



Old Spring Branch Bugler

October 2020 * octubre 2020

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, October 22: JUNK WASTE

Friday, November 27: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 22 de octubre: Basura Chatarra

viernes, 27 de noviembre: Desechos Verdes

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

Your President seems to be “dead in the water” tonight as I think of topics to write about in our neighborhood. Activity in our OSB area has come to a slowdown.

COVID-19 Impact on OSBCA

I find it so sad that this COVID-19 virus has put such a damper on our ability to function as a Civic Association. We, as Board of Directors, have worked to save this organization. We will not give up! We will continue to do the underlying factors to stay alive.

Neighbor's Night Out

Neighbor's Night Out was canceled by the City of Houston and HPD. Of course, that was the only reasonable decision. Asking folks to gather and socialize during this time of crisis is truly stupid. This pandemic is not a joke and we all should respect the ability that this disease can kill you.

Virtual Learning

Parents are facing a tremendous challenge with their children returning to school. I am thankful that I put my 40 years of teaching in during somewhat “normal” times. Education is so important and ALL must do whatever it takes to give our children the best.

Hang in there, folks. Keep positive, keep bingeing TV, keep looking for work, if it applies. Stay safe and well. Stay home, wash your hands, wear your mask in public and try not to become an alcoholic.

Hope to see all of you when we, together, conquer this virus.



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Check out our website!
[OldSpringBranch.org](https://www.OldSpringBranch.org)

MEMBERSHIP

Loretta Nalley

The 2020-21 membership so far is a total of 38 members out of 340 residences.

To pay your membership, please make sure to fill out the application found in the last pages of the Bugler and mail them to the P.O. Box. Membership is affordable and paying membership supports OSBCA's efforts to beautify our community.

YARDS OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2020

The Yard Hawk road the neighborhood streets today, September 30. Looks as if folks have been getting the mowers going this week. Several yards did make the "Yard of the Month" this time over the August Yards. Congratulations!

Amelia	<i>none</i>
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	7719
Counter Point	2011, 2015, 2018, 2131, 2107, 2118, 2120, 2115, 2203, 2211
Hammerly	7610, 7614, *7626, *7706, *7625
Harland	1915, 1919, 2119
Inch	<i>none</i>
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, 2050
Johanna	*2048, *2040 *2041, *2020, *2002, *1838, *1833, *1928, *1905, *1906
Silverbonnet	2219, 2212, 2216
Thonig	1942
Todd	<i>none</i>
Turquoise	7614, 7618
Woodwine	1954, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2038, 2050 2022, 2011, 2119, 2118, 2130, 2131, 2134, 2135



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CRIME REPORTS: SEPTEMBER 2020

Listed below are the reported incidents filed with the Houston Police Department for August 28 – September 30, 2020.

- Eight reports of Assault: August 31, 12AM, 7800 Block of Long Point; September 3, 8AM, 7600 Block of Hammerly; Sept. 4, 6PM, 7500 Block of Long Point; Sept. 8, 10PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly; Sept. 13, 11PM, 7700 Block of Long Point; Sept. 18, 12AM, 7400 Block of Long Point; Sept. 20, 11AM, 7600 Block of Hammerly Blvd.; Sept. 23, 11AM, 7800 Block of Long Point.
- Two reports of Breaking and Entering: Sept. 13, 4AM, 7700 Block of Long Point and Sept. 28, 2PM, 7600 Block of Inch Rd.
- One report of Property Crime: Sept. 13, 12AM, 7400 Block of Long Point
- Two reports of Quality of Life: August 31, 9AM, 1900 Block of Antoine Dr. and Sept. 25, 3AM, 2100 Block of Antoine Dr.
- One Robbery report: Aug. 29, 7PM, 7800 Block of Long Point
- Two reports of Theft: Sept. 4, 12AM, 1800 Block of Antoine Dr and Sept. 14, 8AM, 7600 Block of Hammerly
- Five reports of Theft from Vehicle: August 30, 6PM, 7600 Block of Long Point; Sept. 12, 6PM, 1800 Block of Johanna Dr; 8PM, 1800 Block of Johanna Dr., 12PM, 7800 Block of Long Point Rd.; 9/27, 7AM, 7700 Block of Long Point
- One report of Theft of Vehicle: Sept. 13, 2AM, 7700 Block of Long Point Rd.

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

CITIZENS ON PATROL UPDATE

Virginia Lehman

We reported a total of 33.25 patrol hours for August and a total of 37.0 hours for September.

Again, we have had reports of individuals walking in the early morning hours, also an individual has been camping at one of the vacant homes in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, this individual didn't just camp out, they also accessed the shed in the backyard and set up camp. Let's keep our guard up!

The HPD storefront on Long Point and Pech has permanently closed. If we have any questions, we have been asked to visit the Northwest station at 6000 Teague.

Once again, 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 9-1-1!

As always, get to know your neighbors, exchange phone numbers, etc. (you don't have to become best friends). We all need to watch out for each other. If you would like to volunteer for the Citizens on Patrol program, please contact Virginia Lehman at 832-748-8088 or Loretta Nalley at 832-868-8751.

WHAT ARE DEED RESTRICTIONS?

Committee of Five

Deed restrictions are written agreements that restrict, or limit, the use of activities that may take place on property in a subdivision. These restrictions appear in the real property records of the county in which the property is located. They are private agreements and are binding upon every owner in a subdivision. All future owners become a party to these agreements when they purchase property in deed restricted areas.

A primary purpose of most deed restrictions is preserving the residential character of a subdivision by keeping out commercial and industrial facilities. For people who prefer to live in a wholly residential environment, deed restrictions are desirable.

Deed restrictions may legally prohibit a person from operating certain types of businesses from their home. In Houston, where property is not governed by deed restrictions, a property owner may be free to operate a commercial business in the neighborhood. **Deed restrictions are powerful tools to help preserve the character of a subdivision or neighborhood.**

Every homeowner should have received a copy of deed restrictions upon purchase. However, it has been brought to OSBCA's attention, that this is not happening.

If you did not receive a copy of your deed restrictions when closing on your home, or have not received a copy from the Deed Restriction Committee, if sent a violation letter, one may obtain a copy from the Harris County Clerk at (713-755-6411) or visit their web site at www.cclerk.hctx.net. Please read your deed restrictions to be in compliance. Contact an OSB Civic Association board member (found in the Bugler newsletter) before beginning any new construction and/or remodeling.

We are striving to make OSB a desirable community in which you enjoy living. Be proud of your subdivision and abide by the deed restrictions. Your property value is important.



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BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

For several weeks, the Solid Waste Department got behind in collecting Heavy Trash in Old Spring Branch. Finally, September 24 was Tree ONLY Heavy trash and in most cases, Tree Heavy was picked up. However, Solid Waste has not collected JUNK Heavy Trash for two months. August Junk Heavy Trash is still lying on the curbs.

Hopefully, October Junk heavy trash pick-up will eliminate the problem. Collections should be caught up October. After October 22, Heavy Trash violations will be reported to 3-1-1. A citation will be in order.

Residents should put the appropriate Heavy Trash out three to four days before the collection date, (the fourth Thursday of the month). If YOUR heavy trash is NOT picked up, call 3-1-1. Get a reference number. Then call Solid Waste at 832-393-0430.

Residents failing to follow deed restrictions are in violation of devaluing their property. Violation of any and every City of Houston Code is subject to a 3-1-1 citation.

Please, be so kind as to keep your yards, ditches, streets cleared of litter. Help keep our neighborhood clean!

DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

Notify the City of Houston's Legal Department if you suspect that a permit violates your community's deed restrictions regarding any of the following areas:

- Building use
- Setbacks
- Lot and/or building size
- Building height
- Number of structures on lot
- Fence height

Contact Louis Rossitto, Asst. City Attorney, Dist. A, City of Houston, at 832-393-6292. You can also contact the Deed Restriction hotline at 832-393-6333.

Please verify your deed restrictions before filing a complaint. If you do not have a copy of the deed restrictions for your area, you may obtain a copy from the Harris County Clerk at (713) 755-6411, or visit their web site at ccinfo@cco.hctx.net

Call OSBCA Committee of Five at 713-681-0560. Leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY OF HOUSTON'S APPROVAL OF ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED VIOLATIONS IS INVALID IF THERE ARE DEED RESTRICTIONS ON A PROPERTY.

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

2020 – 2021 Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Mailing: _____

Address: _____

Would you like to be listed in the membership directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am interested in the following committee(s):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens on Patrol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Deed Restrictions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |

Annual Dues/Membership Types:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Property Represented |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50 | Senior Citizens/Fixed Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Business/Non-resident |

- ☐ *New Application* ☐ *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.

Asociación Cívica de Old Spring Branch

Formulario de Membrecía 2020 – 2021

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Correo

Electrónico: _____

Dirección de

correspondencia: _____

¿Le gustaría formar parte del directorio de
membrecía? ☐ Sí ☐ No

Estoy interesado en los siguientes comités:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Embellecimiento | <input type="checkbox"/> Vigilancia de la Vecindad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comunicaciones | <input type="checkbox"/> Restricciones de las Propiedades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jardinería | <input type="checkbox"/> Membrecía |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Eventos Especiales |

Cuota Anual/Tipo de Membrecía:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Propiedad Representada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50 | Tercera Edad/Bajos Ingresos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Negocio/No resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuevo Miembro <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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Fall 2020 Election Hours

Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Saturday, Oct. 17: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 18: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 19 – Saturday, Oct. 24: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 25: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 27 – Thursday, Oct. 29: 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 29: 24-hour voting at seven locations

Friday, Oct. 30: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, Nov. 3: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.



HarrisVotes.com

Here are Harris County's voting hours for the fall 2020 election. New this year, there will be seven 24-Hour Vote Centers, starting 7 a.m. Oct. 29:

- NRG Arena, 1 NRG Pkwy
- Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center, 4802 Lockwood Drive
- McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons, 6550 Bertner Avenue
- East Harris County Activity Center, 7340 Spencer Highway
- Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive
- Juergen's Hall Community Center, 26026 Hempstead Road
- Victory Houston, 809 West Road

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, October 30, 2020

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
domingo	lunes	martes	miércoles	jueves	viernes	sábado
27	28	29	30	1	2 <i>World Smile Day</i> 	3
4	5 <i>World Teacher's Day</i>	6	7	8	9  	10
11	12 <i>Indigenous Peoples' Day</i>	13	14 <i>Emergency Nurses Day</i>	15	16 <i>Bosses Day</i> 	17 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
18	19	20	21	22 Heavy Trash – JUNK	23  	24 <i>Make a Difference Day</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30 	31 <i>Halloween</i>

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