

Old Spring Branch Bugler

August 2021 * agosto 2021

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, August 26: JUNK WASTE

Thursday, September 23: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 26 de agosto: Basura Chatarra

jueves, 23 de septiembre: Desechos Verdes

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

What a pleasant SURPRISE! Solid Waste Dept. got it all on time this last part of July 2021. Yes, the Heavy Trash was picked up on our collection day, Thursday, July 22. On Friday, July 23, the garbage, yard clippings and recycle was collected on OSB's scheduled day. YEA, YAY, YEAH! (However, one spells it. I loved it! Thank you, whoever might have been responsible. Hopefully, it is the beginning of getting all city services back on schedule.

I have exhausted about all the information that OSB should know that is going on in our neighborhood in this August Bugler issue. My part, as your President, is to encourage our residents to do right by your neighbor. One must always look out for one another.

I do my best to be positive and keep folks aware of the good "stuff" going on in OSB. We all like to hear the "good" things. I am here to help with any issues going on with our residents.

We are all dealing with the new "Delta variance" of the coronavirus. Covid19 was bad enough, but now we have a new health crisis. I cannot influence your feelings about what is going on with the news. It is your choice. I just want all our residents in OSB to be safe and respect the scientific facts to protect you and your families. I do not believe that this virus is a hoax, but it is your decision how you protect yourself, your family and others.

Take care and know that your Old Spring Branch Civic Association's Officers and Board are here to serve you and want you to let us know how we can accommodate you.

Our next meeting is September 14, 2021. Meanwhile, read the Bugler on our website, OldSpringBranch.org.

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BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

We all went through the ugly effect that late Heavy Trash collection had on the appearance of our neighborhood. No collection of the two months of heavy trash was not our fault or responsibility. OSBCA worked on solving the problem and waited it out. We, as residents, sighed with relief when the Solid Waste Dept. finally did its job.

Now, folks of OSB, we as residents DO have the responsibility of maintaining the property on which we live. As I have driven through the neighbor in the past few weeks, I have seen at least ten (10) to fifteen (15) yards/vacant lots that are grossly overgrown and in need of mowing. In addition, I have noticed an extremely amount of litter and clutter on private properties. Litter is in the ditches, on our streets, city codes/deed restrictions are being violated.

Residents, we must do our part to keep our neighborhood from being trashed out and ugly, we are responsible! Please mow, pick up litter and follow City Codes and Deed Restrictions.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping goes right along with beautification. It is time to pull ALL the DEAD plants out and doctor our lawns for brown spot and insects. I am not an expert on lawn maintenance, but I do recognize a fungus (brown spot), grub worms (insects).

I have been advised to “steer clear” of Feed & Weed. It may cause damage to trees and scrubs. Check with a “real” landscaper/knowledgeable nursery personal to answer your questions.

DUMPING IN OUR OSB AREA

An incident of “dumping” was caught on a resident’s camera at 2:50 a.m., July 30, on the dead end of Counter Point, north of Hammerly. A white van backed into the end of the street and unloaded an old piece of fence and a pile of new fence waste material. Because no license plate could be seen, the resident called 311. A SR# was issued. Pictures and the SR# was sent to Liz, chief of staff, in Amy Peck’s office. Action has been taken to remove the “dumped” material.

I have notice that a load of old furniture has been dumped in the cul-de-sac at the south end of Counter Point. I have a feeling that the apartment residents on Highcrest are responsible for this “early” heavy trash. Please note, Heavy Trash not on private property, **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!** Therefore, it is considered “DUMPING”.

The POINT is, if you see anyone in the act of “Dumping”, try to get a vehicle license plate number so the police can get involved. Call 713-884-3131. Otherwise, call 311 and report it and get a SR#. Notify Amy Peck’s office: Liz—832-393-3379, or me, Jo Lightsey, 713-681-0560. Leave a message slowly, name and phone number.

“DUMPING” is ILLEGAL and UNACCEPTABLE!

CITIZENS ON PATROL: JULY 2021

Virginia Lehman

Due to the Bugler's deadline, I will post our Citizens on Patrol (COP) hours for July in September's newsletters. I was quite concerned about the number of police reports filed for July. We had three (3) incidents reported for June and 19 incidents for July! Also, very alarming was the number of aggravated and simple assaults reported. The 7500 Block of Highcrest had five (5) incidents reported, one simple assault, two aggravated assaults and two (2) property crime (destruction, damage, vandalism).

Our HPD store front is still closed at this time, we have been asked to direct any HPD questions or concerns to the NW station at 6000 Teague until further notice. Their phone number is 832-394-5500. Please keep your eyes and ears open and if you notice any suspicious activity, please contact Houston police department.

As always, don't be a victim of a crime of opportunity!

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.

CRIME REPORTS: JULY 2021

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the reported incidents filed with the Houston Police Department for July 1 thru 29, 2021.

- One incident of Robbery: July 3, 4PM, 2000 Block of Harland
- One incident of Quality of Life (Drug/Narcotic Violation): July 19, 4AM, 7800 Block of Hammerly
- Three incidents of Theft from Vehicle (Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories): July 1, 1PM, 1900 Block of Antoine; July 5, 9PM, 7500 Block of Long Point; and July 12, 6PM, 1900 Block of Johanna.
- Three incidents of Theft: July 6, 1AM, 1800 Block of Antoine (shoplifting); July 9, 7PM, 2100 Block of Woodvine (Counterfeiting/Forgery); and July 16, 5PM, 7800 Block of Long Point (Counterfeiting/Forgery)
- Five incidents of Property Crime (destruction, damage, vandalism): July 3, 4PM, 11200 Block of Todd; July 4, 11PM, 7500 Block of Highcrest; July 9, 1PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly, July 16, 6PM, 7800 Block of Long Point and July 18, 11AM, 7500 Block of Highcrest.
- Two incidents of Simple Assault: July 18, 3AM, 7500 Block of Highcrest and July 27, 1PM, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Four reports of Aggravated Assault: July 18, 1AM, 7400 Block of Long Point; July 18, 7AM, 7500 Block of Highcrest; July 18, 9AM, 7400 Block of Long Point; July 21, 12AM, 7500 Block of Highcrest.

Please note that the above information was gathered from the [cityprotect.com](https://www.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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Loretta Nalley

As of July 2021, we have 30 members! Thank you for your support. I am hoping we can get at least 10 more to have 10% of the houses that are in OSBCA area. There are 400 residence.

Remember, you can pay online via PayPal!

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REALTORS MARKET FOR JULY 2021

Rosario Machorro

Old Spring Branch	Sold	Leased
Number of Houses	5	3
Average Sales Price	\$332,720	\$1,566
Average Sales Piece Per Square Ft.	\$193.08	\$1.28
Days on the Market	30	90

Hello everyone, hope you all are staying cool out there. Jeez! Those 100°F days are insane!

Presently, there are **10 homes listed in the neighborhood for sale**. Of which five are pending expected to close in the next 20 to 65 days. Keep in mind, all of these are new construction, so closing times take longer due to actual construction times. Average time on the market, if priced correctly is 1 to 2.26 months. I cannot express how important it is to price your home correctly, even in hot markets. If it’s overpriced, it will sit and go stale. The buyer for your home may be gone by the time you reach the market value price!

Although the shortage of listing is still going on, I have excellent news for buyer out there! Do not despair, my friends! In the last seven days there has been a record of properties going active, exceeding the number of pending homes by A THOUSAND! That’s right! That means the market is beginning to stabilize and there are currently more properties in the market active than pending or sold. If you want to check the market value of your home, looking to get some information on the home buying process, 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 you.

At this moment there are **no active nor pending rental properties** in the neighborhood. If you have any investment properties currently siting vacant, this is the right time to place them up for lease, as rental properties still in low inventory.

Welcome to all our new neighbors and stay hydrated!

POOPER SCOOPER LAW... LEASH LAW

Jo Lightsey

There is a City of Houston ordinance relating to picking up fecal matter deposited by owned dogs on property which does not belong to the owner of the dog. Section 6-24.

In addition, there is a leash law. One must always have a dog on a leash when not behind a fence in one's yard. (I do not have that Section #).

Pooper Scooper first: I am going to make this message SIMPLE.

I have noticed that folks are walking their dogs in the neighborhood. I have observed that the walkers are allowing the dogs to "Poop" in neighbor's yards and not picking it up. It is the duty of the walker to remove the "poop" by scooping it up with a poop scoop bag. (These bags are available in super markets, etc.) Or provide your own.

The fine for each violation is no less than \$75 or more than \$500.

Second: Loose dogs and leash law.

OSB has a lot of loose dogs. A dog must be on a leash when not contained in a yard or house. We have had two or three incidences where persons have been bitten by a loose dog running out while the person is delivering newsletters. Also, when a leashed dog is being walk, dogs run out and are aggressive to the walker and to the dog. Fines for individuals who violate this law can be ticketed if HPD is given the dog's address.

So OSB residents, PLEASE observe the above laws. Scoop the poop and hang on to your dog.



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YARDS OF THE MONTH: JULY 2021

Really hot and dry this week. Yards are showing a slowdown in growth. Taking a break in mowing did show somewhat. I am assuming that watering the lawn may be one's next move. No matter, keep maintaining your yard. Most of us are proud of our yard and always want it to look its best and attractive to others. At least keep your yard mowed.

Amelia	7635
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	7708, 7710
Counter Point	2002, 2011, 2015, 2018, 2023, 2031, 2126, 2107, 2110, 2130, 2203
Hammerly	7526, 7603, 7610, 7614, *7706
Harland	1839, 1919, 1915, 2015, 2011, *2070, 2123
Inch	None
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, 2050, *2067
Johanna	*2048, *2041, *2020, *2002, *1840, *1838, *1833, *1928, *1905, *1906
Silverbonnet	2206
Thonig	1942, 2055
Todd	None
Turquoise	7614, 7615, 7618
Woodwine	1914, 1943, 1954, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2038, 2102, 2103, 2106, 2119, 2130, 2131, 2134

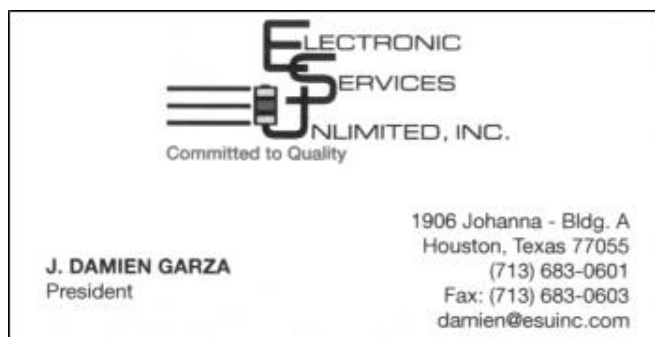
**Businesses who have litter free and mowed front ditches, apts that have required landscaping.*

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Thursday, September 2, 2021

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

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E-mail: _____

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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:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Property Represented |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Business/Non-resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>New Application</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Renewal</i> |

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 5-1-21 through 4-30-22.

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Formulario de Membrecía 2021 – 2022

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Correo

Electrónico: _____

Dirección de

correspondencia: _____

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- | | |
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| <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 |

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POSITIVE THOUGHTS

During the “COVID19” ordeal, most all of us were affected in unusual negative ways. Thinking of some of the situations, stresses, and burdens that we might have experienced, the **Positive Thoughts** below are put in our Bugler to help lift our spirits.

- It is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich. *-Henry Ward Beecher*
- The woods would be very quiet if not birds sang there except those who sang best. *-Audubon*
- If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders. *-Abigail Van Buren*
- Whatever your job, it is important if it is what God wants you to do. *-Henry Jacobsen*
- The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone else solve his. *-Anonymous*
- A smile is the welcome mat at the doorway of kindness. *-William A. Ward*
- It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice. *-John Cassis*
- No statue was ever erected to the memory of a man or woman who thought it was best to let well enough alone. *-Watchman-Examiner*
- Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow. *-Helen Keller*
- No pessimist ever won a battle. *-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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1	2	3	4	5	6 	7
8	9	10	11	12	13  	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 	21 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
22	23	24	25	26 HEAVY TRASH: JUNK	27  	28
29	30	31	1	2	3 	4

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