

CANDLEGRAM

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ALL CPCC SOCIAL ACTIVITIES POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

In keeping with the Social Distancing directives from our larger community, Candlelight Plaza is postponing indefinitely all events previously scheduled through April, including the Cornhole Tournament and the Easter Egg Hunt. The good news is this gives the bag tossing folks more time to practice to muster up some serious competition. Yes, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place, too, just not around Easter, so save those plastic eggs and stash the Easter candy. Who knows what will happen? We may throw Mardi Gras beads at our “Easter-on the 4th of July” back-to-school celebration. In the meantime, take care of yourself, your loved ones, and your family.

TREASURER REPORT MIKE HARRYMAN

2020 Summary through March

38% of households have paid dues and 32% have contributed to the Constable Program. We received 25 payments over the past month.

We're just under 50% of Constable Program funding needs for the year.

Keep it coming!



PAUL REVERE AND THE CONSTABLES

During the onset of the sixties, on March 3, 1961, John F. Kennedy, 35th president of the United States, delivered remarks at the dedication ceremonies of the National Wildlife Federation Building, parts of which — the remarks — are oft quoted:

“And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country. It is our task in our time and in our generation to hand down undiminished to those who come after us, as was handed down to us by those who went before, the natural wealth and beauty which is ours.”

Candlelight Plaza is fortunate to have a resident like Paul Akscyn, an avid fisherman and retired Mechanical Engineer. During this time of Social Distancing and hand-washing and sanitizing, Paul said he “thought about the Constables and how they’re always helping us out. I wondered if there was anything i could do for them.” (Did I mention Paul is a child of the sixties, but don’t ask him about it; he won’t remember. You know, they say that if you remember the sixties, you weren’t really there.) “So, I called them,” he said, “you know we have that Dispatch number, and I asked them if they needed anything, and could I donate some money.”

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APRIL YARDS OF THE MONTH



Area I 1143 Lehman Neighborhood Nana



Area II 5002 Park Plaza Ann & Caleb McCollim



Area III anonymous



Area IV 915 Bethlehem Paige & Chris Ochterbeck

EDITOR'S NOTE

The adjacent article, New Neighbor Profile, is the first of what I hope will become a monthly feature in our beloved CandleGram. With the influx of new residents, many of us don't know one another, and we haven't been able to keep up with who's new. If you are new, please reach out to let us know you're here. We would be delighted to share a brief profile of who you are and where you came from as well as a photo.

Thanks!

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NEW NEIGHBOR PROFILE AMY & RON DONELSON

Amy and Ron Donelson of Twin Candle Circle, are among our newest neighbors, having moved to Candlelight Plaza from the Heights in February.

Amy was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska and has lived in Texas for almost 30 years. She and Ron lived in the Dallas area for twenty-plus years where she was the Office Manager for a five-doctor practice.

Once she became a grandmother, Amy retired so she could visit Houston often to help with her two grandsons, Andy and Bobby. Ron retired early in 2017 to help Amy take care of their two grandsons, which spurred a permanent relocation to Houston.

Amy enjoys "keeping active by biking, walking our three dogs, Lily, Lula and Buster (all rescues), and running after our two grandsons." Ron enjoys "walking the dogs, biking, yard work and golf."

"We love our new home and especially the people in our circle and others we have met. We loved living in the Heights for our first three years in Houston, but Candlelight Plaza has more of the lifestyle we love with friendly neighbors and a BIG yard for the kids and the dogs to play in. We feel blessed to be here."





THE QUARANTINI

BY AMANDA JONES, MIXOLOGIST



The Quarantini is tequila, muddled jalapeños and a splash of olive juice.

Studies reveal that consuming tequila in small doses is actually good for bones (helps fight osteoporosis), may help prevent Type 2 Diabetes, aids digestion, controls blood sugar, promotes weight loss, can aid sleep, is probiotic, is prebiotic, is a memory booster (may lower chances of developing

dementia) and numbs pain.

Muddled jalapeños heat up the martini. A virus cannot survive heat, hence the jalapeño. A traditional Mexican martini uses olive juice, hence the olives.

In addition to the tequila, jalapeño, olives and olive juice, you'll need a shaker, a muddler, a martini glass and ice. Lime is optional.

Muddle the jalapenos (remove the seeds and then wash your hands and don't touch your eyes!). Add tequila, a splash of olive juice (dry martini method) and a scoop of the muddled jalapeños into the shaker. Shake and pour.

Rim the martini glass with a splash of olive (or lime) juice and garnish with a citrus (lime) wedge or jalapeño stuffed olives.

Enjoy while listening to the song "Social Disease" by Bernie Taupin and Elton John.

PAUL REVERE continued

Paul shared that the Constables are unable to accept money, but they can accept cleaning and sanitation supplies: soaps, disinfectants, anti-bacterials, sani-wipes, paper towels, tissues and such. "I dropped the cleaning supplies off at the Constable substation on North Shepherd, and they were so happy. You know, they interact with people all day, and they're constantly having to wipe down their patrol cars and laptops and all kinds of tools. They were delighted, and said to spread the word."

THE ASTROS

Who'd have thought a month ago that we wouldn't be talking about the Astros?



We hope that everyone is staying healthy and safe during this time. Plaza Moms has decided to cancel all events in April, i.e. the Easter Egg Hunt and the April Social.

We will keep everyone informed with the latest news via Facebook and Groupspaces. **WE ARE STILL HERE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER** and make the best of everything, so please reach out if you need anything!

www.facebook.com/groups/plazamoms

Interested in joining? Questions? For more information about membership, events or anything else, email us at plaza.moms.houston@gmail.com.

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SECURITY REPORT

ASHLEY KELLEY

We have a new daytime deputy, Deputy William Purcell. Deputy Cobas has been transferred to another contract.

Deputy Purcell has been with the Harris County Constable's Office for the past three years. He began working as a patrol officer in 2007 with the City of Humble, and in 2011 moved to the City of Jamaica Beach. Prior to working in law enforcement, Purcell was a medic for the City of Galveston.

If you see him around the 'hood, be sure to give him a warm welcome and thanks — from six feet, of course.

Welcome Deputy Purcell!



Stay at Home

IMPORTANT Stay Home

- Buy Groceries 1x per week
- Go to the Doctor or Pharmacy
- Outdoor Exercise in groups less than 4 and 6ft apart
- Act As a Caretaker for Loved Ones
- Go to an Essential Job

Staying home now will help restore our communities as quickly as possible.

DON'T Gather in Groups

Only leave the house to:

ASK YOURSELF
Is this trip really essential?

CAR BURGLARY

In early March, CP Resident Janeal Whitefield reported on the NextDoor app: We live on one of the Lehman cul-de-sacs, and this morning I went out to my car and found a huge mess. Someone had broken in and pulled everything out of the console, the glove compartment and my little basket of necessities. They even ripped open one of the “food bags for the homeless” that I carry, but apparently they weren't hungry because all the food was still there. My coin purse was missing but that wouldn't get them very far. Keep an eye on your vehicles!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL / MAY 2020			1 April Fools Day	2	3	4 Plaza Moms Easter Egg Hunt
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 Trash Pickup	8 Passover (begins at sundown)	9	10	11 OPHO Easter Egg Hunt
12 Easter	13	14 Trash & Recycling	15	16 Heavy Trash Pickup	17	18 Cornhole Tournament Plaza Hood Garage Sale
19	20	21 Trash Pickup	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Trash & Recycling	29	30 Ramadan (begins at sundown)	1	2
3	4	5 Trash Pickup	6	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9

Trash & Recycling Reminder: No street parking in cul-de-sacs on trash pickup days.