

Old Spring Branch Bugler

May 2020 * mayo 2020

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, May 28: TREE WASTE

Thursday, June 25: <u>JUNK WASTE</u>

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 28 de mayo: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 25 de junio: <u>Basura Chatarra</u>

MAY IS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MONTH FOR OSBCA

Attached to this *Bugler* is a pre-addressed envelope in which you can detach and send to OSBCA, with your \$25.00 or \$12.50, which ever applies to your residence. **Business Memberships** are \$25.00 and are **welcome.**

Please cut the Membership Application from this *Bugler* and attach your check, send and support your OSBCA for 2020-2021. Your support is needed.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

I hope this *Bugler* finds all of you well and safe. Hopefully, all have been creative and productive while staying at home.

Now that some restrictions are lifted, please be advised that Houston officials worked a well thought-out plan to keep us safe and virus free. However, the State Government overruled our City and County Government. This does not mean, we as citizens cannot choose to continue strict and safe procedures. Please do so. Houston does not want a sudden spike in virus cases. It is not worth it.

The OSBCA Board of Directors agreed to cancel the May monthly meeting. Depending on the future health situations, we will decide whether or not to have a June meeting. The civic center is still closed, as of now, and will be until May 17, 2020. A June meeting will be under consideration later in May.

As you will see, it is OSB Membership drive month. I hope you will consider supporting OSB by becoming a member for 2020-2021.

Enclosed in this *Bugler* is the 2020-2021 OSBCA Board of Directors Election Slate. If you are interested in filling a Board of Directors position, please notify the Nomination Committee at 713-681-0560. Please leave our name and phone number. You will be contacted.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.





BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

Because many of us are at home in our community, it is a time to remember that all of us are in the same boat. Some of us are out of work. Many of us are not sure where the next meal will come.

We, during this time, need to remember it is **our responsibility to keep our neighborhood clean**. Pick up litter and follow the Heavy Trash schedule. We are good people in this neighborhood and want to follow the rules.

I regret to see **inoperative cars on properties**. Also, I have observed **cars parked in yards**. These violations add to de-beautifying our neighborhood and lower the value of your property. I know that is hard to believe, as you probably have just gotten your tax appraisal of your property.

At least most of you have been keeping your lawns mowed. Thank you. All of us want to keep looking good regardless of our circumstances.

If you were selling your home, would it be attractive to someone? Step back, take a look. Would you want to buy your house and property to live? **Make those repairs and spruce it up with a paint job...**

Keep your street, yard and property free of clutter, junky items and litter. Be proud of your residence.

YARDS OF THE MONTH: APRIL 2020

Well, the Yard Hawk road the OSB streets on Thursday, April 30, checking out the April yards. I was truly pleased that yards looked good overall. Some of you have been busy improving your yards. Others still need to prune, trim and mow. I know that not all of you have an "eye" for landscaping, but just keeping things looking 'neat' helps to attract to your yard.

The following make the attractive yards of the month. Congratulations!

See you next time, at the end of May.

Amelia	none			
Antoine	*2056			
Cedel	none			
Counter Point	2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2027, 2126, 2130, 2203, 2211, 2214			
Hammerly	7602, 7610, 7614 *7626*7706, * 7625			
Harland	*2102, 2015, 2035, 2119, 2123			
Inch	none			
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905			
Johanna	*2048, *2020, *2002, *1838, *1833, *1925, *1905, *1906,*1840,			
	*1838			
Silverbonnet	none			
Thonig	1942			
Todd	none			
Turquoise	7611			
Woodwine	1919, 1910, 1954, 2006, 2011, 2022, 2103, 2131, 2135, 2134, 2130			
*Puringgraphy have litter free and moved front ditches, anto that have required landscaping				

^{*}Businesses who have litter free and mowed front ditches, apts that have required landscaping.

CRIME REPORTS: APRIL 1-30, 2020

Listed below are the reported incidents filed with the Houston Police Department for April 1-30, 2020.

- Two reports of Quality of Life: 4/3 at 8p at 2000 block of Antoine Dr (drug, narcotic violations), 4/8 at 12p at 7700 block of Long Point (disorderly conduct)
- Three reports of Assault: 4/8 at 11p at 1800 block of Antoine, 4/28 at 4p at 7500 block of Long Point, 4/18 at 1a at 1800 block of Johanna
- Three reports of theft from vehicle: 4/11 at 12p at 1800 block of Johanna, 4/18 at 9p at 1900 block of Johanna, 4/19 at 3a at 2000 block of Johanna
- Five reports of larceny: 4/2 at 4p at 7500 block of Long Point, 4/22 at 12a at 1800 block of Woodvine, 4/13 at 12p at 7600 block of Long Point, 4/12 at 7p at 7700 block of Long Point, 4/10 at 4p at 1800 block of Johanna
- Four report of other offenses: 4/2 at 12a at 1800 block of Antoine, 4/24 at 1a at 1800 block of Johanna, 4/11 at 12a at 1700 block of Jacquelyn, 4/1 at 9p at 1900 block of Johanna

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

CITIZENS ON PATROL UPDATE

Virginia Lehman

We reported a total of 34.25 patrol hours for the month of April.

With everything going on with the COVID-19 pandemic, it was nice to get out and drive around the neighborhood. Our neighborhood has been peaceful. Most of the crime incidents seem to be located close to Long Point.

It's nice seeing the increase of walkers and beginning to recognize them. If anyone is enjoying this pandemic, I would say it's our four-legged pets! They are getting lots of attention and lots of walks.

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!

If you would like to volunteer for the CP program, please contact Virginia Lehman at 832-748-8088 or Loretta Nalley at 832-868-8751.





MARVIN THIELEMANN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYAL SERVICE TO OLD SPRING BRANCH

Marvin Thielemann, a long-time resident and officer on the OSB Board of Directors, has stepped down from his role as Vice President of the Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA).

No, Folks, he has not moved, NOR has he died. (that is an inside joke). Marvin's health has deteriorated, due to a stroke several years ago, and he says "It is time for someone else to fill this Board position."

It is important to know that Marvin and his wife, Gerry, moved into this neighborhood in January 1961. A builder and contractor, Marvin became active in the community. Then members of this community established OSBCA in 1991. Marvin served the Civic Association as the Parliamentarian, the Architectural Consultant, on Deed Restrictions and as Vice President.

Marvin, we as the Board of Directors of OSB, appreciate your faithful support at the monthly meetings and social events for all these years. We know that we will continue to see you and enjoy you for a long time. THANK YOU!

COVID-19 UPDATES FROM THE CITY OF HOUSTON

For Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) updates from the City of Houston's Emergency Operations Center, visit https://www.houstonoem.org/covid19.

Among information you will find:

- How to protect your family and community
- General disinfecting guidelines
- Frequently asked questions
- Mental health and coping
- Rumor control
- Closures





DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

Committee of Five

We want to inform all of our Old Spring Branch residents that the "Deed Restriction Committee" will be touring the neighborhoods looking for violations of deed restrictions.

Some of our neighbors already have knowledge of this because they have received violation notices in the past. As is customary, pictures are taken with a time and date stamp and violation notice letters are delivered to addresses that were observed in violation of the deed restrictions during these tours.

Most violations are promptly corrected after residence receive a warning letter, and we want to say a BIG THANK YOU to those who have come into compliance.

We are still dealing with some OSB residents within our area that quite openly and candidly refuse to comply with the Deed Restrictions we are all supposed to adhere to.

Please be forewarned: We have current complaints and multiple violations notices have been filed regarding...

- the blatant disregard of Deed Restrictions concerning the improper fence construction in front of a residence located on Hammerly Blvd;
- the construction of a temporary carport structure located on Silverbonnet St.
- and several residences have been seen with trailers visible from the street throughout our area, etc.

The Deed Restriction Committee & Old Spring Branch Civic Association continues collecting evidence, such as pictures and activity logs containing information that can and will be used against any violators. This information is filed and after sufficient evidence is obtained may be turned over to the City of Houston for further investigation.

WE ASK ALL RESIDENCE TO PLEASE FOLLOW OUR DEED RESTRICTIONS.

OSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION SLATE - 2019-2020

These are the members who have accepted the nomination to lead our neighborhood/civic organization for 2019/2020. If anyone would like to fill the vacant positions on the board, please call 713-681-0560 and leave your name and phone number.

This slate will also be in June Bugler. The members will then vote to accept them as your Board of Directors.

Officers		Street Representatives	
President:	Jo Lightsey	Antoine:	Vacant
Vice President:		Counter Point/Turquoise:	Anonymous
Secretary:	Linda Whatley	Harland/Tood:	Georgia Mesa
Treasurer:	Virginia Lehman	Jacquelyn/E.Hammerly:	Mike McGeehon
		Johanna:	Florence Armbruster
		Silverbonnet/Cedel:	Vacant
		Thonig:	Vacant
		Woodvine:	Rosario Machorro

THEFT OF FIREARM FROM MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

The Houston Police Department wants to remind owners of firearms that one of the TOP items burglars target is GUNS— both in homes and in parked vehicles. By practicing safety measures, owners can keep their firearms from getting into out the wrong hands.

As Thefts of Firearms/Guns from Vehicles Surge, residents are urged to leave their weapons at home. Cars were not designed to be gun safes. The Houston Police Department highly discourages gun owners from leaving or keeping weapons in their vehicles.

If you must carry your weapon and leave in a vehicle

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Always secure your weapon out of plain site prior to arriving at your destination.
- Always make sure the vehicle is locked. Many "car break-ins" involve vehicles that were left unlocked. Thieves will routinely check door handles looking for easy targets.
- Ensure all windows are rolled up.
- Never leave ANY item in plain sight encouraging thieves to break into your vehicle. (Thieves do not know what may be concealed in a laptop bag, package or gym bag. Although you may know there is nothing of value inside a bag, a thief does not.)
- Install an auto theft deterrent such as a car alarm.
- Never walk away from your vehicle with an empty holster on your hip indicating a firearm was left in the car.
- DO NOT jeopardize your safety, the safety of your family or the safety of someone else for convenience.

SAFE STORAGE

- Safe storage applies to where the firearm is at all times— whether inside your house or inside your vehicle. It is more than hiding your gun. It is a constant responsibility and can be the difference between life and death.
- Safe storage of a firearm is securing the firearm in a locked object.
- It is also the responsibility of the owner to restrict access from unauthorized persons at all times 24-hours a day, seven-days a week.

STORAGE DEVICES

- The storage device you choose must provide a level of protection adequate to prevent unauthorized persons from accessing your firearm.
- The determination of what is "adequate protection" is a matter of judgement on the part of the firearm owner.
- If you choose to leave a firearm in your vehicle, it is highly recommended to have it secured in a lock box/safe/ vault mounted inside your trunk or in the vehicle that is NOT in plain sight.

As a firearms owner, you should report the theft or loss of your firearm within 48 hours of discovery to your local law enforcement and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

<u>REMINDER</u>: It is unlawful to store, transport, or abandon an unsecured firearm in a place where children are likely to be and can obtain access to the firearm. A child is a person younger than 17 years of age.

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2019 – 2020 Membership Form Name: Address: E-mail Phone: Cell: Mailing Address: Would you like to be listed in the membership directory? \square Yes \square No I am interested in the following committee(s): □ Beautification □ Citizens on Patrol □ Communications □ Deed Restrictions □ Landscaping □ Membership □ Social □ Special Events **Annual Dues/Membership Types:** □ \$25.00 Property Represented □ \$12.50 Senior Citizens/Fixed Income □ \$25.00 Business/Non-resident □ New Application \square Renewal **Membership Due Amount:** Committee **Donation Amount: Total Payment:** In applying for renewal or new membership, I agree to pay dues and to support my civic association to achieve a better neighborhood. Signature: Date: *Membership dues are good for 5-1-20 through 4-30-21.* Bring form and payment to the next meeting or mail to: Old Spring Branch Civic Association P. O. Box 55172 Houston, TX 77255-5172

Checks payable to Old Spring Branch Civic Association or OSBCA.

Old Spring Branch Civic Association

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 \square 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 1-5-20 hasta 30-4-21.

Traiga el formulario y pago a la siguiente reunión o puede mandarlo por correo a: Old Spring Branch Civic Association P. O. Box 55172

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REALTORS MARKET FOR APRIL 2020

Rosario Machorro

Hello Neighbors, I hope you all are staying strong and safe as quarantine and lockdown continues and some guidelines beginning to lift or lighten. I am glad to see some business that are opening are adapting the new normal standards to reduce spreading and maintaining the safety of customers and employees alike.

The real estate market continues to be affected and we are adapting, although things have slowed down, buyers are still in the market and people are still looking to sell, due to record low interest rates. Virtual Open Houses have become popular and virtual tours are a tool that can help homes sale while keeping everyone safe in their homes.

Title companies have been able to adapt accordingly, and remote closings are more common and the new normal due COVID-19, TAR has released a couple of new promulgated

Old Spring Branch	Sold	Leased
Number of Houses	1	2
Average Sales Price	\$284,000	\$1,785
Average Sales Piece Per Square Ft.	\$187.09	\$1.33
Days on the Market	31	34

forms, allowing for consideration and new accommodations to be made on behalf of sellers and buyers alike if needed.

Presently, there are 21 homes listed in the neighborhood for sale. There are three pending "expected to close" in the next 60 to 90 days, the closings on some of these properties are primarily due to being new construction. Average time on the market is 4.3 to 7.2 months, if priced correctly. At this moment, there are is 1 active rental property in the neighborhood, and 1 currently pending.

If you want to check the value of your home, dispute the HCAD assessment or just have a real estate related question, please do not hesitate to give me a call. 713-391-6533 I am here to help.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, May 30, 2020

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

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

MAY 2020 <i>MAYO</i> 2020								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
domingo	lunes	martes	miércoles	jueves	viernes	sábado		
3	4 Star Wars Day	5 Cinco de Mayo Nat'l Teacher Day	6 Nat'l Nurses Day	7 Nat'l Day of Prayer	8	9		
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada		
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 Heavy Trash – TREE	29	30		
31	1	2	3	4	5			

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