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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Be The Change You Wish to See in the World

These words, attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, point to the need to bring dreams of change and growth to life through action. In Sharpstown there is never a shortage of ideas for altering the path of our community in one way or another. As in most matters, social media offers people a place to share their ideas. But those words from behind a keyboard will remain just that – words – unless people who envision new things match their time, energy and talent to achieving those goals. The work of criticizing other's efforts is light compared to the work of bringing about positive change. Are you up to the task of serving your neighbors and working to build a stronger Sharpstown? If so, there's room for you to join the SCA Board of Directors.

I have typed, erased, retyped my message all day. Nothing was coming out very nice. A good friend came up with the words above when I explained what I wanted to convey and her words as always are perfect. So please know that I agree and truly desire to be the change for my home and all of my Sharpstown neighbors....

Charmaine LeBlanc, President



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The Southwest Management District made our Liberty Fest their annual signature event to bring together residents and showcase the amazing businesses in the District. We are humbled by the faith they show in what we already know to be the greatest place to live, work and play, in Houston.

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."

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.

Elizabeth Schooler, SCA Board Treasurer, traveled with her SCAN to Branson, Missouri over the summer. Thanks Elizabeth!



4 Sharpstown residents visit beautiful South Padre Island, TX. Casey Cummings, Benjamin LeBlanc, Nancy Haight and Charmaine LeBlanc – we did not build this sand castle but we met the man who did! 5 ½ hour drive from Houston – highly recommend you go there.

I just found out the neighborhood had a meeting about the crazy person on the block. It's weird that they didn't invite me.

THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING THE SCA BOARD?

As I am in the latter half of my second term as a director of the SCA, I’ve reflected upon what it’s been like and what it took for me to decide to be a director. It has been a lot of work, but definitely worthwhile.

Maybe you have also thought about joining the SCA board of directors. Or have you been dissuaded by some of the misconceptions about what we do and how we conduct the SCA’s business?

In early 2018 when I decided to consider becoming a board member, I started regularly attending the monthly board meetings to get an idea about what I might be in for. If you have ever thought about becoming a board member, I highly recommend this approach. Our board meetings are open to the public, are publicized on the home page of the SCA’s website, and we encourage our SCA members to attend them.

Well, I found out that our board members are dedicated and very serious about working for the welfare of Sharpstown. The discussions were very open, and nothing was done differently because I was there as a visitor. I also learned that it is hard work for a small group of volunteers. I finally did decide to run for election to the board, but I admit to thinking I might have had a fit of temporary insanity when I did that.

As a board, we sometime hear that we are a small group making important decisions for all of Sharpstown. It doesn’t have to be that way, nor was it intended to be that way. Our bylaws provide for up to nineteen board members, but we cannot find that many of our SCA members willing to volunteer and serve. Our bylaws also provide that qualified SCA members can be appointed to vacant board positions to serve until the next election.

By Byrom Wehner, Board Member

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Plazamericas Mall
Plazamericas
Rings: 1, 3, 5 mile radii

Our area is always referred to as the most diverse in Houston or even the world! Here is the latest 2021 Census info. They used PlazAmericas as the starting point and did 3 radius tally's. Pretty interesting! Most of Sharpstown would fall within the 3-mile radius figures.



	1 mile	3 miles	5 miles
Population			
2000 Population	24,176	242,611	524,442
2010 Population	24,271	245,012	539,411
2021 Population	25,666	265,607	585,308
2026 Population	26,498	277,263	613,812
2000-2010 Annual Rate	0.04%	0.10%	0.28%
2010-2017 Annual Rate	0.50%	0.72%	0.73%
2017-2022 Annual Rate	0.64%	0.86%	0.96%
Daytime Population			
2021 Total Daytime Population	26,873	266,070	645,595
Workers	12,891	134,210	359,435
Residents	13,982	131,860	286,160
Median Age			
2021 Male Population	51.3%	52.1%	50.3%
2021 Female Population	48.7%	47.9%	49.7%
2021 Median Age	32.8	31.9	34.3
Race and Ethnicity			
2021 White Alone	45.0%	46.3%	49.0%
2021 Black Alone	15.3%	16.7%	18.9%
2021 American Indian/Alaska Native Alone	0.9%	1.1%	0.7%
2021 Asian Alone	13.4%	9.6%	11.3%
2021 Two or More Races	5.3%	5.2%	4.4%
2021 Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	57.3%	57.1%	42.8%
Businesses			
Total Businesses	2,017	16,410	35,510
Total Employees	13,733	130,393	343,944
Total Residential Population	25,666	265,607	585,308
Emp/Res Population Ratio (per 100 Residents)	54	49	59
Households			
2021 Total Households	8,888	100,150	231,889
2021 Average Household Size	2.78	2.63	2.51
Median Household Income			
2021 Median Household Income	\$37,135	\$38,933	\$52,607
2026 Median Household Income	\$40,068	\$42,508	\$57,400
2017-2022 Annual Rate	1.53%	1.77%	1.76%
Average Household Income			
2021 Average Household Income	\$53,453	\$62,587	\$95,182
2026 Average Household Income	\$59,374	\$68,626	\$104,140
2017-2022 Annual Rate	2.12%	1.86%	1.82%
Per Capita Income			
2021 Per Capita Income	\$18,488	\$23,554	\$37,755
2026 Per Capita Income	\$20,405	\$25,709	\$41,323
2017-2022 Annual Rate	1.99%	1.77%	1.82%

Households by Income
Current median household income is \$37,135 in the area, compared to \$56,124 for all U.S. households. Median household income is projected to be \$40,068 in five years, compared to \$62,316 for all U.S. households

Current average household income is \$53,453 in this area, compared to \$80,675 for all U.S. households. Average household income is projected to be \$59,374 in five years, compared to \$91,585 for all U.S. households

Current per capita income is \$18,488 in the area, compared to the U.S. per capita income of \$30,820. The per capita income is projected to be \$20,405 in five years, compared to \$34,828 for all U.S. households

Source: Esri, Esri and Infogroup, U.S. Census

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Beginning in late May, many of you received a postcard inviting you to go online to learn more about the proposal to update Sharpstown’s deed restriction and to approve the change for your section. For those who did just that – YOU ROCK!

This process is very important for Sharpstown. The proposed changes began in 2019 with many iterations resulting from residents’ feedback. All the changes now proposed to our 60-70 year old deed restrictions are designed to improve our community and ensure that Sharpstown will thrive and maintain its value in the future. Equally important, the changes will make our deed restrictions enforceable and compliant with current laws.

Adopting mandatory dues and becoming a 209 entity was a tough decision but as we debated the pros and cons, it was clearly the right direction. We have resisted debating these complex issues online or on social media. Those means of communication were not feasible or productive. Sadly, a great deal of false information has been spread in the community. The board does not intend to poo-poo the concerns of our residents, but recognizes that some people may not understand the changes or be fearful of change itself. This won’t help move Sharpstown forward.

Board members of the SCA all own homes here and are your neighbors. We are willing to take this leap and ask you do so too. In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter with more information. It’s really just a review of what we have been saying and have made available on the SCA website. We want to be sure that all residents have the opportunity to learn and decide whether to support with your approval. This will not be a short-term project. We want to approach the matter thoughtfully and with respect for all viewpoints. Those who feel the changes are not in their best interests, do not need to do anything.

The SCA will provide an update on how the approval process is going later this year. In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to go to our website and learn more.

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

Or, scan our QR Code for more information.



Membership Update as of 8.8.22				
Year	\$ Recd	Count	Avg	% of Total
2022	\$326,033	1377	\$237	21%
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%

Membership update.... 21% of you, for the last 3 years have sent in your dues to support our programs. As a board, we take our responsibility of stewardship very seriously.

You 21% are to be thanked for the SEAL patrol, mosquito spraying and deed restriction enforcement that everyone gets to take advantage of in Sharpstown. We could not do it without your support – talk to your neighbors about why you send your \$250 in every year.



SHARPSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2022 Membership Invoice

An Investment in Where You Live

2022 Dues	
Membership	\$80
Safety and Security	\$170
Total	\$250

Dear Neighbor:

Sharpstown is a diverse collection of long-time and brand new residents. Some of us are Houston born and raised, while others came from across the globe to make their home here. What we have in common is the desire for a safe, clean, and well-maintained community in which to live and raise our families. We want to enjoy our surroundings, know our property is safe and trust our neighbors to take care of their homes as we take care of our own. We want to work with and see results from our community resources and those representing us. **Your membership payment and volunteer participation is greatly needed to get this done. Please take the time to send in your 2022 dues of just \$250.**

- Sharpstown Civic Association Board

BENEFITS OF DUES PAYING MEMBERS:

Notary Service	4th Of July Celebration & Other Events	Security Alarm Response by SEAL	Vacation Watch by SEAL	Door Prize Drawing at Meetings
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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!





DEED RESTRICTION UPDATE APPROVAL

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	SECTION

PHONE #	EMAIL	ZIP

By signing below, I approve the deed restriction document for my section and confirm that I am the owner of the property listed above.

DATE

SIGNATURE

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 2022 Crime Totals - 2022 #'s still skewed from cold weather of 2021

Month	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Property	Aggravated Assault	Rape	Murder	2022 Totals	2021 Totals
January	1	4	13	3	0	1	0	22	27
February	0	4	11	5	4	0	0	24	9
March	1	4	15	5	1	3	0	29	15
April	0	3	13	5	1	1	0	23	10
May	1	5	13	5	3	0	0	27	26
June	0	5	10	4	5	0	0	24	27
July	3	4	17	0	3	0	0	27	29
Totals	6	29	92	27	17	5	0	176	143

2022 crime in Sharpstown is really looking very good, especially comparing Jan-May-June-July where we are down over last year. The other months are skewed from the cold weather that kept even the bad guys at home in 2021!



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



HPD BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

HPD annually gives 100's of backpacks to students before school starts. S Gessner held their event recently at the Gulfton storefront.



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.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022
TUESDAY OCT 4 6-9 PM

National Night Out (NNO) is a yearly nationwide initiative promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer. The best way to build safer communities is to get to know your neighbors; police encourage interaction as a crime prevention tool. Neighbors that get to know each other are more likely to watch out for each other and report suspicious activities. NNO is held on the first Tuesday in October from 6pm - 9pm.

Register your gathering with Scott at the SCA office by Sept 8th to get on the HPD visitation list.

GARAGE SALE 101

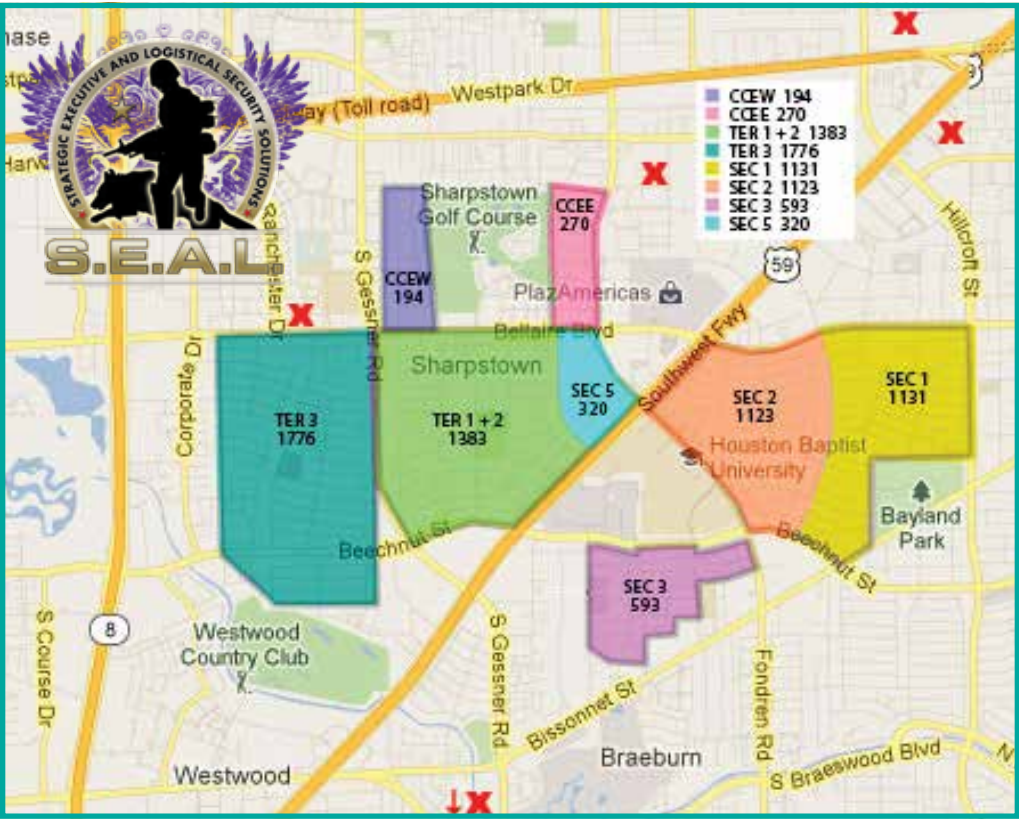
Here is a guide to what is and is not allowed in Sharpstown.

- 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.



**NEXT
SCA
SHRED
DAY**

10/15/22



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
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LOOKING FOR HPD
IN ALL THE RIGHT
PLACES

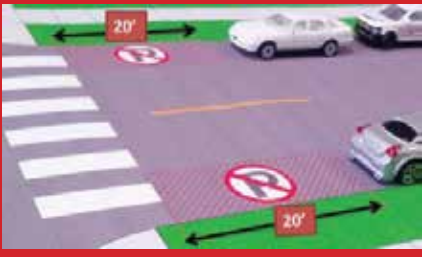
Need a copy of an accident report? Want to talk to an officer about a problem in your area? You see something suspicious and want to let law enforcement know about it? In Sharpstown, you won't have to go very far. Our community is served by two HPD substations, South Gessner and Midwest, and two HPD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

PARKING LAWS

THESE ARE ACTUAL LAWS AND
WILL RESULT IN REAL FINES



PARK AT LEAST
15 FEET
FROM A
FIRE HYDRANT



PARK AT LEAST
20 FEET
FROM AN
INTERSECTION



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

DO NOT
BLOCK THE
SIDEWALK
WHEN
PARKING



DO NOT
BLOCK A
DRIVEWAY
WHEN
PARKING



PARK WITH
THE NATURAL
FLOW
OF TRAFFIC



SCA LEGAL EXPENSE BREAKDOWN FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS:			
Year	Legal Collected from judgments and reimbursed costs	Legal \$\$ Spent	Loss/Gain
2016	\$9,985	\$50,568	(\$40,583)
2017	\$7,790	\$33,588	(\$25,798)
2018	\$10,649	\$49,554	(\$38,905)
2019	\$69,331	\$56,115	\$13,216
2020	\$19,451	\$64,742	(\$45,291)
2021	\$16,840	\$38,520	(\$21,680)
2022	\$13,272	\$39,202	(\$25,930)
Hired (current attorney) Lambright in June 2016			
We are spending more than we take in on enforcing Deed Restrictions - our most important legal duty.			

Deed Restriction enforcement and maintaining Architectural Controls is why the SCA exists legally. If the SCA is not able to get a homeowner to comply then we must engage with our attorney unfortunately. We do this only as a last resort and usually many months or even years will have passed before we resort to this because of the cost. However, the chart above shows what we have spent of our dues on this process and also what we have been able to recoup from legal cases being awarded in the SCA's favor with judgments and reimbursements. Being good stewards of SCA \$ is the board's constant priority.



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

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 #20

DON'T SPEED TO GET TO THE
NEXT STOP SIGN; THE SECONDS
SAVED AREN'T WORTH THE
POSSIBLE DANGER.



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.



DEED RESTRICTIONS

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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Liberty Fest 2022



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Sharpstown and southwest Houston residents celebrated America's birthday with Liberty Fest at PlazAmericas Mall. Hosted by the Southwest Management District and KPRC Channel 2 in conjunction with Sharpstown Civic Association and PlazAmericas Mall, the annual event delighted young and old alike. Throughout the day and into the evening, visitors enjoyed international music and dance performances along with a variety of great foods and beverages. Kids of all ages enjoyed inflatable houses and games of skill. A day of fun in the sun was capped with spectacular fireworks at dark. Huge thanks to all the wonderful sponsors, enthusiastic volunteers and Mother Nature who made the event possible.



LANSDALE PARK ACTIVITIES

- Free After School Program for children 6 to 13 years of age
- Seeking Adult and Teen Volunteers (Build Your Own Hours)

Tiffany Goodlow, Site Manager
Lansdale Community Center
8201 Roos Rd
Office: 713-272-3668

Please visit our website for
program registration:
[http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/
communitycenters/cc-lansdale.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/communitycenters/cc-lansdale.html)



CANDICE ALEXANDER –
LONG TIME SCA MEMBER

Candice Ann Alexander was a caring wife, mom, sister and friend to so many in her personal and professional lives. She was called to Heaven July 15 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Professionally, Candice was Director of two pre-schools and instrumental in building one the most respected Christian educational programs in the Houston area. She volunteered many years on the SCA board and held all officer positions over her tenure. Highly respected by both fellow board members and the community she was elected president several times. Candice also served many years on the City of Houston economic development TIRZ20 board.



A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for 11AM on August, 26, 2022, at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church located at 11612 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, 77024. The service will be streamed for those unable to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to MDPC to support the kids and teachers at the two pre-schools. The family also requests for everyone to wear something purple, her favorite color.

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- Have Leaks?
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- 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



LEWIS GAMMON -
SCA SUPPORTER AND
LONG TIME RESIDENT

August 15, 1922 - April 30, 2022

Lewis E. Gammon completed what he called his “journey down the road of life”. Lewis was an incredible man inspiring us all with his character, lifetime devotion and service to friends, family, faith and country by participating purposefully in these pillars of life.



A Celebration of Life and Memorial was held on August 13, 2022. Lewis passed away on April 30 a few months shy of his birthday and the family decided to keep his centennial birth date weekend special. Internment with military honors was held May 18 at Houston National Cemetery.

Lewis’ full story is available on Legacy.com’s site. In my infancy of civic involvement with the SCA Lewis was one of my greatest joys. Lewis rarely missed an SCA monthly meeting or event. He often would ask a question when we had a speaker and I eagerly awaited his every word. He would stand slowly, and address the speaker as “Mr Speaker” and then ask his question in a very eloquent way. He always had a compliment or was quick to give recognition to anyone. I also have fond memories of Lewis attending the Schiller Institute choir concerts. Often, he was the only face I recognized and his smile made me think he was there supporting just me! In the past few years, he attended our monthly meetings with his daughter Susan by his side. She and her husband have since become involved in Sharpstown’s TNR (Trap Neuter Release) program for cats. Clearly his civic duty has been passed down to his children. I will miss Mr. Gammon...

In lieu of flowers, family would appreciate a memorial donation be made to ReVision Houston. Please note in honor of Lewis Gammon in comments at www.houstonrevision.org/donate

GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #6

BE CAREFUL AND STAY ALERT FOR PEDESTRIANS WHEN DRIVING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

HOW WE BECAME SHARPSTOWN-ANS - CONTINUED...

I grew up in Fort Worth on Foard street, which meant I always had to spell it out for people who asked my address. It was named, like most of the streets in that neighborhood, for a county in northwest Texas, not Henry’s car company. So, since we moved to our house on Galleon Drive, all of a five-block drive, I have had to spell that name for people. I tried saying, “Like a Spanish Galleon”, but after many, “What is that?” questions, I just spell it.

I have wondered, in a couple of Facebook posts, if anyone knows how Sharpstown streets were named, besides the obvious Sharpview and Sharpcrest. Many streets in Bellaire are named for plants or trees, Elm, Pine, Maple, Beech for example, and there is a section off Newcastle with first names of people, Betty, Vivian, Cynthia, Dorothy, but streets in Sharpstown named for things or people seem to be one-off. Galleon is a kind of ship, but there are no other streets named for ships, unless Carvel is a misspelling of caravel, a kind of ship developed by the Portuguese for exploration.

Croton is a flowering plant, but no other plant named streets. Tours is a city in France, but no other French or any other city names. Osage is the name of a Native American tribe of the Great Plains, but no Sioux, Crow, or Comanche streets. Neff Street is named for the 28th governor of Texas, Pat Morris Neff, as is an HISD school.

Several downtown streets are named for governors, Bell, Pease, Runnels, Hamilton and Sul Ross, but no other streets in Sharpstown are named for former Texas governors, unless Mary Bates was a governor that only served for a few hours in 1887. There is a street

called Tarna and another, only one block from Neff called Tarnef, which, I am convinced was somebody’s diabolical idea a joke to confuse mail carriers and pizza delivery persons.

“Hi, this Marvin from Domino’s. I’m having a little trouble finding your house. Is it on Tarna or Neff?” “It’s Tarnef.” “That’s what I’m asking. Tarna or Neff?”

And speaking of confusion, see my first article I wrote for SCAN about our first encounter with Houston streets where we were supposed to meet at an apartment on Mullins with an agent from an apartment finder service only to find that Mullins is actually seven separate pieces of roadway, none of which is connected to the other. Rowan, Roos and Stroud, also in several unconnected segments, look for all the world like streets, but are designated as Lane, Road and Drive, respectively. One expects to be able to travel a long way on a “Drive”, but one could scarcely reach the speed limit on Stroud Drive without running out of roadway, while Beechnut and Bissonnet, which stretch nearly across half of Houston are called “streets.” Bellaire is properly called a boulevard. Mary Bates is also called a boulevard, but clearly isn’t. And, by the way, there are no houses facing Verlie Lane, so it has no addresses.

If you call me and ask how to spell the name of my street, I’ll tell you, “It’s Galleon. Look it up.”

Mike Marshall



YOU CAN MAKE A BETTER WORLD

The busy lifestyles that we live, afforded us by our very fundamental freedoms, often allows us to see civic duty as a burden, something meant only for those who have more time. New citizens, however, learn that we have both rights and responsibilities. Too often, we mention our rights without considering the responsibilities, or duties, that come with this freedom. What are some of these duties? The US Immigration Service lists these:

- Support and defend the Constitution.
- Stay informed of the issues affecting your community.
- Participate in the democratic process.
- Respect and obey federal, state, and local laws.
- Respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others.
- Participate in your local community.
- Pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities.
- Serve on a jury when called upon.
- Defend the country if the need should arise.

On a practical level, let’s agree to do this:

- Be honest and trustworthy
- Follow rules and laws.
- Respect the rights of others.
- Respect the property of others.
- Be informed about the world around you.
- Take responsibility for your own actions
- Volunteer to be active in the community
- Be compassionate.

If each of us will agree to utilize these civic duties, we will all be better for it.

TREES OF SHARPSTOWN

In the last issue, we highlighted the Ornamental Pear. Although mentioned in the article, I was reminded that these trees are considered invasive. However, it is the goal of these articles to help you identify some of the trees in our neighborhood—in fact, the parking lot at Father Pickard/ Lansdale Park, has several Ornamental Pear trees near the entrance.



Speaking of invasive trees, it’s time to mention the Tallow Tree. Brought to the US from Asia, these trees were originally considered ornamental, but they now infest more than 234,000 acres in southeast Texas. They establish easily, grow quickly, and produce large quantities of seeds, many of which are spread by birds, animals, and water throughout the area. These trees cause problems in bayous, irrigation systems, drainage ditches, rights-of-way, vacant lots, and our own lawns. If you remove a Tallow Tree, but leave some of the root, it will grow back. If you have a Tallow Tree in your lawn, you have probably noticed that it produces lots of babies from those roots. Add to that the fact that the branches droop and break easily, and you quickly realize that this tree creates a lot of work.


Because this is a non-native tree, if you’re interested in planting a new tree in your lawn, there are many other trees which should be considered and will do well.

TNR

Kitten birthing season was brutal this year. Many, many feral females had litters that will within 6 months be having their own litters. Please continue to spay/neuter you feral cats. 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!




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GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE #37
NO ONE LIKES LOOSE DOGS, BUT
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THEM
WHEN WALKING OR DRIVING.





TIDBITS OF AN INTERVIEW WITH
LOCAL AUTHOR, CHRIS GARCIA

“Carvel DAZE” is a wonderfully written memoir by Chris Garcia who grew up in Sharpstown. His family of eleven moved here in 1967. His parents bought a 1,500 sq ft 2-story home, the only one on the block, lovingly named by their neighbors as “The Red Barn.”

The eight children ranged in age over a span of fifteen years. Chris and his sister Sharon were 13-months apart and he lovingly refers to them as “twins separated at conception.” He shares they “channel the same wavelength.”

Chris’ first friend (best friend) was Bob Layton and boy did they enjoy a great childhood together! Another friend, Mike Creedon, was part the of the ‘Carvel Gang’ albeit living ‘all the way over on Mobud.’

Those of you who attended Sutton Elementary School may remember these teachers who were favorites of Chris... Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. King, and Mr. Wiltz. Chris was not a fan of school but definitely enjoyed his friends. The last school he attended was the University of Texas where he earned his Marketing Degree in 1986. When he found it difficult to find a job in his field, he applied to Blockbuster Video which happened to be the 20th store opened in the world at that time.

Chris’ parents moved to Sugar Land in their twilight years where their home was “ground zero” for the family. Every Sunday everyone would get together without fail! Chris thoroughly loves his family and all his nieces and nephews. “My job is to be the BEST UNCLE,” Chris shared.

Chris says his time was after the baby boomers and just before the hippies. Growing up in Sharpstown was unique to a specific period of time and a specific generation of kids, almost like a dream or fantasy where you could feel free like Tom & Huck.


His sister Sharon encouraged him to write a book after he wrote an essay for his family. Chris wasn’t really sure if he had enough memories for a book but trudged forward unbeknownst to anyone outside his family. Sharon helped with the production of the book, once again channeling that same wavelength the two of them have.

The “Crazy Eights” as you will get to know them when reading Chris’ book, forever left an impression on Carvel in Section 2.

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by Elizabeth Schooler, Board Treasurer

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- GULFTON STOREFRONT832-394-2660
- HPD NON-EMERGENCY713-884-3131

RECYCLING THE RIGHT WAY

The City of Houston publishes a trash and recycling collection schedule but there are circumstances that often alter this schedule. Leave your container out and the next day is usually catch up day. If in doubt, call 311 or Scott at the SCA office for information. Here’s a quick refresher on what to place in your GREEN curbside recycling bin and what goes in the black curbside trash container. Put these items in your GREEN Bin (make sure you empty and rinse plastic, metal, glass and coated containers).



METAL AND CANS

PLASTICS #1-5 & #7

CARDBOARD & CARTONS

PAPER & NEWSPAPER

METAL and CANS:

Aluminum and Tin Cans (rinsed drained)

PLASTICS:

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

CARDBOARD and CARTONS:

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

PAPER:

Paper, Newspaper, Catalogs, Magazines and Phone Books



GLASS:

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

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

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

WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP

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

HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

MONTH	MON	TUES	COLLECTION
SEP	12	13	TREE WASTE ONLY
OCT	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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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

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DOES YOUR NAME BELONG HERE?

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→ 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

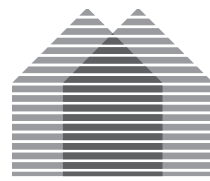
- 65 dB(A) during daytime hours (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)
- 58 dB(A) during nighttime hours (10:01 p.m. – 7:59 a.m.)

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AUGUST 25, 2022

Speaker: Jordan Frazier, Chief of Staff, Office of
Council Member Sallie Alcorn, At-Large 5
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