

Old Spring Branch Bugler

July 2024 * julio 2024

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, July 25: TREE WASTE

Thursday, August 22: JUNK WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 25 de julio: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 22 de agosto: Basura Chatarra

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

RECUERDE: OLD SPRING BRANCH ES UNA COMUNIDAD BAJO RESTRICCIONES.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

It never ceases to amaze me that OSBCA can't even GIVE money away. Two house numbers, 2207 SILVERBONNET and 1840 WOODVINE, in OSB were drawn to GIVE those residents \$100 each. No strings attached. They only had to claim their \$100 at the June 11, 2024, OSBCA Quarterly meeting with an ID showing proof residence at their address. (Two notices were mailed before the OSB meeting and were posted in the May and June Bugler.)

Those who attended the June 11 OSB meeting kept an eye toward the door hoping the "WINNERS" would show. Nobody showed. We were very disappointed! Many hours were spent on this HOUSE NUMBER DRAWING by Virginia Lehman and me. The OSB Board of Directors thought this little event would generate some interest in the Civic Association.

I have served as the President of this organization since 1997, excluding, maybe 12 years, give or take a year. Since 1991, I have been involved in raising the standards of living higher than when I moved into my home in September 8, 1975. After all these years, I have realized that it is the people (residents) in the neighborhood that must motivate themselves, NOT me. It is I and the Board of Directors that want to encourage residents to "keep moving forward", by upholding the Deed Restrictions and City of Houston ordinances (codes). We must not move backward!

As we, the OSB Board, continue to serve you, three questions do cross our minds: Who are we writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do we want them to do (call-to-action)? All of us know the answers. Never give up! Positive attitude! Care!

Thank you, OSBCA Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons, Membership and those of you who do support the Civic Association.



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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BOARD

Jo Lightsey

OSBCA members, this is an announcement that the Board voted to change our meeting times from 7 to 8pm to 6:30 to 8 p.m. from now on.

REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY

HPD Officer Hutchison was OSBCA guest speaker at our June 11 meeting. She stressed how important it is to report animal cruelty. The HPD Major Offenders Division is and will be the fastest response to your report. To report animal cruelty, you can call 713-884-3131 or email AnimalCureltyUnit@HoustonPolice.org. You can also visit 927PAWS.org for more information. And you can contact BARC at 3-1-1.

In addition, please add the following phone numbers to your “Important Phone List” that OSB prints in the January Bugler: HPD’s Non-Emergency Line - 713-884-3131 and HPD’s Environmental Crime Tip Line - 713-525-2728.

STORM WASTE PICK UP

Please continue to be patient with the collection of ALL the waste that is lying on our OSB curbs, streets and lawns. The collections are so way behind.

Please separate Tree Waste from Fence Waste and Junk Waste separate from all other. Don’t expect these neighborhood waste pick ups to take PAINT, CEMENT, BRICKS, OLD TIRES, SHEET ROCK. These items must be taken to the proper collection dumps by you or someone you have hired to do so.

OSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED FOR 2024-2025

These are the elected Board of Directors for 2024-2025. Officers serve one term (2024-2025) and board members serve two years (2023-2025). Street Representatives are voting board members.

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

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

We, the Board of Directors, are here to serve you.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – JUNE 2024

Loretta Nalley

For our new 2024 membership, **we have 26 members**. Way to go! Thank you for your support. If you were a member last year, make sure to renew your membership. If you were a member once upon a time, consider this your invitation to join us once again. And for those who have never become a member, invest in our community TODAY. It is only \$25. For our current members, we ask that you reach out personally to someone in OSB and invite them to join. As we mentioned in the last Bugler, we need your help us get past last year's membership. Last year we had 55 paid members and the year before we had 45. Let's aim for no less than 75 members this year.

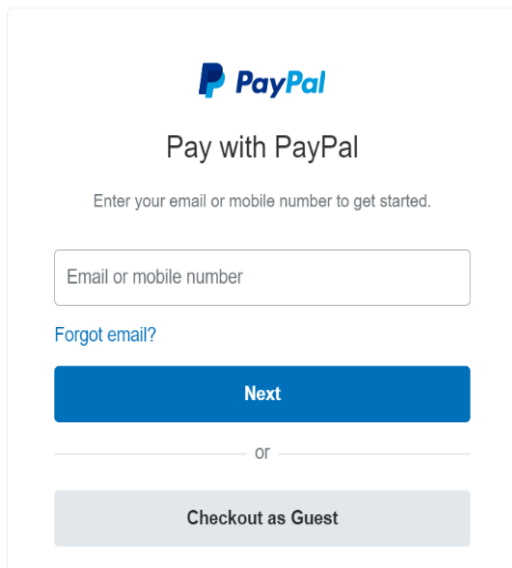
Thank you, Counter Point and Woodvine for leading membership last year, and for already leading in membership this year. We would love to see our other streets join them with membership in the double digits.

Reminder: Membership is \$25 – Residential; \$12.50 – Senior Citizen/Fixed Income; \$25 – Business.

Become a member today by visiting oldspringbranch.org/membership

2024-2025 Membership (26 total)												
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
0	2	2	8	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	6
2022-2023 Membership (55 total)												
2	3	3	12	2	4	2	3	1	3	1	3	15

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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”.

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CRIME REPORTS – JUNE 2024

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for June 1 – 27, 2024.

- One (3) reports of Aggravated Assault: June 9, 10pm, 7400 Block of Long Point; June 17, 5pm, 1900 Block of Thonig and June 20, 1pm, 7600 Block of Long Point.
- Five (5) reports of Simple Assault: June 1, 9pm, 7500 Block of Long Point; June 4, 12pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly; June 13, 3pm, 7700 Block of Cedel; June 15, 2pm, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn and June 27th, 12am, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Intimidation: June 1, 4pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Forcible Rape: June 18, 8pm, 7400 Block of Amelia.
- One (1) report of Motor Vehicle Theft: June 23, 7pm, 7700 Block of Hammerly.
- Two (2) reports of Theft from Motor Vehicle: June 11, 5pm, 7500 Block of Highcrest and June 12, 4am, 7600 Block of Long Point.
- Three (3) reports of Theft: June 12, 12am & 4am, 7400 Block of Long Point (shoplifting) and June 26, 7pm, 7700 Block of Jacquelyn Oaks (all other larceny)
- One (1) report of Vandalism: June 20, 1pm, 7600 Block of Long Point.
- Two (2) reports of All Other Offenses: June 17, 12pm, 1900 Block of Johanna (all other offenses) and June 20, 5pm, 7500 Block of Long Point (trespass of real property).
- One (1) report of Arrest: June 7, 7pm, 1900 Block of Antoine (drug, narcotic violations).

Please note that the above information was gathered from the Spot Crime on the Houston Police Dept website.

CITIZENS ON PATROL – JUNE 2024

Virginia Lehman

Due to the newsletter's deadline, we will report our patrol hours for June in our August newsletter. 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!

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!

RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH PICK UP -2024 SCHEDULE-

MONTH	RECYCLING (Every other Friday)		HEAVY TRASH (Last Thursday of the month)	
July	<input type="checkbox"/> 7/12	<input type="checkbox"/> 7/26	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE	Thurs., 7/25
August	<input type="checkbox"/> 8/9	<input type="checkbox"/> 8/23	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK	Thurs., 8/22
September	<input type="checkbox"/> 9/6	<input type="checkbox"/> 9/20	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE	Thurs., 9/26
October	<input type="checkbox"/> 10/4	<input type="checkbox"/> 10/18	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK	Thurs., 10/24
November	<input type="checkbox"/> 11/1	<input type="checkbox"/> 11/15	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE	Thurs., 11/28
December	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/13	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/27	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK	Thurs., 12/26

YARDS OF THE MONTH – June 2024

Jo Lightsey

It seems that many have lost their lawnmowers. There were more un-mowed yards than I have ever seen in our OSB in months.

I know that the weather is causing people to avoid yard work. However, we are lucky to have had the rain needed to keep us out of a drought! Yes, rain = more mowing. Hope to see more yards on the list next month.

Old Spring Branch	
Amelia	7609, *7630, *7635
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	7708, 7710
Counter Point	2203, 2211, 2215, 2014, 2007
Hammerly	7607, 7610, 7614, *7626, *7625, *7706
Harland	*2102, 2011, 1927
Inch	*All yards – Mowed
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, *2067
Johanna	*2069, *2048, *2020, *2002, *2015, *2010, *1928, *1906, *1838, *1833
Silverbonnet	2209, 2207, 2231, 2219, 2205
Thonig	1942, 2039
Todd	<i>None</i>
Turquoise	7714, 7615, 7618
Woodvine	2006, 2007, 2014, 2103, 2106, 2011, 2130, 2120, 2131, 2134, 2038, 2118, 2126

**Businesses who have litter free and mowed front ditches, apartments 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



The medians on Hammerly from Woodvine to Wirt Rd. now have seven new Crape Myrtles. OSB received four Crape Myrtles from “Trees of Houston” in March and were planted by Nimo Roman, Virginia Lehman and Murphy Critelli, the second week of March. Three more Crape Myrtles were purchased by the OSBCA June 13 and were successfully planted by Linda Whatley and Murphy Critelli on June 22. Thank you all for donating your time.

Nino Roman, OSB’s volunteer landscaper, says he will be putting a sprinkler system and replanting the Hammerly/Wirt Rd Esplanade after July 15. Hope all survives the heat. I am looking forward to an attractive esplanade. It has been a long time since the OSB esplanade was pretty.

Thank you LMC for faithfully mowing all the medians on Hammerly from Wirt Rd. to Woodvine.

Yes, I do understand our OSB residents being “down in the mouth” about the storm debris STILL in our area. None of us understand the logic of who, when and where there will be an entire pick-up.

REMEMBER, the residue remaining after the Pick-Up must be picked up by the Resident.

Junk Heavy Trash is/was June 27. Will and did the City of Houston Solid Dept. do its job? May be helpful. PLEASE, folks, do your part to pick up liter, rubbish, clear the ditches, curbs, drains of and you’re your property to middle of your street. It is each of our responsibility. Hang in there.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Got ideas or suggestions? Send them to sybilsanchez@yahoo.com

Subject line: OSBCA

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STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST THE SUMMER HEAT

Source: The City of Houston

During Houston's summer months, be sure to put these best practices into place:

- **Drink more water.** Drink lots of liquids even before getting thirsty, but avoid beverages with caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar.
- **Conduct outdoor work or exercise in the early morning or evening** when temperatures are not as high. Outdoor workers should drink plenty of water or electrolyte replacement beverages and take frequent breaks in the shade or in an air-conditioned facility. People unaccustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment need to start slowly and gradually increase heat exposure over several weeks.
- **Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing** that permits the evaporation of perspiration.
- **Do not leave infants, children, senior citizens or pets unattended** in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are cracked open. Check to make sure everyone is out of the car and don't overlook children who may have fallen asleep.
- **Wear a wide-brimmed hat** to help prevent sunburn as well as heat-related illness. Apply sunscreen, which protects from the sun's harmful rays and reduces the risk of sunburn.
- **Seek accommodations in air-conditioned facilities** during the heat of the day if the house is not air-conditioned: a relative's home, multi-service centers, malls, movie theaters, libraries, etc.
- **Take frequent cool baths or showers** if your home is not air-conditioned.
- **Look out** for vulnerable populations.
- **Check** on your neighbors.








The previous two summers in Houston indicate that some members of our community begin to suffer heat-related illnesses requiring visits to emergency departments when the daily maximum heat index (feels like temperature) is as low as 80 degrees. The young, elderly, and individuals with pre-existing health conditions, that heat can exacerbate (e.g., asthma/respiratory, cardiac, kidney conditions), should be especially cautious.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include weakness, dizziness, excessive sweating, cool or moist skin, nausea or vomiting, muscle cramps, and a fast and weak pulse. People experiencing these symptoms should lower their body temperature by getting to a cooler place, drinking water, taking a cool shower or bath and resting.

A throbbing headache, red, hot, and dry skin (no longer sweating), extremely high body temperature (above 103°), nausea or vomiting, confusion, loss of consciousness and a rapid, strong pulse are signs of heat stroke. If these symptoms occur, call 9-1-1 immediately and try to lower the person's body temperature until help arrives.

People may seek air-conditioning in city multi-service centers, libraries and recreation centers, even when the Public Health Heat Emergency Plan is not activated. For more information or to find the nearest cooling center location or an air-conditioned city facility, people can call 3-1-1.

Old Spring Branch Civic Association

JULY 2024				JULIO 2024		
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado
30	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 	6
7	8	9	10	11	12  	13
14	15	16 PIP, 7p	17	18	19 	20 <i>May put out Heavy Trash *</i> <i>Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
21	22	23	24	25 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	26  	27
28	29	30 Bugler deadline	31	1	2 	3
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>	
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			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: _____
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Phone | Teléfono: _____

Interested in these committees | Interesado en estos comités

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|---|--|
| <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

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