Books



GLASS:

Effective immediately, glass is accepted in the green curbside recycling bin.

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

These items clog the machinery used to process recyclables resulting in delays and expense.

WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP

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

HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

MONTH	MON	TUES	COLLECTION
MAY	9	10	TREE WASTE ONLY
JUNE	13	14	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

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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WHAT’S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

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

District J— Edward Pollard 832-393-3369 DistrictJ@houstontx.gov

At-Large 1— Mike Knox 832-393-3014 atlarge1@houstontx.gov

At-Large 2— David Robinson 832-393-3013 atlarge2@houstontx.gov

At-Large 3— Michael Kubosh 832-393-3005 atlarge3@houstontx.gov

At-Large 4— Letitia Plummer 832-393-3012 atlarge4@houstontx.gov

At-Large 5— Sallie Alcorn 832-393-3017 atlarge5@houstontx.gov

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

Houston Swim Club
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Gene Wu - State Representative District 137

Sharpstown Rotary Club

Your Name Could be HERE!

→ 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?

NOISY NEIGHBORS?

Chapter 30 of the Municipal Code governs Noise and Sound Regulation in the City of Houston.

Residential Property Decibel Maximums

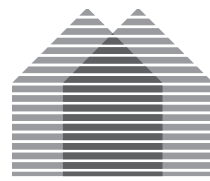
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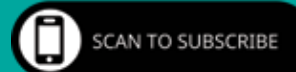
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