



Old Spring Branch Bugler

February 2021 * febrero 2021

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, February 25: JUNK WASTE

Thursday, March 25: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 25 de febrero: Basura Chatarra

jueves, 25 de marzo: Desechos Verdes

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

I am hoping that all residents took advantage of the information that was in the HARD copy of the January Bugler delivered to all properties in Old Spring Branch (OSB). So much of the information could have been cut from the Bugler and posted on the refrigerator. Not only that, but OSB's website was given out for everyone to log onto for all future Buglers: OldSpringBranch.org

Paying membership

The Membership committee is working on having the use of "PayPal" available to anyone wanting to become a member of Old Spring Branch Civic Association, (paperless), in our May Membership Drive. Meanwhile, residents can pay their membership dues of \$25 per property or \$12.50 for senior (62 years above or those on a fixed income) by using the membership application in the Bugler. Members get the Bugler by email and e-blast when necessary. Non-members are welcome to go to the website for the monthly Bugler. Your membership is welcomed anytime!

Security

Recently, there has been unusually more gun shots in the OSB area. Home security cameras have caught some of the action and shell casings have been found and given to the police. It is IMPORTANT that if you hear gun shots, CALL the POLICE, NON-Emergency number, 713-884-3131, to make a report. UNLESS the shots are AT or HIT someone/something, THEN CALL 9-1-1. The more gunshot reports made, the more apt that we get more patrol we may get through our neighborhood. Back off on firework reports. The sound of gunshots and fireworks are distinctly different. Be willing to wait on the officer to show, and **be sure you get an incident report number.**

Please help us keep our streets safe. Keep each other safe I am working on the "Hammerly race strip" between Antoine and Wirt. It is truly unsafe at times. The speed limit is 35 mph! 30 mph on residential streets from Hammerly to Long Point.

Mask up, wash hands, social distant! The times are still very bad for COVID-19. Avoid large groups, get tested and get your vaccine when available to you.



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Check out our website!
OldSpringBranch.org

BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

Oh Goodness. I think I bragged too soon on how well the neighborhood was in compliance with the City of Houston codes. This week of Heavy Trash pick up, there were six to eight residents in violation of this month's "TREE ONLY" .

"Tree Only" heavy trash month means that there can be NO junk of any sort mixed with the tree. No junk will be picked up either. However, in "Junk" month, both types of heavy trash will be picked up together. Information can be obtained from 3-1-1 and/or found on OSB's Website: OldSpringBranch.org in the printed Bugler.

Several residences had bagged leaves curbside NOT in regulation City of Houston recyclable bags. Several inoperable vehicles were spotted in driveways.

So, to make a long story, short, expect a visit from the 3-1-1 City Inspector and a citation, unless the "Wrong/Early Heavy Trash" is removed immediately. It is inexcusable for any resident to be in violation of City of Houston Ordinances/Codes.

I know OSB residents can do better so, help your neighbor to follow the rules of our City of Houston, in order to keep our neighborhood, OSB clean and beautiful.



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CRIME REPORTS: JANUARY 2021

Listed below are the reported incidents filed with the Houston Police Department for December 29, 2020 thru January 27, 2021.

- One report of Aggravated Assault: January 24, 9 AM, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One report of Simple Assault: January 10, 3 AM, 2200 Block of Silverbonnet.
- Two report of Breaking & Entering: January 11, 4 PM, 1900 Block of Woodvine and January 13, 7 PM, 2100 Block of Thonig.
- One report of Property Crime: January 10, 5 AM, 1800 Block of Johanna, Destruction, Damage, Vandalism.
- One report of Robbery: January 3, 5 AM, 7400 Block of Long Point.
- Three reports of Theft from Vehicle: January 13, 8 AM, 7400 Block of Long Point, January 14, 5 PM, 2000 Block of Antoine and also at 9 PM.
- Three reports of Theft of Vehicle: January 5, 10 PM, 7600 Block of Inch, January 9, 3 AM, 7400 Block of Long Point and January 25, 5 AM, 1900 Block of Counter Point.

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

You can file a police report online if you access to a valid, functioning e-mail address and you are the actual victim of the theft, loss or criminal mischief (not a witness, relative, friend, etc.) Website is https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm.

CITIZENS ON PATROL UPDATE

Virginia Lehman

We reported 30.25 patrol hours for the month of December to HPD. Due to the Bugler deadline, I will report our patrol hours for January in the February newsletter. We had another small increase in reported incidents in the month of January, surprisingly three vehicle thefts. There have been several reports of random traveling gunfire in our neighborhood, some around five in the morning. If you hear gunfire; please, **PLEASE** report it to the police. You can call 911 or the non-emergency number 713-884-3131. I know that it is often hard to tell where the shots are coming from, and the 911 operators will ask several questions, that you will not know the answer to, but do the best you can. **It is very important that these incidents be reported at the time they are heard by the person who heard it.** Please do not assume that your neighbor heard it also and will call it in or it's the responsibility of the CP patrol to report it. We must all do our part to keep our neighborhood safe.

I have received an email from Office Segarra (officer in charge of our area's CP groups) and he is going to attempt a ZOOM training class for any new patrollers on Wednesday, February 17 at 6 PM. If you are interested, please give me a call. There is some paperwork that must be submitted before you can participate. 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.

If we have any HPD questions or concerns, we have been asked to visit the NW station at 6000 Teague. Their phone number is 832-394-5500.

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 911.

MEMBERSHIP

Loretta Nalley

Hello everyone, hope your month went well. As of today we have had no new memberships. Keep in mind we will need volunteers to hand out the newsletters when the time comes to print them. Email me if you are interested. jlalley@sbcglobal.net

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City of Houston Administration & Regulatory Affairs, City of Houston Agency

No parking in the dedicated bicycle lane ordinance enforcement has begun. **VIOLATIONS** carry a **\$100 fine**.

First time citation recipients may take an online Bicycle Friendly Driver's Course to waive the fine.

<https://bikehouston.org/bicyclefriendlydriver/>

DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

Committee of Five

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:

- Arturo Michel, Asst. City Attorney, Dist. A, City of Houston, 832-393-6292
- Deed Restriction Hotline 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 via email at ccinfo@cco.hctx.net. You can also find the Deed Restrictions on our website OldSpringBranch.org.

Call OSBCA Committee of Five at 713-681-0560 and 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 ARE NOT VALID IF THERE ARE DEED RESTRICTIONS ON A PROPERTY.

LANDSCAPING

Nino Roman

Well, with spring around the corner, I know everybody is ready to do some gardening. These are a couple of things you can do to get ready for the spring and summer.

Getting your garden ready for spring/summer

- Fertilize turf/beds with an organic fertilizer
- Trim back freeze-damaged plants
- Remove weeds from beds
- Mulch beds with about 1 ½ - 2" of mulch
- Replace / relocate plants
- Check sprinklers
- Plant seasonal color
- Remove weeds from landscapes
- Trim trees
- Enjoy

Everybody has their favorite place to shop for yard improvement, so pick up some organic fertilizer, mulch, and your choice of trees, shrubs and seasonal color. OSB thanks LMC for their continuing service to our two esplanades.

REALTORS MARKET FOR SEPTEMBER – JANUARY 2021

Rosario Machorro

Old Spring Branch	Sold	Leased
Number of Houses	1	1
Average Sales Price	\$275,000	\$1,100
Average Sales Piece Per Square Ft.	\$185.19	\$1.22
Days on the Market	156	58

Howdy neighbors! I hope the start of the year has been kinder to all! In these uncertain times I wish your days would be filled with peace, hope and joy around your loved ones and those that matter to you.

Presently, there has been little changed in the real estate market in the last month so, there are 18 homes listed in the neighborhood for sale. Of which eight continue to be pending expected to close in the next 15 to 100 days. Average time on the market is no longer affected by Covid-19 as lenders have adapted and created new provisions and requirements to provide funding. If priced correctly time on market is 1.7 to 5.2 months.

One very important matter to remember is that since the current administration has provided FHA backing for DACA borrowers, the market is soon to be flooded with eager buyers, meaning the shortage of inventory will continue, making it the perfect market for seller. If you have been considering selling you can take advantage of it, as residential properties are in short supply, it is a seller's market, and are getting snatched left and right. If you want to check the market value of your home, 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.

Lease

At this moment there we have four active rental properties in the neighborhood, none pending. If you have any investment properties currently siting vacant, this is the right time to place them up for lease, as rental properties are also in low inventory.

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

2020 – 2021 Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

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 (62+) /Fixed Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Business/Non-resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____

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 (62+) /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 membresía 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 membresía 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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 At-large 2 – David Robindon.....832-393-3013
 At-large 3 – Michael Kubosh.....832-393-3005
 At-large 4 – **Letitia Plummer DDS**.....832-393-3012
 At-large 5 – **Sallie Alcorn**.....832-393-3006
 City Attorney’s Office.....832-393-3440
 Asst. City Attorney, Dist A,.....832-393-6292
 City Secretary.....832-393-1100
 Legal.....832-393-1029

City Dept.

3-1-1 (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 Dispatch Non-Emergency.....713-884-3131
 Police (HPD storefront – 8a-4p).....832-394-0100
(Temporarily closed)

Police (NW sub-station).....713-774-0900
 SBISD Police (Kids on street, M-F, 8a-4p).....713-984-9805

Harris County Clerk -Filed Deed Restrictions....713-755-6411

Public Works & Engineering.....713-837-0050
 Solid Waste Management.....832-393-0430
 713-699-8924

9-1-1 EMERGENCY ONLY

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS ARE INCORRECT,
 CALL 3-1-1. THEY CAN DIRECT YOUR CALL.

HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING

2021 Schedule

January 2021	Recycling:	1/2, 1/15, 1/29
	Heavy Trash:	1/28 (TREE)
February 2021	Recycling:	2/12, 2/26
	Heavy Trash:	2/ 25 (JUNK)
March 2021	Recycling:	3/12, 3/26
	Heavy Trash:	3/25 (TREE)
April 2021	Recycling:	4/9, 4/23
	Heavy Trash:	4/22 (JUNK)
May 2021	Recycling:	5/7, 5/21
	Heavy Trash:	5/27 (TREE)
June 2021	Recycling:	6/4, 6/18
	Heavy Trash:	6/24 (JUNK)
July 2021	Recycling:	7/2, 7/16, 7/30
	Heavy Trash:	7/22 (TREE)
August 2021	Recycling:	8/13, 8/27
	Heavy Trash:	8/26 (JUNK)
September 2021	Recycling:	9/10, 9/24
	Heavy Trash:	9/23 (TREE)
October 2021	Recycling:	10/8, 10/22
	Heavy Trash:	10/28 (JUNK)
November 2021	Recycling:	11/5, 11/19
	Heavy Trash:	11/26 (TREE)
December 2021	Recycling:	12/3, 12/17, 12/31
	Heavy Trash:	12/23 (JUNK)

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.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Thursday, February 25, 2021

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
31	1	2	3	4	5 	6
7	8	9	10	11	12   <i>Chinese New Year</i>	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	18	19 	20 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
21	22	23	24	25 Heavy Trash – JUNK	26  	27
28	1	2	3	4	5 	6

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