

Old Spring Branch Bugler

September 2024 * *septiembre 2024*

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, September 26: TREE WASTE

Thursday, October 24: JUNK WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 26 de septiembre: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 24 de octubre: 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

After a month off, August, from writing a Bugler, we are back. Did you miss the Bugler? 😊 The September 10 Quarterly meeting has been postponed until Monday, September 16, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. OSBCA will have a guest speaker from Precinct 3 Commissioner's Office.

I have to believe that some of the residential neighbors do read the newsletter. The "Bugler" can be found on our website, OldSpringBranch.org, and if you are a OSBCA member, you get it by email every month.

Folks, the Board of Directors, along with our Committee Chairpersons, are trying to keep our OSB organization above water. However, you as a resident in OSB, are needed to help keep our community from becoming a slum area. New construction within our boundaries are welcomed in most respects. However, the deed restricted streets MUST respect the "rules of the land" and City of Houston "Codes" (Ordinances).

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA)

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.

Guest Speaker from Precinct 3 Commissioner's Office



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FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED...

The respect for the value of property on which you live is YOUR responsibly regardless if you are leasing, renting or are a home owner. No resident is above the law. I have gotten some promises to comply, but trailers are still in driveways, inoperable cars are still on properties and junk line carports, trash/junk lay in yards/ditches. (And I am NOT talking about “storm” debris.) It is very frustrating to those of us who DO follow the Deed Restrictions and City Codes. Many of us have lived in OSB for many years. We do not want to lose our property values to those who have moved into our neighborhood and don’t upkeep their homes.

I have been in touch with Amy Peck’s office to understand the debris pick-up. They don’t understand the contracted company’s pick-up strategy either. I just want the City of Houston’s garbage, recycle and heavy trash to be consistent and on schedule.

A special thank you to Murphy Critelli for re-digging a hole and setting a Citizens on Patrol (COP) sign back up after it was hit. Your time and effort is so appreciated. In addition, Virginia Lehman, OSBCA’s COP Chairperson, spends a great deal of time patrolling our neighborhood and keeping me posted on happenings in our area. I do appreciate those who help with our COP program.

STORM DAMAGE RECOVERY

Just a note to acknowledge storm damage to homes in OSB. Many of you may be waiting on insurance claims while others have immediately started repairs on their home. I want to remind you to be sure you acquire a PERMIT for roofs, electrical and plumbing repairs. Rebuilding fences, no higher than 8’, DO NOT require a permit.

Be sure you contact the City of Houston Permit Dept. and ask all questions that might concern you. Call 3-1-1 to get the phone number. Get your questions answered. You don’t have to reveal your name. Just ask all the questions you have with whoever answers the phone.

Be careful of the “fake” contractors, price gougers and those with no references.

YARDS OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2024

Jo Lightsey

The Yard Hawk postponed this article from the last Bugler due to fact that most of us have been dealing with storm debris and struggling to keep up with mowing our lawn. When we have settled down from the two storm results, I believe we will be able to take time to work on our yard landscaping soon. **See you for the September Yards of the Month!**

CLOSING OF OSB NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

How sad it is to see that our neighborhood elementary school, Treasure Forest Elementary, was closed for 2024-2025. Hopefully, it will be refunded to open in 2025-2026.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – JULY & AUGUST 2024

Loretta Nalley

As of August 30, we have a total of **40 members**. Thank you to the 14 neighbors who signed up in July and August. This brings up our 2024 membership to 36 renewals and 4 new members. Thank you for your support.

As we mentioned in the last Bugler, we need your help to get us past last year's membership. Last year we had 55 paid members and the year before we had 45. We are aiming for no less than 75 members this year.

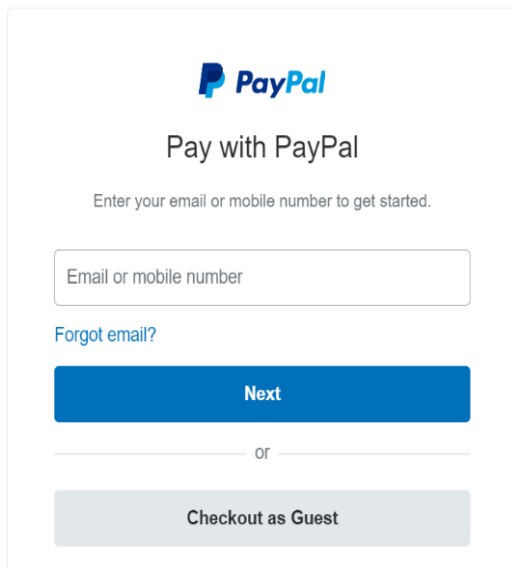
Thank you, Todd and Woodvine for leading membership these past two months with 4 new members each. Congratulations to Harland and Todd for already increasing their membership from last year. We would love to see our other streets meet their membership numbers from last year. If you live on these streets, make sure you have renewed your membership.

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

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2024-2025 Membership (40 total)												
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
0	2	2	9 (+1)	2 (+1)	6 (+2)	1	0	0	2 (+1)	5 (+4)	1 (+1)	10 (+4)
2022-2023 Membership (55 total)												
2	3	3	12	2	4	2	3	1	3	1	3	15

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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 – JULY & AUGUST 2024

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for June 28 - August 28, 2024.

- Four (4) reports of Aggravated Assault: June 29th, 2am, 7800 Block of Hammerly, July 20th, 12pm, 7800 Block of Long Point; July 18th, 11am, 7600 Block of Hammerly and July 26th, 5pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Five (5) reports of Simple Assault: June 30th, 12am, 7700 Block of Long Point; July 15th, 9pm, 7700 Block of Hammerly; July 27th, 3am, 2000 Block of Woodvine, August 1st, 7am, 7600 Block of Hammerly and August 10, 12am, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Shooting/Stabbing: July 26th, 6pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) report of Intimidation: July 15th, 5pm, 2000 Block of Thonig.
- Two (2) reports of Theft from Motor Vehicle: June 29th, 3am, 2200 Silverbonnet and July 9th, 4am, 1900 Block of Johanna.
- Two (2) reports of Theft (shoplifting): July 13th, 11am, 2000 Block of Antoine and August 8th, 7pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Two (2) reports of Vandalism: July 12th, 7pm, and July 18th, 11pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Three (3) reports of Theft (All other Larceny): July 31st, 10pm, 7600 Block of Amelia; August 4th, 11am, 7600 Block of Long Point and August 9th, 8pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Two (2) reports of Arrest: June 28th, 11pm, 7600 Block of Long Point (driving under the influence) and July 11th, 11pm, 2000 Block of Antoine (Drug, narcotic violations).
- One (1) report of Other: July 13th, 10pm, 2000 Block of Antoine (All other offenses)

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

CITIZENS ON PATROL – JUNE & JULY 2024

Virginia Lehman

We reported 31 patrol hours for June and 37 patrol hours for July. Due to the newsletter deadline, I will report the hours for August in October's newsletter.

It has been a very active 'weather related' couple of months and I am hoping that we don't have to encounter any more tropical disturbances and/or storms. Fall/Christmas decorations and clothing are starting to appear at our local stores, so keeping my fingers crossed that cooler weather will soon be here. We did get a few more patrol hours in July. We were out checking the neighborhood out, charging our phones and enjoying some cool air. It was nice to see neighbors out and about, helping others in our neighborhood, sharing generators, dropping off ice/water, cleaning up yard debris.

There are eleven plus trash cans still out on Jacquelyn but the 'recycle' cans have disappeared, maybe the homeowners/renters have moved them. I know a few of the cans ended up in the ditch during Beryl and trash was everywhere. Our 'homeless' men/women on Woodvine and Long Point have dwindled down to one or two regulars, hopefully they will move.

Thanks to all our Citizen on Patrol 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!

BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

Neighbors, it will not be easy to find any positive comments on OSB beautification this month. We are still recovering from the May 16 storm and Hurricane Beryl that swept through OSB the opposite direction on July 8. Tree debris, downed fence materials and property damage still linger in our neighborhood. The sound of generators lasted as long as seven days in some areas of OSB. It was puzzling how the power returned at different times on different streets. OSB is still a MESS!

However, the City of Houston is trying to determine the “logic” of storm debris collection by the contracted black trucks. Normal City of Houston Solid Waste Dept. is trying to get back on schedule. The question is what part of all these piles laying around are the regular Heavy Tree Trash and what parts are the contracted pick up’s responsibility? I think Junk Heavy Trash is the same. **Therefore, Tree Waste (storm debris) must not have any other kind of waste in the pile. So, get the piles separated! Get back on the Heavy Trash schedule! SEPTEMBER IS TREE WASTE ONLY.** Get all junk in another pile.

We are all frustrated over all this mess. Just know that no Heavy Trash violation, if done properly, will be reported to 3-1-1 until OSB gets straighten out. 😊 Meanwhile, I do see a lot of new fences and roof repair/replacement. That is positive!

The Crape Myrtles that were planted on the Hammerly medians by OSB volunteers withstood the storms. Murphy Critelli and I have watered the newly planted trees, faithfully, at least twice a week since May. I drive the pick-up with a 33gal. trash can of water in its bed and Murphy pours at least 6 gals of water on each plant twice around. They are surviving the summer heat so far. Yay! **Thank you, Murphy!**

LMC donates a crew to mow, edge and clean the Hammerly esplanade and medians, weekly, from Wirt to Woodvine. **Thank you, Bill Cox!**

Nino Roman is planning to redo the sprinkler system and replant the esplanade at Hammerly/Wirt soon. OSB is looking forward to a new bed of plants. **Thank you, Nino!**

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, September 27, 2024

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

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SEPTEMBER 2024				SEPTIEMBRE 2024		
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6 	7
8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13  	14
15	16 OSBCA Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	17 Nat'l Voter Registration Day PIP, 7p	18	19	20 	21 May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada
22 Fall begins	23	24	25	26 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	27 Bugler deadline  	28
29	30	1	2	3	4 	5 World Teachers' Day
Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings – Third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Faith Center Chapel, 8009 Long Point.						

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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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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

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