

Old Spring Branch Bugler

July 2023 * julio 2023

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, July 27: TREE WASTE

Thursday, August 24: JUNK WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 27 de julio: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 24 de agosto: Basura Chatarra

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

****RECUERDE QUE OLD SPRING BRANCH ES UNA COMUNIDAD BAJO RESTRICCIONES.****

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

Well, it has finally happened! The burnt-out house at the corner of Counter Point and Hammerly, 2139 Counter Point, has been demolished! OSBCA has been working with the owner and the City of Houston for over three years to do DO SOMETHING to keep vagrants from living in that dangerous building. Demolition began June 30. Our neighborhood could not be MORE excited. One thing to note, this property is residential only. It is Long Point Oaks deed restricted and cannot be subdivided. Now, we must address vagrants living in 7719 Hammerly.

Homeowners, if you have open, vacant real estate in Old Spring Branch, please, PLEASE nail it shut, board it up, put a No Trespassing sign and constantly keep an eye on it. The Houston Police will do nothing to keep squatters, vagrants or those experiencing homelessness out or off your property.

Friendly reminder, this Tuesday, July 11, is OSBCA's Quarterly meeting. The meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Trini Mendenhall Civic Center, located at 1414 Wirt Rd. I truly hope you chose to join us. Your support is NEEDED!

OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

7 – 8 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Civic Center

1414 Wirt Rd



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[OldSpringBranch.org](https://www.OldSpringBranch.org)

MEMBERSHIP – JUNE 2023

Loretta Nalley

We have 39 MEMBERS! That's 19 new members, almost double from last month. And we are 6 members away from reaching our total membership for last year.

The following streets have the following new members: 1 on Antoine Dr, 2 on Cedel Dr, 1 on Counter Point Dr, 1 on Harland, 1 on Thonig, 1 on Todd St and 5 on Woodvine Dr.

We also have 7 new members who paid on Paypal but did not include their address, so I am not sure which streets to credit that to. If you paid for your membership via PayPal and did not include your address, [please make sure to reach out and let us know.](#)

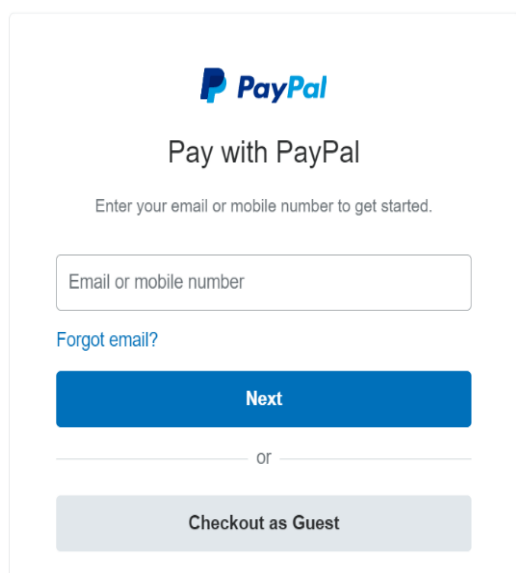
Thank you all for paying your memberships!

Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
1	2	9	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	10
2022-2023 Membership numbers (45 total)											
3	2	7	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	2	15

Reminder: Regular and business membership is \$25 a year and membership for seniors and those living on a fixed income is \$12.50.

You can pay through PayPal (and make sure to include your address) or drop off your membership at one of our meetings or mail 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.

DO YOUR PART IN MAINTAINING OSB'S BEAUTIFICATION!

Jo Lightsey

There are many ways to define beauty and WHAT makes something beautiful may differ from person to person. As the saying goes, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. For instance, a person who parks their car on their yard, is it possible they do not feel that is an eyesore for our community?

While it may be true that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, when it comes to our neighborhood's beautification, there are standards of what makes an area look good or unkept. Unfortunately, we have several residents in our Old Spring Branch area that are not helping with our neighborhood's beautification. Sad, but true. And for the most part, these unsightly "things" are also violations, either of City of Houston ordinances or Deed Restrictions.

If you are guilty of any of the following, respect your neighborhood and IMMEDIATELY GET INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES and DEED RESTRICTIONS.

The follow violations are now in our Neighborhood:

- Parking in the yard
- Parking vehicle for longer than 24 hours on the street
- Commercial vehicle parked on residential street over 24 hours
- Parking on the sidewalks
- Junk cars in view of street
- Junk and trash under car ports
- Junk and trash stacked on porches
- Box trucks parked on drive
- Trailers/boats parked in sight of street
- Overgrown yards
- Vacant, unboarded (not closed up) houses
- Chipping, peeling paint off houses

Look around, OSB. Are doing your part to beautify YOUR home and bring beauty to OSB?

I do hope the City of Houston Waste Dept. picks up our Heavy Trash soon. I am working on it.

PARKING ON THE YARD – CITY OF HOUSTON ORDINANCE VIOLATION

There are several people parking in their yards. The City of Houston has an ordinance of no parking in the yards. This is not an OSBCA rule. So, if you get a ticket know that the City of Houston drives around looking for parking on the yards and will issue a ticket to violators.

PARKING IN OR ON SIDE YARD OF A RESIDENCE within the boundaries of the Old Spring Branch area (area bounded by Long Point Rd, Wirt Rd, Antoine, Hammerly and Cedel) was passed as a City Ordinance by City Council in 2014 to be ILLEGAL.

CRIME REPORTS – JUNE 2023

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for June 1-25, 2023.

- Four (4) reports of Motor Vehicle Theft: June 6, 11AM, 2000 Block of Johanna; June 11, 9PM, 7400 Block of Long Point; June 12, 8PM, 1800 Block of Jacquelyn; and June 24, Block of Counter Point.

I am glad to see only 4 incidents showed up for our neighborhood but no ‘assaults or breaking and entering’ reports is hard to believe! I did double-check and even triple-checked my entries but got the same results.

Please note that the above information was gathered from the [LexisNexis Community Crime on the Houston Police Department website](#).

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 – JUNE 2023

Virginia Lehman

Due to the deadline for the Bugler, I will have to report our patrol hours for June in our August newsletter.

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 life-threatening situation, please call 911!

Hope everyone is staying somewhat cool and hydrated during our current heat wave. Please check on your neighbors, especially the elderly ones to make sure they are okay during the hot, hot days of summer.

As always, I want to thank our CP volunteers for patrolling our area whenever possible. I do believe we make a difference.

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

YARDS OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2023

Jo Lightsey

Yards look very sad. So very dry. I am hoping the rain forecast comes through during the 4th of July week. Meanwhile some yards made the cut (no pun intended). Crank the yard watering if no rain shows up. Here's to better looking yards in July. I hope all got the credit they deserved.

Amelia	*7630, *7635
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	None
Counter Point	2203, 2018, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2027
Hammerly	7603, 7607, 7610, *7706, *7626, *7625
Harland	2015, *2102, 2011
Inch	None
Jacquelyn	*2043, *2042, *1839, *1905, *2067, 2050
Johanna	*2069, *2048, *2031, *2020, *2002, *1928, *1838, *1833, *1840, *1905, *1906
Silverbonnet	None
Thonig	1942, 2039, 2045
Todd	None
Turquoise	7711, 7615, 7714, 7718
Woodwine	1922, 1918, 1950, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2022, 2038, 2103, 2106, 2011, 2018, 2030, 2131, 2130, 2134

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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, July 28, 2023

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

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

2023 – 2024 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 5-1-23 through 4-30-24.

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 2023 – 2024

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 |

- ☐ *Nuevo Miembro* ☐ *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 1-5-23 hasta 30-4-24.

Traiga el formulario y pago a la siguiente reunión o puede mandarlo por correo a:

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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. **This slate will be voted on at the next quarterly meeting on July 11.**

Please consider running for one of our following positions: Vice President, Antoine Street Rep, Harland/Todd Street Rep, Johanna Street Rep. 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 Street Representatives serve two terms (2023-2025).

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

ILLEGAL PARKING

Excerpts from Neighborhood News, Houston Chronicle









Citations for illegal parking in Spring Branch are the same as all over Houston. Parking regulations ARE enforced outside of downtown Houston. The following violations are appearing more frequently in our OSB area. PLEASE comply to prevent your having to pay a fine.

Vehicles are parked illegally on a Houston city street IF:

- Parked within 15 feet of an intersection or crosswalk
- Parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Parked with right wheel more than 18 inches from the curb
- Parked on a bridge or an esplanade/traffic island
- Parked for the purpose of advertisement
- Parked within 50 feet of a railroad crossing
- Blocking a driveway
- Blocking sidewalk that intersects with a driveway
- Facing the opposite flow of traffic
- Double parked
- It is not moved every 24 hours
- It obstructs the passage of emergency vehicles at any time
- It is a commercial vehicle parked on city streets between 2-6 a.m. unless it is unloading

For additional information, visit the city's website <https://www.houstontx.gov/parking/Parking-Regulations-and-Violations.pdf>

Old Spring Branch Civic Association

JULY 2023				JULIO 2023		
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado
9	10	11 OSB Quarterly Meeting, 7-8p	12	13	14  	15
16	17	18 <i>Nelson Mandela Day</i>	19	20	21 	22 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
23 <i>Parents' Day</i>	24	25	26	27 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	28   Bugler deadline	29
30 <i>Int'l Day of Friendship</i>	31	1	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Book Lovers Day</i>	10	11  	12 <i>Int'l Youth Day</i>

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/ E. Hammerly: Mike McGeehon 713-956-8446
Johanna: ---Vacant ---
Silverbonnet, Cedel & W. Hammerly: ---Vacant ---
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: ---Vacant---

Facebook & Website:

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:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries/Electronics • Shredded Paper • Tanglers (cords, hoses, wires, clothing) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food/Liquids • Trash and Bagged Recycling • Furniture and Household Goods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap Wood and Scrap Metal (NO Helium Tanks) • Yard Waste |
|---|---|--|