

Old Spring Branch Bugler

August 2023 * agosto 2023

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, August 24: <u>JUNK WASTE</u>

Thursday, September 28: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 24 de agosto: <u>Basura Chatarra</u>

jueves, 28 de septiembre: <u>Desechos Verdes</u>

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

I have been working on a couple situations going on in OSB this past month. I have had some concerns about how many residents are **Parking in the Yard.** The "Parking in the Yard" ordinance was passed by City Council in 2014. HPD may warn the resident and then will write a citation every time a car is parked in that yard after the warning. Please stop parking in the yard. **It does not look good.** Park on your driveway!

In addition, several residents are **Parking on the Sidewalk** which is illegal and a citation will be issued immediately by a HPD Officer.

Also, this does not apply to all Thonig residents. "If the shoe fits, wear it." Thonig has had a large flock of chickens roaming the street and in several yards. Thonig residents who are guilty of owning chickens and roosters are in violation of a City of Houston ordinance. Animal Control has every right to take the chickens from off the streets and your property. OSB is not a chicken farm.

Violations have been submitted to the authorities, so correct the violation as soon as possible so as not to be guilty when an HPD officer arrives. The HPD DRT officers are working the OSB area, slowly but surely. PLEASE be a law-abiding citizen. Get in appliance and follow the law.

Education (knowledge) enables us to understand better the laws and rules that is expected of one in the neighborhood. The monthly newsletter, the Bugler, in hard copy delivered to every resident's home was OSBCA's method of educating and communicating to its residents. **Unfortunately,** too many residents failing to pay the \$25 annual dues has caused our budget unable to print and deliver the newsletter monthly.

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MEMBERSHIP – JULY 2023

Loretta Nalley

We have 40 MEMBERS! That's one (1) new additional member from last month. We are 5 members away from reaching our total membership for last year. (We have two miscellaneous memberships.)

A membership challenge for this month is for all our streets to reach their membership numbers from last year. Can the two members on Antoine from last year renew their membership? How about the two from Harland, one from Jacquelyn, one from Silverbonnet, two from Thonig, one from Todd and three from Woodvine? With your memberships, we will surpass our total membership from last year.

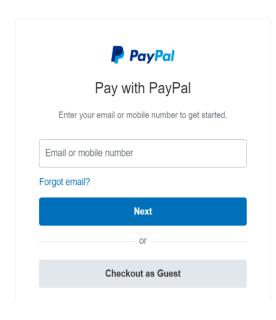
To those who have already renewed their memberships or joined for the first time, thank you!

2023-2024 Membership (40 total)											
Antoine	Cedel	Counter	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
		Point									
1	<mark>3</mark>	<mark>10</mark>	2	2	0	1	0	<mark>3</mark>	1	3	<mark>12</mark>
2022-2023 Membership (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.

From the President, continued...

However, the newsletter can be read every month on OSB's website: <u>OldSpringBranch.org</u> by everyone. Meanwhile, OSBCA delivers a hard copy of the Bugler in January and May to all Residents. Members get their Bugler by email each month. Become an OSBCA member!

We, as Civic Association leaders (the Board of Directors and I), are working hard to teach all our residents how to maintain OSB's repetition as an inviting neighborhood in which to live. We live in a prime location. As residents, it is your responsibility to do YOUR part to uphold City of Houston's ordinances/codes, honor your Deed Restrictions, and support your OSBCA. Are you a POSITIVE contributor to our OSB area? Think about it. I truly hope so! We are all in this together!

LANDSCAPING

Jo Lightsey

It is very difficult to speak of landscaping our yards in this unbearable heat with no rain in sight. Keeping plants, scrubs and grass alive is quite challenging. Using your sprinkler system will help some but will be very expensive. Your systems usually put out about 500 gallons of water for approximately 60-80 minutes of usage. How many stations do you have and how long does each station run? STOP!

Good Heavens! Why am I trying to address the landscaping situation? I know nothing about how to solve this heat and no rain.

Thank you LMC for being so kind as to continue maintaining our two esplanades. Thank you, Nino, for putting in our sprinkler system so many years ago. We are so lucky to have these two faithful supporters to take care of our esplanades.

BEAUTIFICATION: HEAVY TRASH, DEED VIOLATIONS, ETC.

Jo Lightsey

I called the missed **Heavy Junk Trash** into Amy Peck's Office. Amy's office has a "hot team" that checks out many of the overlooked heavy trash piles in OSB. This is a REMINDER that one's heavy trash (junk or tree) should not be larger than 8' cubic square. Hopefully, the leftover heavy trash will be picked up before tree heavy trash on August 24. We need to remember it is our responsibility to keep our neighborhood clean. Pick up litter and follow the Heavy Trash schedule. We are good people in this neighborhood and want to follow the rules.

I regret to see **inoperative cars** on properties. Also, I have observed many **cars parked in yards**. Parking in the yard is against the law! HPD will be contacted. These violations add to de-beautifying our neighborhood and lower the value of your property.

At least most of you have been keeping your **lawns mowed** despite the lack of rain and hot, hot weather. Thank you.

If you were selling your home, would it be attractive to someone? Step back and look. Would you want to buy your house and property to live? Make those repairs and spruce it up with a paint job.

Keep your street, yard and property free of clutter, junky items and litter. Be proud of your residence!

CRIME REPORTS – JULY 2023

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for June 26 – July 31, 2023

- One (1) report of Aggravated Assault: July 2, 11AM, 7700 Block of Amelia
- One (1) report of Breaking & Entering (Commercial): July 23, 1AM, 7800 Block of Long Point
- Two (2) reports of Robbery: July 6, 10PM, 7400 Block of Long Point and July 13, 1PM, 7800 Block of Long Point
- One (1) report of Motor Vehicle Theft: July 4, 5PM, 2000 Block of Johanna
- One (1) report of Sexual Assault: July 3rd, 8PM, 7900 Block of Amelia

Please note that the above information was gathered from the <u>LexisNexis Community Crime on the Houston</u> 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 & JULY 2023

Virginia Lehman

We reported a total of 29.75 patrol hours for the month of June and a total of 32.25 hours for the month of July. As always, I want to thank our Citizens on Patrol (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 Virginia at 832-748-8088, please leave a message. We would love to have you.

It's hard to believe that August is just starting and there's no end in sight for our HEAT wave. The first day of school for SBISD students is Wednesday, August 16. The law in Texas requires all motor vehicle drivers approaching from either direction to **stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal**. This signal includes a stop sign attached to the side of the school bus that is extended to notify traffic to stop. Also keep an eye out for our children that are walking, it is so easy for them to get distracted.

It is somewhat sad doing CP patrol in the summer, there is not as much outside activity going on, like mowing, planting new flowers, home improvement projects, neighbors walking dogs, etc. so your mind wanders.....and you wonder why there are a still two or three houses with Christmas decorations up, what happened to the t-shacks at Treasure Forest and their paper recycling bins, what's going to happen on the three empty lots where houses once stood, when are they going to tear down the vacant house on Jacquelyn, why does the gated community on Jacquelyn leave their trash bins out on the street all week (last count was 15 and yes, it has been reported to 311), when are they going to start building houses on Amelia/Johanna; why do people park their cars in the middle of their yards, how big is the new apartment complex on Antoine going to be (looks gigantic), how many roosters/hens live on Thonig and I could go on but...

HPD is aware of the everyday gatherings/camping on Woodvine, across from Connie's Seafood. They have set up a little homestead and even had a BBQ pit going a couple of times. It's going to take more than one call to HPD to get something done. If you get a chance, please drive by and if you can, please call it in to the non-emergency number at 713-884-3131.

As always, be aware of your surroundings! Stay alert, be diligent and report any incidents that you see or hear. If HPD 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!

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

YARDS OF THE MONTH – JULY 2023

Jo Lightsey

Yards looked very sad. So very dry. I am hoping the rain forecast comes through SOON. Sounds as if it will be quite some time before raindrops fall from the sky. Meanwhile follow the guidelines from the City of Houston for watering your lawn. Let's hope for beautiful yards in August. Please keep trying!

Amelia	7609,*7630, *7635				
Antoine	*2056				
Cedel	None				
Counter Point	2203, 2018, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2027, 2006, 2214, 2215, 2107				
Hammerly	7603, 7607, 7610, *7706, *7626, *7625				
Harland	2015, *2102, 2011, 2019, 2081				
Inch	All the townhouse yards were well groomed				
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, *2067				
Johanna	*2069,*2048, *2031, *2020, *2002,*1928 *1838, *1833,*1840, *2010				
Silverbonnet	None				
Thonig	1942, 2039, 2045				
Todd	None				
Turquoise	7711, 7714				
Woodwine	1818, 1918, 1943, 1950, 1951, 1954, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2022, 2103, 2106,				
	2011, 2018, 2127, 2131, 2130, 2134				

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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS Deadline: Thursday, August 31, 2023

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.

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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CONGRATULATIONS, OSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Congratulations to the OSBCA 2023-2024 board of directors. Three volunteers did step up to serve as Vice President, Loretta Nalley; Street Rep. for Thonig, Sybil Sanchez; and Street Rep. for Silverbonnet/Cedel/W. Hammerly, Eric Schmidt.

Welcome back to our long serving members that hold other board positions. Thank You!

Below is the list of the Board of Directors, both officers who serve one term (2023-2024) and Street Representatives who serve two terms (2023-2025).

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

We would also like to thank our returning Committee Chairs for serving another year. **Advertising** - Gerry Thielemann, **Beautification** - Jo Lightsey, **Citizens on Patrol and PIP** - Virginia Lehman, **Communications** - Sybil Sanchez and the **newsletter mail out** - Lorna Gast, **Deed Restrictions** - Committee of Five, **In Touch** - Gerry Thielemann, **Landscaping** - Nino Roman and **Membership** - Loretta Nalley. The **Social** Committee Chair position is vacant.

Volunteers from the Old Spring Branch area are welcome to serve on most committees. Contact the Committee Chairperson and tell them you want to help! You can find everyone's contact information on the next page.

DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

Notify the City of Houston's Legal Department if you suspect that a permit violates your community's deed restrictions regarding building use, setbacks, lot and/or building size, building height and number of structures on lot.

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) 274-6390 or visit our website to our Deed Restrictions page: https://oldspringbranch.org/deed-restrictions/

Call OSBCA Committee of Five at 713-681-0560 if you have any questions. Leave your name and phone number and brief message. Your call will be returned.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY OF HOUSTON'S APPROVAL OF ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED VIOLATIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS VALID IF THERE ARE DEED RESTRICTIONS ON A PROPERTY.

Old Spring Branch Civic Association

AUGUST 2023 AGOSTO 2023 **Sunday** Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday **Friday Saturday** miércoles domingo lunes martes jueves viernes sábado 8 9 10 12 6 11 14 15 17 13 16 18 19 May put out Heavy PIP, 7p Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 **HEAVY TRASH: JUNK** 29 27 28 30 31 2 Bugler deadline 3 4 5 6 9

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 (OSBCA)						
<u>B</u>	OARD OF DIRECTORS	COMMITTEE CHAIRS				
	Officers		Advertising: Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634			
President:	Jo Lightsey	713-681-0560	Beautification:			
Vice President:	Loretta Nalley	832-868-8751	Jo Lightsey, 713-681-0560			
Secretary:	Linda Whatley	713-681-0560	Citizens on Patrol (COP):			
Treasurer:	Virginia Lehman	832-748-8088	Virginia Lehman, 832-748-8088			
STF	REET REPRESENTATIV	Communications: Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331 Lorna Gast, Newsletter mail out				
Counter Point & Turquoise:	Anonymous		Deed Restrictions: Committee of Five Contact: 713-681-0560 In Touch: Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634			
Harland & Todd: Jacquelyn/ E. Hammerly:	Mike McGeehon	713-922-0116				
Johanna: Silverbonnet, Cedel & W. Hammerly	Vacant Eric Schmidt	281-840-1521	Landscaping: Nino Roman, 832-877-4701 Membership:			
Thonig:	Sybil Sanchez	832-722-2331	Loretta Nalley, 832-868-8751			
Woodvine:	Rosario Machorro	713-391-6355	Social:Vacant			

HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING

2023 Schedule

MONTH		RECYCLIN		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