

Old Spring Branch Bugler

June 2023 * junio 2023

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, June 22: JUNK WASTE

Thursday, July 27: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 22 de junio: <u>Basura Chatarra</u>

jueves, 27 de julio: Desechos Verdes

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

My president's message to you all you last month was the invitation you found on the front page of the hard copy May Bugler to our Membership Drive event!

I was hoping to get your attention about how much we need your support, financially and physically, in the Old Spring Branch Civic Association. We did plan an event for you, the residents of OSB. As all of you read, the Membership Drive event was scheduled for May 16, 2023, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Due to the weather, the event was moved to the following night, May 17. Thank you, Murphy for being our leader for the Membership Drive event. It was my fault that the "in case of rain" date was not put on the May Bugler front page. Therefore, the turnout for the event was not as good as I had wished. We sent an e-blast email to the membership we have but there was no way we could have reached the whole neighborhood to alert them of the change. Thanks to everyone who was able to join us and became members. (Make sure to read more about the event on page 3). It was a start!

Hopefully, many of you, OSB residents, WILL pay your membership dues: \$25 per residence (address) and \$12.50 per residence if you are 65 or over or on a fix income. Of 350 residences in OSB, I feel that we should at least have 100 members (last year we had 45). Be one who helps us reach that goal. OSBCA needs your support!

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OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 7 – 8 p.m. Trini Mendenhall Civic Center,1414 Wirt Rd

MEMBERSHIP – MAY 2023

Loretta Nalley

Inflation is running at levels last seen over 40 years with the cost of paper and stamps going up, the paper to print and mail is getting to be a ridiculous price; the constant fixing or replacing of the OSBCA signs people keep running over, etc. We need your help with the 2023-2024 membership to keep OUR neighborhood running. One of the many things OSBCA supports with is securing volunteers to help with the medians on Hammerly and Antoine. We are thankful for the work they do to keep our medians nice. We are trying to work with the city to get a few trees replaced on the medians.

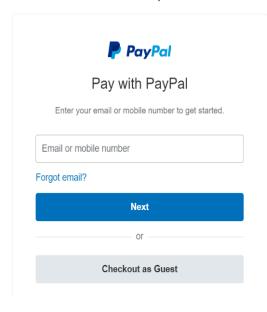
Another of areas we can use your support is delivering newsletters. It is not feasible to mail them out. Walking your street delivering or helping on another street would be a great way to see the neighborhood. Email me if you can help: jlnalley@sbcglobal.net. SOME of us are getting older and it is getting harder to walk the neighborhood. We need younger and more active people to help deliver the newsletters two times a year: January and May.

I want to thank Murphy, Jo, Linda, Virgina, Christi and Gerry for ALL their help getting Membership started for year 2023-2024. It sure was nice to see everyone at the Membership Drive. I loved the turnout! We had 19 people sign in. Members dropped off their membership, mailed the membership in and paid by PayPal. What a GREAT start! We had 45 members last year, let's see if we can beat it. WAY TO GO, COUNTER POINT! Counter Point currently has the most OSBCA members!

ſ	Antoine	Cedel	Counter	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
			Point									
	0	0	8	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	5
	Last year (2022-2023)											
	3	2	7	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	2	15

Regular membership and for businesses is \$25 a year and senior/fixed income is \$12.50. You can pay through PayPal or drop off your membership at one of our meetings or mailing it in.

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



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.

From the President, continued...

The Board of Officers and Directors will be voted in for 2023-2024 at our next meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 7 – 8 p.m. The slate will appear in the June Bugler. Check out our website to read each month's newsletter: oldspringbranch.org.

Please continue to be or get incompliance with Deed Restrictions and City of Houston Code/Ordinances.

OSBCA cares for the OSB area and is working for you.

OSB Membership Drive event

Murphy Critelli

In attempt to raise awareness of the importance of joining Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA), I had an idea that having a neighborhood Membership Drive event, much like Neighbors Night Out, would bring residents out to meet each other, and become a 2023-2024 OSB member.

May is the Association's month to focus on encouraging residents to get involved in our Civic Association.

The event date was set for Tuesday, May 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at 2227 Counter Point. Unfortunately, the rainy weather on Tuesday evening caused postponement until Wednesday, May 17. The folks who attended paid their membership dues, enjoyed Subway sandwiches, soft drinks and cookies provided by OSBCA.

As the appointed Event Chairman, I wish to thank the OSBCA Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons for helping me have a successful turnout of nineteen (19) folks. Thank you for showing an interest.

Although May is known as OSBCA's Membership Drive month, one is always welcome to become a member at any time. Make sure to fill out the member application in May's Bugler and mail a check to the Association. PayPal is also available to you.

Come join us at our next OSBCA meeting, July 11, 2023, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Mendenhall Civic Center at 1414 Wirt Rd. (across from Kroger).



CRIME REPORTS – MAY 2023

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for April 28 – May 31, 2023.

- One (1) report of Aggravated Assault: May 20, 5PM, 7300 Block of Long Point
- Five (5) report of Breaking & Entering (Commercial): May 5, 3PM, 1900 Block of Johanna; May 19, 9AM, 2000 Block of Antoine; May 26, 4AM, 2000 Block of Antoine; May 27, 4AM, 7400 Block of Long Point and May 31, 8PM, 7500 Block of Long Point
- One (1) report of Robbery (Commercial): May 18, 10PM, 2000 Block of Antoine
- One (1) report of Motor Vehicle Theft: May 3, 11AM, 1900 Block of Jacquelyn
- One (1) report of Homicide/Manslaughter: May 2nd, 11PM, 1900 Block of Wirt Rd

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: houstontx.gov/police/online report.htm

CITIZENS ON PATROL – MAY 2023

Virginia Lehman

Our Citizens on Patrol (CP) group reported a total of 36 hours for April and a total of 30.25 hours for May. As always, I want to thank our CP volunteers for patrolling our area whenever possible. I do believe we make a difference.

It is hard to believe that we had another homicide/manslaughter so close to our area (Wirt and Amelia) that I felt inclined to include it in my monthly report.

At our Membership Drive on May 16, we heard reports of cats being abused/killed on Counter Point. If you know of any incidents (any kind of animal), please report it to the Animal Cruelty Hotline at 713-869-7722.

I recently heard reports about tires being slashed on Woodvine. I am sure incident reports were filed with HPD. And of a couple of incidents with individuals entering vacant houses in our area.

Be aware of your surroundings! 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 our area. You can call the non-emergency number at 713-884-3131. If it is a life-threatening situation, please call 911!

We are always looking for volunteers to join our CP group. If you are interested, feel free to contact Virginia at 832-748-8088, please leave a message. We would love to have you.

YARDS OF THE MONTH – MAY 2023

Jo Lightsey

Well, what can the Yard Hawk say? It looks as if it isn't the week for mowing. My yard has gone from every two weeks to every 10 days, even to every week. It seems that the week that the Hawk rode, it was an "off" week. Many yards had not been mowed. Therefore, the "Yards of the Month" will be a bit limited this month.

I am sure that folks will get into action doing their yards during the month of June. I look forward to selecting more yards for the next Bugler. Make sure to check the website our upcoming Bugler, which you can find on <u>OldSpringBranch.org</u>, to check our upcoming "Yards of the Month." Will yours be there?

Amelia	*7630, *7635
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	7708
Counter Point	2203, 2018, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2126, 2118
Hammerly	7603, 7607, 7610, *7706, *7626, *7625
Harland	2015, *2102, 2011
Inch	None
Jacquelyn	*2043, *2042, *1839, *1905, *2067
Johanna	*2069, *2048, *2031, *2020, *2002, *1928 *1838, *1833,*1840, *1905, *1906
Silverbonnet	None
Thonig	1942, 2107, 2111, 2039
Todd	None
Turquoise	7711, 7615
Woodwine	1954, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2022, 2038, 2103, 2106, 2011, 2018, 2030

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

LANDSCAPING

Spring is quickly turning into summer. With the rain that we have had, lawn maintenance has been a regular mowing situation. However, it is the time to plant the scrubs, flowers and trees that will enhance our yards.

Mulch is necessary to hold the moisture in the soil. Sprinkler systems need to be repaired and tested, but not necessarily needed at this time. Nature has been keeping the ground wet. All dead portions of plants, shrubs and trees should be pruned back by now.

Get your yards in shape to make "Yards of the Month." Mowing and edging are the number one on the criteria. Work on all other improvements little at a time but be consistent.







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Old Spring Branch Civic Association 2023 – 2024 Membership Form							
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Address:							
E-mail							
Phone:							
Cell:							
Mailing Address:							
I am interested in th	ne following committee(s):						
□ Beautification							
□ Communications							
□ Landscaping	□ Membership						
□ Social	□ Special Events						
Annual Dues/Memb □ \$25.00 Proper	pership Types: ty Represented						
_	Citizens (62+) /Fixed Income						
	ess/Non-resident						
□ New Application	□ Renewal						
Membership Due Amount: Committee							
Donat	ion 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 5-1-23 through 4-30-24.							

Old Spring Branch Civic Association P. O. Box 55172 Houston, TX 77255-5172

Bring form and payment to the next meeting or mail to:

Checks payable to Old Spring Branch Civic Association or OSBCA.

Asociación Cívica de Old Spring Branch Formulario de Membrecía 2023 – 2024 Nombre: Dirección: Correo Electrónico: Dirección de correspondencia: 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 (62+) /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 1-5-23 hasta 30-4-24. 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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Cheque a nombre de Old Spring Branch Civic Association o OSBCA.



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OSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECTION SLATE 2023-2024

These are the nominations to lead our neighborhood/civic organization for 2023-2024. If anyone would like to fill the vacant positions on the board, please call 713-681-0560 and leave your name and phone number. I will return your call ASAP. **This slate will be voted on at the next quarterly meeting on July 11.**

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

Street reps are needed for Antoine, Harland/Todd, Silverbonnet/Cedel and Johanna.

*** We have a street rep for Thonig! Sybil Sanchez. Sybil also serves as our Communications chair. Thank you, Sybil!

You do not have to live on the street that needs the Street Rep. Street reps are voting board members.

Officers serve one term (2023-2024) and board members serve two terms (2023-2025).

Officers		Street Representatives			
President	Jo Lightsey	Antoine	*vacant*		
Vice President	*vacant*	Counter Point/Turquoise	Anonymous		
Secretary	Linda Whatley	Harland/Todd	<mark>*vacant*</mark>		
Treasurer	Virginia Lehman	Jacquelyn/East Hammerly	Mike McGeehon		
		Johanna	*vacant*		
		Silverbonnet/Cedel	*vacant*		
		Thonig	Sybil Sanchez		
		Woodvine	Rosario Machorro		

DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

Committee of Five

We want to inform all 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: 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.

If you have any questions regarding your Deed Restrictions feel free to attend an Old Spring Branch Civic Association meeting for clarification. To view your Deed Restrictions, visit our website: oldspringbranch.org/deed-restrictions/

WE ASK ALL RESIDENCE TO PLEASE FOLLOW OUR DEED RESTRICTIONS.

WHAT ARE DEED RESTRICTIONS?

Committee of Five

We always want you, as residents, to understand why we are so persistent about upholding deed restrictions in our community.

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.

<u>Deed restrictions may legally prohibit a person from operating certain types of businesses from their home.</u> 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), visit their web site at www.cclerk.hctx.net, **OR visit our (OSBCA)** website: oldspringbranch.org and look for your Deed Restrictions by Subdivision.

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.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS Deadline: Friday, June 30, 2023

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

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
domingo	lunes	martes	miércoles	jueves	viernes	sábado
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	PIP meeting	21	22 HEAVY TRASH: JUNK	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Bugler deadline	1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8

Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings – Third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Faith Center Chapel, 8009 Long Point

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: ---Vacant --Silverbonnet, Cedel ---Vacant ---

& W. Hammerly:

Thonig: ---Vacant---

Woodvine: Rosario Machorro 713-391-6355

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Committee of Five

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Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331

HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING

2023 Schedule

MONTH	RECYCLING (Every other Friday)			HEAVY TRASH (Fourth Thursday of the Month)		
JANUARY	Jan 13	Jan 27		Tree	Thurs. Jan 26	
FEBRUARY	Feb 10	Feb 24		Junk	Thurs. Feb 23	
MARCH	March 10	March 24		Tree	Thurs. Mar 23	
APRIL	April 7	April 21		Junk	Thurs. April 27	
MAY	May 5	May 19		Tree	Thurs. May 25	
JUNE	June 2	June 16	June 30	Junk	Thurs. June 22	
JULY	July 14	July 28		Tree	Thurs. July 27	
AUGUST	Aug 11	Aug 25		Junk	Thurs. Aug 24	
SEPTEMBER	Sept 8	Sept 22		Tree	Thurs. Sept 28	
OCTOBER	Oct 6	Oct 20		Junk	Thurs. Oct 26	
NOVEMBER	Nov 3	Nov 17		Tree	Nov 23	
DECEMBER	Dec 1	Dec 15	Dec 29	Junk	Thurs. Dec 28	

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)

Do NOT put the following in your GREEN 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

STOP ANIMAL CRUELTY







A cat was shot in his leg!!!
The bullet was found.

The incident happened on the night of 04-24-23 Report any lead to Animal Cruelty Hotline

713-869-7722

The majority of cats on Counter Point Dr. are neutered and vaccinated.