



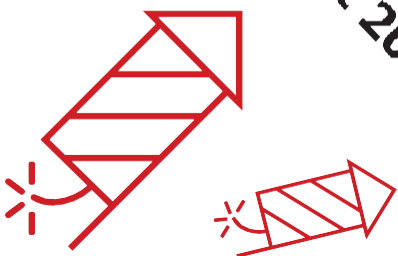
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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please read...*

## Dangerous or Injured animals in Sharpstown

Questions	Answers
Who to call to pick up stray dogs in Houston for free? The City of Houston Animal Control (aka BARC). BARC stands for the Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care. They are responsible for all incidents involving animals that occur <i>within</i> the Houston city limits.	
What is the Phone Number for BARC?	713-229-7300
BARC receives over 50,000 calls for service each year, so they may prioritize calls based on urgency. For example,.. dangerous dogs on school property and bite cases may receive higher priority than stray animals.	
If you see dogs running loose or need to report a dog bite, call...	Houston Police Animal Control (713) 884-3131 or 311
According to the State Health and Safety Code (Chapter 8-26), every animal bite must be reported to the authorities. To report an animal bite of any kind, you will need the following information:	
Identity of the person bitten by the animal Contact information for the victim, i.e. name, address, phone number Date and time of the bite	Clear description of the animal Address where the bite occurred Owner's contact information if available, i.e. name, address, phone number
For questions regarding a "Public Nuisance dog affidavit," please call 311 to contact the <i>City of Houston Animal Control Managers</i> .	
If you are bitten by a dog while <b>outside of the Houston city limits</b> in one of the unincorporated areas or towns, you will need to contact Harris County Animal Control.	
What is the phone number for Harris County Animal Control?	281-999-3191
Who do I call when I have found an injured bird, squirrel, bird, or other wildlife?	The Wildlife Center of Texas 713-861-WILD (9453) <a href="mailto:info@wildlifecenteroftexas.org">info@wildlifecenteroftexas.org</a>
At the Wildlife Center of Texas, providing emergency lifesaving care to injured, ill, and orphaned native wildlife is just the beginning. From Osprey to opossums, lifesaving efforts remain a top priority to us.	
Wild animal or pest removal is limited to certain animals in and around homes.	713-229-7300 Check their website at <a href="http://www.houstontx.gov/BARC">www.houstontx.gov/BARC</a> to learn more.
How do I get rid of squirrels, raccoons, opossums, or other critters in my attic?	Have a question? Call us now... (832) 984-9652 Shae Hoyle 940-536-0629 ext101 <a href="mailto:hoylepestpros@Q:mail.com">hoylepestpros@Q:mail.com</a>
At Hoyle Pest Professionals LLC we are the wildlife control and trapping experts. We can trap and remove any unwanted nuisance animals from your property. We use specially designed safe and humane animal traps to catch and remove unwanted nuisance animal species, then release them into the wild outside of town.	

The aforementioned information was taken from the following websites:

[www.houstontx.gov/BARC](http://www.houstontx.gov/BARC)

[wildlifecenteroftexas.org](http://wildlifecenteroftexas.org)

[hoylepestpros.com](http://hoylepestpros.com)

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## Good Neighbor Rule #19

Be Sure That  
 No Vehicle,  
 Even If  
 Temporary,  
 Blocks the  
 Side walk in  
 your Driveway.



## On The Cover

**Liberty Fest** is a grand celebration of our nation's founding, organized by the *Southwest Management District* in close collaboration with partners such as PlazAmericas, the Houston Police Department, and the Sharpstown Civic Association.



This year's Liberty Fest 2024 was a huge success, drawing 8,000 to 10,000 attendees for this annual event. See full story on page 14.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

As we embrace the vibrant days of summer, I hope this message finds you and your families well. This season brings a wealth of opportunities for relaxation, outdoor activities, and community gatherings. Our parks are open, the community pool is open, and we have several exciting events planned for all ages. Let's make the most of this wonderful time together; while also staying mindful of the preparations we need for the hurricane season that accompanies summer.

First, I encourage everyone to review their hurricane preparedness plans. This includes ensuring you have a well-stocked emergency kit with essentials such as water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, batteries, and important documents. It's also a good time to check the condition of your home's shutters or storm windows and make necessary repairs to secure your property.

Stay informed by signing up for local weather alerts and updates from reliable sources. The Harris County Office of Emergency Management is a good source of information (<https://www.houstonoem.org/>). Another excellent source of information is located at the Houston-Galveston Area Council (<https://www.h-gac.com/hurricane>). If you have elderly neighbors or those with special needs, please check in on them and offer your assistance in preparation and during any potential evacuations.

Let's work together to enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer, while being ready to face the challenges of the hurricane season. Thank you for your cooperation and community spirit.

Warm regards,

*Matthew R. Cowan*

President, Sharpstown Civic Association

## 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."**

Friends,

## District J's Corner

I am proud to announce a new initiative for District J residents that I hope will provide assistance to some of our most esteemed - and sometimes most vulnerable - members of the community. Our seniors, veterans, and disabled homeowners are often at risk of violating city codes due to challenges in maintaining their property's exterior. Such situations not only place undue stress on our valued community members but also necessitate city resources for enforcement.

I created the Good Neighbors Program to help these constituents with minor exterior home repairs and landscaping, to not only beautify our district but also provide practical assistance to those who have given so much to the community and to our country. Through this program, we proactively address these issues, reducing the need for code enforcement actions and fostering a spirit of community and care.

Homeowners or their representatives can be referred to the program through Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Civic Associations, or individual submissions. We encourage community members to spread the word, ensuring wide awareness and accessibility of this program.

Eligible applicants must reside within the district and fall into one of the following categories: senior citizen, veteran, or disabled homeowner. To apply or refer a homeowner, contact our office directly at [districtj@houston.tx.gov](mailto:districtj@houston.tx.gov). Please add "Good Neighbors Program" to the subject line of the email for expedited processing. Our team is here to guide you through the application process and answer any questions you may have.

It is our hope that the Good Neighbor Program can transform the beauty of our neighborhoods one home at a time.

Together we will!  
*Edward Pollard*





## Reasons to Invest in Sharpstown

The Sharpstown neighborhood is comprised of nine sections and close to 7,000 homes. Every year, we depend on our homeowners to invest in the community and pay yearly voluntary dues. These dues are crucial to protecting and preserving our properties.

While some may see these dues as an additional burden, they provide numerous benefits that enhance the quality of life and the value of properties within the community. Here are some key benefits of paying your membership dues:



### Maintenance of the Neighborhood & Mosquito Spraying

One noticeable benefit of membership dues is the maintenance of the Sharpstown community. To improve aesthetics, these funds are used to ensure that regular landscaping, cleaning and repairs are performed, keeping Sharpstown attractive and welcoming.

Membership dues also support mosquito spraying. This is not the City of Houston spraying – it is the Sharpstown Civic Association. But you can do your part to help keep the mosquito population down by making sure there is no standing water for mosquitos to breed.



### Property Value Enhancement

The Sharpstown Civic Association plays an essential role in preserving and potentially increasing property values. By maintaining high standards for the community's appearance and amenities, membership dues help ensure that properties within the community remain desirable. Well-maintained common areas, consistent architectural standards and rules that prevent neglect and misuse all contribute to a cohesive and attractive neighborhood, making homes more appealing to potential buyers.



### Security Program

Membership dues allow for certified, fully- equipped security officers to patrol our neighborhood. Their presence and response give additional security to all Sharpstown residents.

Did you know that you can request a complimentary vacation watch from S.E.A.L. when you go on vacation?

Scan this code and complete the vacation watch form.



### Community Building

The Sharpstown Civic Association organizes many activities throughout the year that foster a sense of community among residents. These activities provide opportunities for neighbors to interact and build relationships. A strong community can significantly enhance residents' quality of life, providing social support and fostering a friendly and welcoming environment.



### Professional Management

We have staff that handles the day-to-day operations. These dedicated employees bring expertise in property management, ensuring that the community is run efficiently and effectively. They handle administrative tasks, financial management, maintenance coordination and enforcement of rules, freeing up time and reducing the burden on volunteer board members.



### Investment in the Future

Finally, paying dues is an investment in the future. These funds allow for long-term planning and improvements, such as upgrading amenities, implementing new technologies or enhancing infrastructure. By contributing to these projects, homeowners help ensure that the community remains modern, functional and attractive for years to come.

While membership dues may seem like an additional expense, they offer substantial benefits that enhance the quality of life, maintain property values, and ensure a well-managed, attractive and harmonious community. The collective investment made through these dues ultimately fosters a thriving and sustainable neighborhood environment.

*Submitted by Sharon Galloway*

Join today!







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The June monthly membership meeting was quite entertaining with a Sharpstown and Houston trivia contest. Winners received \$5-gift cards provided by Chick-fil-A, and tickets to the Houston Zoo from Councilman Pollard’s office. Donations of Family Memberships to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and the Houston Interactive Aquarium & Animal Preserve topped off the evening at our Raffle drawing!

Pictured below are the happy winners!



“Thank you for your donations for our raffle!”

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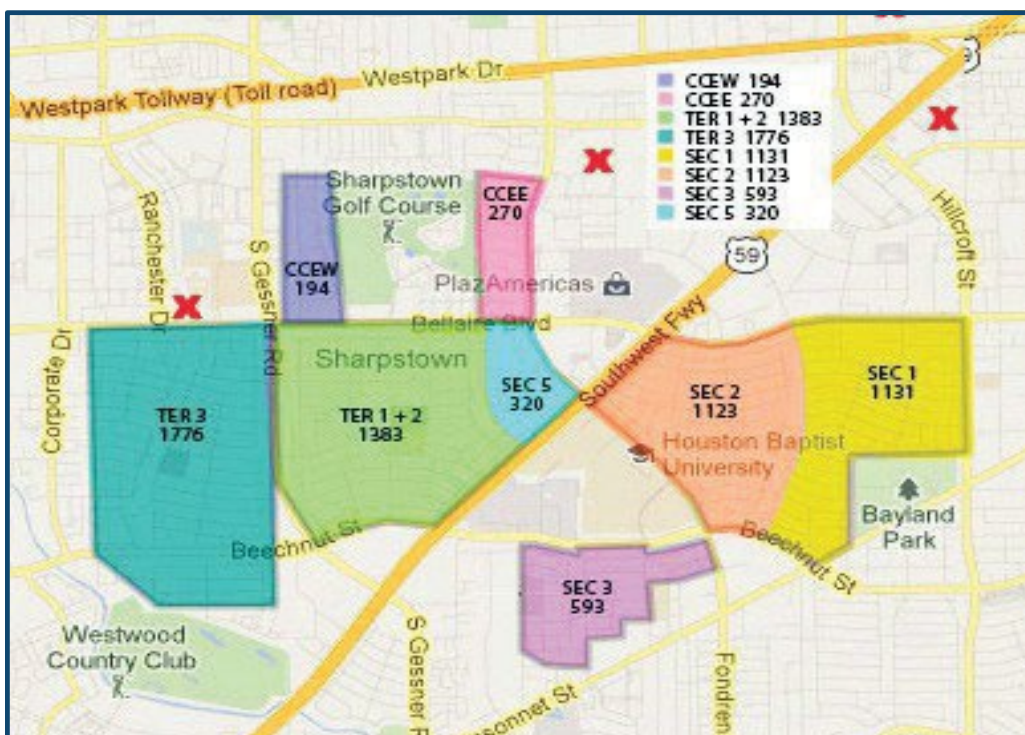
It is still a crime to park on your grass in Sharpstown. Please Don't.

## 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**  
 24 hours daily  
 8605 Westplace Dr. 832-394-4700
- Gulfton Storefront**  
 8am - 4pm Mon-Fri  
 6227 Southwest Fwy. 832-394-2660
- Midwest Substation**  
 24 hours daily  
 7277 Regency Square 832-394-1200
- Ranchester Storefront**  
 11am - 3pm Mon, Wed & Fri  
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## Crime Report 2024

Month	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Aggravated Assault	Property	Rape	Murder	Totals
JAN	1	3	13	3	5	0	0	25
FEB	1	3	10	1	3	0	0	18
MAR	0	9	8	0	2	0	0	19
APR	2	6	13	1	4	0	0	26
MAY	1	2	23	2	4	0	0	32
JUN	0	3	8	3	8	0	0	22
JUL	1	7	17	3	3	0	0	31
AUG								
SEP								
OCT								
NOV								
DEC								
<b>Totals</b>								
2024	6	33	92	13	29	0	0	173
2023	6	43	129	37	44	3	0	262

## Safe In Sharps town

### 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.



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## Sharpstown Sparks First-Ever Approved Council Agenda Item in Houston

*Submitted by Misty Starks, Dir of Comm, City of Houston District J*

In a groundbreaking turn of events, the *Sharpstown* community has catalyzed a historic milestone in Houston's city governance. The recent passage of the first-ever approved council agenda item, brought forth by Council Member Edward Pollard and his colleagues, was driven by an issue originating in *Sharpstown*. This marks a pivotal moment not only for the neighborhood but for the entire city.



At the heart of this milestone is a grassroots effort led by residents near Sutton Elementary School. Faced with mounting concerns over traffic safety, particularly the need for speed bumps to alleviate hazards, the community rallied together to voice their grievances. Spearhead in this initiative was Council Member Edward Pollard, who, in collaboration with dedicated colleagues, championed the cause within City Hall. What began as a localized issue soon garnered widespread attention and support, transcending neighborhood boundaries to become a city-wide priority. The impassioned plea for safer streets resonated with Houstonians across the board, prompting a closer examination of existing protocols and avenues for community engagement.

The momentum for change gained further traction with the passage of Proposition A, a Charter amendment that Houstonians overwhelmingly voted to approve last November. This change to the city Charter allows three or more council members that ability to add an item to the council agenda, a process that previously only authorized the mayor to do so. Council Member Pollard used this Charter change to push a change in how speed cushions could be approved and installed by the city, amending a previous ordinance that made the process much more cumbersome and expensive. By doing so, he was able to advance a project that originated by *Sharpstown* residents to install speed bumps in front of Sutton Elementary to make it safer for kids.

Council Member Pollard, alongside fellow co-signers Tiffany D. Thomas, Dr. Carolyn Evans Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, and Tarsha Jackson, worked tirelessly to shepherd the proposal through the rigorous legislative process. Their unwavering dedication to serving the best interests of Houstonians underscored a commitment to transparency, responsiveness, and equitable representation.

For the residents of *Sharpstown*, this victory signifies more than just the installation of speed bumps; it embodies the power of grassroots activism and community mobilization. By amplifying their voices and advocating for change, residents have demonstrated the profound impact of civic engagement in effecting tangible outcomes.

This historic moment serves as a testament to the resilience, determination, and collective spirit of the *Sharpstown* community. It is a reminder that every voice matters, and that meaningful change begins at the grassroots level.

Moving forward, the passage of the first-ever approved council agenda item stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration for communities across Houston. It reaffirms the notion that positive change is not only possible but achievable when communities unite in pursuit of a common goal.

# SAFETY & SECURITY

## When to Call **911**: (Generally Accepted Situations)

### Medical Emergencies:

- Excessive bleeding
- Loss of consciousness
- Signs of stroke/cardiac event
- Seizure
- Severe difficulty breathing
- Choking
- Drug overdose
- Life or limb-threatening conditions
- Severe burns
- Poisoning

### Situations + Crimes in Progress:

- Fire or smoke, home/building/business/car/wildfire
- Shooting
- Assault in progress
- Drowning
- Home invasion, burglary/robbery
- Incident with a deadly weapon
- Serious car accidents
- When moving the victim could cause further injury

## When **NOT** to Call 911:

Calling 911 as a joke or without a real emergency is a crime. **Avoid calling for:**

- Tree branches blocking the road!
- Property damage
- Vehicle break-in
- Burglary when the villain has fled
- Car accidents with no injuries
- Minor illness or injury
- Pet accidents
- Power outage
- Information
- Directory assistance
- Injured or lost pet
- Abandoned vehicles
- Asking for directions
- Parking complaints
- Questions about tickets, warrants, court dates, etc.

## 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.

## Need Assistance?

<b>911</b>	<b>Houston Emergency Line</b>
713-338-2266	<b>S.E.A.L Security</b>
311 or 713-884-3131	<b>Houston Police Department</b>
832-394-4700	<b>HPD Local Substation</b>
800-525-5555	<b>Department Of Public Safety (DPS)</b> - Including non-emergency roadside assistance - answered 24 hours a day by a live operator
713-221-6000	<b>Harris County Sheriff's Office -</b> Non-emergency line
311	<b>Houston Fire Department - Non-</b> Emergency line
411	<b>Directory Assistance - White/yellow</b> Pages
713-578-3000	<b>United States Coast Guard - Coast</b> Guard Air Station Houston
713-659-2111	<b>Center Point Energy</b>
866-908-9570	<b>National Emergency Child Locator</b> Center
800-985-5990	<b>Disaster Distress Hotline</b>
800-504-7030	<b>State Bar of Texas - Legal Hotline</b>

## SUMMING IT UP FOR YOU

- To help the most people efficiently, call **911 ONLY** in the case of an emergency.
- If you do have an emergency, call **911** and do not hang up.
- Be prepared to **provide address, cross streets, specifics on incident**. It is also always a great idea to have someone meet the emergency personnel on street/entrance and escort them to site.
- Additional note: please make sure your house number is visible on both your house and the curb in front of your house ...





## Mosquito Abatement in Sharpstown

Sharpstown is seeing swarms of mosquitoes as a direct result of Hurricane Beryl and recent summer rainstorms.

Your Sharpstown Civic Association is maintaining its active mosquito abatement program throughout the community, spraying the entire Sharpstown area every week through the end of October. The pesticide agent kills adult mosquitos quickly but does not kill eggs or larvae.



**YOU CAN HELP** by reducing or eliminating potential breeding sites on your property such as low-lying puddles, water-filled planters or other containers and any junk or debris that can collect water. Keep swimming pools and ponds clean and cut back any unnecessary vegetation around your home. Make sure rain barrels are screened, and bird baths are rinsed and refilled frequently.

The SCA maintains the **ONLY** proactive mosquito abatement program in our community. It is paid for by *member dues*. If you are a homeowner in Sharpstown, we strongly encourage to join SCA and do your part to fight back. Scan this barcode to join today!



**Good Neighbor Rule #39**  
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## 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 [www.SharpstownCivic.org](http://www.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](http://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

## Great North American Solar Eclipse Darkens Texas Skies

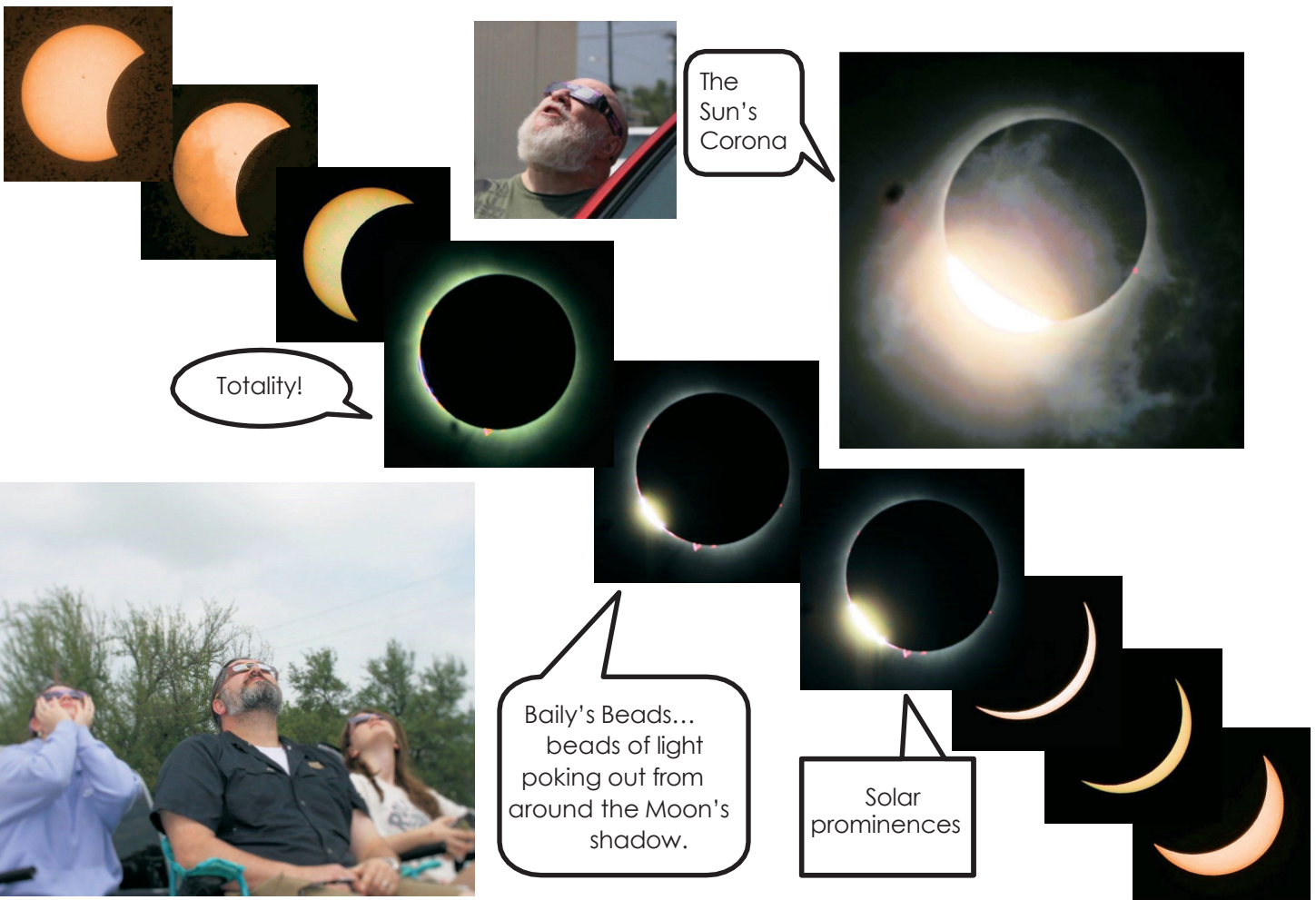
*Article Written by and Photos taken by Elizabeth Bagby Schooler*

April 8, 2024 the Lone Star State experienced a partial solar eclipse across the entire state, with a narrow track of totality, stretching all the way to Maine! The eclipse began at 1:48 pm CDT in southwestern Lampasas County. The start of totality began at 1:27 pm CDT and lasted almost 4-1/2 minutes.

My husband, Joe, and I drove 2-1/2 hours to Cameron, southeast of Killeen to watch the eclipse. The clouds were dark and gloomy and we feared we would miss seeing the spectacle. However, the skies opened up as we pulled into the small town park where many others had gathered. I quickly set up two of my cameras on tripods, one just for shooting the totality, and a third for candid shots.

The town had a small farmers market where Joe discovered some Dr. Pepper jelly, yummmmy! He and I made quick friends with the folks around us and I got several shots of them watching the moon and sun begin their dance. As we waited with baited breath, the skies darkened, street lights came on, the temperature dropped, and there was a breeze in the air. You could even take off your special solar viewing glasses. Oh what a sight it was to behold!

The totality ended at 1:49 pm CDT. Solar prominences and the sun's corona can be seen in my photographs displayed here. Packed up my cameras, and the jelly, then we hit the road and headed back home to Sharpstown. What an experience!



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)

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- Seeking Adult \* 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>



**Holiday Lights Competition NEWS!**

Winners will get bragging rights this year with a special yard sign from the SCA and a local sponsor. Here are the category details:

- Best Theme
- Best Inflatables
- Best Lights
- Best Block (Maybe a theme, or just every house with lights. Be creative!)

There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places, with possible Honorable Mentions in each section of our neighborhood. **Judging will take place December 10-12.** Winners will be announced via our website and on social media by December 15. Good Luck everyone, have fun!

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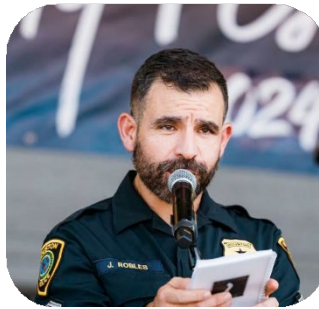


# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**Liberty Fest 2024** is a grand celebration of our nation's founding, organized by the *Southwest Management District* in close collaboration with partners such as PlazAmericas, the Houston Police Department, and the Sharpstown Civic Association. This year's festival was a huge success, drawing hundreds of attendees for this to this annual event.

The festivities began with an inspiring kickoff by Sergeant Jesus Robles, as well as an engaging address from Congressman Al Green.

The event was a vibrant showcase of diverse cultural performances, including a lively mariachi performance by Mariachi Perla Tapitia, captivating traditional Mexican dance routines, and dynamic tunes from a Tejano American band. Additionally, the celebration featured a mesmerizing Chinese lion dance performed by HPD officers, along with performances by the East Wind Band, Texas Brass Ensemble, and the Diana Torres Band.



The night was capped off with a breathtaking fireworks display that lit up the sky, leaving the audience in awe. Over 40 vendors participated, setting up booths to offer a wide array of goods and services, adding to the festive atmosphere of **Liberty Fest 2024**.





## Water My Yard App

The **Water My Yard App** developed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is specifically designed to help Texans manage their lawn and landscape watering more efficiently. Here's a detailed description of its features and functionality:



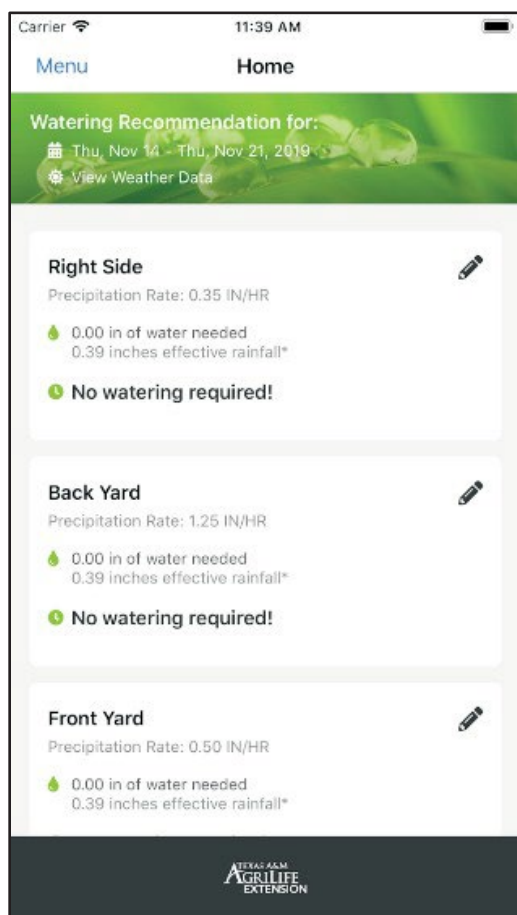
**Save Water**



**Keep Your Yard Healthy**



**Automated Recommendation**



- ❖ **Localized Recommendations:** The app provides personalized watering recommendations based on local weather conditions and data.
- ❖ **Weather Data Integration:** Water My Yard integrates real-time weather data, including rainfall, temperature, humidity, and wind speed, to determine the precise amount of water needed by lawns and landscapes.
- ❖ **User Input:** Users can input details about their irrigation system, including sprinkler type, nozzle output, and lawn size. This information allows the app to tailor recommendations specifically to each user's setup.
- ❖ **Irrigation Run Time:** The app provides specific irrigation run times based on the type of irrigation system used (e.g., spray heads, rotors, drip irrigation).
- ❖ **Watering Alerts:** Users receive notifications and alerts when it's time to water their lawn and when to skip watering due to sufficient recent rainfall.
- ❖ **Conservation Focus:** The primary goal of the app is to promote water conservation while maintaining healthy landscapes.
- ❖ **Collaborations:** Water My Yard works in collaboration with local water districts and municipalities to provide the most relevant and beneficial advice.
- ❖ Overall, the **Water My Yard** app from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is a valuable tool for homeowners in Texas looking to maintain healthy lawns while conserving water. Its reliance on localized weather data and user-specific information ensures that it provides accurate and practical watering advice. <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/asset-local/water-my-yard-program/>

*Thank you for providing our June meeting snacks!*



# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



LEARN MORE AT  
**ProtectOurPipes.org**



**WHAT IS A SEWER OVERFLOW?**

A sewer overflow is a backup of untreated wastewater into our streets and homes. **Sewer overflows can be prevented.** The main cause of sewer overflows in Houston is clogged pipes from fats, oils, and grease poured down sinks and wipes flushed down toilets.

**PROTECT YOUR WALLET**  
Sewer overflows can cost thousands of dollars in plumbing costs and fines.

**PROTECT YOUR HEALTH**  
Sewer overflows include harmful microbes that can make you and your family sick.

**PROTECT OUR WATERS**  
Sewer overflows can pollute our environment, making our public spaces less enjoyable.

**GREASE CLOGS PIPES**

Prevent harmful overflows by following these three easy steps.

Put Grease in its Place



**POUR**  
in a safe container



**COOL**  
in the fridge



**TOSS**  
in the trash



**HELPFUL TIPS**

**USE A SINK STRAINER**  
Carbage disposals do not prevent clogs. Keep food scraps, hair, and other items from going down the drain.

**USE A SPATULA OR PAPER TOWEL**  
Wipe grease from pots, pans, plates, and utensils before washing. Throw the paper towel in the trash.

**RECYCLE YOUR GREASE AT AN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTER**  
Visit [ProtectOurPipes.org](http://ProtectOurPipes.org) for more information and for locations.

**WIPES CLOG PIPES**

Clogs from wipes, rags, and any item other than toilet paper trap grease and cause overflows.

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**Meet Your Educators**



Meet Charlie Head, the ‘Intro to Gardening and Farming Instructor’ at Sugar Grove Academy located on Bonhomme Road. Charlie grew up here, not very far from where he gets his hands dirty every day. He played baseball for the mighty Apollos on ‘Janse Field,’ later graduating from Sharpstown High School. He has a wonderful wife and a beautiful daughter, knows how to throw a baseball, and has been an integral part of his and his friends’ band that they started in high school together. Oh, and Charlie takes immense pleasure in gardening!



“There are so many aspects to running a garden or a farm that go hand in hand with growing as a person,” Charlie shares. That is the goal he has set for each of his students... to grow yourself, through gardening and farming.

~ Planning, Preparation, Goal Setting, Success, Responsibility, Empathy ~



The students and their instructor Charlie have grown a myriad of items throughout the year, some of which have been donated to an area woman’s shelter in Houston. Charlie said, “Through that one lesson of planting a seed, we can have our class planned, seeded, grown, harvested, and the students get a bonus lesson of donating their harvest back to the neighborhood.”

Charlie’s goal is to continue to give back to the community that gave so much to him, and to pass that on to the next generation.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Bagby Schooler*





# TRASH/RECYCLING



**Neighbors helping neighbors**



## City of Houston Still Cleaning Up After Hurricane Beryl

The city's Solid Waste Management Department has brought in extra crews to help pick up tree limbs and other debris from Hurricane Beryl. They will be hauling the mountains of debris to a site where some will be ground down and repurposed as mulch in city parks or put dumped in landfills.

Due to the "large magnitude" of Hurricane Beryl's wind damage, the City of Houston estimates it could take 30 to 60 days after the storm to haul away all of the storm debris. Three outside contractors were brought in to assist with the massive undertaking.

Harris County Public Health also reminds residents that cleaning up debris near storm drains can help drain standing water and prevent mosquitos from breeding.

Please help the trash crews by separating vegetative material and construction & demolition material. Also try to avoid having cars parked in the streets. The less blockage these vehicles encounter, the better it is.

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## WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP

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Estates East and West are "MON-A"

[http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service\\_schedules.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html)

## HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

Month	MON	TUE	Collection
SEP	9	10	Junk Waste Only
OCT	14	8	Tree Waste Only

Section 1 & 2 - Heavy Trash on TUE  
(2<sup>nd</sup> TUE of every month)

Section 3, 5, CCT1, CCT2, CCT3, Estates E&W Heavy  
Trash on MON  
(2<sup>nd</sup> MON of every month)

**Yard Waste or Grass Clippings are picked up on WED.**

You may place waste at the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm  
on the FRI prior to collection.

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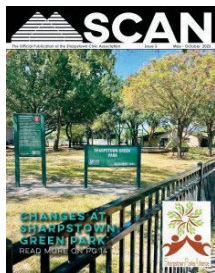
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### Membership Meeting Schedule

We meet in person; our meeting streaming  
LIVE on our Facebook page.

Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM

Meeting starts @ 7:00 PM

Aug 22, 2024 - Education

Sep 26, 2024 - Candidates

Oct 24, 2024 - Memorial Hermann

Nov 21, 2024 – Board Election &  
Neighborhood Feast

Jan 23, 2025 – New Year Resolutions

Come join us. We look forward to meeting you!

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