

Old Spring Branch Bugler

February 2024 * febrero 2024

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, February 22: JUNK WASTE

Thursday, March 28: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 22 de febrero: Basura Chatarra

jueves, 28 de marzo: Desechos Verdes

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

I will begin my message to the OSB Community about elections coming up in 2024. It is important for citizens to get registered to vote for the year 2024. Every year we should confirm our “right to vote” through the Harris County Clerk’s Office, 713-755-6965. The deadline for being registered to vote for 2024 is **Tuesday, February 6, 2024.**

To be eligible to vote by mail in Texas, you must be:

- 65 years or older;
- Sick or disabled;
- Out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; or
- Expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election day; or
- Confined in jail, otherwise eligible

You must be registered to vote in the March 5th Primary Election. The State law requires you to register 30 days prior to the Election. Confirm your voter register status by searching for it on the Harris County Clerk’s Office, 713-755-6965 or email voters@Harrisvotes.com.

A reminder that the City of Houston does ordinances (laws) concerning your pet. Along with 1) the “POOP” ordinance (picking up your dog’s poop outside your property); 2) the “leash” ordinance (not allowing your dog to run loose outside your property) and 3) the new law in effect is mandatory microchips. Contact BARC at 713-229-7342 or go by 3300 Carr St. to get your pet a microchip for \$15.

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BEAUTIFICATION & LANDSCAPING

Jo Lightsey

WAIT! WAIT! Cut back shrubs, flower beds, etc., until after the weather begins to warm and continues to stay above freezing conditions. Weather man predicts another freeze around February 14, as of January 30, 2024.

Protect your plants from freezing. Cut back on watering your lawn. The area has had and will have more rain than usual. Apply fungicide to keep “brown patch” in check. Fertilize with Micro Life 8-12-16.

Remember to take down your Christmas lights!

The “Yards of the Month” will resume in April. However, the lawn will continue to grow slowly, and leaves will fall from trees until bare. Therefore, I suggest residents mow/mulch leaves, edge and weed-eat their yards at least every two weeks.

Call 3-1-1 if you have any problem drainage, etc. It is YOUR reasonability to clear your drain in front of your property. Report your own problems. Get a SR# from 3-1-1. Refer to that number each time you check on the situation.

Thank you, LMC for continuing to maintain our two esplanades: Hammerly/Wirt Rd and Antoine/Long Point. You are appreciated. Thank you, Nino for maintaining our drip/sprinkler systems at both locations. You, too, are appreciated.

RESIDENT HOUSE NUMBER – OSB “ENTRY TO WIN” DRAWING

Jo Lightsey

OBJECT OF THE “ENTRY TO WIN” is to encourage every single family resident property to be in compliance with the City of Houston HOUSE NUMBER ORDINANCE (as was posted in the January hard copy Bugler).

TWO (2) \$100 DRAWINGS to be held in April 2024. Winners will be contacted in April.

RULES OF THE OSB DRAWING: (We, OSBCA may have modified the Ordinance somewhat).

1. Numbers must be at least 3” tall.
2. Numbers must be in contrasting color.
3. Numbers must be posted to be seen from the street (day or night).
4. Numbers may/can be posted on front (fascia of house), carport, or garage.
5. Painted curb numbers are NOT eligible.
6. Board Members are NOT eligible for drawing, but must be in code compliance.
7. Properties in Deed Restriction violation do NOT qualify until property is in compliance.
8. Any objects obstructing the address numbers should be removed so address numbers can be seen from the street.
9. Drawings will be made in April 2024. Winners will be contacted in April.

Every Resident House Number that meets the Criteria (1-9) has been and is being entered in the drawing. The Board of Directors will continue to drive through the neighborhood writing your eligible house number down on an entry blank and depositing it in a draw container.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Loretta Nalley

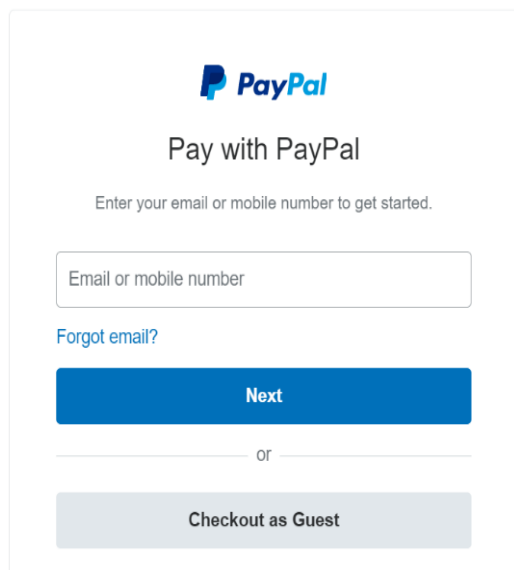
Hello everyone! As of February 1, we have 50 members, thank you ALL so much for the support. It helps more than you think.

What is in the works in our neighborhood...? We are working on getting the dead trees replaced on the esplanades on Antoine and Hammerly. Jo and I met with Barry last month; he is with the non-profit organization "Trees for Houston". Their website is TreesForHouston.org. We showed him the trees that died in the freeze a few years ago. He will replace some, if not all. He will let us know what he can do. Barry said they will plant the trees, but we will need volunteers to water the trees until they grow up to be bigger trees. If you are interested let me know. This will not be for a while so I will keep you posted.

2023-2024 Membership (50 total)												
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
1	2	3	12	2	3	1	3	0	3	1	3	14
2022-2023 Membership (45 total)												
0	3	2	7	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	2	15

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.

CRIME REPORTS – JANUARY 2024

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for December 29 – January 30, 2024:

- Two (2) reports of Aggravated Assault: January 13, 3PM, 2000 Block of Johanna and January 17, 11PM, 1900 Block of Thonig.
- Two (2) reports of Simple Assault: January 6, 4PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly and January 23, 8PM, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Intimidation: January 22, 9AM, 1900 Block of Jacquelyn.
- One (1) report of Vandalism, Destruction, Damage: January 16, 6PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Breaking & Entering: January 17, 11PM, 1900 Block of Thonig.
- Two (2) reports of Theft from Vehicle: January 7, 12PM, 2000 Block of Johanna and January 12, 6PM, 11300 Block of Todd.
- One (1) report of Property Crime: January 24, 4PM, 1900 Block of Jacquelyn.
- One (1) report of All Other Crimes: January 20, 3PM, 1900 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) report of Robbery: January 13, 11PM, 7400 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Theft: January 3, 10AM, 2000 Block of Antoine.

Please note that the above information was gathered from the [Spot Crime on the Houston Police Dept 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 – JANUARY 2024

Virginia Lehman

Happy Valentines Day! We reported a total of **29 patrol hours for December** and a total of **33.5 patrol hours for January**. 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!

Lots of new construction going on in the neighborhood! Two gated communities on Johanna and Amelia and a very large apartment complex on Antoine and Hammerly are in the process of being built. There is also a large building being constructed on Antoine, not quite sure what it is going to be yet (maybe I will know something next month). My latest pet peeve is the gated community on Jacquelyn and Amelia by Treasure Forest Elementary. For some unknown reason, they leave their trash cans on the street seven days a week and 24 hours a day. All other gated communities have their garbage collected by a private contractor and I don't know why this community is not doing that also. I have reported it the city twice and our president has reported it several times. The city has posted the yellow 'citation' signs and their last effort, they attached the citation signs to the actual garbage cans. However, the 'cans' remain on the streets! We will keep working on getting the trash cans placed where they belong, not on the street! And yes, I know this problem doesn't fall under 'Citizens on Patrol' but it is such a sore sight to see when we are patrolling and we are not talking about one or two cans, my last count was 22 (and 5 were either dumped over or in the ditch).

As always, 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!

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.

Deed restrictions may legally prohibit a person from operating certain types of businesses from their home. 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 cclerk.hctx.net, OR visit our (OSBCA) website OldSpringBranch.org/deed-restrictions.

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.

From the President, continued from front page...

I encourage all OSB residents to abide by the many City of Houston Ordinances. Many of the City of Houston ordinances are also Deed Restrictions. It is important to keep OSB residents in compliance with the City of Houston laws.

We, as the Board of Directors, of Old Spring Branch Civic Association, are striving to hold our community to a high and respectful standard. We are all responsible and should be committed to maintaining an attractive and valuable place to live.

CITY OF HOUSTON – IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

-Updated February 5, 2024-

City Hall/City Hall Annex		City Dept.	
District A – Amy Peck	832-393-3010	3-1-1 (City Ordinance Violations)	713-837-0311
Liz Miranda (Chief of Staff)	832-393-3379	Citizen's Assistance Office	832-393-0955
At-large 1 – Julian Rameriz	832-393-3014	Convention & Entertainment	713-853-8000
At-large 2 – Willie Davis	832-393-3013	Fire	713-247-5000
At-large 3 – Twilla Carter	832-393-3005	Health & Human Services	713-794-9320
At-large 4 – Letitia Plummer DDS	832-393-3012	Houston Emergency Center	713-884-3911
At-large 5 – Sallie Alcorn	832-393-3006	Municipal Courts	713-247-5680
City Attorney's Office	832-393-3440	Parks & Recreation	713-865-4500
Asst. City Attorney, Dist A	832-393-6250	Planning & Development	713-837-7719
Alexandria Tolbert		Building Permits	832-394-8852
Houston Mayor-- John Whitmire	713-837-0311	Center Point Energy	713-207-2222
City Secretary	832-393-1100	BARC (loose dogs)	713-229-7342
Legal	832-393-1029		
Police		Other numbers	
Police Dispatch Non-Emergency	713-884-3131	Harris County Clerk	
Police (HPD storefront – 8am-4pm)	832-394-0102	Filed Deed Restrictions	713-755-6411
(Temporarily closed)		Public Works and Engineering	(Call 3-1-1)
Police (NW sub-station)	832-394-5500	Solid Waste Management	832-393-0430
(ask for Sgt. Timmy Herrmann)			713-699-8924
Police (SBISD) ***		Animal Cruelty Hotline	713-869-7722
Kids on street, 8am-4pm, M-F	713-984-9805	Illegal Dumping Hotline	832-927-1567
Harris County Precinct One	713-755-5200		
Constable Alan Rosen			

9-1-1 EMERGENCY ONLY

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS ARE INCORRECT, CALL 3-1-1.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Thursday, February 29, 2024

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 |

- ☐ New Application ☐ 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:

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

Cheque a nombre de Old Spring Branch Civic Association o OSBCA.



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RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH PICK UP

-2024 SCHEDULE-

MONTH	RECYCLING (Every other Friday)	HEAVY TRASH (Last Thursday of the month)
January	□ 1/12 □ 1/26	□ TREE Thurs., 1/25
February	□ 2/9 □ 2/23	□ JUNK Thurs., 2/22
March	□ 3/8 □ 3/22	□ TREE Thurs., 3/28
April	□ 4/5 □ 4/19	□ JUNK Thurs., 4/25
May	□ 5/3 □ 5/17 □ 5/31	□ TREE Thurs., 5/23
June	□ 6/14 □ 6/28	□ JUNK Thurs., 6/27
July	□ 7/12 □ 7/26	□ TREE Thurs., 7/25
August	□ 8/9 □ 8/23	□ JUNK Thurs., 8/22
September	□ 9/6 □ 9/20	□ TREE Thurs., 9/26
October	□ 10/4 □ 10/18	□ JUNK Thurs., 10/24
November	□ 11/1 □ 11/15	□ TREE Thurs., 11/28
December	□ 12/13 □ 12/27	□ JUNK Thurs., 12/26









YES! Put these in your GREEN 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 GREEN RECYCLING bin:

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

Old Spring Branch Civic Association

FEBRUARY 2024						FEBRERO 2024
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado
4	5	6	7	8	9  	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 	17
18	19	20 PIP, 7p	21	22 HEAVY TRASH: JUNK	23  	24 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
25	26	27	28	29 Bugler deadline	1 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8  	9
Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings – Third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Faith Center Chapel, 8009 Long Point.						

<u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>			<u>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</u>	
OFFICERS			Advertising:	
President:	Jo Lightsey	713-681-0560	Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634	
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Secretary:	Linda Whatley	713-681-0560	Jo Lightsey, 713-681-0560	
Treasurer:	Virginia Lehman	832-748-8088	Citizens on Patrol (COP):	
STREET REPRESENTATIVES			Virginia Lehman, 832-748-8088	
Antoine:	---Vacant---		Communications:	
Counter Point & Turquoise:	Anonymous		Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331	
Harland & Todd:			Lorna Gast, Newsletter mail out	
Jacquelyn/ E. Hammerly:	Mike McGeehon	713-922-0116	Deed Restrictions:	
Johanna:	Roman Nunez		Committee of Five	
Silverbonnet, Cedel & W. Hammerly:	Eric Schmidt	281-840-1521	Contact: 713-681-0560	
Thonig:	Sybil Sanchez	832-722-2331	In Touch:	
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