

# Old Spring Branch Bugler

October 2024 \* octubre 2024

## Heavy Trash Pick-Up

*Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)*

**Thursday, October 24: JUNK WASTE**

**Saturday, November 30?: TREE WASTE**

## Recolección de Basura Pesada

*Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)*

**jueves, 24 de octubre: Basura Chatarra**

**sábado, 30 de noviembre?: 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*

OSBCA WILL NOT HOST NATIONAL/NEIGHBOR'S NIGHT OUT THIS YEAR.

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 was National Neighbor's Night Out (NNO). It is a special date set aside for local neighborhood residents to get together and meet their neighbor. The neighbor one meets may be the person who watches, notices and sees unusual activity on your property. Many crime activities, such as break-ins, thefts, and drugs may go on in our neighborhood when we are away during the day. We, the residents, must be aware of what goes on "next door".

NNO is a unique crime prevention event. It is America's way to stand united against crime and by KEEPING YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON at all times, or some means of lighting around your property and home. This puts a "light" on what might be going on strangely.

SO.....WHY DID THE OSBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDE NOT TO HOST NNO?

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## Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA)

### Quarterly Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.



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### ***FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED...***

In the past, our Board and Chairpersons took on the responsibly to plan a fun and welcoming Neighbor's Night Out. Many of you residents attended. The neighborhood attendance was usual 40-50 folks. We had contests, drawings for money, and good food. It was a lot of work, and we enjoyed doing it. However, the last couple events, only 5-6 guests attended. ☹️

Our last two NNO had very low attendance. It seemed that the residents had too many OTHER things to do and had lost interest in supporting their Civic Association. Of course, COVID-19 took a toll on everything for a couple of years.

Some of the Board of Directors had to also become Committee Chairpersons. Out of TWENTY positions running the OSBCA at one time, that number fell to a total of ELEVEN. Out of that ELEVEN, eight + 1 or 2 members attend the Quarterly Meetings. Therefore, the SAME people do all the socials PLUS their elected position duties. We put out a newsletter, the Bugler, every month. We are a "little" tired and defeated when folks do not turn out for planned events.

To you residents who support the OSBCA through your membership dues (financially), we appreciate you; however, your support is needed in additional ways.

**BUT, BECAUSE WE DO CARE AND WANT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO SURVIVE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMAN WILL NOT GIVE UP. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025. Come to our December 10 Quarterly Meeting and HELP us plan for 2025! We need your HELP!**

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## **CITIZENS ON PATROL – A WORD ABOUT NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT**

*Virginia Lehman*

Please excuse my short article this month, I have been out of town and arrived back on the night of our deadline for our newsletter articles. I will have updated crime incidents and Citizens on Patrol (CP) patrol hours in our November newsletter.

I have often mentioned in past newsletters the importance of knowing your neighbors and felt that Neighbors Night Out (NNO) was a good opportunity to get to do this and have supported the NNO every year. However, at our last Civic Association meeting, I motioned that we do not hold NNO this year for the following reasons: The most important and discouraging reason is there is little or no attendance from our neighborhood. The second reason is it is the same six people who do all the organizing, setting up, cleaning up and attending the event (and personally, I think we are getting tired). Everyone at the meeting seemed to agree because the motion was seconded and passed.

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!

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!

## YARDS OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2024

Jo Lightsey

The “yard hawk” was saddened to see how dry many of our yards were. We just have not had any rain in OSB for several days. It looked like residents were attempting to keep their yards mowed.

I can understand why many residents have not watered their lawns. There was rain in the forecast several days, but did not show up in Old Spring Branch.

For some reason, I found the yards listed on Harland interesting. Hope for rain. 😊

Old Spring Branch	
<b>Amelia</b>	7609, *7630, *7635
<b>Antoine</b>	*2056
<b>Cedel</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Counter Point</b>	2003, 2007, 2018, 2203, 2211, 2215, 2135
<b>Hammerly</b>	7525, 7522, 7603, 7607, 7610, 7614, *7626, *7625, *7706
<b>Harland</b>	*2102, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2023, 2081, 2093, 2098
<b>Inch</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Jacquelyn</b>	*1839, *1905, *2067
<b>Johanna</b>	*2069, *2048, *2020, *2002, *1928, *1905, *1906, *1838, *1833
<b>Silverbonnet</b>	2209, 2207
<b>Thonig</b>	1942, 2039, 1936
<b>Todd</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Turquoise</b>	7714, 7618
<b>Woodvine</b>	1943, 1954, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2022, 2030, 2103, 2106, 2011, 2130, 2134, 2118, 2126

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

### CRITERIA FOR YARDS OF THE MONTH

**Be well-groomed** (i.e. yard mowed, sidewalks edged, shrubs/trees pruned, flower beds weed-free, no dead plants)

**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)

**Have buildings, fences, porches and patios in good condition** (i.e. minimal distraction from the landscape due to deterioration, damage/construction)

**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)

**Observe all City of Houston Codes and OSB Deed Restrictions**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2024

Loretta Nalley

We now have 49 members! Thank you all.

We voted not to have a Neighbor's Night Out this year. It takes a lot of time to prepare - get things together - set up and take everything back down and clean the area.

We usually do not have help with all that needs to be done, and the same people usually take care of all what needs to be taken care of and it is just too much without help.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween.

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

Become a member today by visiting [oldspringbranch.org/membership](https://oldspringbranch.org/membership)

2024-2025 Membership (49 total)												
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
1 (+1)	2	2	10 (+1)	3 (+1)	7 (+1)	2 (+1)	1 (+1)	0	3 (+1)	5	2 (+1)	11 (+1)
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 and the text "Pay with PayPal". Below this is a prompt to "Enter your email or mobile number to get started." followed by a text input field labeled "Email or mobile number". There is a link for "Forgot email?". A blue "Next" button is below the input field. Below the button is a horizontal line with the word "or" in the center. At the bottom is a grey button labeled "Checkout as Guest".

### Step one:

Visit [OldSpringBranch.org](https://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.

### EARLY VOTING

Mon., Oct. 21 – Sat., Oct. 26, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Sun., Oct. 27, 12 – 7 p.m.  
Mon., Oct. 28 – Wed. Oct. 30, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Thurs., Oct. 31, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Fri., Nov. 1, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

### ELECTION DAY

Tues., Nov. 5, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

### MORE INFO

[HarrisVotes.com/Voter](https://HarrisVotes.com/Voter)

# THE IMPORTANCE OF DEED RESTRICTIONS

*Committee of Five*

At the Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA), we are committed to upholding deed restrictions because they play a key role in maintaining the quality and character of our community. Here's why they matter and how they affect you as a homeowner.

## What Are Deed Restrictions?

Deed restrictions are legally binding rules that govern the use of properties within a subdivision. They are recorded in the county's property records and apply to every homeowner, including future buyers. By purchasing a home in a deed-restricted area, you agree to follow these rules.

The main goal of most deed restrictions is to maintain the residential nature of a neighborhood by preventing commercial or industrial development. For those who value a peaceful, residential environment, these restrictions help protect that atmosphere.

## How Deed Restrictions Impact You

Deed restrictions can prevent homeowners from running certain types of businesses out of their homes. For example, in areas without these restrictions, businesses might operate freely within residential neighborhoods. In contrast, deed restrictions provide communities with control over activities that could disrupt the neighborhood's character.

If you didn't receive a copy of your deed restrictions during your home purchase or after receiving a violation notice, you can obtain them through several sources.

## Accessing Your Deed Restrictions

To obtain a copy of your deed restrictions:

- Contact the Harris County Clerk at (713) 755-6411 or visit [www.cclerk.hctx.net](http://www.cclerk.hctx.net).
- Visit the OSBCA website at [OldSpringBranch.org](http://OldSpringBranch.org) and search for your subdivision's restrictions.

We recommend all homeowners review these documents to ensure compliance. Before starting any new construction or remodeling, consult an OSB Civic Association board member (listed in the Bugler newsletter) to avoid potential violations.

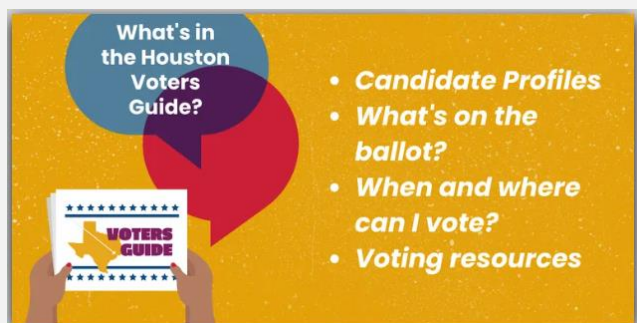
## Preserving Our Community Together

We are all responsible for keeping Old Spring Branch a desirable place to live. By following deed restrictions, you contribute to the beauty and harmony of the neighborhood while protecting your property value. Let's continue to take pride in our community by respecting these important guidelines.

## League of Women Voters of Houston

[HoustonVotersGuide.org](http://HoustonVotersGuide.org)

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## BEAUTIFICATION

*Jo Lightsey*

OSB is getting closer to becoming “free” of storm debris and junk lining the streets, ditches, and curbs. Excitement in our neighbor has been to see the black trailer trucks drive through our streets. Also, seeing the City of Houston Solid Waste trucks come on schedule days.

Gosh, folks, OSB has been so trashed out for SO long, please follow the Solid Waste Heavy Trash schedule and put the correct **HEAVY TRASH** out **NO EARLIER than a week ahead**.

Taking care of our lawns is important right now. Lawns will soon start to go dormant. Watering will be needed if rain does not come soon. Doctor those bugs and watch for fungus in your lawn. Mowing at 3” will help keep your grass from drying out too soon after watering.

Residents, please do your part to keep your property clear of litter, stored junk in sight from street, and parking in the yard. In addition, pull garbage and recycle bins from the street after collection and place them out of sight until next collection. To prevent bins from spilling, place the bins at least 3’ apart so the truck “jaws” can pick up bins without hitting the other.

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## LANDSCAPING

*Jo Lightsey*

First, I would like to thank Bill Cox for having LMC mow, edge and pick up litter regularly from the Hammerly medians from Wirt Rd to Woodvine. OSBCA appreciates your long-time support.

The Hammerly/Wirt Rd esplanade has its sprinkler system ready to go. The bed will have Flax Lilies planted soon. Thank you, Nino. It has been a sad scene there for months. The Crape Myrtles that were planted on the Hammerly medians in April have survived the summer heat. Thanks to Murphy Critelli for watering each one from the back of my pickup; a 33-gal trash can full of water and a 2-gal bucket, at least twice a week. Thank you, Murphy.

The City of Houston Parks & Recreation Dept, with pressure from Liz Maranda, Amy Peck’s Chief of Staff, trimmed up the median trees on Antoine. (Please note: Those trees were planted in the 1990s and “I” was the person who poured the water from the back of a pickup. Look good, don’t they? 😊)

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

**Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2024**

Got ideas or suggestions? Send them to [sybilsanchez@yahoo.com](mailto:sybilsanchez@yahoo.com)  
Subject line: 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)	
October	□ 10/4	□ 10/18	□ <b>JUNK</b>	Thurs., 10/24
November	□ 11/1	□ 11/15	□ <b>TREE</b>	Thurs., 11/28
December	□ 12/13	□ 12/27	□ <b>JUNK</b>	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:**

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

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**Domingo, Oct. 13**

**10am**

Freed Park, 6818 Shadyvilla Ln, Houston, TX 77055

Por favor, regístrese con el código QR para la esterilización/castración. No se aceptan visitas sin registrarse.



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
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# Old Spring Branch Civic Association

OCTOBER 2024						OCTUBRE 2024
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado
29	30	1	2	3	4 	5 <i>World Teachers' Day</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11  	12
13	14 <i>Columbus Day</i>  <i>Indigenous Peoples Day</i>	15 <b>PIP, 7p</b>	16 <i>Boss's Day</i>	17	18 	19 <i>May put out Heavy Trash *</i> <i>Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
20	21 <b>Early Voting begins</b>	22	23	24 <b>HEAVY TRASH: JUNK</b>	25  	26
27	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	1 <b>Bugler deadline</b> 	2
<b>Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings</b> – 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>	
<b>OFFICERS</b>			<b>Advertising:</b>	
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<b>Harland &amp; Todd:</b>	---Vacant---		Lorna Gast, Newsletter mail out	
<b>Jacquelyn/ E. Hammerly:</b>	Mike McGeehon	713-922-0116	<b>Deed Restrictions:</b>	
<b>Johanna:</b>	Roman Nunez		Committee of Five	
<b>Silverbonnet, Cedel &amp; W. Hammerly:</b>	Eric Schmidt	281-840-1521	Contact: 713-681-0560	
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			<b>Social:</b> ---Vacant---	



OLD SPRING BRANCH  
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# 2024-2025 Membership Form

2024-2025 Formulario de Membresia

## 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<br><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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