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**MEETING THE NEWLY ELECTED
SCA BOARD MEMBERS**



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FEBRUARY

**DR. JUAN MARCANO
CARDIO-THORACIC
SURGEON**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS PROVIDE
COMMUNITY WITH FELLOWSHIP
AND VALUABLE INFORMATION**



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SCA BOARD COMMITTEES – WHERE CAN YOU HELP?

Do you want to help improve 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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ON THE COVER

SCA General Membership Meetings

Sharpstown Civic Association continues its tradition of blending neighborhood fellowship with informative speakers at monthly General Meetings. February's meeting highlighted Heart Health Month with a program by a leading cardio-thoracic surgeon at Memorial Hermann Southwest. The March Meeting featured incoming Precinct 4 Commission Lesley Briones talking about programs and future plans for the Precinct. In April, our featured speaker will be Bob Patterson, owner and general manager of Southwest Fertilizer, a wonderful resource for

area homeowners. All meetings are open to the public with light refreshments and door prizes as well. Come out to meet your neighbors and learn about your community. 4th Thursday at Bayland Community Center at 6:30pm.

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



Hi mates! So many thoughts...and after babysitting my granddaughter the voices in my head all talk in an Australian accent from watching "Bluey" on Disney Channel...some of you will get it!

Spring is finally here and the flowers and bees and lizards are back...are you working on getting your yards back in shape like me? So much to do!

We had a board meeting last night and discussed lots of upcoming events and

projects – hope you can participate in them and invite your neighbors. Plant Swap, Keep Sharpstown Beautiful Day, Shred Day.... And more are all mentioned in this SCAN issue.

On a business topic...I received a call from one of my long-time neighbors recently. We had a new family move close to us and he had concerns and seemed to expect me to fix it...right away!! This is an issue lots of Sharpstown is experiencing but the first time for this neighbor. Our new neighbors have at least 8-10 cars that park in their driveway and in front of their house and in front of our houses daily. He was questioning whether they should be allowed to all be there – isn't there a limit to how many people can live in a house and how many cars can be parked there?

Answer: Since I live by and see this situation every day, I answered him truthfully and with what the SCA could legally do. NOTHINGGGGGG!!!!

- No parking laws are being broken – there is not a limit to how many cars can be parked at a house as long as they are legally parked, and not blocking the sidewalk and moving at least every 24 hours.
- Single Family Dwelling – that is what the legal description of our houses are but that pertains to USE of the building vs what the FAMILY inside is made up of. The SCA has been round and round trying to use this as a limiting tool to no avail. If they are not renting out rooms then we cannot control who LIVES in the house. In this case, a couple with children, and their siblings, wives and children....who are all working adults that have vehicles that go and come from work and school each day are not a violation of any kind.

I understand my neighbor's frustration but have come to accept this as a fact of current Sharpstown life. I have also had the pleasure to get to know these neighbors who are so happy to be in their first actual home with a backyard for the children and dog to play in. I hope to help them be good neighbors as well as find ways that I can also be a good neighbor to them. Their English is surely better than my Spanish but we manage to communicate anyway.

Change is not always easy, is it? Things change. Stuff Happens. Life goes on. G'day Sharpstown!!

TNR – TRAP NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM

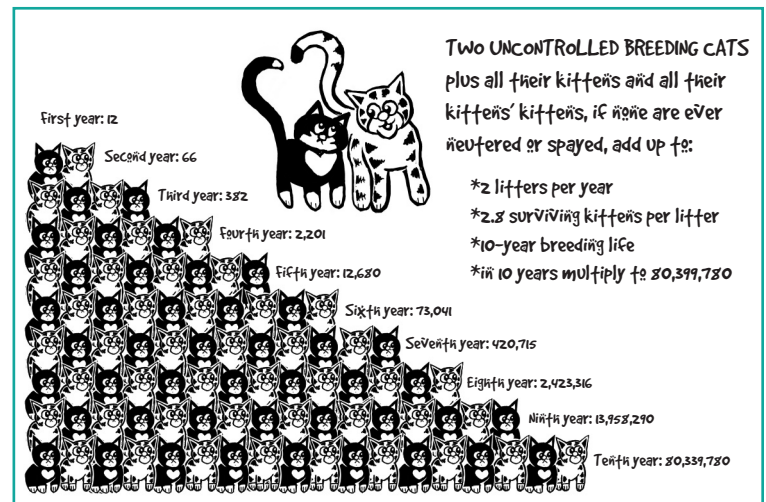
TNR activity is going strong in Sharpstown and the kitten birthing season is in full swing. However, there are some that have been prevented due to efforts by amazing volunteers. Every season TNR will help these babies from being born into a cruel life. Keep it up!



Recently a neighbor reported that her orange tabby cat had been snatched up and neutered without her approval. She missed him one day and a day later he showed up with a clipped ear and smelling of urine. She was very upset that he had been mistreated in the process. She tried to find out who had done this to her intact male outdoor cat but was unsuccessful.

I want to assure everyone that the SCA supported TNR efforts are not done in this manner. We do not drive around in the dark and snatch up cats. All of the TNR cats we have done have been at the request of residents with the exception of the ones that we do in the shopping centers in Chinatown or if the feral colony is living at an abandoned property. We are cat lovers and assure you that while the cats are in our care, they are being treated and fed very, very well until they are healthy enough to be released back where they were trapped. I am sorry for her situation but on the other hand someone saved her money getting her male cat neutered AND he will not be a bully to

the other cats in his neighborhood AND MOSTLY he will not be fathering any more kittens. Very happy ending for orange tabby.



Email sent to SCA website:

We received your note (SCAN) today. We just wanted to let you know that the strays that hang out in our yard have already been TNR'd. They all have their ears clipped to make sure they don't get grabbed up again.

They have also been vaxed a couple of times in the 6 years they have lived in and around our yard.

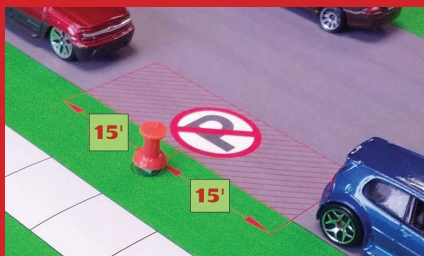
Good luck in this project. We appreciate your hard work.

Homeowner (name left off)

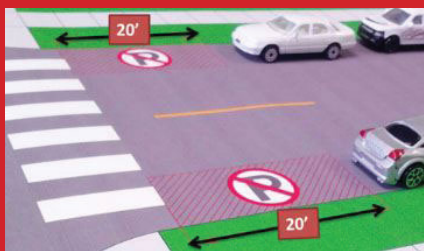
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PARKING LAWS

THESE ARE ACTUAL LAWS AND
WILL RESULT IN REAL FINES



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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



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.





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
(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 _____

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 2023 Crime Totals - 32% Down over 2022

	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Agg Assault	Property	Rape	Murder	2023 Totals	2022 Totals	2021 Totals
January	4	3	11	5	8	0	0	31	22	27
February	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	24	9
March	0	1	8	3	2	0	0	14	29	15
April									23	10
May									27	26
June									24	27
July									27	29
August									30	20
September									25	34
October									22	23
November									24	22
December									29	25
Totals 2023	4	5	23	9	10	0	0	51		
									306	267

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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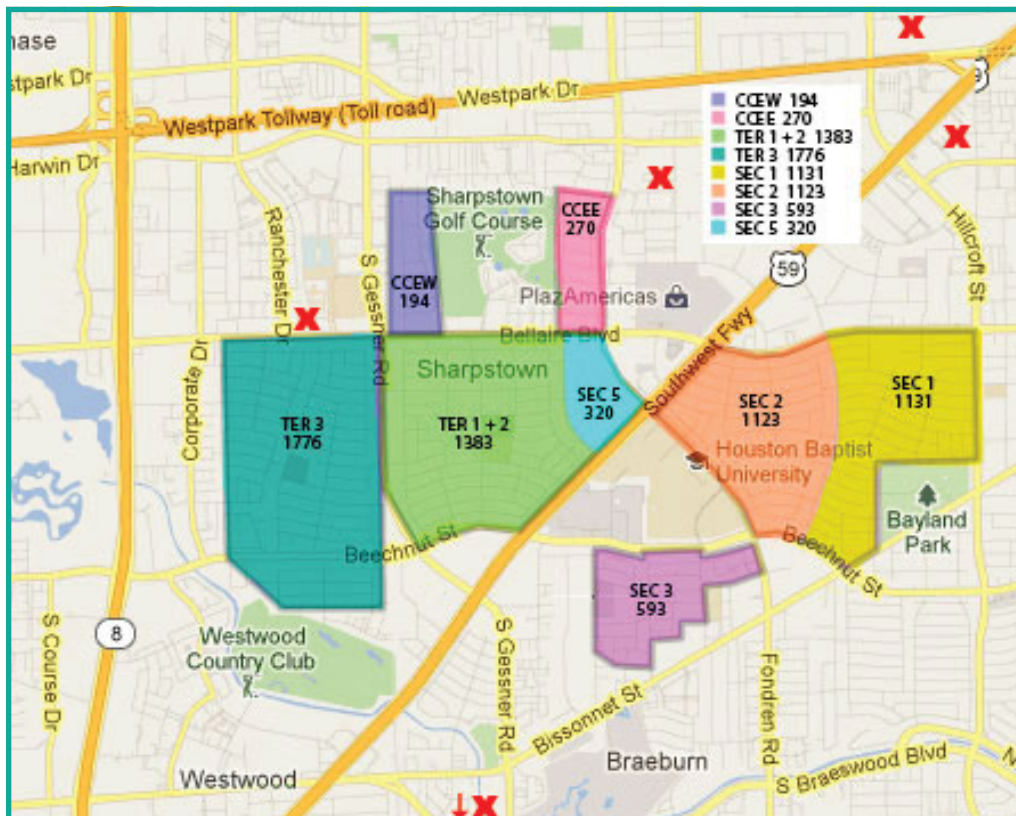
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**LOOKING FOR HPD
IN ALL THE RIGHT
PLACES**

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

South Gessner Substation
8605 Westplace Dr.
24 hours daily
832-394-4700

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

Gulfton Storefront
6227 Southwest Fwy.

Ranchester Storefront
9160 Bellaire, Ste. F

8-4 Mon-Fri
832-394-2660

8-Noon M-W-F
832-394-2780

DEED RESTRICTIONS

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

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

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.

Helpful LINKS and PHONE NUMBERS

To report low level neighborhood related violations:
DistrictJPatrol.com

To report illegal dumping for the HOT Team, call 311

For employment opportunities, visit
DistrictJJobs.com

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

District J email is
districtj@houstontx.gov

District J office phone number is
832-393-3015



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).

GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE

MOWING THE LAWN IS MORE UNIVERSALLY UNDERSTOOD BUT NOT SO MUCH EDGING THE LAWN! PLEASE EDGE YOUR GRASS ALONG THE SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND DRIVEWAYS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE PROPER TOOLS PERHAPS ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR TO BORROW THEIRS OR HIRE A LAWN SERVICE. IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE DONE AS OFTEN AS MOWING BUT SURE MAKES THE LAWN LOOK NEAT AND MANICURED!.



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<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



PLANT SWAP – SAVE THE DATE!

The Sharpstown Parks Alliance (SPA) is pleased to announce our partnering with Urban Harvest to hold an Earth Day Plant Swap on Saturday, April 22 from 9 to 11 am. It will take place in the NW corner of Monsignor Pickard/Lansdale Park (Roos and Mary Bates). Check-in begins at 8:30 am, and the event is rain or shine.

Highlights of the swap include presentations by Urban Harvest's Carol Burton (permaculture) and Kim Perry (herb garden in a tote bag). As before, we will have door prizes and giveaways.

We thank our sponsors

- Sharpstown Civic Association, Precinct 4 Commissioner Briones, District J Councilmember Pollard and State Representative Wu. We also thank our volunteers
- Sharpstown High School Agriculture students.

For information about registering, please refer to the advert or go to www.sharpstownparks.org.

We look forward to seeing you on April 22!



SHARPSTOWN PARKS ALLIANCE & URBAN HARVEST
HOST

EARTH DAY
Plant Swap

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

9:00AM – 11:00AM
SIGN IN STARTS AT 8:30AM

MONSIGNOR BILL PICKARD PARK
8201 Roos Rd. (at Mary Bates)

RAIN OR SHINE



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

BONHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT



The Sharpstown Parks Alliance is excited to announce that they have received a grant to rebuild the garden at Bonham Elementary School. The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant is awarded by Kids Gardening and sponsored by the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation. The initiative aims to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens and greenspaces to 10 million children by the end of 2023. The Bonham garden was destroyed when the City of Houston had to repair a sewer issue and has been idle ever since. Principal Magdalena Villa is excited to bring the garden back to life and has plans to make the greenspace at Bonham Elementary better than ever by building additional beds and creating an outdoor learning environment for the school. Stay tuned for an update later this year!



WAITING TO BE REBUILT



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MONSIGNOR PICKARD/LANSDALE PARK TREE IDENTIFICATION KIOSK

If you've been to Monsignor Pickard/Lansdale Park in the last few months, you may have noticed an empty kiosk in the park. The kiosk was built as an Eagle Scout project by Vishal Kote, a scout with Troop 441. The Sharpstown Parks Alliance wanted a way for park visitors to identify the trees, and Vishal built the kiosk. Now, with the help of Laura Medick, Precinct 4 Arborist, and Bobby Martin, Precinct 4 Superintendent for Projects/Trails, a map with the trees has been installed in the kiosk. The map itself has pictures and information for 11 of the most common trees in the park. Additionally, there is a QR code which will take you to a website called TreePlotter. This website shows you the location of each tree there. What a wonderful way to educate yourself and your family as you visit Monsignor Pickard Park!!



HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4
**COMMISSIONER
LESLEY BRIONES**



Trees at Monsignor Bill Pickard Park



American Sycamore
Platanus occidentalis

American sycamore is a large, deciduous tree that may grow to between 75 and 100 ft. tall, is equally as wide, and has a trunk diameter of 10 ft. or more. It is one of the largest hardwood trees, by diameter, in North America. The bark of the tree has a mottled look created by the darker outer layers peeling to expose the lighter inner layers. American sycamore is monoecious, having both male and female flowers on the same tree. The tree produces a round fruit ball borne on a 3- to 6-inch stalk. The interior of the fruit ball is fibrous and has many tiny, winged seeds, or "achenes".



Bur Oak
Quercus macrocarpa

Bur oak is a large, drought resistant, long-lived, and reasonably fast growing oak. Its acorns have a bur – or mossy appearance, hence the common name. It is native to the central plains and the great lakes regions of North America. The tree has strong branches, drought tolerance, winter hardiness, and is free from serious insects or diseases. It is best used as a shade tree in a large yard, in parks, libraries, or other open areas where it has room to grow.



Common Crape Myrtle
Lagerstroemia indica

The crape myrtle is a favorite of many southern gardeners in the U. S. It is a favorite because it blooms from July to September during a time when most trees are not blooming. It will be covered with blooms that will last for months during the hottest part of the summer. It is an erect, wide-spreading, multi-stemmed, medium sized, deciduous, flowering shrub. It typically grows 6 to 30 ft. tall, and equally as wide. The crape myrtle has exfoliating bark, a long blooming period of showy flowers during the summer, and beautiful foliage.



Coastal Live Oak
Quercus virginiana

Coastal live oak is a dramatic and beautiful tree with a wide and graceful head. Its large limbs tend to dip and sweep to the ground. On some of the most beautiful live oaks in the state, the limbs actually rest on the ground. It is an arboricultural crime to prune away these wonderful limbs. Rust colored male flowers hang from the terminal growth in the early spring along with female flowers that bloom singly or in clusters. Acorns are produced once a year in the fall.



Green Ash
Fraxinus pennsylvanica

Green ash is a native, medium-sized, broadleaf deciduous tree that may grow 50 to 70 ft. tall and 35 to 50 ft. wide with a trunk 2 to 3.5 ft. across. The leaves are opposite and pinnately compound with seven to nine leaflets. Small, light green to purple pedicels mature in loose panicles in early spring. The female tree produces a single-winged, dry, flattened samara with a slender, thin seed cavity that matures in the fall. These can be numerous and can make a mess when they fall to the ground, but the seeds provide food for many kinds of wildlife.



Loblolly Pine
Pinus taeda

Loblolly pine is an evergreen tree that may grow as tall as 80 to 90 ft. The straight trunk can grow 2 to 3 ft. thick. The tree has 5- to 8-inch slender needles often paired with cones that are 6 to 10 in. long. As the tree ages, the bark thickens, forming irregular, flaky plates that reveal a dark chocolate color when removed. In spring, red to yellow male flowers and yellow to purple female flowers mature in clusters. The loblolly pine performs best in climates with hot and humid summers and mild winters. It has the most rapid growth rate of all pines.



Nuttall Oak
Quercus texana

Nuttall oak is a deciduous tree in the Fagaceae (oak) family. It is native to wet, heavy, bottomland soils in floodplain forests along the gulf coasts and up the Mississippi river basin. Nuttall oak is a beautiful, large, shade tree and provides rich, red-orange fall color. It grows up to 80 feet tall with a 50-60' spread forming a large, slightly tree with a narrow, rather open, rounded canopy that is somewhat reminiscent of Red Oak.



Shumard Oak
Quercus shumardii

Shumard Oak is a native large deciduous tree in the red oak group in the beech family. It is an attractive tree with a pyramidal shape when young and a more open rounded crown at maturity. The trees can reach 70 feet in height and 40 feet wide. It is tolerant of urban conditions like drought, dry soil, and air pollution. It is a relatively fast-growing, adaptable and drought tolerant but also tolerates short-term flooding and wind. The lobed leaves often have nice red fall color.



Southern Red Oak
Quercus falcata

Southern Red Oak is a native deciduous tree and it may grow 60 to 100 feet tall and spread 50-60 feet with a broad open rounded form. It is naturally found on poor upland mesic soils in much of eastern and central USA but also occasionally found along streams. It should be grown in full sun to part shade on well-drained, acidic, sandy loam, gravelly or clay loam soils. It is drought tolerant but will tolerate occasional flooding. Acorns need 2 years to mature as is the norm for red oaks.



Southern Magnolia
Magnolia grandiflora

Southern magnolia is a large, broadleaf evergreen tree that is noted for its attractive glossy dark green leaves and its large, extremely fragrant flowers. It is native to the bottomlands and moist wooded areas in the central and southeastern coastal plains from North Carolina to Florida and Texas. It can grow up to 60 to 80 feet tall with a pyramidal to rounded crown, a spread of 20 to 40 feet wide, and a trunk diameter of 3 feet.



Water Oak
Quercus nigra

Water Oak is a Northern American native and is considered both a shade tree and an ornamental tree. The water oak grows to a height of 50-80' (24' per year) and a spread of 50-80' at maturity. The leaves are a dull bluish-green to lustrous dark green color in the summer and a showy shade of yellow in the fall. Yields an abundance of acorns that are approximately 1/2" in length with alternating shaded bands of brown and black. Water oak acorns are at the top of the food preference list for white-tailed deer, squirrels, raccoons, pigs, wild turkeys, mallards, wood ducks and quail.

SCAN ME



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This QR code will take you to a website called Tree Plotter and will help you identify trees in this park.

No app needed, just scan the code and get started!

All photos provided by Texas A&M Forest Service

SHARPSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL'S THEATRE STUDENTS EARN TEXAS THEATRE SCHOLARS AWARD

Students from Sharpstown High School have earned the Texas Theatre Scholars Award. This program recognizes and honors high school theatre students who demonstrate achievement in theatrical performance, exhibit high academic success, and outstanding citizenship.

To qualify for the Texas Theatre Scholars Award, students provided information about academic performance, citizenship, and their involvement in their campus theatre department. Each student earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its local equivalent for all academic coursework. Distinctions include Student Scholar, Vice President's List Scholar, and President's List Scholar.

Jadyn Blacklock- Student Scholar

Mariah Brown- Vice President's List Scholar

Wilbur Corona- Vice President's List Scholar

Cindy Martinez- President's List Scholars

Andrew Mendoza- Student Scholar

Perla Paredes- President's List Scholars

Juan Sanville- Vice President's List Scholar

Perla Tzoy- Student Scholar

Research on theatre education continues to demonstrate numerous educational benefits across student populations, student age levels, and learning environments. Theatre education provides several social benefits including teamwork skills, how to give and receive constructive criticism, problem-solving, trust, cooperation, and collaboration. Additionally, theatre education helps students develop a strong sense of self, build empathy and understanding amongst peers, and helps broaden their knowledge of the world around them while preparing them for future careers.



ABOUT TEXAS THESPIANS

Texas Thespians, an affiliate chapter of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA), is the largest chapter in the nation. The Texas Thespians chapter provides local, state, and regional support for adult members, Thespians, and Junior Thespians. With over 600 troupes, Texas Thespians represent over 16,000 middle school and high school students. Texas Thespians, named an EdTA Gold Honor Chapter, offers educational festivals, workshops, and competitions for students, as well as conferences and professional development for teachers and administrators. As an affiliate of the International Thespian Society, Texas Thespians follows the national model for promoting excellence in theatre education and student achievement. For more information about Texas Thespians, please visit www.texasthespians.org.

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<h2 style="margin: 0; color: #008000;">SHARPSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL HEAD THEATRE DIRECTOR</h2>	
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SAVE THE DATE

Keep Houston Beautiful Day is being recognized in Sharpstown on Saturday, April 29th from 8:30 am until Noon. Projects around Sharpstown include beautification at two school gardens, litter clean up on the CenterPoint Trail, Bayland Park projects and more. Get your gloves and sunscreen and come join the fun along with the Athletic Department students of HCU and Keep Sharpstown Beautiful!!

See SharpstownCivic.org for details on locations to meet.



SCA AND HCU - KEEP SHARPSTOWN BEAUTIFUL

Volunteers needed - you choose the one you'd like to help on Saturday, April 29th 8:30am - Noon

Projects include:

Neff Early Learning and Sharpstown High School Garden prep
Centerpoint Easement - Future Sharpstown Trail - litter clean up
Neighbor garage and shed clean out project

Bayland Park beautification with Precinct 4 Parks Department

Contact Scott at the SCA office to sign up: 713-789-2311 or scott@sharpstowncivic.org

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

After March 15th, price will be \$60/pp



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Liberty Fest

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HPD S GESSNER SUBSTATION	832-394-4700
GULFTON STOREFRONT	832-394-2660
HPD NON-EMERGENCY	713-884-3131

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

METAL and CANS:

Aluminum and Tin Cans (rinsed drained)



PLASTICS #1-5
& #7

PLASTICS:

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



CARDBOARD &
CARTONS

CARDBOARD and CARTONS:

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

PAPER:

Paper. Newspaper, Catalogs, Magazines and Phone Books



PAPER &
NEWSPAPER



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	8	9	TREE WASTE ONLY
JUNE	12	13	JUNK WASTE ONLY

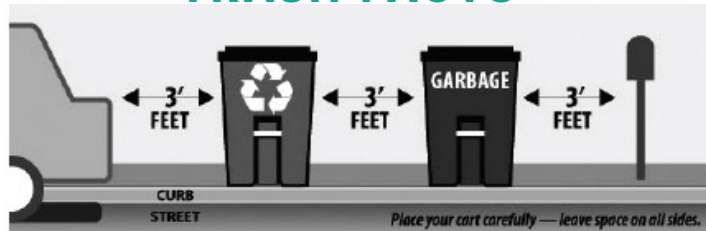
Section 1 & 2 - Heavy Trash on Tuesday
(second Tuesday of every month)

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.

TRASH FACTS



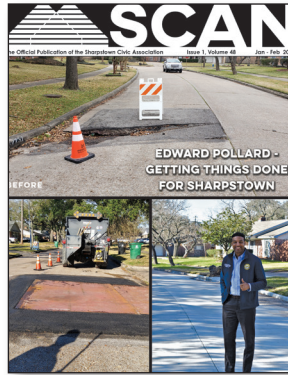
How to set out your garbage and recycling:

- City-provided containers must be placed at the curb between 6 p.m. the day before and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.
- Container must face the street with handle facing house.
- Containers must be accessible and not blocked by obstacles, including parked cars, trees, mailboxes, fencing etc. Blocked containers will not be emptied.
- Leave at least a 3ft space between garbage and recycling container. This allows the truck to operate safely.
- Containers must be removed from the curb line and/or public view by 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection and stored in a secure location.

HOW TO ADVERTISE IN THE SCAN

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

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DOES YOUR NAME BELONG HERE?

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

Thank you Associate Members for your support!

*Alice Lee -
Harris County Precinct 4
Greg Degeyter -
Prenatal Disability Help
Sharpstown Parks Alliance*

**YOUR NAME
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Editor.....Charmaine LeBlanc & Pat Menville



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 office.

District J— Edward Pollard 832-393-3369 DistrictJ@houston.tx.gov
At-Large 1— Mike Knox 832-393-3014 atlarge1@houston.tx.gov
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At-Large 3— Michael Kubosh 832-393-3005 atlarge3@houston.tx.gov
At-Large 4— Letitia Plummer 832-393-3012 atlarge4@houston.tx.gov
At-Large 5— Sallie Alcorn 832-393-3017 atlarge5@houston.tx.gov

NOISY NEIGHBORS?

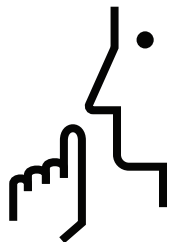
Chapter 30 of the Municipal Code governs Noise and Sound Regulation in the City of Houston.

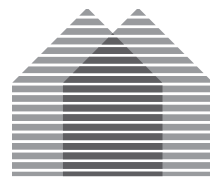
Residential Property Decibel Maximums

- 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.)

Avenues to file Noise/Sound Complaints

- Phone: 713-884-3131 (non-emergency line)
- Online: https://www.houston.tx.gov/police/alert_slip/





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Meeting starts @ 7:00 PM

APRIL 27, 2023

SCA Favorite:

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MAY 25, 2023

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