

Old Spring Branch Bugler

June 2024 * junio 2024

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, June 27: JUNK WASTE

Thursday, July 25: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 27 de junio: Basura Chatarra

jueves, 25 de julio: Desechos Verdes

REMEMBER: OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

RECUERDE: OLD SPRING BRANCH ES UNA COMUNIDAD BAJO RESTRICCIONES.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

Congratulations to our HOUSE NUMBER DRAWING winners: 2207 SILVERBONNET and 1840 WOODVINE! Each won \$100. For the residents to claim their \$100, they must come to the OSBCA Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 7-8pm, Mendenhall Civic Center, 1414 Wirt Rd. Proof of your address and ID is required. We look forward to meeting you!

I have lived in OSB since 1975 and have never experienced a “straight wind” storm like we had on May 16. Even the hurricanes that I have seen in our neighborhood did not do as much damage as this. I feel like our OSB has been lucky not to have seen weather like this before now. However, we must be more aware of all kinds of weather happening now in all parts of the state and USA. Mother Nature seems to be angry. Therefore, we must be prepared and willing to help one another.

Our OSBCA’s Membership Drive is still and is always open for residents and businesses to financially support our causes by becoming a member. One of our projects is buying plants for the Hammerly/Wirt Rd. Esplanade and another is purchasing three more Crape Myrtles for the Hammerly medians. **Membership is \$25 – Residential; \$12.50 Senior Citizen/Fixed Income; \$25-Business.**

City of Houston disposal yard bags are not required any more. However, it is recommended that all yard clippings, leaves, etc. be placed in some brand of disposal bag. I understand that these bags are cheaper from Amazon. If you still have City of Houston yard bags, please use them.

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OSBCA Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 | 7 – 8 p.m.

Mendenhall Civic Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.



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From the President, continued from front page...

It is my understanding that the big black trucks that have been collecting storm debris in OSB are contracted by Amy Peck's office. Tree and fence material must be piled separately. If mixed, storm debris will not be picked up until Junk Waste, June 27 (4th Thursday of the month).

Here's to all you OSB Residents. Hopefully, your necessary repairs, etc. will go well. Remember that "Building Permits" are required in some cases. Look out for scammers that say they are qualified to do work but are not.

You are invited to attend our OSBCA Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Trini Mendenhall Civic Center located at 1414 Wirt Rd. 😊 Hope to see you there!

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR COMMUNITY & BECOME A SUPPORTING MEMBER OF OSB

If you enjoy living in the Old Spring Branch neighborhood and want to help make sure it stays just the way we like it in the future, please consider becoming an OSB member. Our neighborhood association has many benefits for its residents and our community as a whole.

If you are new to the Old Spring Branch area and you are not a member yet, what are you waiting for?

Now would be a great time to join the OSB neighborhood association. The purpose of our neighborhood association is to be an advocate for our neighborhood with local government, improve our neighborhood and coordinate some fun organized activities.

Often, neighborhood associations are organized by the residents themselves, as was the situation long ago here in Old Spring Branch. The OSB neighborhood association welcomes all residents, regardless of whether you are a homeowner or are a renter. We also have representatives from local businesses and schools as well. When residents, businesses and others work together through a neighborhood association, we can meet the needs of our community and address many issues in ways individuals cannot do on their own.

The purpose of neighborhood association is to bring together residents who share common goals and want to create a place to meet other residents, share concerns, offer solutions and create a greater sense of community.

Through voluntary participation and elected officials, neighborhood associations bring residents together and provide a line of communication with local government to give residents a voice in issues that directly affect their families and their property. And their bylaws can govern the appearance of properties, keep up local amenities and coordinate community activities.

The purpose of any neighborhood association is to bring value to your neighborhood in various ways.

Now is a great time to become an OSBCA member. If you are already a member please get involved and help build a better neighborhood with us today!

TOP 10 BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OSBCA

Reasons Why You Should Support with Your Membership

Jo Lightsey

Our new membership year has begun! It is time to renew your membership (or become a new member) for the 2024-2025 year. Becoming a member of the Old Spring Branch has several benefits. For only \$25 a year (or \$12.50 for seniors or those on a fixed income), the OSBCA does the following for our neighborhood:

1. **General quarterly meetings** where we invite guest speakers and residents can make suggestions
2. **Website and Facebook page** to keep our members informed: OldSpringBranch.org, [Facebook page](#)
3. **Monthly newsletter, The Bugler**, published on our website and emailed to paid members
4. **Hard copy of the newsletter** delivered every January and May to the homes of residents
5. **Citizens on Patrol (COP)** where volunteers drive the neighborhood with the purpose of reducing crime
6. **Community landscaping and esplanades** maintenance
7. **Yards of the Month** recognition in the newsletter, as well as hosting Top 6 Best Holiday Decorations contest
8. **Social Events** including Neighbors Night Out in October
9. **Enforce Deed Restrictions** to the best of our abilities
10. **Report City of Houston Ordinance Violations** to 3-1-1 to keep our neighborhood up to code

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Loretta Nalley

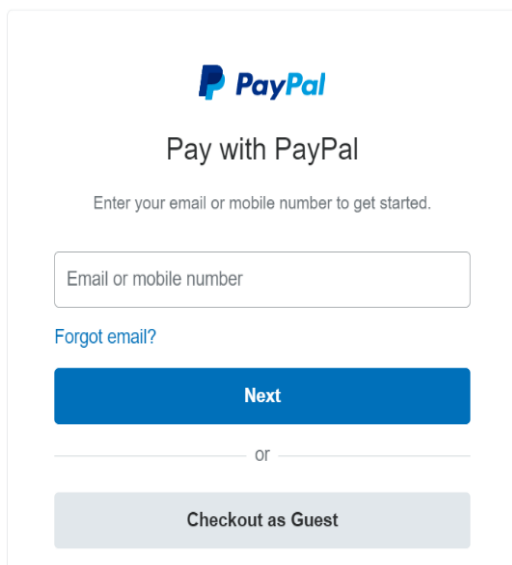
May was the new month for the 2024 – 2025 memberships. Your membership and contributions are a tremendous help.

We are looking to OSB to help us get past last year's membership. Last year we had 55 paid members and the year before we had 45. Can you help us reach 75?

Thank you to Counter Point and Woodvine for leading membership. We hope you will all renew your membership. We would love to see our other streets with membership in the double digits. **Reminder: Membership is \$25 – Residential; \$12.50 – Senior Citizen/Fixed Income; \$25 – Business.**

2024-2025 Membership												
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
2022-2023 Membership (55 total)												
2	3	3	12	2	4	2	3	1	3	1	3	15

PAY YOUR OSBCA MEMBERSHIP ONLINE!



The screenshot shows the PayPal payment interface. At the top is the PayPal logo. Below it, the text "Pay with PayPal" is displayed. A prompt says "Enter your email or mobile number to get started." There is a text input field labeled "Email or mobile number". Below the field is a link that says "Forgot email?". A blue button labeled "Next" is positioned below the input field. At the bottom, there is a section separated by a horizontal line with the word "or" in the center. Below this line is a grey button labeled "Checkout as Guest".

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 – MAY 2024

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for May 1-31, 2024:

- One (1) report of Aggravated Assault: May 19, 3pm, 1900 Block of Thonig.
- Four (4) reports of Simple Assault: May 10, 7pm, 2000 Block of Antoine, May 17, 4pm, 2000 Block of Johanna, May 17, 12pm, 2200 Block of Silver Bonnet and May 26, 6pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Intimidation: May 23, 7pm, 2200 Block of Silver Bonnet.
- Two (2) reports of Theft from Motor Vehicle: May 15, 5pm, 11300 Block of Todd and May 20, 12am, 2000 Block of Woodvine.
- One (1) report of Burglary (Breaking & Entering): May 7, 3pm, 2100 Block of Antoine.
- Three (3) reports of Theft: May 1, 12am, 2000 Block of Antoine and May 12, 2am, 7600 Block of Hammerly for Credit Card and ATM Fraud and May 6, 6pm, 2000 Block of Antoine for All Other Larceny.
- One (1) report of Vandalism: May 7, 9am, 2000 Block of Woodvine.
- One (1) report of Disorderly Conduct: May 3, 1am, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Two (2) reports of All Other Offenses: May 23, 11pm, 2100 Block of Antoine and May 30, 1am, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Perp Search/Chase: May 24, 12am, 2100 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) report of Arrest (Driving Under the Influence): May 23, 11pm, 2100 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 – MAY 2024

Virginia Lehman

We will be reporting a total of **33 patrol hours for the month of May**. Thanks to all our CP volunteers, I do believe we make a difference. We are always looking for volunteers, if you are interested, please contact me at 832-748-8088 and leave a message. We would love to hear from you!

I want to say thanks to all our residents that helped neighbors after the storm on May 16. A special thanks to John Nalley, his daughter Monica, his son-in-law Chris and his two grandchildren for helping our neighbors clear the yards of debris. After getting back from a trip, I was shocked by the damage and devastation that our neighborhood had. I am so thankful that everyone survived with no major injuries.

Updates: I can't believe all the trash cans (my pet peeve) standing on the street on Jacquelyn remained standing, apparently not even knocked over by the May 16 storm. Although the group of individuals hanging out at Long Point and Woodvine has dwindled, there still appears to be one or two individuals that remain persistent in staying at that location. The good news is they don't look like they are there all day and night. The bad news is we have another group on Amelia and Wirt. I will report that to HPD in my monthly report.

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 a life-threatening situation, please call 911!

YARDS OF THE MONTH – May 2024

Jo Lightsey

I must admit that when I started out to evaluate our OSB yards, I did not expect to see as many yards to qualify as I did. I was pleasantly surprised as to how hard many of you have worked since the May 16 storm.

The selected “yards” below may not have met EVERY criteria but were cleared of debris, mowed and edged. It is hard to keep up with mowing, edging and hedging due to all the rain we have had. (By the way, the use of “Water” is unlimited).

Old Spring Branch	
Amelia	<i>None</i>
Antoine	*2056, 1915
Cedel	<i>None</i>
Counter Point	2203, 2211, 2214, 2215, 2018, 2014, 2015, 2006, 2011, 2110, 2126, 2130
Hammerly	7603, 7607, 7610, 7614, *7626, *7625, *7706
Harland	1919, 2019, *2102, 2011, 2023
Inch	<i>None</i>
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, *2067
Johanna	*2069, 2054, *2048, *2020, *2002, *1928 , *1905, *1906, *1838, *1833, *1840
Silverbonnet	2211, 2209, 2207
Thonig	1942, 2039, 2029, 2011, 2045
Todd	<i>None</i>
Turquoise	7714, 7615, 7618
Woodvine	1906, 1910, 1951, 1954, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2022, 2103, 2106, 2011, 2030, 2120, 2131, 2134

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

REMINDER OF CRITERIA FOR YARDS OF THE MONTH

Every month, on the last week, the “Yard Hawk” rides through the neighborhood making a note of the yards eligible for the Bugler’s “Yards of the Month”.

Below is OSB’s guide for getting your yard placed on the **Yards of the Month**.

Criteria for Yards of the Month:

1. **Be well-groomed** (i.e. yard mowed, sidewalks edged, shrubs/trees pruned, flower beds weed-free, no dead plants)
2. **Be attractive, neat and pleasing to the eye** (i.e. green lawn, variety of plants/flowers, color contrast in landscaping, walkway/driveway/curb clean, no out-of-season decor)
3. **Have buildings, fences, porches and patios in good condition** (i.e. minimal distraction from the landscape due to deterioration, damage/construction)
4. **Be free of litter, junk and debris** (no appliances or indoor furniture on porches or patios; free of junked or inoperable vehicles; no parking on the lawn)
5. **Observe all City of Houston Codes and OSB Deed Restrictions**

BEAUTIFICATION & LANDSCAPING

Jo Lightsey

Well, Mother Nature's May 16, 107 mph straight winds, created new landscaping for most of us in OSB. Fortunately, the newly planted four Crape Myrtle trees on Hammerly medians survived the storm. We plan to plant three more trees on the medians this month.

Unfortunately, most all of us had some type of storm damage: uprooted trees, broken limbs, downed fences, holes in roofs, structure damage, debris all over yards and loss of food. Hopefully, each of you is receiving the necessary help needed in your situation.

I do believe that Center Point restored electricity, Tree Waste was collected, yards cleaned and traffic light repairs were made in a reasonable time in most of OSB. Be grateful that we did not have to wait longer for service.

Garbage collection was on time and recycling was only a day late. What's new? It is up to each of us to pick up litter and clear our ditches and gutters of trash.

Nino Roman, our OSB landscaper, will be planting new plants and replacing the water drip system with a sprinkler system on the Hammerly/Wirt Rd entrance esplanade during this month.

I just became aware that LMC not only maintains the Hammerly/Wirt esplanade but mows, edges and picks up litter on Hammerly medians from Wirt Rd to Woodvine.

Special thanks to both LMC and Nino for continuing to donate their time to our OSBCA and its OSB residents. You are appreciated so very much! 😊

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, June 28, 2024

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

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OSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECTION SLATE FOR 2024-2025

These are the nominations to lead our neighborhood/civic organization for 2024-2025. 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 our next quarterly meeting taking place on Tuesday, June 11.**

Street representatives are needed for Antoine and Harland/Todd.

You do not have to live on the street that needs the Street Representative. **Street Representatives are voting board members.**

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

Officers	
President	Jo Lightsey
Vice President	Loretta Nalley
Secretary	Linda Whatley
Treasurer	Virginia Lehman

Street Representatives	
Antoine	Vacant
Counter Point/Turquoise	Anonymous
Harland/Todd	Vacant
Jacquelyn/E.Hammerly	Mike McGeehon
Johanna	Roman Nunez
Silverbonnet/Cedel	Eric Schmidt
Thonig	Sybil Sanchez
Woodvine	Rosario Machorro








STORM WASTE PICK UP

“Storm” tree waste pick up must be **Tree Only**. Fence material, etc. must be stacked separately for collection. Otherwise, mixed heavy trash will be collected until June 27. 😞 Collection has happened in OSB and is supposed to happen two more times. 😊 Be patient!

RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH PICK UP -2024 SCHEDULE-

MONTH	RECYCLING (Every other Friday)		HEAVY TRASH (Last Thursday of the month)	
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

Old Spring Branch Civic Association

MAY /JUNE 2024						MAYO/JUNE 2024
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado
2	3	4	5	6	7 	8
9	10	11 OSB Meeting, 7 p.m.	12	13	14  	15
16	17	18 PIP, 7p	19	20	21 	22 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
23	24	25	26	27 HEAVY TRASH: JUNK	28  	29
30	1	2	3	4	5 	6
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	
Vice President:	Loretta Nalley	832-868-8751	Beautification:	
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:	---Vacant---		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:	
Woodvine:	Rosario Machorro	713-391-6355	Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634	
			Landscaping:	
			Nino Roman, 832-877-4701	
			Membership:	
			Loretta Nalley, 832-868-8751	
			Social: ---Vacant---	



OLD SPRING BRANCH
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2024-2025 Membership Form

2024-2025 Formulario de Membresía

Member Information | Información de miembro

Full name | Nombre completo: _____
If business membership, add name of main contact. | Si es membresía de negocio, nombre del contacto principal.

Business name | Nombre de negocio: _____
For business membership only. | Sólo para membresía de negocio.

Address | Dirección: _____

E-mail | Correo electrónico: _____

Phone | Teléfono: _____

Interested in these committees | Interesado en estos comités

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Embellecimiento | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens on Patrol Vigilancia de la Comunidad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Comunicaciones | <input type="checkbox"/> Deed Restrictions Restricciones de Propiedades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping Jardinería | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Membresía |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social events Eventos sociales | <input type="checkbox"/> Street representative Representante de su calle |

Membership Type (Annual Dues) | Tipo de membresía (cuotas anuales)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 - Residential Residencial | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Nuevo miembro
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Renovando |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50 - Senior Citizen/Fixed Income Tercera Edad/Bajos Ingresos | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 - Business Negocio | |

Membership is for May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. | Membresía es para 1 de mayo 2024 a 30 de abril 2025.

\$ _____ . Membership Amount | Cantidad de la Cuota Anual

\$ _____ . Donation | Donación

\$ _____ . Total Payment | Pago Total

Checks payable to | Cheque a nombre de: **Old Spring Branch Civic Association or/u OSBCA**

If sending by mail | Si mandando por correo:

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

In applying for renewal or new membership, I agree to pay dues and to support my civic association to achieve a better neighborhood. | 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.

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