

Sharpstown SCAN

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The **Belin Tower** at Houston Christian University (HCU) was originally built as a monument tower at Houston Baptist University (HBU). The tower was constructed in June 2015 and is named after Dr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Belin, Jr. The tower is located at the entrance to the HBU campus from Highway 59 Service Road.

Here are some details about the **Belin Tower**:



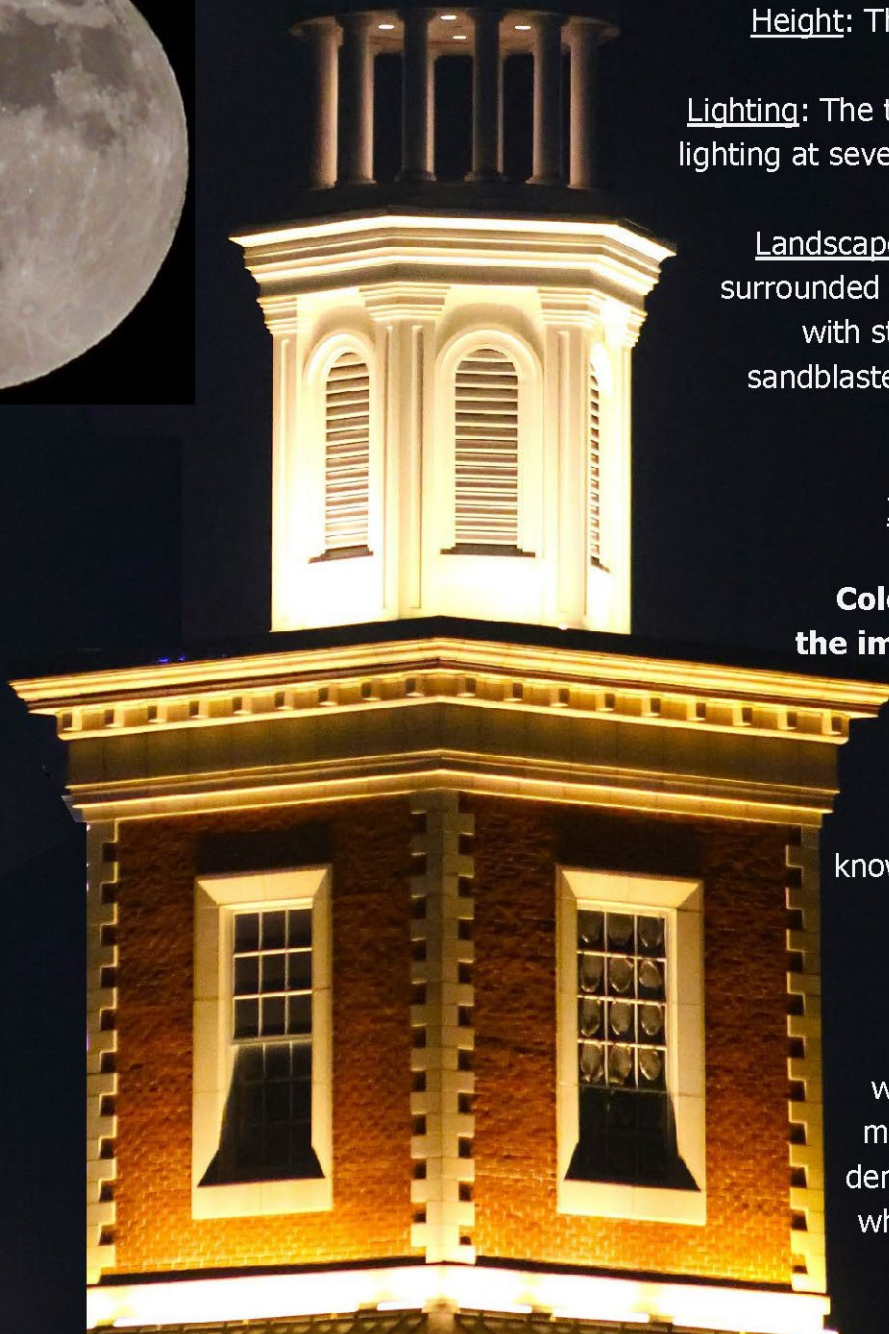
Height: The tower is 85 feet tall

Lighting: The tower has custom LED lighting at seven different elevations.

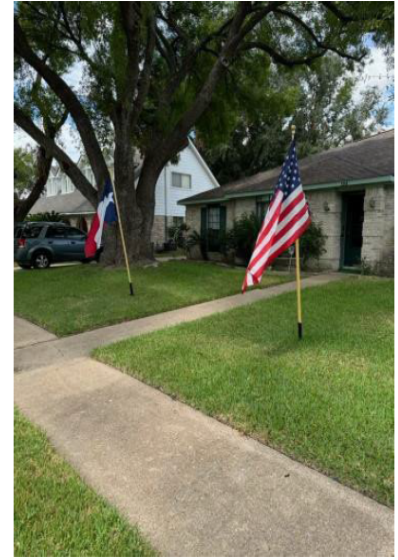
Landscaped plaza: The tower is surrounded by a landscaped plaza with stone and brick pavers, sandblasted concrete walkways, and custom benches.

Inscription: The tower is inscribed with **Colossians 1:15, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."**

HCU was formerly known as Houston Baptist University (HBU). The university's name was changed to Houston Christian University to welcome students from many different Christian denominations and those who do not identify with any faith.



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On The Cover

The origin of the **Belin Tower** at Houston Christian University; built to showcase a new entrance to the school via Hwy 59 (the Southwest Freeway). Now our neighborhood university is visible from the frontage road as well as the freeway.

The tower has become a popular photo spot for graduating students, fraternities and sororities, lovebirds, and tourists, as well as the school's Sharpstown neighbors.

(photo taken by Elizabeth Bagby Schooler)

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Good Neighbor Rule #19

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



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Dear Neighbors,

My time on the SCA board has reinforced my observations about society. We are becoming less connected. Fewer people get involved with social organizations or go to and participate in meetings. The SCA is not alone in the trend. Decrease in memberships across social organizations, fraternal organizations, professional organizations and community organizations can be seen and felt across the nation.

Covid has done a number on society in many ways. We are less connected. That is the chief reason associations across the nation are down. And that trend is getting worse with the digital age. But it does not have to be that way. For organizations like the SCA, that is not only a HOA but also a Civic Association, we must change to grow.

The SCA board is working to grow its membership, looking to new events and programs for not only the community but for its membership. While our membership is down, our expenses have grown due to inflations and changes in business practices of vendors we use. We are fortunate that we do have a budget surplus to draw upon as we learn the new dynamics of society. Change takes time and resources.

We want the community to come out and participate and get to know each other. That is why we have placed renewed emphasis on quality programming for our General Meetings and are in the process of planning Special Events for our members as well. We are continuing our involvement with Liberty Fest, the premier Fourth of July program in the Sharpstown area that was started by Sharpstown years ago and restarted recently. We want to be part of the community and that is why we are continuing with our service day programs and will explore the possibility of starting a scholarship program with Sharpstown High School.

With a Strong SCA comes a strong community. Remember your home, after your Family, is the biggest investment you have and with your home and family you can build community. That is why it is important to have a strong SCA to keep guard of that investment and to provide that extra bit of safety and security that the city is unable to provide.

Times change, our community changes, and so can how we interact with the community. That is why I ask if you are not a member to join. If you are a member, get one non-member to join. With each membership we can grow a strong vibrant community organization. With CONNECTION, we are stronger!!

Warm regards,

Matthew R. Cowan

President, Sharpstown Civic Association

Good Neighbor

District J's Corner

Program Helps Vulnerable Homeowners

When Hurricane Beryl swept through the Houston area, many people were left with damage to their homes. While some homeowners had the means to make the necessary repairs, there's a segment of our population that needs a bit of extra help. That's where the District J Good Neighbor Program comes in. This is an initiative designed to support some of the community's most vulnerable members: seniors, veterans, and disabled homeowners.

Through the Good Neighbor Program, these specific homeowners are able to get help with minor exterior home repairs and landscaping. 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. Through this program, we proactively address these issues, reducing the need for code enforcement actions and fostering a spirit of community and care.

Since the launch of the program, several District J residents have received services with outstanding results. Work crews have renovated fences, mowed lawns and made other landscape improvements, removed fallen trees and debris and assisted homeowners with other minor exterior needs.

To request services, residents or their representatives can be referred to the program through Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Civic Associations, or individual submissions. To be eligible for this program, applicants must reside within District J and fall into one of the following categories: senior citizens, veterans, or disabled homeowners. To apply or refer a homeowner, please send an email to districtj@houstontx.gov. Be sure to include "Good Neighbor Program Request" in the email subject line.

District J residents are encouraged to take advantage of this program and share this information with others who may be in need of help.

Together we will!

Edward Pollard



Broken Water Main Moved Meeting to



Our August meeting started with Bayland closing due to a broken water main. Quick thinking and a phone call to the manager of SPANKY'S, the meeting was moved to our local pizza joint. Scott, and then Sydney, directed those who didn't see the message on FB, to the alternate meeting spot. We welcomed several amazing speakers from: Houston Community College, Beechnut Animal Hospital, Miller Outdoor Theatre, Harris County Mosquito & Vector Control Division, and HISD. Our Trivia and Raffle winners enjoyed getting their own bottles of "Donna's Mosquito Spray!" (Recipe is below for your reference.).



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- Citronella Essential Oil

Instructions:

1. Using a 26-32 oz spray bottle, fill with distilled water leaving enough room to add the oils.
2. Add approximately 50 drops each of the three oils to the distilled water.

>>Give a good shake each time before spraying.

Donna's Mosquito Spray is made with all natural oils so can be used on children & pets. All essential oils can be purchased at most stores or online for under \$10 a bottle.





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Sharpstown Survey!!



The Sharpstown Civic Association wants to hear from you. Scan the QR code below and answer the questions. You also can access the survey at <https://forms.gle/NZJaQ3qG6hSbQ26Q7>.

If you prefer, the survey is available in limited quantities at the SCA offices. Call 713.789.2311 to reserve a copy and make arrangements to pick it up.

>>Make a difference! Complete the survey to be entered into a drawing for an item donated by the Livingston LOWES store!

Successful Candidate Forum at September Meeting!

The SCA joined forces with Baker-Ripley and Emgage to ensure an abundant turnout of candidates as they were planning a forum on the same night. Emgage educates and mobilizes Muslim American voters in support of policies that enable our communities to thrive and democracy to flourish. Baker-Ripley works with our community to educate neighbors how to register to vote and to become

productive voting citizens. Their efforts combined with ours we were successful in inviting candidates, to the tune of just over two dozen checking in and introducing themselves to our neighbors. There have been close to 200 views of our Facebook Live recording of the evening's activities! Now that's a success!

We started earlier than usual to be able

to accommodate all of the candidates. There were a few late arrivals, neighbors as well as guests; everything went smoothly thanks to our official timer. Our Board was there in strength along with volunteers from Baker-Ripley and Emgage to help. THANK YOU ALL! Trivia winners received tickets to the *Houston Zoo* and the Raffle drawing winners got tickets to the *Holocaust Museum!*



VOTE!



Thank you for your donation!

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.

Sharpstown Area Substations



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
9160 Bellaire, Ste. F 832-394-2780

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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.

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Aggravated Assault	3	1	0	1	2	3	3	4	2				13	19
Burglary	3	3	9	6	2	3	7	5	1				33	39
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				0	1
Property	5	3	2	4	4	8	3	2	2				29	33
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				0	1
Robbery	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	1				6	9
Theft	13	10	8	13	23	8	17	13	19				92	124
Total	25	18	19	26	32	22	31	28	25				173	226



S.E.A.L.

Definitions of Crime Types

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

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

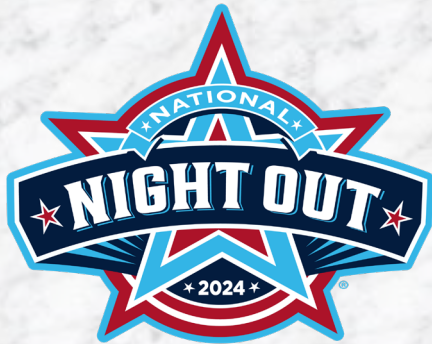
Property Crime — destruction,

damage, vandalism

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

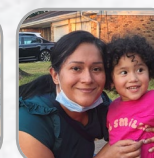
Robbery — the taking of money or goods in the possession of another, from his or her person or immediate presence, by force or intimidation.

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.



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie

Sharpstown had a few neighbors who shared their front yards and driveways with folks from across the area. Councilman Pollard, escorted by HPD, made the rounds, as did SEAL Captain Victor Serabian and SCA Operations Manager Scott Gilbert, and SCA Board Director Donna Fain. Harris County Precinct 4 Chief of Staff Alice Lee gave certificates of thanks to the hosts: John Cox, Elizabeth Schooler, and Mr. Merry.



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

Need Assistance?

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

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- 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 ...

Are You Prepared?

The National Weather Service wants to make sure YOU are prepared in case of a disaster (natural or man-made). If you haven't taken the time to think about how different disasters could affect you, then we challenge you to take the necessary steps to become informed and develop a family plan for such events. **These simple steps could SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

Step 1: Be Informed! Learn Your Risks & Responses | Utilize Emergency Alerts and Social Media. Remember to plan for things such as pandemics, terrorist attacks, etc.

Step 2: Make a Plan! It is important to make a family emergency plan that can be put into action as soon as disaster strikes.

Make sure to include plans for children, seniors, disabled, and don't forget pets! Be certain you know shelter locations and evacuation routes for specific situations.

Step 3: Build a Supply Kit! Keep medicine, food, and water fresh and stocked; pet's also. Be sure your car has a full tank of gas and service your generator.

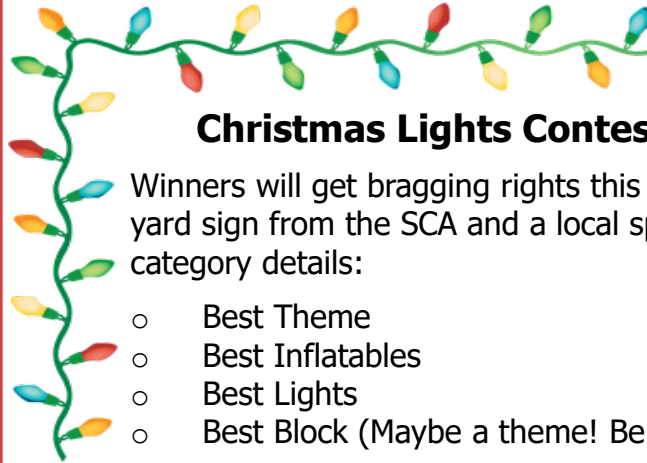
Step 4: Get Involved! There are many ways to get involved before disaster strikes. So, ask yourself, "How can I help?"

https://www.weather.gov/bmx/outreach_npm

DON'T WAIT.

COMMUNICATE.

MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.



Christmas Lights Contest 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! Be creative!)

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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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Date	Time	H/A	Opponent	Location
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Nov 2 nd	2 pm	Away	UIW	San Antonio
Nov 9 th	2 pm	Home	Nicholls	Husky Stadium
Nov 16 th	1 pm	Away	Texas A&M-Commerce	Commerce
Nov 23 rd	2 pm	Home	Northwestern State	Husky Stadium

Lansdale Park Activities

-Free After School Program for children 6-13 years of age
 -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>



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



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Bayland Park Improvements

Located on Bissonnet Street, the Bayland Park planning project has a master plan for improvements in the existing Harris County Precinct 4 park. The master plan will provide recommendations for creating an inclusive park with improved facilities, programming, and connectivity to better serve the active and passive recreational and open space needs of the community.

Purpose of the Master Plan: The Bayland Master Plan and Community Connectivity Analysis will focus on regional recreation and provide all-inclusive park services. An evaluation of all facilities and the potential for new facilities will be determined along with opportunities for potential partnerships with public and private entities. Throughout this journey, we are dedicated to actively involving the community members, ensuring their insights shape the entire process. Our vision is to enhance the community's experience through improved facilities, recreational features, aesthetic landscaping, and seamless park circulation.

Stay Tuned!

<https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Infrastructure/Planning-Community-Development/Parks-Trails/Bayland-Park-Master-Plan>

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Let them be kids as long as they can be. Kids grow up way too fast. Let them spend one evening channeling their inner childhood.

Share & Keep it going!

Happy Halloween

Harris County Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month at Bayland Park

*Presented by **The Sharpener Team** See the bottom of the article for author information*

A vibrant folklórico skirt flutters onstage to the rapid clicking of castanets at the Hispanic Heritage Month Festival at Bayland Park on the afternoon of September 28, 2024.

Twenty-one flags wave in the wind, circling a patch of grass. They represent Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia, Honduras, Venezuela, Spain, and other Hispanic countries.

Just to the left, folklórico dancers, flamenco groups, Aztec dancers, and others perform on a makeshift stage across the street from Bayland Community Center. A crowd forms to watch between the vendor tents and tables bordering the stage area. Children run around the festival grounds, sporting colors from a face-painting station and wearing smiles brought by a balloon artist.

Food trucks line the community center's parking lot with options like Cuban-inspired cuisine, snow cones, fruit cups, and more. The Harris County Precinct 4 bus, parked nearby, serves as an air-conditioned cooling zone. On the other side of the parking lot, children carry handfuls of candy they win from game stations and a piñata.

One informational vendor is ALMAAHH: Advocates of a Latino Museum of Cultural Arts & Archive Complex in Houston, Harris County. Director of Development Dr. John Cisneros shares ALMAAHH's vision of “creating and sustaining a home for the US Latinos, where we can express ourselves through our arts and culture.”

ALMAAHH acts as a museum without walls through partnerships with local artists, Lone Star College, and other organizations—including the Museum of Fine Arts Houston (for a fall festival happening around the end of October).

Some of ALMAAHH's in-person programs are located in the Bayland Park Community Center, but the organization wants to build a museum (by 2030) to “showcase, preserve, and expand Latino arts and culture.” Harris County recently donated \$800,000 toward the museum, but the total estimated cost is \$200 million. For now, ALMAAHH also offers digital programs.

A festivalgoer (who does not provide her name) says she heard about this festival on Nextdoor and brought her whole family, along with friends visiting from out of town. The afternoon is filled with chatter and lively music.

“We want them to know they have a space here, to be themselves,” says Harris County Precinct 4 representative Celeste Padilla. Padilla says this festival helps create a channel of communication between the community and Precinct 4.

Another line of communication is the 2024 Listening Tour. The tour stops next on October 19, 2024 (1:00 PM to 3:00 PM), at the Alief Neighborhood Center. The community can meet Commissioner Lesley Briones and learn more about upcoming Precinct 4 projects.

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Aileen Aviles is a sophomore studying Legal Studies and Spanish at Houston Christian University. She enjoys volunteering, learning history, and traveling. She grew up near the Sharpstown area and is glad to be able to share her love for the area with The Sharpener's audience.

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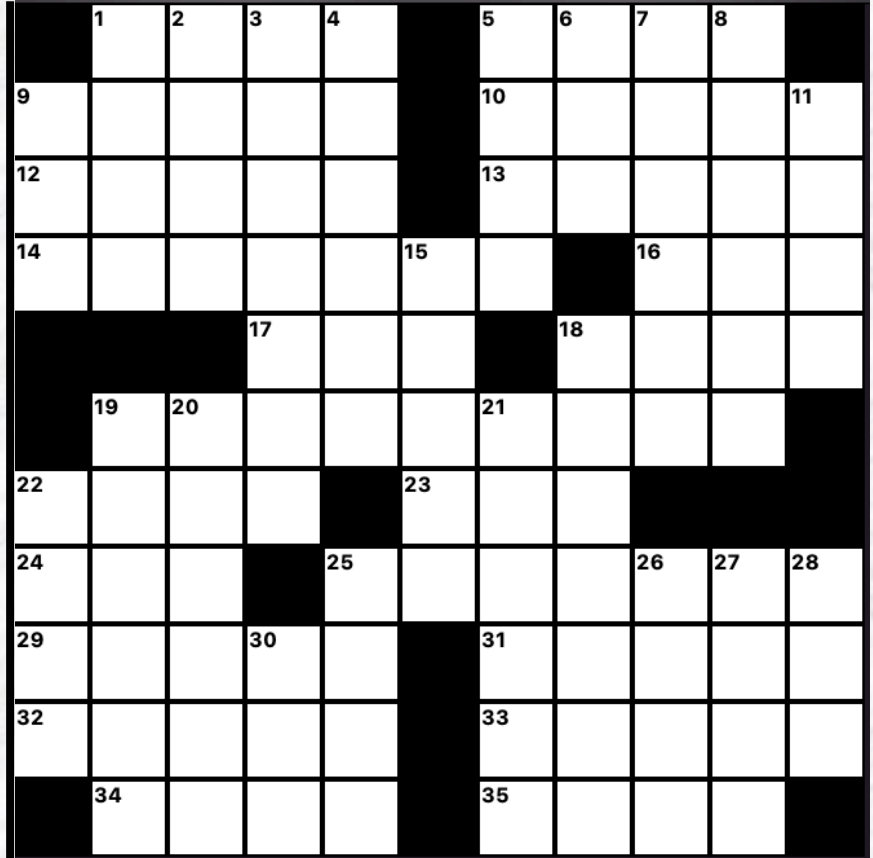
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Across

- 1. Oh, by ____, by golly!
- 5. Largemouth, Guadalupe, more
- 9. Pacific Islands, or Girl Scout Cookie
- 10. Two Quartets
- 12. Astronaut John given Sharpstown house
- 13. Brae ____
- 14. Local street, or bird
- 16. Authority org. setting norms
- 17. To burden
- 18. Some degrees given at HCU
- 19. Local street, or not dull perspective
- 22. Trinity, Galveston, more
- 23. Long sushi fish with short name
- 24. Bookish bldg. at HCU
- 25. How the Red Baron joins your party
- 29. Become willing to
- 31. Give praise to, like on diplomas
- 32. Starchy capital
- 33. Big bird spotted at Bayland Park
- 34. People sign these so they don't #22-Down
- 35. ____ restrictions may vary by section

Down

- 1. Fancy party
- 2. Portends the future
- 3. Some Hyundais, since 1985
- 4. Airplane parking facility
- 5. Male pig
- 6. SMU's new conf.
- 7. Violent disagreement
- 8. Goes up and down
- 9. Army abbr.
- 11. The general's chicken
- 15. Remove
- 18. On the stickers of #3, more
- 19. Old Asian capital name
- 20. Characteristic of some cars or seeds
- 21. Partially hidden
- 22. Spill the beans
- 25. Pay to the SCA
- 26. Positive
- 27. Checked at the bar
- 28. Nothing but ____
- 30. That, en Español



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Why Do I Have To?

Submitted by Byrom Wehner

As a home owner in Sharpstown, why do I have to follow the deed restrictions for my section? First, a quick review of why we have deed restrictions. We want Sharpstown to be a very desirable and safe place to live. The city of Houston does not have zoning, and ordinances have limited restrictions on property use. Therefore, deed restrictions help to keep Sharpstown a desirable place to live and rear families.

Now, what requires me to follow the restrictions? First, the deed to your property refers to restrictions affecting the property. An example of this is shown below for an actual Sharpstown property.

South 35.5 feet of Lot ___ and the North 9.5 feet of Lot ___, in Block Sixty-five of Sharpstown Country Club Terrace, Section ___, an Addition in Harris County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat thereof, recorded in Volume ___, Page ___ of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas.

This conveyance is made and accepted subject to all restrictions, covenants, conditions, rights of way, and easements, of record, if any, affecting the above-described property.

Second, the deed restrictions for each Sharpstown section are filed in the property records of Harris County. Such deed restrictions specify that property conveyed in the section are subject to the restrictions. For the example property mentioned above, the deed restrictions have conditions as shown below.

...this instrument and shall be considered a part of each contract and deed as though incorporated fully therein. And these restrictions as hereinafter set forth shall be and are hereby imposed upon each lot or parcel of land lying within the bounds of said Sharpstown Country Club Terrace, Section ___:

All of blocks ...65...

and same shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon, and shall inure to, the benefit of _____ Building Corporation,..., and all subsequent purchasers of said property, and such purchaser by virtue of accepting a contract or deed covering said property shall be subject to and bound by such restrictions, covenants, and conditions...

Where does the SCA fit into all of this? The Sharpstown Civic Association Inc., founded in 1977, is an organization of concerned residents working to keep Sharpstown a desirable and safe place to live, including seeing that deed restrictions are followed.

An amendment to the deed restrictions of each Sharpstown section is filed in the property records of Harris County, and assigns the responsibility for insuring restrictions are followed to Sharpstown Civic Association Inc.

Note: If you lease or rent the property, the lessee/renter is also subject to the restrictions on the leased property.

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

Family, Faith, and the “Milky” Baptism

Article submitted by Mike Marshall

As I mentioned in my first article for the SCAN in October 2021, our family of three moved from Dallas to Sharpstown (well, almost Sharpstown. Dominique was ten weeks old, and two more girls, Rachel and Gabriella would follow, born at St. Joseph Hospital). We lived for the first five years in a complex called the Hillcroft Apartments behind a strip center on the corner of Hillcroft and Jessamine. It was a literal stone’s throw from Sharpstown section One, just across Hillcroft.

We attended church then at the Holy Ghost parish. Dominique had been baptized at a church in Dallas, the day before we packed everything into a Fiat 124 sedan (no small task) and drove to Houston. Rachel was baptized at Holy Ghost without incident, but Gabriella’s baptism was not so smooth. The pastor must have been unavailable that afternoon, so an older, actually, really old priest who was retired, but lived there, was asked to perform the ritual. He must have done this hundreds, perhaps thousands of times, but it had to be done, literally, by the book. The book, in this case, was quite large and, no doubt, had other prescribed rituals in it, perhaps exorcisms. A search was begun for the page on baptisms. Hmmm, not this one. Maybe back, closer to the front. No, that’s Blessing of the Animals on Saint Francis’ Feast Day. Flip to the middle. No, how about the back part? Gabriella wasn’t the only baby being baptized that afternoon. Some of the babies, being babies, were vociferously expressing that they didn’t WANT to be baptized and were putting up quite a fight.

Everyone was anxious to get the ritual over with, but the priest kept flipping pages, back and forth. Maybe it wasn’t even the right book. Just as I was about to suggest he just ad lib whole thing, he found the correct page. We were all relieved, but the babies weren’t aware of this and continued to scream. Finally, all were sacramentally baptized and friends and family joined us for a reception at the apartment.

My other memory of our five years at Holy Ghost involved Dominique. Although the church was built in 1946, I joked with the pastor that she christened it in 1969. We were in a side aisle. Dominique was about nine months old by that time and she was drinking from a glass baby bottle. (Plastic hadn’t been invented yet.) Suddenly she launched, not dropped, launched the bottle, milk and all, onto the middle of tiled aisle. The ushers rushed about to find a mop we were able to leave without being routed out by angry parishioners.

In March 1974, fifty years ago, we moved to our present house on Galleon Drive and began attending St. Francis de Sales Church. (*The Person in Charge of The City of Houston Department of Making Up Street Names* did not notice that Galleon Drive is only five short blocks long, doesn’t connect with any major boulevard and doesn’t continue somewhere else in Sharpstown in unconnected segments all the way to Alief.) The girls all attended St. Francis de Sales School and all graduated from St. Agnes Academy.



Meet Your Educators

I am honored and delighted to serve as the principal of **Neff Elementary**. My name is Mahalet Negussie, a proud Houston native dedicated to education for the past 12 years. I earned my bachelor's degree in education from the University of Houston-Downtown and pursued a master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University.

My journey in education began as a 6th grade ELAR teacher in Houston ISD. I've since served as an instructional coach at a PK-8 campus and progressed to the role of assistant principal. Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of collaborating with community stakeholders, providing coaching, and offering instructional support to enhance student achievement.

As a passionate advocate for students, I prioritize strengthening tier I instruction to meet the diverse needs of all learners. Our campus at Neff Elementary is deeply rooted in community involvement. We warmly invite parents and the community to uphold our school's 60-year tradition of excellence.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. I'm excited about the progress we will achieve during the 2024-2025 school year.

Ms. Negussie Principal

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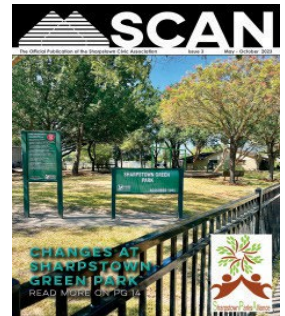
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