

## Old Spring Branch Bugler

April 2022 \* abril 2022

## **Heavy Trash Pick-Up**

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

Thursday, April 28: JUNK WASTE

Thursday, May 26: TREE WASTE

## Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 28 de abril: <u>Basura Chatarra</u>

jueves, 26 de mayo: <u>Desechos Verdes</u>

## PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

Well, neighbors, OSB has a lot of City of Houston notices to deal with the coming months of April and May.

- 1. As you know by now, our **annual water rates** went up 5.6% on April 1, 2022. Boo! All residents received this notice in the mail, dated March 16, 2022.
- 2. A **redistricting meeting for District A** is being held **Tuesday**, **April**, **26**, **2022**, with Council member Amy Peck and City of Houston Authorities at Trini Mendenhall at 7 p.m. This meeting is important as it may involve dividing the entire Spring Branch area (ISD). Spring Branch has faced this situation before. So far, we have been able to remain as ONE Spring Branch within ONE boundary.
- 3. A meeting to discuss the proposal for a roundabout intersection at Hammerly, Antoine, Hempstead will take place on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, with Council member Amy Peck and City of Houston Public Works Department Engineers at the Trini Mendenhall Civic Center, 1414 Wirt, at 7 p.m. Bring your questions, suggestions, pro/cons. This is important, plan to be there!

The neighborhood has several vacant homes. Old Spring Branch COP patrol is keeping a close watch on these properties. If you observe any suspicious activity in and around these empty houses, please report it to downtown HPD, 713- 884-3131. They call the NW Teague station to send an officer.

OSB has been calm. I have noticed two to three EMS vehicles stopping on our streets. However, I rarely ever know the results of these service calls.

Happy Easter to all! Hope the Easter bunny is good to you.

See you Tuesday, April 26, 2022, and May 3, 2022. Please get involved!

## **Redistricting Meeting**

with Council member Amy Peck & authorities

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7 p.m.
Trini Mendenhall Civic Center
1414 Wirt Rd.

## **Roundabout Intersection Meeting**

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7 p.m. Trini Mendenhall Civic Center 1414 Wirt Rd.

The original April 26 meeting was canceled.





## BEAUTIFICATION & LANDSCAPING

Jo Lightsey

Folks, keep doing what you are doing. It was nice to see our neighborhood clear of heavy trash. However, we could all do better keeping litter off our streets. Keep a litter bag in your car, empty your travel trash into your home trash cans. Please do not litter!

It is time to replace old dead plants with new live foliage. Green lawns and landscaping plants around our homes give us a sense of pride and warmness. Landscape your property with a simple theme. Making landscaping hard to manage, makes it NO fun. Keep it simple!

Thank you, Bill Cox with LMC and Nino Roman for maintaining our OSB esplanades.

## OLD SPRING BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION SLATE 2022-2023

These are the members who have accepted the nomination to lead our neighborhood/civic organization for 2022-2023. 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 the May Bugler and will be voted on at the June 14, 2022 quarterly meeting.

OSB needs for someone to step up and be our nominee for Vice President.

Officers serve one term (2022-2023) and the board member serve two years (2021-2023).

Officers	
<b>President:</b>	Jo Lightsey
Vice President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Linda Whatley
Treasurer:	Virginia Lehman

<b>Street Representatives</b>	
Antoine:	Vacant
Counter Point/Turquoise:	Anonymous
Harland/Todd:	Vacant
Jacquelyn/E.Hammerly:	Mike McGeehon
Johanna:	Florence Armbruster
Silverbonnet/Cedel:	Vacant
Thonig:	Vacant
Woodvine:	Rosario Machorro





## **MEMBERSHIP**

Loretta Nalley

We continue to sit at 37 memberships. If you haven't done so already, please take this opportunity to become a member.

Here's a quick view on how many memberships we have by street.

Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
3	1	7	4	1	1	1	2	3	4	10

There are 400 residences in OSBCA. If you haven't become a member, take this opportunity to pay your membership. Regular membership is \$25 and senior/fixed income is \$12.50.

Remember, you can now pay online via PayPal! Click here to get started.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR OSBCA MEMBERSHIP? IF YOU HAVEN'T, PAY ONLINE!

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### **Step one:**

Visit OldSpringBranch.org and click on "Membership" on the main menu.

### **Step two:**

Select the type of membership you fall under and then click the button under it that says "Pay with PayPal".

## **Step three:**

If you don't currently have a PayPal account, you can log on using "Checkout as Guest"

#### Step four:

Fill out the information so you can make the payment.



## CRIME REPORTS – MARCH 2022

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the reports incidents filed with the Houston Police Department from February 23 thru March 30, 2022.

- Three reports of Aggravated Assault: March 5, 6PM, 7500 Block of Long Point; March 25, 1AM, 7400 Block of Long Point and March 29, 10AM, 7500 Block of Long Point
- Five reports of Simple Assault: February 25, 1AM, 2000 Block of Johanna; March 7, 6PM, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn; March 14, 4AM, 1800 Block of Johanna; March 20, 6AM, 7500 Block of Long Point; and March 24, 2PM, 1900 Block of Woodvine
- Three reports of Intimidation: March 4, 10PM, 7600 Block of Inch; March 14, 6PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly and March 27, 1PM, 2200 Block of Silverbonnet
- Three reports of Trespass of Real Property: February 28, 9AM, 1900 Block of Antoine; March 11, 10PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly and March 25, 3PM, 1800 Block of Johanna
- One report of Animal Cruelty: March 8, 10AM, 7500 Block of Long Point
- Two reports of Property Crime: March 17, 8AM, 7500 Block of Long Point and March 22, 3PM, 1800 Block of Harland
- Five reports of Theft from Vehicle: March 7, 3AM, 7400 Block of Long Point; March 24, 12PM, 1900 Block of Antoine; March 26, 4PM, 1800 Block of Johanna; March 27, 6AM, 1900 Block of Counter Point, and March 27, 10PM, 7500 Block of Long Point
- Four reports of All Other Offenses: March 4, 12PM, 7800 Block of Long Point (All Other Offenses), March 7, 11AM, 7800 Block of Long Point (Counterfeiting, Forgery), March 16, 1PM. 2000 Block of Antoine (Credit Card, ATM Fraud) and March 24, 12AM, 2000 Block of Harland (Identity Theft)
- Four reports of Breaking & Entering Commercial: March 9, 12PM, 1800 Block of Jacquelyn, March 10, 12PM, 2000 Block of Antoine; March 10, 11PM, 7800 Block of Long Point and March 1, 3AM, 1800 Block of Harland
- Three reports of Robbery: February 26, 10PM, 2000 Block of Antoine; March 14, 11PM, 7800 Block of Hammerly and March 28, 10PM, 7700 Block of Long Point
- One report of Motor Vehicle Theft: March 7, 1AM, 7700 Block of Long Point
- One report of Drug, Narcotic Violation: March 22, 1AM, 2000 Block of Johanna

Please note that the above information was gathered from the <u>LexisNexis Community Crime on the Houston Police Department website</u>.

You can file a police report online if you have 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: <a href="https://houstontx.gov/police/online\_report.htm">houstontx.gov/police/online\_report.htm</a>

## CITIZENS ON PATROL – MARCH 2022

We reported a total of 28.75 patrol hours for February 2022 and 32.5 patrol hours for March 2022.

We did hear back from HPD regarding the 'homeless shelters' popping up in the ditch between Woodvine and Thonig, and they were able to remove them. The city did pick up most of the trash that was left behind and the Spring Branch Management District took care of the graffiti; however, we noticed another 'shelter' further down the ditch so will contach HPD again. Keeping my fingers crossed that the city will mow and clean the ditch soon and that will deter this problem.

Please stay alert, be diligent and report any incidents that you see or hear. If the police department is not aware of anything going on in our neighborhood, they will not patrol it. You can call the non-emergency number at 713-884-3131. If it is life-threatening situation, please call 911!

If you would like to join our Citizens Patrol group, please feel free to contact Virginia Lehman by email at <u>Virginia.Lehman@yahoo.com</u>. We would love to have you.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG – OUT WITH THE DEAD AND IN WITH NEW LIFE

Our neighborhood yards are welcoming the Spring season. Slowly but surely, life is returning to the lawns and landscaping. Get to work on that April yard now! April Yards will appear in the May Bugler.

Below is OSB's guide for getting your yard placed on the **Yards of the Month** list. The criteria will be published again in the May issue of the Bugler.

## Criteria for Yards of the Month

- Green, mowed and edged
- General neatness (no visible garbage or clutter)
- Shrubs and trees neatly pruned
- Walks, driveways and curbs swept and clean
- Nice overall landscaping design
- Color contrast (flowers, shrubs, etc.)
- City of Houston Codes and OSB Deed Restrictions must be observed

In addition...

- No dead plants
- No out of season Christmas lights
- Buildings, fences, porches and patios in good repair
- No indoor furniture on porches or patios
- Must be attractive and pleasing to the eye

Thanks to Campbell Woods for use of its yard criteria.

## REALTORS MARKET – JANUARY – MARCH 2022

Rosario Machorro

Old Spring Branch	Sold	Leased
Number of Houses	6	8
Average Sales Price	\$301,500	\$1,799
Average Sales Piece Per Square Ft.	\$218.50	\$1.25
Days on the Market	146	43

#### Homes for sale

Howdy neighbors, I hope y'all have been enjoying the lovely weather we have been experiencing as of late. The market continues to rise regardless of the increase of interest rates. There are currently 25 homes listed in the neighborhood for sale, of which 14 are pending expected to close in the next 35 to 90 days. Many of these still being under construction, thus the longer closing periods.

Average time on the market, if priced correctly, .50 to 7.13 months, with prices continuing to increase due to the shortage of listings.

The appraisal district has considered market conditions and you will most surely see an increase on the assessed value of your property taxes. Make sure to have your Homestead exemptions in place to relief a percentage of the increase. 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, feel free to give me a call at 713-391-6533. I am here to help you.

#### Homes for lease

At this moment there are two active 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, stay safe and hydrated and don't forget to take your allergy medication!

## HOW TO REPORT STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

The following information was taken from Center Point light bill.

Believe it or not, we, as residents, depend on the Center Point Energy company streetlights in our neighborhood to give lighting to our streets for safety. It is important that we help to report streetlight outage.

Here are four (4) simple ways to let Center Point know when a streetlight isn't working properly:

- 1. Visit CenterPointEnergy.com/StreetlightOut
- 2. Enter the streetlight NUMBER or address close to it
- 3. Click on the streetlight in question
- 4. Type in information about the issue

Another way to report a streetlight outage is to get the streetlight pole number and call Center Point at 713-207-2222 and follow directions to talk to someone. Citizens on Patrol (COP) does note most outages; however, some outages are missed and it is up to all of us to help out. Thank you!

## SAFETY HINT...SAVE MONEY TOO

Save your children and elderly from "SCALD" injuries. Set your water heater temperature between 120 F to 125 F ("Low" or "L" on some dials) to avoid scalding and help keep water heating cost low too.

## BEFORE YOU DIG CALL 811

Any digging requires contacting your 811 center, either by calling 811 (or 800-344-8377) or making your request through <u>Texas 811's website</u>. Planting a garden? Installing a fence or mailbox? You must contact 811.

When you dial 811, you will automatically be connected to a representative Texas' 811 center who will ask you simple questions about the location and details of your digging project. If you make your request online, you will enter the same information into a form. Either way, you will receive a ticket number and instructions for how much time utilities have to respond to your request, as well as how to confirm that all utilities have responded before you can safely dig.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS Deadline: Thursday, April 28, 2022

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

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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.

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## Old Spring Branch Civic Association

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
domingo	lunes	martes	miércoles	jueves	viernes	sábado
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 National Siblings Day	11 National Pet Day	12	13	14 National Gardening Day	15 Tax Day	16
17 Easter	18	19	20 Administrative Professionals Day	21 San Jacinto Day	Earth Day	23 May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada
24	25	26 Redistricting meeting, 7p	27	28 National Superhero Day HEAVY TRASH: JUNK WASTE	29 Arbor Day	30 Honesty Day
1 School Principals' Day	2	3 Teachers Day Roundabout intersection meeting, 7p	4 Star Wars Day	5 Cinco de Mayo	National Nurses Day	7

## OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **OFFICERS**

**President:** Jo Lightsey 713-681-0560

**Vice President:** ---Vacant---

Secretary: Linda Whatley 713-681-0560

**Treasurer:** Virginia Lehman 832-748-8088

#### STREET REPRESENTATIVES

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

**Counter Point** 

& Turquoise: Anonymous

Harland & Todd:

Jacquelyn/ Mike McGeehon 713-956-8446

E. Hammerly:

**Johanna:** Florence Armbruster 713-688-7546

**Silverbonnet, Cedel** ---Vacant ---

& W. Hammerly:

**Thonig:** ---Vacant---

Woodvine: Rosario Machorro 713-391-6355

## **OSBCA COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

## **Advertising:**

Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634

#### **Beautification:**

Jo Lightsey, 713-681-0560

## Citizens on Patrol (COP):

Loretta Nalley, 832-868-8751 Virginia Lehman, 832-748-8088

## **Communications:**

Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331 Lorna Gast, Bugler Mail Out

## **Deed Restrictions:**

Committee of Five

#### **In-Touch:**

Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634

#### Landscaping:

Nino Roman, 832-877-4701

#### **Membership:**

Loretta Nalley, 832-868-8751

Social:

### Website:

Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331

## **HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING**

2022 Schedule

MONTH	RECYCLING (Every other Friday)	HEAVY TRASH (Fourth Thursday of the Month)
April 2022	<ul><li> April 8</li><li> April 22</li></ul>	o Junk April 28
May 2022	<ul><li>May 6</li><li>May 20</li></ul>	o Tree May 26
June 2022	<ul><li>June 3</li><li>June 17</li></ul>	o Junk June 23
July 2022	<ul><li>July 1</li><li>July 15</li><li>July 29</li></ul>	o Tree July 28
August 2022	<ul><li>O Aug 12</li><li>O Aug 26</li></ul>	o Junk Aug 25
September 2022	<ul><li>Sept 9</li><li>Sept 23</li></ul>	o Tree Sept 22
October 2022	<ul><li>Oct 7</li><li>Oct 21</li></ul>	o Junk Oct 27
November 2022	<ul><li>Nov 4</li><li>Nov 18</li></ul>	o Tree Nov 25
December 2022	<ul><li>Dec 2</li><li>Dec 16</li><li>Dec 30</li></ul>	o Junk Dec 22

## YES! Put these in your recycling bin:

- **Metal and Cans:** Aluminum and Tin Cans. Examples include soup cans, vegetable cans, fruit cans, coffee cans (emptied and rinsed)
- Cartons: Both gable top and shelf-stable food and beverage cartons. Examples include milk cartons, juice cartons, soup cartons, soy milk/alternative milk cartons (emptied and rinsed)
- Glass: Bottles, jugs and jars only (emptied and rinsed)
- Paper: Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper
- Cardboard: Cardboard and cereal boxes (emptied of packing materials and flattened)
- **Plastic:** Bottles, tubs and jugs #1 5 and 7. Examples include water and soda bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, margarine tubs, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles. (emptied and rinsed)

## **NO!** Do **NOT** put these in your recycling bin:

- Batteries/Electronics
- Shredded Paper
- Tanglers (cords, hoses, wires, clothing)
- Food/Liquids
- Trash and Bagged Recycling
- Furniture and Household Goods
- Scrap Wood and Scrap Metal (NO Helium Tanks)
- Yard Waste