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NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE

"Pink Seat"



Do you know someone in your community with a great story to tell? Maybe they recently started a business, won an award, took a trip or made a difference? These are the people we want in the "PINK SEAT"! Nominate someone in your community for the "Pink Seat" next month by emailing lherrera@bestversionmedia.com.



Dear Residents,

April is an important month in our community as we celebrate Spring Valley Village's anniversary. For 64 years, thousands of people have called Spring Valley their home.

Spring Valley's history spans beyond the 64 years, dating all the way back to 1850's when German immigrants were the very first settlers in our community.

Learn more about our community's past in our magazine as we dedicate a portion of this month's issue to its history.

April is a month filled with many celebrations and events, make sure you take a look at our calendar for upcoming events in our area. From the Spring Branch Memorial Branch Library to Memorial City Mall to City Hall's park, don't miss out on all the events this month.

As our community continues to grow, let's not forget about our beautiful history. Our home has come a long way over the years and will continue.

April showers will come and go but our love for community will stay and grow. Happy 64th birthday to our home!

Happy Anniversary!

Dawn Gunther, publisher
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Spring Valley Village HISTORIC TIMELINE

By Lidia Herrera



- 1946: Dad's Swim Club Formed
- 1948: 12 grades system introduced in SBISD
- Property for Spring Branch HS purchased
- 1948-1949: Rural route addresses converted to street addresses
- 1952-1953: First classes at Spring Branch HS
- Dec. 14, 1954: Community petitions for incorporation
- April 9, 1955: Election for incorporation
- April 25: Town of Spring Valley was incorporated by Judge Casey
- June 30: William F. Cannon elected first Mayor
- July 18: Ordinance, Book 1 regulated issuance of building permits, was adopted
- Oct 10: Ordinance governing subdivision passed
- Jan 24, 1956: Zoning Commission created
- April 2: Zoning Commission adopted
- April 16, 1957: Changed to City of Spring Valley/Pop. Over 600 residents
- 1960: Pop. 2,004 residents
- 1962: SBHS Stadium renamed Reggie Grob Stadium
- Nov. 18, 1963: Construction of sewer lines
- 1964: Dad's Club and the YMCA shared the Voss Road facilities
- 1974: Pop. 3,200
- 1981: Two-story houses allowed to be built
- 1882: Briar Branch Park
- 1983L Dedication of City Hall
- Nov. 1983L City Hall Park (David Layton Park)
- 1987: Pop. 3,800
- 1988: Bingle Road Park
- 1989: Gazebo in City Hall Park in memory of Barbara Nichols
- 1992: Live Oak Tree on Harris County Notable Tree Registry
- 1997: Lychner Memorial for Pam Lychner and daughters, Katie & Shannon
- 2002: Dad's Club remains after YMCA move

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Spring Valley's First Church: ST. PETER'S UNITED

By Lidia Herrera

St. Peter's United Church has roots in Spring Valley Village's history. Built 165 years ago, it is the oldest church founded in Spring Valley. The founding members of this church were also the original settlers in the area.

Spring Valley's first settlers were German immigrants who fled the oppressive laws of the German Confederation. In 1846, founder Karl Kolbe immigrated from Gotha, Germany to Galveston, Texas.

Kolbe and other families like the Ahrenbecks, Schroedors, Bauers, Beinhorns, Rummels, Hillendahls and other families settled near the Buffalo Bayou. They named their new settlement, Spring Branch because of the branches that covered the creek.

In 1849, the Rummel family donated land for a church to be built. In 1850, a cemetery was created on the grounds. St. Peter's Cemetery is home to the graves of the original settlers and also holds the graves of the victims of the yellow fever epidemic of the 1850's.

In 1854, the German Protestant church was officially built and services were held. The families, named the church St. Peter's, after one of the 12 disciples in the Bible.

St. Peter's Church played an important part role in the community. It served as Spring Branch's first school from 1856-1889 until the first public school was built. The church was also considered the town center where social, recreational and spiritual events took place.

Unfortunately, in 1864 the church was damaged by a fire. This lead to changes of the church like building a new frame that allowed for the church's structure to be more firm then before.

When the Evangelical and Reformed Lutheran churches, the United Church of Christ and Congregational Christian church merged, the church's name changed to St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

On January 1st, 2019, Cathedral of Hope Houston merged with St. Peter United Church of Christ in ministry.

St. Peter's United Church continues to serve the Spring Valley Village's Community with with one-fifth of its members are descendents of the founding members of the church. Their weekly worships are every Sunday at 10am.

Members get together for community events like bingo, bowling, escape rooms, movies and other fun events.

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DR. AMANDA CANTO

Showers the World with Smiles!

By Lidia Herrera | Photographs by David Postma/Genesis Photographers



For more than 20 years, Amanda Canto has changed people's life with improving their smiles as a dentist.

Dr. Canto's parents were both immigrants from Panama and Peru. She is part of a large family of eight kids and loves them beyond words.



"We have been blessed with so much love, an expectation of excellence and a non-compromising belief that our education was everything," said Dr. Canto. "There is nothing more precious in life than family...that which you are born to and those you chose along that way to share the laughter and the tears, the triumphs and the failures...but most importantly to share love."

She graduated from Tomball High School and received her Bachelors degree from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She later received her Doctors degree in Dental Surgery from The University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston in 1989. She began her career with a one-year fellowship in Cosmetic Dentistry. In 1995, she started her own practice of Cosmetic Dentist.

"I have been passionate about not only changing people's smiles, but also transforming the experience of going to the dentist to one that inspires people to take great care and be healthy," said Dr. Canto.

Dr. Canto met her wonderful husband, Carlo Heinrichs through a friend. After two years of dating, they were married in Maui on February 27th, 2016. Carl is a retired Oil and Gas Executive who now is a business advisor and managing partner for her Cosmetic Dentist office.

"It was truly magical, as I had divorced when my children were were small and stayed single for 16 years waiting for my soul mate and God finally brought him to me," said Dr. Canto.

From previous marriages, they have three daughters: Gabriela Canto (24), Annie Heinrichs (23) and Annie Canto (20). Gabriela and Annie Canto both are graduates from Memorial High School. They both participated in sports, debate and received scholastic achievement attending college.

Gabriela earned a Bachelors in Supply Chain Management from the Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston and now works in distribution for Patagonia in Reno, Nevada. Annie Heinrichs graduated from Tulane and went to do Teach for America in Oklahoma City. She has started her Masters program at Oklahoma University. Annie Canto is a sophomore at Texas A&M, majoring in pre-med.

"These beautiful young ladies are our greatest pride and joy," said Dr. Canto. "We cherish any time that we can get with them! They grow up too quickly!"

When Dr. Canto is not busy working at her dentist office, she enjoys spending time with her family and her furry pets, Macallan (German Short-haired Pointer) and Duke (Boxer).

"I absolutely love spending time with my family, traveling, learning new things, dancing, playing with our fur babies, and even bird hunting with my husband and our Macallan 25 (Mac)," said Dr. Canto. "Duke will be heading to College Station with Annie this summer, therefore, we are actually expecting a baby brother for Mac in June to keep us all company."

Traveling as a family is one of Dr. Canto's favorite things to do. Costa Rica and Peru, are some of the countries she has traveled with her family. The Peru trip was a special one, since her mom had not been back to her country in over 46 years. At the age of 81, her mom went back to see her land and family again.

"We had an absolutely magnificent time in Lima taking my mom to places that she would frequent as a child and reacquaint her and introduce us to our family there," said Dr. Canto. "My mom lived more in those two weeks than in many years especially after losing daddy just a few months before their 50th anniversary."

Dr. Canto also enjoys giving back to the community as a dentist. She is a leader for Freedom Day USA and each year during it's national day, dental offices across the country give away free dental services to Veterans who presently serve the country.

"We also offer services to their immediate family members as a huge 'thank you' for their immense sacrifice," said Dr. Canto.

Dr. Canto has completed two dental missions in Ecuador, serving children with dental care.

"The missions that I have been part of have served over 300 children each time and have been life-changing experiences for me," said Dr. Canto. "Another of my favorite volunteer efforts is to gift smiles to victims of domestic violence and also kids from 'at risk' homes heading to college. A confident and healthy smile can change a person's path for the better."

Dr. Canto and her family have lived in Spring Valley Village for 15 years. They moved to Spring Valley because of the quiet and safe neighborhood that



was close to her dentist office and their daughter's school.

"We found Spring Valley to have amazing response times from our Police and Fire Department along with a warm and friendly feeling from our neighbors. I especially love the safe feeling we get from living amongst such nice and caring people," said Dr. Canto. "It feels like a community that has each other's back and I feel blessed to be part of it.

We work quite a bit, yet we really enjoy getting together during neighbors nights out and dinner or drinks with our friends in the community."

Spring Valley is an important part of her life and loves living in this community she calls home.

"Take the time to meet your neighbors as there are some pretty fabulous people living in this community. Time flies and you never know whom you might miss by not getting out there! Even if it's just a wave and a smile...do it! Spring Valley is a special place to live," said Dr. Canto.





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Spring Valley's New Retail Project

By Lidia Herrera

Braun Enterprises purchased the 70,000 -square-foot shopping center at 8141 Long Point and have renamed it, Spring Branch Village.

They plan to redevelop the 1960's shopping center to include restaurants, fitness centers, salons and other stores.

This is the third redevelopment for the company in this area after they invested in Branch Craft Beer & Foodery and a shopping center on Bingle. They have also redeveloped other properties in the Heights, Montrose and Midtown areas.

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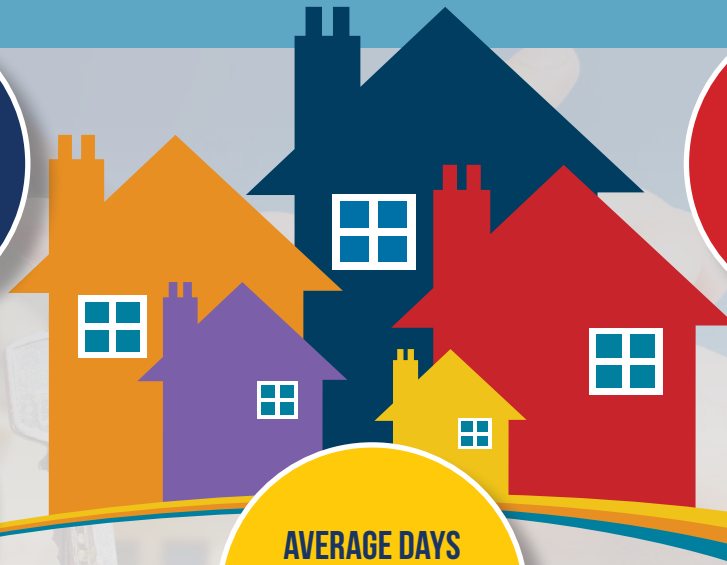
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

1

- April Fool's
- Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm

2

- Toddler Storytime @SBMBL @10:15-10:45am
- Square Fit Boot Camp @The Square 6pm
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
- Letter Jackets @MHS Cafeteria @11:20am-1:10pm
- Women's Self Defense Class (Pre-Register) @GraceCommunityChurch @5:30-8:30pm

3

- Isra and Mi'raj Baby Storytime @SBMBL @10-10:30am
- Kidtastic Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am
- Stars & Stripes @The Lawn @5pm

7

- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-7pm
- Bunny Cares @MCM @8:30am-10:30am
- Sunday Mass @St. Peter United @10am
- Sunday Mass @St. Catherine of Siena @8am & 11:15am

8

- Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm

9

- National Library Workers' Day
- Toddler Storytime @SBMBL @10:15-10:45am
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
- Square Fit Boot Camp @The Square 6pm
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @Council Chambers in City Hall @7pm
- City Hall Closed All Day

10

- Baby Storytime @SBMBL @10-10:30am
- Kidtastic Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am
- Stars & Stripes @The Lawn @5pm

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- Palm Sunday
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-7pm
- Sunday Funday @Xinity Fireplace @3pm
- Pet Night @MCM @6-8pm
- Sunday Mass @St. Peter United @10am
- Palm Sunday Mass @St. Catherine of Siena @8am & 11:15am

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- Tax Day
- Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
- Civic Activities Board Meeting @Council Chambers in City Hall @7pm

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- Toddler Storytime @SBMBL @10:15-10:45am
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
- Square Fit Boot Camp @The Square 6pm
- Orchestra Concert Contest @MHS Auditorium @8am-6pm

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- Baby Storytime @SBMBL @10-10:30am
- Kidtastic Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
- Stars & Stripes @The Lawn @5pm

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• EASTER SUNDAY

- Sunday Mass @St. Peter United @10am
- Easter Sunday Mass @St. Catherine of Siena @8am & 11:15am

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- Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am
- Earth Day @SBMBL @3-5pm

23

- Square Fit Boot Camp @The Square @6pm
- City Council Meeting @Council Chambers in City Hall @6pm

24

- Administrative Professionals Day
- Baby Storytime @SBMBL @10-10:30am
- Kidtastic Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am
- Stars & Stripes @The Lawn @5pm

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- Orthodox Easter
- Sunday Funday @Xinity Fireplace @3pm
- Sunday Mass @St. Peter United @10am
- Sunday Mass @St. Catherine of Siena @8am & 11:15am

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- Orthodox Easter Monday
- Storytime at Frolic's Castle @MCM @10am

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- Toddler Storytime @SBMBL @10:15-10:45am
- Square Fit Boot Camp @The Square 6pm

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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

- 4**
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Preschool Storytime @SBMBL @3-4pm
 - Circus N'ght @the Square @7pm
 - Memorial VS District Finals (Track & Field) @MHS @6-9pm

- 5**
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Paint Boss @Frolics Castle @10am
 - Friday Family Movie Nights @TheSquare @7pm
 - Movie Night (The Sandlot) @City Park @7pm
 - Festival of Colors @MHS Bus Circle & Back Lot @4-5:30pm

- 6**
- Coffee & Cars @West Parking Lot Memorial City Mall @8am
 - Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Square Live! @The Square @7pm
 - Markette Junior Drill Clinic @MHS Gym1 @8:45am-12pm

- 11**
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Mystery Book Club @SBMBL @1-2pm
 - Preschool StorCircus N'ght @the Square @7pm time@SBMBL @3-4pm

- 12**
- Paint Boss @Frolics Castle @10am
 - Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Friday Family Movie Nights @TheSquare @7pm

- 13**
- Thomas Jefferson's Day
 - Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Square Live! @The Square @7pm
 - MHS Senior Prom TBD
 - ACT @MHS @7am-2pm

- 18**
- Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Preschool Storytime @SBMBL @3-4pm
 - Circus N'ght @the Square @7pm
 - Holy Thursday Mass @St. Catherine of Siena @6-7pm

- 19**
- Good Friday
 - Paint Boss @Frolics Castle @10am
 - Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Friday Family Movie Nights @TheSquare @7pm
 - Student/Staff Holiday
 - Good Friday Service @St. Catherine of Siena @3-4pm

- 20**
- Holy Saturday
 - Passover (1st day)
 - San Jacinto Day
 - Easter Bunny @MCM @11am-8pm
 - Square Live! @The Square @7pm
 - Easter Vigil Mass @ St. Catherine of Siena @8-9pm

- 25**
- Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
 - Preschool Storytime @SBMBL @3-4pm
 - MAM Market Night Circus N'ght @the Square @7pm
 - Spring Valley Village 64th Anniversary

- 26**
- Orthodox Good Friday
 - Paint Boss @Frolics Castle @10am
 - Friday Family Movie Nights @TheSquare @7pm
 - Markette Spring Show @MHS Auditorium @7-10pm

- 27**
- Last Day of Passover
 - Orthodox Holy Saturday
 - Square Live! @The Square @7pm
 - Yoga @The Lawn @9am
 - Circus @The Lawn @7pm
 - Markette Spring Show @MHS Auditorium @7-10pm

Easter

By Lidia Herrera

ORIGIN:

A Christian holiday that celebrates the belief of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In the Bible, his resurrection happens three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans in 30 A.D. This holiday begins with Ash Wednesday which signifies the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40 day period of fasting, prayer and sacrifice ending with the Holy Week. Holy Week includes Holy Thursday which is the celebration of Jesus' Last Supper with the 12 Apostles and Good Friday which is the day Jesus' death is observed. Easter Sunday is the last celebration of the week.

TRADITIONS:

PAINTING EGGS:

Eggs symbolizes new life, fertility and rebirth. It also the symbol of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Red eggs represent the blood of Jesus Christ.

EASTER BUNNY:

Rabbits are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life. Easter bunny arrived in America in the 1700's with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. Children made nests so the bunny could lay its colored eggs and left carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.

EASTER PARADE:

First Easter parade in America dates back to mid 1800's when upper neighborhoods would stroll after Easter services to show off their new spring outfits and hats. In 1948, the film Easter Parade was released starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland.

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AOK FOUNDATION By Lidia Herrera

In 1988, the Athletic and Orthopedic Research Foundation (AOK) was created to provide the best medical care to injured student athletes.

Any medical care given to injured student athletes such as treatment, injections, surgery, and rehabilitation is due to the generosity of donors. The foundation follows every patients through their full recovery.

Thanks to donors, they have provided over 1,000 low cost sports physicals to student athletes each year.

“I really appreciate the doctors at AOK and everything they have done for me. Without their care, I wouldn’t be able to walk normally. My mom says the Athletic and Orthopedic Research Foundation is a huge blessing. She is self-employed and as a single mother didn’t know how she was going to get me the medical care needed so I could continue to play basketball,” said Reshard Nelson, Houston Christian High School.

The foundation also provides funds to that support the youth in our community such as encouraging sports participation and educating students about injury prevention and health topics.

“West Houston Lacrosse is extremely grateful for the equipment and support that has been provided by AOK. Through their generosity we will be able to field a full middle school girls’ team with no cost to the



players, allowing any student that wants to play the sport of lacrosse the ability to do so. We will also be able to provide sticks for our free clinics & camps so that players that might not otherwise have the opportunity to try lacrosse will be able to participate and learn this great sport,” said West Houston Lacrosse.

The 13th annual fundraiser to raise money for the foundation will be on May 4th at Kay’s Top Golf.

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