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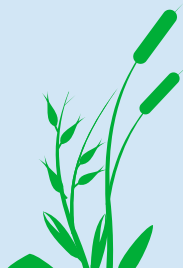


More like this inside!



Sharpstown Trail Ribbon-Cutting

“This trail represents all that is amazing about Southwest Houston and Sharpstown and I am profoundly grateful to everyone who made this reality possible,” shared former SCA Board Director | President, and long-time Sharpstown resident, Pat Menville.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

There's something timeless and powerful about coming together with those who live around us; sharing a meal, a laugh, a story. In today's busy world, it's easy to forget how important these simple moments of connection can be. Gathering with neighbors and breaking bread does more than fill our plates; it strengthens the bonds that make a community feel like home. Opening doors to understanding, building trust, and reminding us that we're not just individuals living side by side, but part of something greater, a neighborhood. Whether it's a potluck, a block party, or just a few chairs pulled together in the driveway, these small acts of togetherness can create lasting memories and meaningful relationships.

The community gathered for the ribbon-cutting of the new Sharpstown Trail in early June. It was a great time to enjoy hamburgers and snow cones with neighbors, area businesses, and our elected officials as we dedicated a new amenity for those living in the area to enjoy.

Our June General Meeting brought us together to listen to our members and hear their concerns. We broke into groups, sharing thoughts and ideas. The most common things heard are that the community wants deed restriction enforcement, mosquito spraying, and security patrols. It was a great time to hear our neighbor's views and concerns.

In July, Spanky's Pizza hosted our first "Members Only" dinner. We enjoyed good food and conversation with each other, then heard from Chuck McClurkin as he told us about his time in Sharpstown and his experiences with racing.

November will see us gather for our Annual meeting. A time where we elect new officers, and give thanks during our annual Thanksgiving Meal.

If all this sounds like fun, become a member! Let's continue to find ways to come together, share a meal, and build a stronger, more connected neighborhood.

Best regards,

Matthew R. Cowan, SCA President

DISTRICT J'S CORNER

District J Interns Build Community Through Mini Library Project



This summer, the energy and dedication of our District J interns are on full display as they bring free access to books right into the heart of our neighborhoods. As part of their seasonal civic engagement efforts, these talented young leaders are constructing Mini Library Boxes throughout J City, giving residents the joy of reading without ever having to leave their block.

This initiative is just one of several summer projects our interns are working on, and it is a powerful example of how civic involvement can have an immediate and lasting impact. These young people are learning what it means to serve their community, to lead with purpose, and to bring ideas to life that benefit all of us. Projects like this help prepare them to become the next generation of civic leaders.

As someone who grew up in Southwest Houston and walked these very same streets, I am proud to see the interns, Serenity Gatson and Ayan Prashar, carry forward a spirit of service and ingenuity. Their work represents the kind of grassroots leadership that strengthens our neighborhoods from the inside out.



Community members and local businesses are invited to support the expansion of the mini library project. Interested parties may contact the District J office at districtj@houstontx.gov.



Together, we can build a city where books are always within reach—and where the next generation is already helping to lead the way.

Together we will,
Edward Pollard

Neighbor Brainstorming Session



June General Meeting Neighbors Invited to Share Concerns

As people arrived at the check-in table, they were randomly given a colored wristband, which would later dictate which group they would be sharing their thoughts and ideas with regarding our neighborhood and the Sharpstown Civic Association.

After the presentation by the Houston Parks Board, everyone broke into their color-coded small groups. SCA Board Directors and our Operations Manager kicked off conversations with each group. We even had City Councilman At-Large Position 1, Julian Ramirez join in the discussion!

The groups discussed issues that concerned them, expressed their pleasure with programs they liked, and had suggestions for improvements. The following list is some of what your neighbors talked about.

- neighbors shooting guns in the air
- pleased that mosquito spraying is continuing
- delays with trash and recycling, as well as heavy trash, pickups
- shred day, and other paid member perks
- loud music late at night; who to call and what will they do?
- fireworks
- suggestions of activities, such as movie nights, disaster preparedness, and first aid classes
- how to report a deed restriction violation; is it anonymous?
- how to help a neighbor who cannot afford to fix their fence
- importance of keeping porch lights on at night to discourage the bad guys
- S.E.A.L. Security and their availability “after hours”

The SCA Board will give a report regarding this brainstorming session at the next general meeting.

There is something special about knowing that your voice matters, and that you are being heard. We sincerely thank everyone who participated and look forward to doing this again.

Attention Dues-Paying Members,

Written notification went out to you late June/early July 2025 in reference to an important upcoming vote regarding the Sharpstown Civic Association (SCA) proposed dues increase. We will hold a vote on the proposed dues increase at the **August General Meeting**, and we ask for your support. Your vote will directly impact the future of our association and the quality of life in Sharpstown.

We are requesting approval of \$90 for Membership and \$190 for Safety and Security. That would be a \$30 increase. That is a 2.4% increase for each year since 2020. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Sharpstown.

Warm regards,
Matthew R. Cowan
President, Sharpstown Civic Association

Thank YOU for participating in the E.L. Crain Park Community Listening Session!

Submitted by Lisa Hernandez, Senior Engagement Manager, Houston Parks Board

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the E.L. Crain Park Listening Session! Your voices, ideas, and energy are helping shape the future of this important community space, and we are truly grateful for your participation.

We'd like to extend a special thank you to the Sharpstown Civic Association for being such gracious hosts. And of course, big thanks to Hotline Burger for providing dinner—we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Attendees were given a presentation on Houston Parks Board as an organization and the Let's Play Houston initiative, provided a walkthrough of proposed upgrades by Talley Landscape Architects, who are bringing their expertise to reimagine the park based on your feedback, followed by a Q&A session to wrap up the evening. Your input is invaluable as we move forward with this project - stay tuned for updates and future opportunities to stay involved.

Let's Play Houston is a collaborative initiative led by City of Houston Mayor John Whitmire, Houston Parks Board, and Houston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with companies, foundations, and private donors, to revitalize 25 neighborhood parks.



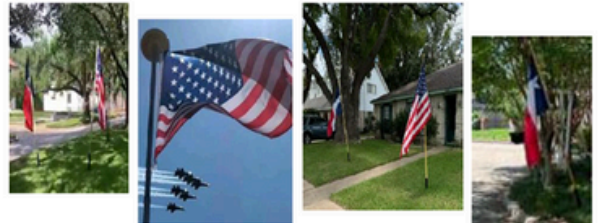
“Thank you!” to our area Boy Scout Troop #549 who posted the colors for our June General Membership meeting.



★ HOLIDAY FLAG PROGRAM ★

The Rotary Club of Sharpstown and the Sharpstown Civic Association are partnering to beautify Sharpstown during 4 Holidays per year!

- Memorial Day May
- Independence Day July
- Labor Day through 9/11 September
- Veterans Day November



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Based in Sharpstown, our Club celebrates the diversity of the Houston community!



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Houston Parks Board secured Hotline Burger for our June General Membership Meeting ~ delicious burgers!



Sharpstown Rotary, avid supporters of the SCA

CRIME REPORT(S) BY SECTION

SHARPSTOWN HOMES CRIME REPORT JUNE/JULY 2025								
TYPE OF CRIME								
	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Murder	Property	Rape	Robbery	Theft	
SECTION								TOTAL
S1	1	1			1	5		8
S2	1	2		2				5
S3					1	1		2
S5	1	2						3
T1								0
T2		2					1	3
T3	1	5		1	1	5		13
CCEE	1			1			1	3
CCEW					1			1
TOTAL	5	12	0	4	0	4	13	38

Definitions of Crime Types

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

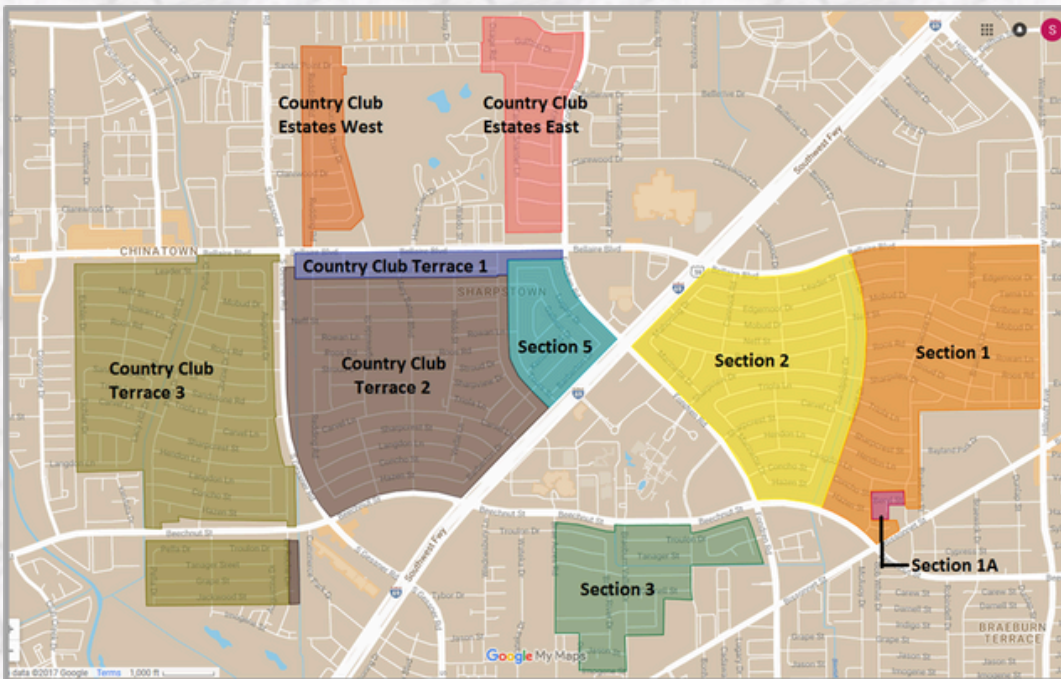
Burglary - (breaking and entering) an unlawful entry into a building for the purpose of committing an offence. Usually, that offence is theft.

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 good 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.





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E.L. Crain Park Pop-Up *presented by Houston Parks Board*



Houston Parks Board hosted a small pop-up at E.L. Crain Park on Sunday, June 22, 2025, in the early evening, which is the day of the week when the park is most heavily used (at the recommendation of community members).

The pop-up was part of the community engagement plan for the new mayoral initiative, *Let's Play Houston*, which plans to improve 25 neighborhood parks across the city.



Refreshments, snacks, freebies, and an opportunity to fill out a survey that asked community members to give input on priorities for the park. Lisa Hernandez, Senior Engagement Manager with the Houston Parks Board along with her team, was on site to answer questions.

Shout out to *KONA ICE* for providing 200 free snow cones to Sharpstown neighbors!



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
- Bi-lingual story hours in Spanish and Mandarin
- Citizenship classes
- Find the full calendar of events, plus location and hours at

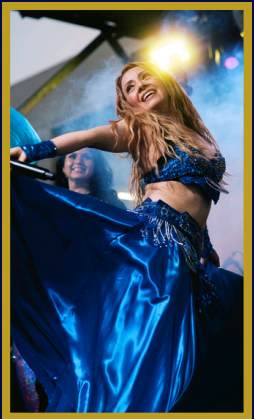
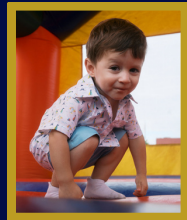
http://houstonlibrary.org/location/walter-neighborhood-library?items_per_page=200#events



Complete the **SCA Survey** and you will be automatically entered into a drawing for an item donated by LOWES in Livingston! Drawings will be held b-monthly; winners will be announced in the SCAN.

 Survey information on page 2.





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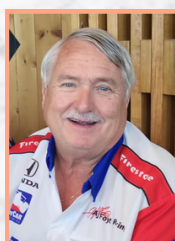
Inaugural Members Only Dinner
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We had a great turnout with almost 50 homeowners and their guests. Spanky's provided a delicious buffet for all to enjoy.

Chuck McClurkin, a long-time business owner and prior resident of Sharpstown, was the guest speaker. He shared his experiences with racing, primarily the Indy 500, and his relationship with A.J. Foyt. Although he has sold his business, he continues to work there to help the new owners and his loyal customers make the transition. Sharpstown Automotive has been a staple of our community for over 45 years; and will continue to do so. Stop by and say "hello" to the shop cat, Bob.

Thank you to everyone who attended. Your dedication and support continue to make Sharpstown a wonderful place to live. Stay tuned as we hope to do this again!



Perceptions of Safety Survey

As part of our ongoing work in the Gulfton and Sharpstown neighborhoods, Harris County Precinct 4 has launched a Perceptions of Safety Survey to gather insights from residents and visitors about how safe they feel in these communities. The goal is to better understand local concerns and guide future improvements to public spaces and neighborhood safety.

We're asking for your help in two important ways:

1. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey yourself.
2. Share the survey with your networks and community contacts.
- 3.

QR Code:



Survey Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2u44nmuj>

The survey is short, confidential, and available in both English and Spanish. Your participation and outreach will be critical in helping us collect meaningful feedback from across both neighborhoods.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions or need additional materials to help promote the survey, feel free to reach out.

Maritza Sepulveda, Community Engagement Coordinator
Department of Public Affairs,



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www.districtjpatrol.com

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DISCLAIMER: This is not an official city website. It is maintained by the community led District J Patrol Task Team.

DISCLAIMER: This is not a substitute for 311.

DISCLAIMER: The Purpose of this site is for residents to submit "Quality of Life Concerns" and "Neighborhood Violations".

Lansdale Park Activities

Free After School Program for children 6-13 years of age
Seeking Adult * Teen Volunteers (build your own hours)

Natalie Brown, Site Manager

Lansdale Community Center

8201 Roos Rd

Office: 813-272-3668

Please visit our website for program registration:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/communitycenters/cc-lansdale.html>



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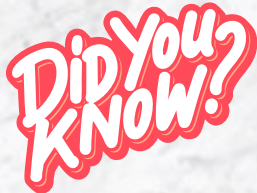
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Architectural Fee Schedule

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

Roof	\$25	:	Outbuilding/Shed	\$50	:	Addition to House	\$250	:	Paint Siding	\$25
Fence	\$25	:	Patio / Patio Roof	\$50	:	Generators / Solar Panels	\$25	:	Garage Doors	\$25
Windows	\$25	:	Garage Conversion	\$50	:	Driveway Alterations	\$100	:	Pool	\$100
Gutters	\$25	:			:			:	Carpport	\$100



NEW CARPORTS

A. Any homeowner who wishes to install a carport, either new or replacement of an existing carport, will be required to:

- (i) Submit detailed plans, including information regarding the dimensions, materials to be used, a plot plan showing the location on the lot in relation to setback lines and existing structures, and any required fees to SCA prior to commencing any work on the structure; and
- (ii) Ensure all proposed construction complies with existing deed restriction provisions, including but not limited to, height limits, setback lines, masonry requirements and use provisions.

Placing Your Cart

HOW TO POSITION YOUR CARTS CORRECTLY

1 Allow 3 feet between carts and structures such as mail boxes, lamp posts and 5 feet from cars

2 Face the metal bar toward the street

3 Make sure the lid is closed

Do not place cart underneath low, overhanging tree limbs or utility lines

Curb Street

Our trucks are automated with an electronic arm that grabs the bin.

Scan this QR code to stay tuned to the SCA website Sharpstowncivic.org, the SCA Facebook page, and subscribe to SCA email for: schedule updates and community news.

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Promoting Literacy, One LITTLE LIBRARY at a Time

Two students from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory have recently started a school club to promote literacy. Brothers Kevin Boyle (a sophomore, Class of 2027) and Sean Boyle (a freshman, Class of 2028) have a goal to establish ten Little Free Libraries in neighborhoods near Strake.



This project is entirely student-led, and they have already found generous donors to support their efforts. As part of the pilot program, the young men are well-equipped to build and install 10 Little Free Libraries in Sharpstown this year.

Please consider hosting a free Little Library! There is no cost to the hosts, and the libraries will be installed in their yards (or place of business) and stocked with books, both initially and on an ongoing basis, to foster a love of reading within the community.

Kevin Boyle, Jr.
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ksboyle27@mail.strakejesuit.org

Sean Boyle
346.455.5725 (call/text)
spboyle28@mail.strakejesuit.org

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driving on
school days



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for children & adults
crossing streets

Neighborhood Cleanup



Submitted by Joyce Akins, Keep Houston Beautiful, Volunteer

On April 8, 2025, about thirty students and teachers from Sharpstown High School came out after school to help keep their campus and nearby neighborhood clean and beautiful. The young people and teachers were so inspired, they may be doing neighborhood cleanups every month! Thank you to Mr. Jared Duplechain, Sharpstown High School Government and Economics teacher, for recruiting students and teachers for this important activity.

YARD WASTE

Yard Waste must be placed in compostable bags at the curb by 7:00 am on garbage collection day.

Bags bearing the City seal are no longer required.

- Place bags at least 3' from your garbage container.
- Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, and small branches.
- Filled bags must weigh under 50 pounds.
- Bundle small branches under 4' long and 18" in diameter and place them next to the bags.
- Yard waste mixed with other materials will not be collected.
- Contractors must remove any waste they generate.



WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP

Sec 1, 2, 3, 5 and CCT1, CCT2, CCT3 are "TUE-B"
Estates East and West are "MON-A"

HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

Month	MON	TUE	Collection
SEP	8	9	Tree Waste Only (delayed)
OCT	13	14	Junk Waste Only (delayed)

Sections 1 & 2 - Heavy Trash on TUE
(2nd TUE of every month)

Sections 3, 5, CCT1, CCT2, CCT3, Estates East & West
Heavy Trash on MON
(2nd MON of every month)

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

You may place waste at the curb no earlier than 6 PM on the
FRI before collection.

http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html



Tree Waste

Tree waste is delayed as crews have been diverted to supplement recycling and heavy trash operations.

Reminder: If you hire a contractor to cut down trees, or lawn services, all waste created *must* be hauled away by the contractor, per ordinance.

Residents can also use any of the six neighborhood drop-off locations to dispose of their debris.

Tire(s) Disposal

Residents may place up to four (4) tires at the curb for collection during Bulk Waste months. Collection crews will separate the tires from the Bulk Waste. It may take up to a week before crews return and retrieve the tires. Separating the tires from the rest of the Bulk Waste allows the SWMD to properly process tires.



IMPORTANT PHONE #'S

Sharpstown Area HPD Substations

Midwest

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7277 Regency Square

South Gessner

24 hours daily
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8605 Westplace Dr,

Ranchester Storefront

11am-3pm Mon, Wed & Fri
832-394-2780
9160 Bellaire, Ste. F

Gulfton Storefront

8am-4pm Mon-Fri
832-394-2660
6227 Southwest Fwy

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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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Need a copy of an accident report? Want to talk to an officer about a problem in your area? You see something suspicious and want to let Law Enforcement know about it?

In Sharpstown, you won't have to go very far. Our community is served by two HPD substations, South Gessner and Midwest, and two HPD storefronts, Gulfton and Ranchester. The officers located at these facilities are there to help you in any way they can, so give them a call or a visit if you need assistance.

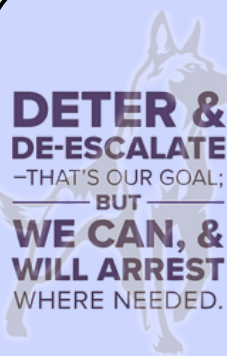


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As an Associate Member, your organization will receive:

- Recognition in the SCAN, our printed newsletter delivered to over 6,600 households in Sharpstown.
- A listing in our monthly email update, reaching our many active residents.

Join us as an Associate Member and help keep Sharpstown strong, safe, and welcoming for all! For more information or to sign up, visit SharpstownCivic.org



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Membership Meeting Schedule

We meet in person on the 4th Thursday of the month (with few exceptions); our meeting streaming LIVE on our Facebook page.

Meet and Greet @6:30 PM
Meeting starts @7:00 PM

August 28, 2025
September 25, 2025
October 23, 2025

Please join us! We are excited to meet YOU.

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