

# Old Spring Branch Bugler

January 2020 \* enero 2020

### **Heavy Trash Pick-Up**

**Fourth** Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, January 23: TREE WASTE

Thursday, February 27: JUNK WASTE

#### Recolección de Basura Pesada

**Cuarto** jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 23 de enero: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 27 de febrero: <u>Basura Chatarra</u>

#### PLEASE REMEMBER:

### OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

For further information, please attend our monthly meetings.

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you have made resolutions to make it a healthy and safe new year. In addition, hopefully, you, as an OSB resident, will take an interest in your OSB Civic Association.

The suggested items on the right may sound familiar BUT some things NEVER change. I encourage the residents to be an asset to our community. All of us are responsible to make our OSB area an attractive and desirable place to live. Abide by the City of Houston "Codes" and uphold your subdivision's deed restrictions. Land values are important!

A maintenance schedule has been promised for the future "ditch" cleaning. There may still be some work needed in some areas. I plan to keep check on the Public Works Dept. and keep District A, newly elected Council Member, Amy Peck, informed of the "ditch" and all issues that need attention in OSB.

Best wishes for a successful and rewarding 2020. See you at the January 14 monthly meeting.

- Start by abiding by the City of Houston Ordinances (Codes). Do not be guilty of someone calling 3-1-1 on you for a "code" violation.
- Be in compliance with your subdivision deed restrictions. If in doubt, call a OSB board member.
- 3) Make it a point to commit to one hour a month to attend a Civic Association meeting, second Tuesday of each month. Your input is important.
- 4) Become an annual member of the Civic Association: \$25 per resident address per year, \$12 for fixed income residents.
- 5) Become involved in OSB activities like Citizens on Patrol and social events such as Neighbors Night Out, Christmas Party. Serve on a Committee.
- 6) Give back to your community and be supportive of the Civic Association. We are here to serve you and make our area a better place to live. Your suggestions and help is needed.
- 7) Read the monthly newsletter THE BUGLER! It is delivered monthly.

### **Old Spring Branch Civic Association**

General Meeting: Tuesday, January 14 | 7 p.m. (Junta Mensual: martes, 14 de enero | 7 p.m.)

Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.





### **OSBCA CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN**

Georgia Meza

If you were not at the annual OSB Christmas Party, you missed an enjoyable time, as usual. Thanks to my committee of Linda Whatley, Virginia Lehman and Jo Lightsey for helping organize another successful event.

A very special thanks to Lee, the Lovett Manor Manager, and the Lovett residents for allowing OSB to use their great facility for our Christmas Party again. We appreciate your help and cooperation!

Committee members and I were responsible for decorating the OSB entrance signs and the Lovett Manor entertainment room. White table clothes covered the tables and poinsettias were the table decorations. So nice! Poinsettias were given away as door prizes.

Those who attended brought their favorite hors d'oeuvres or finger foods, and were invited to bring their favorite desserts as well.

Murphy Critelli provided the Christmas background music during Happy Hour and the Chinese gift exchange game. The gift exchange is always a fun and controversial event. Each person brings a generic gift worth approximately \$10.

Newly elected District A Councilmember Amy Peck dropped by for a short visit.

Tickets for a \$50 Christmas drawing were given to adult members as they arrived. **Loretta Nalley was the winner.** Congratulations!

We hope that you choose to join us next year. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### **BEAUTIFICATION**

Jo Lightsey

### Placement of recycling and garbage bins

Reminder to residents to PLEASE place your recycling containers and garbage containers three to four (3'-4') feet apart on collection day. The mightily JAWS of the City of Houston Solid Waste Dept. need the space for successfully picking up and empting the containers. Otherwise, collecting trucks spill contents on your yard and street. Sack all garbage items.

### **Inoperable Cars**

Several ugly sights in our OSB neighborhood are junk or inoperable cars. This is a City of Houston Code violation. One could be given a "citation". I am going to suggest that if you want to rid your property of a junk or inoperable car, go to the following website, as advertised on Channel 13, CarsForKids.org. "Write off the car, not the kid." The organization will pick up the car FREE. Just do it! CarsForKids.org.

Please take the time to keep your street and yards clear of litter. No OSB street clean ups are scheduled. It is your responsibility to keep your curbs and ditches clear of litter.





### **CRIME REPORTS: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019**

Listed below are the 'reported' incidents filed with HPD for October 29 to December 31, 2019.

- Three reports filed for Assault: 11/29 at 7PM on 7600 block of Hammerly, 12/1 at 10PM on 7600 block of Hammerly and 12/14 at 10AM at 7500 block of Long Point.
- Two reports of Robbery: 11/16 at 8PM at 7500 block of Long Point and 12/25 at 3AM at 7700 block of Long Point.
- Three incidents of Property Crime: 11/3 at 8AM at 7400 block of Long Point, 11/15 at 12AM at 7600 Hammerly and 12/21 at 6PM at 7600 block of Hammerly.
- One report of Breaking & Entering on 11/27 at 5PM at 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- And last incident was Theft of Vehicle on 11/28 at 4PM at 1700 block of Jacquelyn.
- There were also two incidents of Quality of Life (Liquor Law Violations) reported in our area.

Please note that the above information was gathered from the cityprotect.com website.

### CITIZENS ON PATROL UPDATE

Virginia Lehman

**Happy New Year!** We reported 35.5 patrol hours for the month of November and 30 patrol hours for December 2019.

We did do a couple of night patrols during December, it was quite nice seeing all of the Christmas lights. I was impressed by the number of houses that were decorated. I did notice how hard it was to read the address numbers for some of the houses at night and even during the day. Remember, criminals don't like to be seen so we need to keep our porch lights on at night.

My hopes for our CP group this year is to get some new members involved. The patroller's responsibilities are to observe and report situations that require emergency responses by the police. Criminal acts, fire and other incidents affecting public safety fall into this category.

The presence of the Citizen Patrol program can reduce the opportunity for criminal activity and enhance the general safety of the community (from Citizens Patrol Training Manual).

We are required to have at least 7 members and report at least 30 patrol hours a month. You will be required to pass a background check and attend a short training session to qualify to be a Citizens patrol volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Virginia Lehman at 832-748-8088 or Loretta Nalley at 832-868-8751.

As always, we encourage you all to get to know your neighbors and, if possible, exchange phone numbers so there is some point of contact if ever needed. One never knows when an 'emergency' might arise, and your neighbors help will be needed or vice versa.

We all need to stay alert and report any incidents that seem suspicious. If you see something, please call the Police at 713-884-3131 (their non-emergency phone number). If it is a life-threatening situation, please call 911.



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### PORCH THEFT

Theft of vehicle and porch theft are considered crime of opportunity! Don't leave anything of value in your car, if you have to leave something of value in your car make sure it is out of sight. At recent meeting in November, it was stressed that guns are now the 'hot' item to look for in vehicle break ins.

#### AVOID PORCH THEFT: 5 TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR PACKAGES

(from National Neighborhood Watch website)

- 1. Network with Neighbors
- 2. Have Packages Delivered to Work
- 3. Leave Specific Drop-Off Instructions
- 4. Use a Smart Lock
- 5. Install Security Cameras

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE BECOME A VICTIM OF A PORCH PIRATE

- 1. Check with your delivery company to make sure your package was actually delivered.
- 2. Know exactly what's in the missing box.
- 3. If you see the thief, pay attention to what his or her vehicle looks like and its license plate number. Second to that, get the thief's physical description gender, approximate height and weight and what they're wearing so you can tell an officer.
- 4. Call HPD and ask for an officer to come to your home.
- 5. If you have a security camera on your home, get a copy of the video to police. Ask your neighbors if their cameras captured the thief in action.









### CHRISTMAS DECORATING RESULTS

OSB Resident Judges

Our participation in decorating our homes for the Christmas season was not to compete in a contest, but to express our happiness during the holiday season. No prizes are awarded for the decorations. It is a joy to see folks transform their property into a bright, shiny and cheerful exhibit of love.

Therefore, to give some incentive, OSBCA asked residents to drive throughout the neighborhood and, in their opinion, choose the best decorated. There is no "right" or "wrong" for theme or design. This year, there were approximately sixty to seventy homes that had some sort of Christmas decorations. The "best" is in the "eye of the judge", so to speak. Of the homes decorated, **the judges voted the following TOP six to be the best.** 

2110 COUNTER POINT	7614 HAMMERLY	1915 HARLAND
2006 WOODVINE	2015 WOODVINE	2019 WOODVINE

HONORABLE MENTION: 2021 Counter Point, 2123 Woodvine, 7614 Turquoise,

Thank you to those who took the time to "judge" and, most importantly, thank you, to all who decorated this Christmas season. Make it a very happy and safe New Year. Happy New year, 2020!

# David Alcorta

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### **Old Spring Branch Realtors Market in 2019**

Rosario Machorro

Number of Homes Sold 18

Average Sales Price \$340,774 Average Sales Piece Per Square Ft. \$189.44 Days on the Market 206



Presently, there are 13 homes listed in the neighborhood for sale. There are two pending expected to close in the next 30 days. Average time on the market is 4.2 to 6.8 months if priced correctly.

At this moment there are 3 active rental properties in the neighborhood. Currently there are 0 pending.

Should you need a free market analysis on your home or just have a real estate related question, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 713-391-6533.

Don't forget to come by the meeting Tuesday 14th to see how the association helps keep taxes low and property values up. Hope to see you there.

### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS** Deadline: Friday, January 31, 2020

Got ideas or suggestions? Send them to sybilsanchez@yahoo.com, Subject line: OSBCA

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		on, TX 77255-5172

Checks payable to Old Spring Branch Civic Association or OSBCA.

### Asociación Cívica de Old Spring Branch Formulario de Membrecía 2019 – 2020 Nombre: Dirección: Correo Electrónico: Dirección de correspondencia: ¿Le gustaría formar parte del directorio de membrecía? □ Sí □ No Estoy interesado en los siguientes comités: □ Embellecimiento □ Vigilancia de la Vecindad □ Comunicaciones ☐ Restricciones de las Propiedades □ Jardinería □ Membrecía □ Social □ Eventos Especiales Cuota Anual/Tipo de Membrecía: □ \$25.00 Propiedad Representada □ \$12.50 Tercera Edad/Bajos Ingresos □ \$25.00 Negocio/No resident □ Nuevo Miembro □ Renovando Cantidad de la Cuota Anual: Comité Cantidad de la Donación: Pago Total: Al solicitar membrecía nueva o al renovar, está de acuerdo a pagar su cuota y apoyar a su asociación cívica a obtener una vecindad mejor. Firma: Fecha: Cuota de membrecía válida del 1-5-19 hasta 30-4-20.

Traiga el formulario y pago a la siguiente reunión o puede mandarlo por correo a: Old Spring Branch Civic Association

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### **CITY OF HOUSTON**

**Updated Phone Numbers** 

### **City Hall/City Hall Annex**

District A – <b>Amy Peck*</b>	832-393-3010
At-large 1 – Mike Knox	832-393-3014
At-large 2 – David Robindon	832-393-3013
At-large 3 – Michael Kubosh	832-393-3005
At-large 4 – <b>Letitia Plummer DDS*</b>	832-393-3012
At-large 5 – Sallie Alcorn*	832-393-3006
City Attorney's Office	832-393-3440
City Secretary	832-393-1100
Legal	832-393-1029

\*Newly Elected

### City Dept.

<b>3-1-1</b> (City Ordinance Violations)	713-837-0311		
Citizen's Assistance Office	832-393-0955		
Convention & Entertainment	713-853-8000		
Fire	713-247-5000		
Health & Human Services	713-794-9320		
Houston Emergency Center	713-884-3911		
Municipal Courts	713-247-5680		
Parks & Recreation	713-865-4500		
Planning & Development	713-837-7719		
Center Point Energy	713-207-2222		
BARC (loose dogs)	713-229-7342		
Police Depatch Non-Emergency	713-884-3131		
Police (HPD storefront – 8am-4pm)	832-394-0100		
Police (NW sub-station)	713-774-0900		
Police (SBISD) ***			
Kids on street, 8am-4pm, M-F	713-984-9805		
Harris County Clerk			
Filed Deed Restrictions	713-755-6411		
Public Works & Engineering	713-837-0050		
Solid Waste Management	713-837-9103		
_	713-699-8924		

### POLICE (EMERGENCY ONLY) 9-1-1

If any of the above numbers are incorrect, call 3-1-1. They can direct your call.

### **HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING**

2020 Schedule

January	Recycling:	1/3, 1/17, 1/31
2020	Heavy Trash:	1/23 <b>(TREE)</b>
February	Recycling:	2/14, 2/28
2020	Heavy Trash:	2/ 27 ( <b>JUNK</b> )
March	Recycling:	3/13, 3/27
2020	Heavy Trash:	3/26 ( <b>TREE</b> )
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April 2020	Recycling:	4/10, 4/24
	Heavy Trash:	4/23 ( <b>JUNK</b> )
May 2020	Recycling:	5/8, 5/22
•	Heavy Trash:	5/28 ( <b>TREE</b> )
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<b>June 2020</b>	Recycling:	6/5, 6/19
	Heavy Trash:	6/25 ( <b>JUNK</b> )
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July 2020	Recycling:	7/3, 7/17, 7/31
	Heavy Trash:	7/23 ( <b>TREE</b> )
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August	Recycling:	8/14, 8/28
2020	Heavy Trash:	8/27 ( <b>JUNK</b> )
September	<b>Recycling:</b>	9/11, 9/25
2020	Heavy Trash:	9/24 ( <b>TREE</b> )
October	Recycling:	10/9, 10/23
2020	Heavy Trash:	10/22 ( <b>JUNK</b> )
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November	Recycling:	11/6, 11/20
2020	Heavy Trash:	11/26 <b>(TREE</b> )
December	<b>Recycling:</b>	12/4, 12/18
2020	Heavy Trash:	12/24 ( <b>JUNK</b> )

**HEAVY TRASH:** Tree waste is picked up on odd numbered months and Junk waste on even numbered, on the fourth Thursdays of the month. No Junk waste will be picked up on Tree waste only days.

**RECYCLING:** Pick up is every other Friday. City of Houston legal yard bags and tied bundled limbs should be picked up EVERY Friday. Yard clippings, leaves, weeds, and bundles, no longer than 3' and not heavier than 50 lbs.

CALL 3-1-1 IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE NOT PICKED ON SCHEDULE.

DATES SHOULD APPEAR IN THE BUGLER CALENDAR EACH MONTH.

## Old Spring Branch Civic Association

JANUARY 2020	ENERO 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
domingo 12	lunes 13	14 OSBCA meeting	miércoles 15	jueves 16	viernes 17	sábado  18  May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada
19	20 MLK Jr. Day	21 NW PIP meeting, 7p @ Faith Center, 8009 Long Point	22	23 Heavy Trash – TREE	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8

### OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **OFFICERS**

President:Jo Lightsey713-681-0560Vice President:Marvin Thielemann713-682-9634Secretary:Linda Whatley713-681-0560Treasurer:Virginia Lehman832-748-8088

### **STREET REPRESENTATIVES**

**Antoine:** ---Vacant ---

**Counter Point** 

& Turquoise: Anonymous ---

**Harland & Todd:** Georgia Meza 713-688-2737 **Jacquelyn**/ Mike McGeehon 713-956-8446

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& W. Hammerly:

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**Woodvine:** Rosario Machorro 713-391-6355

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Committee of Five

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