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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.

During this holiday we traveled through Switzerland, Germany & France on the Rhine River aboard the Tauck’s river boat named the Inspire over 10 days. The photo was taken on Dec. 21 in Lucerne, Switzerland while we visited a Christmas Market. It was cold and rainy that day. Dean and Terry Newton – Thanks for making the rest of us jealous!!!



SCA BOARD COMMITTEES – WHERE CAN YOU HELP?

Do you want to help build up Sharpstown? Do you have special skills that could be put to use in our neighborhood? While not everyone wishes to or can serve on the Board of Directors (limited to 19 members), there are many other opportunities to participate through SCA committees. Different positions have different time commitments to best match your availability and interests. Some of the Committees are:

- Administration/Office Committee
- Architectural Committee
- Bylaws Review Committee
- Communications and Outreach Committee
- Deed Restriction Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Membership Committee
- Safety & Security Committee
- Special Events and Volunteer Committee
- Finance/Budget Committee

If you are interested and want to learn more, call the SCA office at 713-789-2311 for additional information.

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Partners of the SCA
Good relationships with our city partners is everything to getting action in Sharpstown. Edward Pollard’s slogan has been “Together We Will” since he became councilperson for District J, and he means it!

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.”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

1. WHAT YEAR WAS TEXAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION?

- A. 1798
- B. 1845
- C. 1868
- D. 1899

2. WHERE WAS SAM HOUSTON BORN?

- A. Houston, TX
- B. Monroe, LA
- C. Charleston, SC
- D. Rockbridge County, VA

3. TEXAS’ HIGHEST LEGAL ROAD SPEED?

- A. 77
- B. 80
- C. 85
- D. 88

4. WHICH CITY WAS THE FROZEN MARGARITA INVENTED?

- A. Galveston
- B. Austin
- C. Corpus Christi
- D. Dallas

5. FIRST PRESIDENT BORN IN TEXAS?

- A. George H. Bush
- B. Lyndon B. Johnson
- C. Warren G. Harding
- D. Dwight D. Eisenhower

6. STATE TREE?

- A. Palo Verde Tree
- B. Pecan Tree
- C. Persimmon Tree
- D. Poplar Tree

7. STATE DISH?

- A. BBQ
- B. Chuck Roast
- C. Steak
- D. Chili

8. STATE MAMMAL?

- A. Armadillo
- B. American Bison
- C. White Tailed Deer
- D. Texas Longhorn

9. STATE INSTRUMENT?

- A. Tambourine
- B. Acoustic Guitar
- C. Finger Cymbals
- D. Cowbell

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10. WHICH SODA WAS INVENTED IN TEXAS?

- A. Root Beer
- B. Pepsi
- C. Sprite
- D. Dr. Pepper

11. WHAT FAMOUS LOONEY TUNES PHRASE ORIGINATES FROM TEXAS?

- A. Thufferin’ Thuccotash!
- B. You Rackin’ Frackin’ Varmint!
- C. What’s up, Doc?
- D. Sssssshh... Be Vewwy Quiet...

15. HOW MANY DIFFERENT NATIONS HAVE RULED OVER TEXAS?

- A. None
- B. 3
- C. 6
- D. 7

16. STATE BIRD?

- A. Cactus Wren
- B. Northern Mockingbird
- C. Mountain Bluebird
- D. Greater Roadrunner

17. TEXAS IS HOME TO THE LARGEST?

- A. Bat Colony
- B. Termite Mound
- C. Horseshoe Pile
- D. Cockroach Farm

18. STATE CATTLE POPULATION?

- A. 260,000
- B. 729,000
- C. 5.8 Million
- D. 16 Million

19. FIRST RECORDED STATE RODEO?

- a. 1873
- b. 1883
- c. 1893
- d. 1903

20. HIGHEST RECORDED TEMPERATURE?

- A. 120 F
- B. 122 F
- C. 116 F
- D. 114 F

21. STATE INSECT?

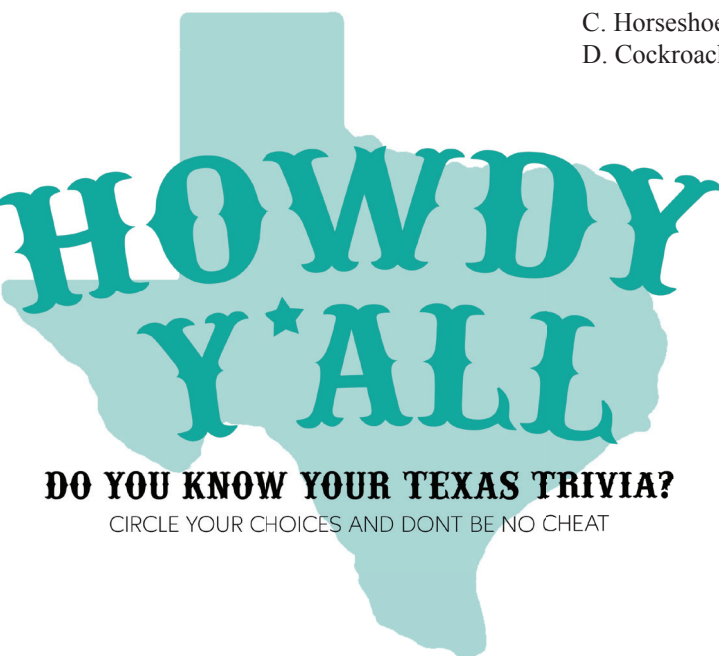
- A. Two-Tailed Swallowtail
- B. Monarch Butterfly
- C. Turantula hawk Wasp
- D. European Honeybee

22. STATE FISH?

- A. Guadeloupe Bass
- B. Cutthroat Trout
- C. Spotted Bass
- D. Red Drum

23. TEXAS IS LARGER THAN WHICH EUROPEAN COUNTRY?

- A. France
- B. Spain
- C. Germany
- D. All of the above



12. WHICH AIRPORT HAS THE LARGEST PARKING LOT IN THE WORLD?

- A. George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)
- B. Dallas/Fort Worth International (DFW)
- C. San Antonio International (SAT)
- D. Killeen-Fort Hood Military Airfield

13. THE WORD TEXAS (TEJAS) COMES FROM THE HASINAI INDIAN WORD MEANING...?

- A. Yee-Haw
- B. Neighbor
- C. Friend
- D. Brother

14. HEISMEN (HEISMEN TROPHY) WAS FROM WHICH TEXAS UNIVERSITY?

- A. University of Houston
- B. Texas A&M
- C. Rice University
- D. Texas State University

----- ANSWERS BOTTOM NEXT PAGE -----

SAVE A LIFE
LOCK UP
YOUR GUNS



ANSWERS: 1B, 2D, 3C, 4D, 5D, 6B, 7D, 8D, 9B, 10D, 11C, 12B, 13C, 14B, 15C, 16B, 17A, 18D, 19B, 20A, 21B, 22A, 23D



2023 Membership Request
Take Action - Support a Proud Sharpstown

2023 Dues	
Membership	\$80
Safety and Security	\$170
Total	\$250

What a whirlwind 2022 was. I had several sanity check moments to see if the work I try to put into the SCA is worth it. The encouragement and support from members and neighbors have fueled my flame for 2023 efforts. This is a plea for you to send in your membership dues if you can. If you are unable to or simply do not see the benefit, then will you contribute in other ways? Paying dues allows you to vote at board elections and on bylaw changes, but there are so many other ways to help our neighborhood be what we want it to be. So I am asking for you to find the way that you can best contribute. We will all benefit and I look forward to working alongside you and hopefully receiving your 2023 dues payment soon.

Charmaine LeBlanc, Member since 2008

I am a newcomer to Sharpstown. Born and raised in Houston (in the age of disco), I moved to Sharpstown in 2010. The location, large lots, and affordability brought me here. And while those reasons are still important, it is the community and diversity that have kept me here for 12 years. There were already so many great people involved in making Sharpstown beautiful and safe. And since I don't like just watching from the bleachers, I got involved with the Civic Association in 2015. And what a great time it has been! I have met so many of you throughout the years at meetings, shred days, movie nights. It takes so many people and resources to make sure we can have these events and that we continue to be safe. But with over 6,800 homes in Sharpstown, we have a great community of people ready to help. Our home is the largest investment we will ever make and I want to keep it moving in the right direction. So please come down from the bleachers and join us in the game! Join the Sharpstown Civic Association with your dues and perhaps even some of your time. It will be well worth it.

Matt Wine, Member since 2010

The SCA provides more than just deed restriction compliance. They assist the city with mosquito spraying, provide fun activities throughout the year in our parks, and much more. I enjoy seeing my neighborhood being spruced up, watching the students at Houston Christian University, Sharpstown High School, and other area schools in the area come together to support our neighbors. Sharpstown continues to be a wonderful place to live. Join me in paying your annual dues!

Elizabeth Schooler, Member since 2015

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



Mosquito Spraying beginning April 1st thru Oct 31st



NEWS



SCAN
(Sharpstown Civic Association News)



Architectural changes enforcement



Safety Initiatives with HPD Precinct 4 SEAL Security Patrol



Community events, Informative Website and Facebook page



Monthly community meetings-Vote at Annual Mtg for Board Members



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.
Mailing address: SCA PO Box 36559 Houston, TX 77236-6559



SHARPSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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PAY ONLINE @
www.SharpstownCivic.org

[MAIL PAYMENTS TO](#)

January 1, 2023

In an effort to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of life, value of our properties and safety of all residents of the 9 sections of Sharpstown, we ask that you send in your **\$250 payment now**. These dues will allow important programs to continue.

2023 SCA MEMBERSHIP DUES \$80.00: Your membership dues provide resources for Office staff, Deed Restriction & Architectural Control Enforcement, Mosquito Spraying, Communication Programs-- including the SCAN Magazine, Esplanade Signs, and General Beautification including limited mowing of common areas.

2023 SHARPSTOWN PATROL PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION \$170.00: A separate fund is used to provide certified, fully-equipped security officers to patrol our neighborhood. Their presence and response give additional security to all Sharpstown Subdivision residents. Services include active patrol, vacation watch, and security alarm response.

All the best from the 2023 SCA Board of Directors			
Charmaine LeBlanc	Matt Wine	Elizabeth Schooler	Casey Cummings
Erica Billings	Matthew Cowan	Jason Davalos	Dale Davidson
Donna Fain	Mark Harrison	Kathy Holston	Annie Love
Carlos Martinez	Pat Menville	Byrom Wehner	Helen Zhou

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 _____

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

One payment of \$250 is requested. Please contact the SCA office if other payment arrangements are needed.

SCA January Comparison - Crime Totals

Month	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Aggravated Assault	Property	Rape	Murder	Jan Totals
January '23	4	3	11	5	8	0	0	31
January '22	1	4	13	0	3	1	0	22
January '21	2	4	17	0	4	0	0	27
January '20	3	1	13	1	3	0	0	21
January '19	1	4	24	6	0	0	0	35
January '18	1	7	23	3	0	0	0	34
January '17	6	12	19	3	0	0	0	40
January '16	7	9	10	2	0	1	0	29
Average	3.1	5.5	16.3	2.5	2.3	0.3	0.0	29.9

I wanted to see how our January crime compared to previous years and how each category compared. Overall January of 2023 is just a tad above the yearly average with the majority of crime concentrated in Property Thefts. Nothing we didn't already know. We still see a marked decrease from the early days of starting our private security patrols.

Your thoughts on this please. Email me cleblanc@libertyoffice.com



DEFINITIONS OF CRIME TYPES

Robbery — the taking of money or goods in the possession of another, from his or her person or immediate presence, by force or intimidation.

Burglary — (breaking and entering) an unlawful entry into a building for the purposes of committing an offence. Usually that offence is theft.

Theft — the act of stealing; the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods or property of another; larceny. Examples include ransacking unlocked cars, taking property out of open garage doors, taking a purse off a front seat of an unlocked car, taking a mower out of the back of a pickup truck.

Aggravated Assault — an attempt to cause serious bodily injury purposely.

Property Crime — destruction, damage, vandalism

Rape — unlawful sexual activity carried out against the will of a male, female, or person under age, or incapable of consent.

VACATION WATCH

Did you know that one important service provided by S.E.A.L. Security is a complimentary vacation watch for your home? Just download and complete the form on our website, then call the dedicated Sharpstown S.E.A.L. hotline at 713-338-2266. An officer will check on your home daily to help make this year's vacation a relaxing getaway.



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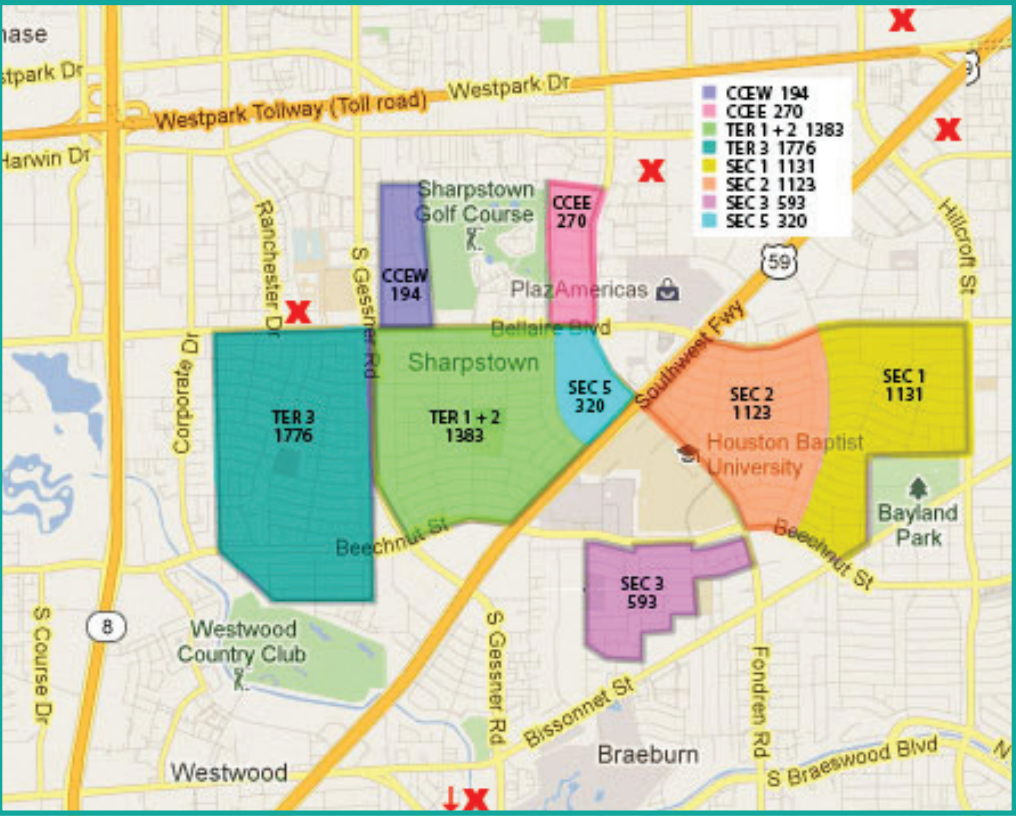
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PLACES

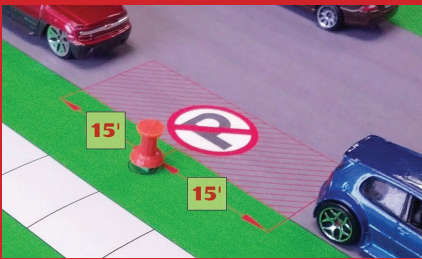
Need a copy of an accident report? Want to talk to an officer about a problem in your area? You see something suspicious and want to let law enforcement know about it? In Sharpstown, you won't have to go very far. Our community is served by two HPD substations, South Gessner and Midwest, and two HPD 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.

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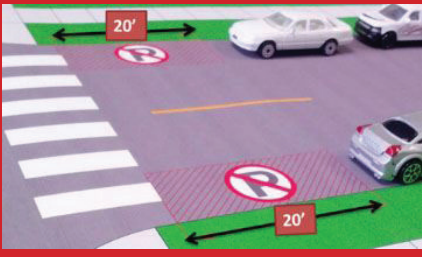
Ranchester Storefront
9160 Bellaire, Ste. F
8-Noon M-W-F
832-394-2780

PARKING LAWS

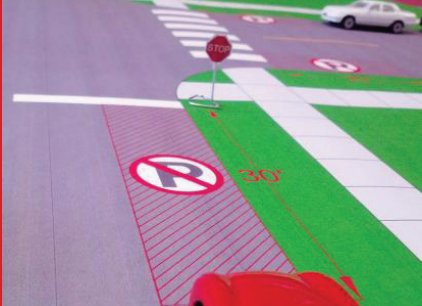
THESE ARE ACTUAL LAWS AND WILL RESULT IN REAL FINES



PARK AT LEAST **15 FEET** FROM A FIRE HYDRANT



PARK AT LEAST **20 FEET** FROM AN INTERSECTION

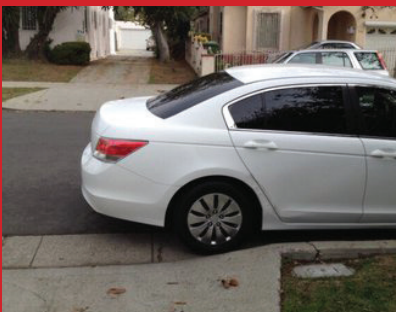


PARK AT LEAST **30 FEET** FROM A STOP SIGN OR TRAFFIC SIGNAL

DO NOT BLOCK THE **SIDEWALK** WHEN PARKING



DO NOT BLOCK A **DRIVEWAY** WHEN PARKING



PARK WITH THE NATURAL **FLOW** OF TRAFFIC



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.



PICK IT UP

Sharpstown folks love their dogs, but your neighbors don't appreciate having to pick up the "business" your pups leave behind on their walks. Please be a good neighbor and take along some "poop bags" when you head out with your canine companion.



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.



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

SHARPSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES			
MODIFIED CASH BASIS			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022			
	12 Months Ended 12/31/22	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$565,082	\$421,300	\$143,782
Expenses	\$553,981	\$421,300	(\$132,681)
		Under Budget	\$11,101
Cash in Bank	\$307,534		

FULL FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE SHARPSTOWNCIVIC.ORG

BOARD MEETINGS MOVED TO BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

The SCA moved its monthly Board of Directors meetings to Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet Street effective February 2023. This new meeting space better accommodates both the larger number of Directors meeting monthly, and visitors attending. Board meetings are typically held on the second Monday of each month (visit Sharpstowncivic.org for latest schedule) and are open to the public.

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



NEXT **SCA SHRED DAY**

5 / 13 / 23

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- Have Leaks?
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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)



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)



PLANT SWAP – SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Sharpstown Plant Swap
will take place on Earth Day, Saturday,
April 22, 2023. Organized by the
Sharpstown Parks Alliance, the swap
will occur in the Lansdale/Pickard
parks at the corner of Roos and Mary
Bates.

Highlights include a special
demonstration by Urban Harvest,
planting information booths, and door
prizes to help you kickstart your garden
as it recovers from the Christmas arctic
blast. Registration will begin in early
April.

See www.SharpstownParksAlliance.org for more details

If you are interested in volunteering or serving on a committee,
please email info@sharpstownparks.org



GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE

CONTROL YOUR PETS. LEASH
DOGS. PICK UP POOP. DON'T LET
FIDO BARK INCESSANTLY. KEEP
KITTY HOME.



Helpful LINKS and PHONE NUMBERS

To report low level neighborhood
related violations:
DistrictJPatrol.com

To report illegal dumping for
the HOT Team, call 311

To report HPD misconduct, visit
**www.houstontx.com/
policetransparency**

District J email is
districtjehoustontx.gov

For employment opportunities, visit
DistrictJJobs.com

District J office phone number is
832-393-3015

DISTRICT J STAFF

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Alex Brizuela (Director of Constituent Services), Francis Ellis (District Coordinator),
Council Member Pollard, Misty Starks (Director of Communications) and Paul Young (Chief of Staff)

PARTNERS OF THE SCA

Last year, I received a copy of the SCAN magazine that had a cover
picture of Romney St. in Sharpstown that had a big rusty looking
metal plate over a huge crumbling pothole with bad asphalt overlay.
It looked horrible. I immediately asked my office staff, “Do you all
know anything about this street” and they began doing some research
into the issue. Anyone who knows me knows I do not like things
being done with poor workmanship and I do not like issues going
unaddressed. As such, I quickly began making that street project a
high priority, because that type of work is not reflective of the our
office and you deserve better for the tax dollars you pay.

My Director of Constituent Services, David Brizuela, ran point on
this project and contacted the SCA and appropriate people within
the Public Works Department. I stressed to Public Works my
dissatisfaction with how poor the work was done to remedy the
issue. Subsequently, we were able to identify funding through the
Public Works Department and get the project on our approved list
for spending during the current fiscal year. I am proud to say that
the project is now complete and Romney Street looks great. We
were able to do a total panel replacement, plus curb and driveway
improvements. The street is smooth and now is a better reflection of
how Sharpstown should look.

To all the residents, please notify my office when you see failed
infrastructure in the neighborhood that needs to be addressed. Please
submit projects you would like us to fund. I cannot guarantee that
we will be able to do every project you submit, but I can guarantee
that if you do not submit it to our office, I won’t be able to consider.
So let’s continue to communicate and work collaboratively to make
Sharpstown the best it can be and a neighborhood we can all be
proud of.

Together we will,
CM Edward Pollard
District J

LIVING IN SHARPSTOWN

Our charming SCA president and I live on the same street, so I pass
her house every time I drive toward mine. In the second week of
February, I went by her house after dark and saw in the window what
to my wondering eyes should appear, but two Christmas trees, not
only up, BUT LIT UP, like, well, Christmas trees. I sent her a friendly
text wondering why they were still there so long after Christmas,
to which she replied that they are Mardi Gras trees, and that there
were actually not two, but three of them. Of course, I thought she
was joking and if I had to come up with some reason, no matter how
cockeyed it was, why I hadn’t taken down my Christmas tree, or
at least unplugged it, by mid February, it is, after all, Mardi Gras
season, so why not leave it up and call it a Mardi Gras tree? Or even
wait a little longer and call it a Halloween tree.

As it turns out, she wasn’t just making up an excuse. A little internet
research shows Mardi Gras trees are a tradition in Louisiana and
along the Mississippi and Alabama Gulf Coasts.

I’m not sure if there are Mardi Gras tree lots in New Orleans,
Lafayette or Mobile. More than likely, the Christmas tree just doesn’t
come down, and after the Christmas ornaments are removed, or
maybe moved to the back side of the tree, the beads and masks and
fleur-de-lis ornaments go on. I found an online article in Southern
Home and Hospitality magazine written by a lady who apparently
stumbled on the idea when she pulled the Mardi Gras decorations
out of a drawer to spread them on a table and noticed an undecorated
Christmas tree in the next room. Hey, she thought, I’ll put them on
the tree and call it a Mardi Gras tree. And lights! Leave the lights on
after dark. That way inquisitive drivers-by can be educated when they

assume you just haven’t
got around to taking
down your Christmas
tree(s) a month and a half
after Christmas when
everybody else’s has
already been hauled off
and converted to mulch.

Charmaine also pointed
out that they also help
light up a dark area of the
house, and much more
cheerfully than a 60-watt
light bulb, I’m sure.

So, let’s join Charmaine
and all of Sharpstown
participate! Let’s spread
the Mardi Gras tree tradition westward from New Orleans and Mobile
and display Mardi Gras trees in as many houses as possible. I’m
sure you have noticed that there are still a number of Christmas trees
by the curbs of several houses in Sharpstown that have not yet been
picked up by the City of Houston Solid Waste Department Heavy
Trash crews. (That may be the subject of a future SCAN article.)
Yes, they are not as green as they were on the lot at Houston Garden
Center in November, but enough Mardi Gras beads and ornaments
will hide what is left of the brown needles. Thank you, Charmaine for
the inspiration.

by Michael Marshall



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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

SHARPSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

TO THE MOON AND BEYOND

SCA Director and long-time NASA employee Jason Davalos organized an amazing behind-the-scenes NASA tour for a group of Sharpstown neighbors and their families.

Participants were greeted by managers of several key NASA departments who provided a detailed look into various phases of manned space flight operations. We began the day viewing a detailed and accurate recreation of the Apollo 13 Mission Control Center, exactly as it looked during the now-historic moon landing. Then we viewed the current Mission Control Center as they worked with the International Space Station.



The group moved on to large area where detailed mock-ups of various space flight components are created and prepared for use in training simulations. These exact-size components allow flight crew members to train realistically for their future missions.

Following lunch break in the employee cafeteria, we saw the communication core which is tasked with managing real-time communications for all components of the manned space flight program, ground crews and astronauts alike, including international participants.

Finally, we saw the area where both ground and flight crew members undergo intensive high-fidelity simulator training. Teams of skilled instructors create hours-long scenarios to help prepare personnel for possible future challenges.

Everyone came away with a profound sense of admiration for the men and women who work selflessly at NASA to advance the cause of space exploration.



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TNR – TRAP NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM

Right here in our neighborhood, over 400 cats have been spayed or neutered 2022-2023. Using the chart above this equates to 6,000 kittens that will not be born in Sharpstown in 2023 if half of the 400 were female. Can you see how this effort positively affects our neighborhood?

This is a 100% volunteer effort by your SCA neighbors...hours and hours of their time. Kitten birthing season is right around the corner. Many, many feral females had litters that will within 6 months be having their own litters. Please continue to spay/neuter your feral cats. It is not kind and the cats suffer from this kind of overpopulation. Please contact the SCA office if you need help with this issue in your neighborhood.

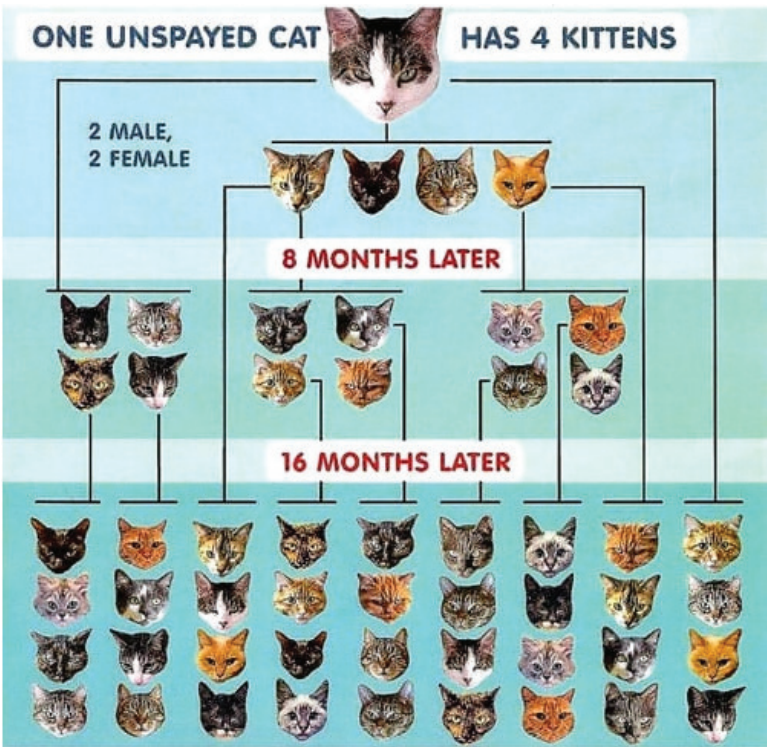


Last week I got a call from my neighbor John about a young, scared cat that was hiding in the sewer near our houses. He took food and was able to coax her out of her hiding place but she remained there for days, not seeming to have a home. She was in good condition and very social – not our typical feral neighborhood cat – was she dumped? I was able to easily trap her.

A wonderful Houston organization called Houston Pets Alive was able to take her into their adoption program. That means they fostered, spayed, vaccinated and will find her a forever home. How cool is that? This little girl will have a safe life thanks to the caring efforts of kind Sharpstown neighbors. Good job John!

GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE

KEEP YOUR PORCH LIGHTS ON. IT MAKES FOR A MUCH SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD AND DOESN'T COST THAT MUCH.



JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SCA held its monthly General Membership Meeting at Bayland Community Center on January 26. After reciting the U.S. and Texas Pledges of Allegiance, visitors received reports on the SCA budget, status of the 2023 Membership Campaign, and year-over-year comparative crime reports. Also, District J Councilmember Edward Pollard spoke on the various programs and resources available for Sharpstown residents.

Jim Shanahan provided a program on the Sharpstown Parks Alliance, outlining their mission and programs. He encouraged residents to visit the Alliance's website and attend their monthly meetings.

Stephen Polnaszek spoke for the Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest program. He outlined their community role and highlighted their many accomplishments across Southwest Houston.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety on Facebook and YouTube.



Matt Wine, SCA VP, Conducts Feb SCA Meeting



Dr. Juan Marciano, MH Heart and Vascular, was our amazing guest speaker in Feb

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PREPARING FOR SPRING

You may be busy enjoying activities in the great outdoors this winter, but let’s not forget about yards and gardens. Help your property survive until spring with this useful checklist.

WINTER YARD MAINTENANCE FOR Milder CLIMATES

Our climate in Sharpstown is a more temperate climate where snow is rare to non-existent. Following this checklist will help maintain the beauty and usefulness of your property and prepare for the coming spring:

- Take down your outdoor holiday lights once the season is over.
- Mow and edge the lawn once a month or as needed if the grass continues to grow during the winter where you live.
- Overseed warm-season grass once overnight temperatures consistently drop below 65 degrees F (18 degrees C).
- Remove debris and blowing leaves once a month or as needed.
- Install or refresh the mulch in your flower beds and refresh the borders. In warm climates, this reduces evaporation, insulates the roots, suppresses weed growth, and limits erosion.
- Remove and replace dead, diseased, or damaged plants to improve the health and overall look of your winter garden.
- Prune trees and shrubs during the dormant season.
- Apply winter weed control. Your options include pre-herbicides for stopping weeds before they sprout, and post-herbicides to tackle weeds that have started to grow.
- Apply horticultural oil. This product suffocates overwintering pests, including scale, aphids, and certain mites. It’s more environmentally friendly than traditional insecticide and has little effect on beneficial insects and wildlife.
- Cut back rose bushes, shrubs, and other perennials to a few inches above the soil.
- Remove dead blossoms from annual flowers, a process known as deadheading.



- Fertilize your lawn and perennials once this season.
- Inspect or upgrade the irrigation system for maximum effectiveness based on your yard’s watering needs.

Spring will be here soon so don’t wait till it’s too late, start planning ahead. If you’re not up for maintaining your yard this winter, or you want help jumpstarting it ahead of the growing season, schedule spring clean-up services with any of our local contractors and businesses, many of whom are advertisers in this SCAN.

Goodbye / Winter



SYGA ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The Sharpstown Young Gardeners Alliance (SYGA) will have their 5th annual tomato plant sale in early March. Held each year at the member schools, students plant the seeds, transplant the seedlings, and sell the plants at their school. Proceeds are used to purchase T-shirts for the students and seeds and plants for their gardens. Participating schools include Ed White Elementary, Pat Neff Elementary, William Sutton Elementary, Sugar Grove Academy, and Sharpstown High School. Sale dates for each school will be sent later via NextDoor and the Sharpstown Facebook pages. We’re grateful to the community for their support in past years and look forward to continuing the tradition.



SHARPSTOWN APOLLOS

Sharpstown High School Class of 1980
43 Year High School Reunion
April 22, 2023

Location: Toddy Oaks Venue
20120 Franz Rd., Katy, TX 77449

Starts at: 6:00
Dinner: 7:00
Fun: For as long as we want

Cost: \$50/pp
Cash Bar
Go online to Eventbrite at
tinyurl.com/SSHS1980Reunion43

Any questions, you can ask on our Facebook page, Sharpstown Senior High School Class of 1980, or Sharpstownhigh1980@gmail.com

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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
MAR	13	14	TREE WASTE ONLY
APR	10	11	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
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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?

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 -
Harris County Precinct 4

Greg Degeyter -
Prenatal Disability Help

Sharpstown Parks Alliance

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?

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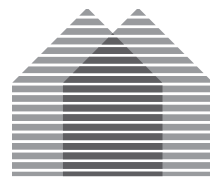
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- 58 dB(A) during nighttime hours (10:01 p.m. – 7:59 a.m.)

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