

Old Spring Branch Bugler

January 2025 * enero 2025

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, January 23: TREE WASTE

Thursday, February 27: JUNK WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 23 de enero: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 27 de febrero: Basura Chatarra

**For most accurate date, visit the Solid Waste Management Dept.'s website at HoustonTX.gov/solidwaste/holiday.*

** Para la fecha exacta, visite el sitio web del Departamento de Manejo de Residuos Sólidos.*

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

RECUERDE: OLD SPRING BRANCH ES UNA COMUNIDAD BAJO RESTRICCIONES.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

I hope you had a happy holiday season and welcomed a happy 2025 New Year.

It is sad and regrettable for residents to explode fireworks in the city limits of Houston. Even worse, there were many gun shots heard, which meant the bullet that went up had to come down. Hopefully no one in our OSB neighborhood was affected by someone's stupidity. Please respect the law and your neighbors in the future.

Thank you to those of you who participated in the Holiday Decoration Contest. We, as judges, did the best we could and hopefully we came close to choosing the Top 6 homes. See results in this Bugler issue.

OSB residents, you live in an area that the Old Spring Branch Civic Association cares about you and encourage you to do your part to make our neighborhood the best ever. Consider getting involved. Your support is needed.

In the last year, a new, single family home has been built on the 2139 Counter Point lot. Developers have built several townhouse communities along Jacquelyn Dr. between Hammerly Blvd. and Long Point Rd. Johanna Dr. is also getting some new townhomes.

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA)

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED...

Neighbors, it is becoming a difficult task for our Association to keep residents abiding by your Subdivision Deed Restrictions. If you are a renter, you may not have been properly informed by your landlord that you, as a renter, are expected to follow the existing Subdivision Deed Restrictions, same as you would as an owner. Please ask your landlord for a copy of the "Law of the Land", approved by over 51% of the homeowners in 1994.

If you are a homeowner, shame on you for not respecting the value of your home/property, and not helping your neighborhood uphold a high standard of living. I am sorry, I do not respect anyone that disrespects our OSB area.

Thank you, Board of Directors and Chairpersons for hanging in there with me and OSBCA. Let's keep our OSB residents informed through the Bugler and keep them reminded that we are here for them.

CITIZENS ON PATROL – DECEMBER 2024

Virginia Lehman

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a nice holiday season. We will be reporting a total of **33 patrol hours for the month of December**. I love patrolling in December, enjoying a bit cooler weather, holiday decorations and we even had a week or so of 'trash free' streets except for the trash cans on Jacquelyn (although there was a slight improvement in the number of cans on the street – 5 compared to 11 plus cans).

I received a couple of calls about an individual walking down Woodvine checking for unlocked cars and hangout between houses around December 15th in the early morning hours. HPD was contacted and reports were filed. We sent out an email blast to members of our civic association informing them of this activity. Please make sure your vehicles are locked at night and porch lights are on!

I drove around and reported three (3) streetlight outages on Woodvine to CenterPoint. Streetlight outages should be reported directly to CenterPoint Energy at 713-207-2222 or online at the CenterPoint Energy website Electric Outage Center. When reporting an outage to CenterPoint, you will need to have the 6-digit number found on the light pole, or the address where the light is located. If you notice streetlights out, please report them to CenterPoint.

Let's try our best to keep 'crimes of opportunity' to a minimal. Keep your cars locked (valuables out of sight), gates and garage doors closed and your porch light on at night.

Thanks to all our Citizens on Patrol volunteers, I do believe we make a difference. I hope you will all be with me through 2025! 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!

2025 OSBCA MEETING DATES *SAVE THE DATE*

Save the date of this year's meetings. Meetings are typically scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month; those scheduled on Wednesday are due to meeting rooms not being available.

- Wednesday, January 15
- Tuesday, March 11
- Wednesday, June 11
- Wednesday, September 10
- Tuesday, December 9

Meetings are from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, located at 1414 Wirt Rd, across the street from Kroger.

CRIME REPORTS - DECEMBER 2024

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for November 30 – December 31:

- Three (3) report of Aggravated Assault: December 4th, 6pm, 2000 Block of Johanna; December 17th, 9pm, 7500 Block of Long Point and December 18th, 9pm, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- Four (4) reports of Simple Assault: November 28th, 1am, 2000 Block of Antoine; December 13th, 8am, 2000 Block of Antoine; December 13th, 9am, 7400 Block of Long Point and December 14th, 8am, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Three (3) reports of Intimidation: December 2nd, 12am, 2000 Block of Antoine; December 3rd, 12am, 2000 Block of Antoine and December 31st, 7pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Theft from Motor Vehicle: December 19th, 12pm, 7800 Block of Long Point.
- Two (2) reports of Motor vehicle Theft: December 21st, 8pm and December 22nd, 8pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Two (2) reports of Burglary (Breaking & Entering): December 8th, 7am, and December 9th, 7am, 7600 Block of Long Point.
- Eight (8) reports of Theft (All other larceny): November 29th, 8pm, 7400 Block of Long Point; December 5th, 5am, 7800 Block of Long Point; December 12th, 9am, 7400 Block of Long Point; December 12th, 9am, 7800 Block of Hammerly; December 13th, 9am, 7400 Block of Long Point; December 26th, 11pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly; December 26th, 4pm, 1900 Block of Woodvine; December 27th, 11pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly and December 27th, 4pm, 1900 Block of Woodvine.
- Five (5) reports of Vandalism: December 1st, 2am, 2000 Block of Antoine; December 9th, 3am, 2000 Block of Antoine; December 10th, 3am, 2000 Block of Antoine; December 26th, 1am, 1800 Block of Thonig and December 27th, 1am, 1800 Block of Thonig.

Please note the above information was gathered from SpotCrime website.

START 2025 STRONG: JOIN OSBCA AND BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY

As we step into 2025, let's continue building a stronger and more connected community together. Last month, we encouraged neighbors to consider a membership with OSBCA as a meaningful holiday gift, and if you haven't done so yet, take this opportunity to do so.

However, with only **49 members** currently, we still have room to grow. Membership directly supports the efforts that keep our neighborhood safe, informed, and engaged. Your contributions fund initiatives like:

- **Citizens on Patrol**
- In-person membership meetings
- Deed Restriction reinforcement
- Advocacy with local representatives
- The Bugler monthly newsletter

Membership is simple and affordable:

- **\$25 per household**
- **\$12.50 for seniors or those on a fixed income**

If you didn't have the chance to join or renew in December, now is the perfect time to start the year off on the right foot. And it's never too late to encourage your neighbors to get involved as well!

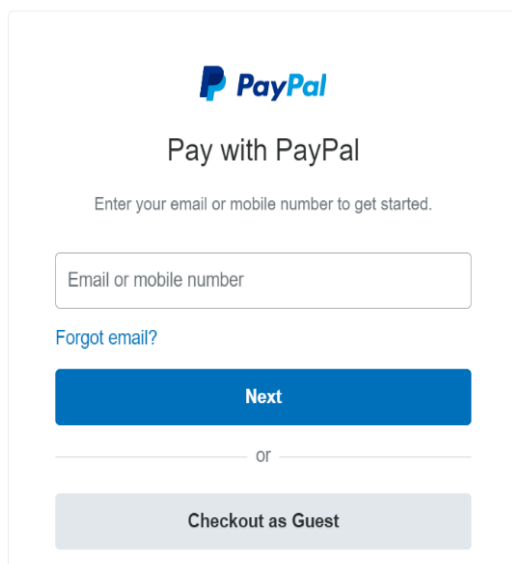
Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth and collaboration for our community. **Join OSBCA today** and help us make a lasting impact.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to making our neighborhood a great place to live.

Become a member today by visiting oldspringbranch.org/membership

2024-2025 Membership (49 total)												
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
1	2	2	10	3	7	2	1	0	3	5	2	11
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 page. At the top is the PayPal logo and the text "Pay with PayPal". Below this is a prompt: "Enter your email or mobile number to get started." There is a text input field labeled "Email or mobile number". To the left of the input field is a link "Forgot email?". Below the input field is a blue button labeled "Next". At the bottom, there is a horizontal line with the word "or" in the center, and below that 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING RESULTS

OSB Resident Judges/Board of Directors

Our participation in decorating our homes for the holiday season was not to compete in a contest, but to express our happiness during this time of year. No prizes are awarded for the decorations. It is a joy to see folks transform their property into a bright, shiny, and cheerful exhibit of love.

Therefore, to give some incentive, OSBCA asked residents to drive throughout the neighborhood and, in their opinion, choose the best decorated. There is no “right” or “wrong” for theme or design. This year, there was not as much participation as last year. The “best” is in the “eye of the judge”, so to speak.

This year, 2024, volunteer Judges submitted their top 6 decorated home selection to OSB Secretary, Linda Whatley. A quorum of the OSB Board of Directors met and made this year’s decision of the top 2024 decorated homes.

Of the suggested decorated homes, **the following TOP six (6) were selected** (listed in alphabetical order):

**2023 Counter Point
7614 Turquoise**

**2011 Counter Point
1918 Woodvine**

**2019 Harland
2011 Woodvine**

Honorable Mention: 2115 Counter Point, 2110 Counter Point

Thank you, to those who took the time to “judge”. And, most importantly, thank you to ALL who decorated this holiday season. Make it a very happy and safe new year. Happy new year, 2025!

BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

Reminder to residents to please place your recycling containers and garbage containers three to four (3’ - 4’) feet apart on collection day. The mightily JAWS of the City of Houston Solid Waste Dept. need the space for successfully picking up and emptying the containers. Otherwise, collecting trucks spill contents on your yard and street. Sack all garbage items.

Several ugly sights in our OSB neighborhood are junk or inoperable cars. This is a City of Houston Code violation. One could be given a “citation”. I am going to suggest that if you want to rid your property of a junk or inoperable car, go to the following website, carsforkids.org. “Write off the car, not the kid”. The organization will pick up the car FREE. Just do it! <https://carsforkids.org/>

There are those of you who show no respect for the Deed Restrictions of your Subdivision by **parking trailers in the driveways**. All of you have been notified by the OSBCA, Committee of Five (Deed Restriction Committee).

Then, there are those of you who are **running businesses in a deed restricted subdivision and park commercial vehicles on the residential street overnight (these vehicles are dump trucks, wreckers, tree grinders)**. This against the law. HPD will be notified within the next two weeks.

Thank you for your cooperation in solving these violations ASAP.

Please take the time to keep your street and yards clear of litter. No OSB street clean ups are scheduled . It is your responsibility to keep your curbs and ditches clear of litter.

LANDSCAPING

Nino Roman

I'm happy to get a break from the heat and to see rain. We will be back in the heat of summer before we know it. For this winter, if you have plants that die back, don't remove the root ball until spring time or when you see new leaves coming out. For the fall, I recommend you mulch your plant material with pine needles, mulch or leaves to protect plant material when we start to get freezing temperatures, and don't forget to water before a hard freeze.

A special thank you, again, to LMC, who so faithfully take care of OSB's entrance esplanades at Wirt Road/Hammery, and Antoine/Long Point. In addition, LMC maintain the Hammerly medians from Wirt Road to Woodvine.

Thank you, Murphy, for helping Jo water the Crepe Myrtles in the Hammerly medians. I believe they may make it.

CITY OF HOUSTON PHONE NUMBERS

Updated December 2024

City Hall/City Hall Annex	832-393-5958	Houston Mayor-- John Whitmire	713-837-0311
District A – Amy Peck	832-393-3010	City Attorney's Office	832-393-3440
Liz Miranda (Chief of Staff)	832-393-3379	Asst. City Attorney, Dist A, Alexandria Tolbert	832-393-6250
At-large 1 – Julian Rameriz	832-393-3014	Dept of Neighborhoods	832-393-5958
At-large 2 – Willie Davis	832-393-3013	Mayor's Assistance Office Community Liaison (J.Ronje)	713-560-1245 (c)
At-large 3 – Twilla Carter	832-393-3005	City Secretary	832-393-1100
At-large 4 – Letitia Plummer DDS	832-393-3012	Legal	832-393-1029
At-large 5 – Sallie Alcorn	832-393-3006		
3-1-1 (City Ordinance Violations)	713-837-0311	Municipal Courts	713-247-5680
Citizen's Assistance Office	832-393-0955	Parks & Recreation	713-865-4500
Convention & Entertainment	713-853-8000	Planning & Development	713-837-7719
Fire	713-247-5000	Building Permits	832-394-8852
Health & Human Services	713-794-9320	Center Point Energy	713-207-2222
Houston Emergency Center	713-884-3911	BARC (loose dogs)	713-229-7342
Police Depatch Non-Emergency	713-884-3131	Spring Branch ISD Police (Kids on street M-F, 8a-4p)	713-984-9805
HPD storefront (8a-4p) (Temporally closed)	832-394-0102	Harris County Precinct One - Constable Alan Rosen	713-755-5200
Northwest police sub-station (ask for DRT Officer)	832-394-5500	Harris County Clerk (Filed Deed Restrictions)	713-755-6411
Public Works and Engineering	call 3-1-1	Solid Waste Management	832-393-0430/ 713-699-8924
Animal Cruelty Hotline	713-869-7722	Illegal Dumping Hotline	832-927-1567

9-1-1 EMERGENCY ONLY

If any of the above numbers are incorrect, call 3-1-1.

RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH PICK UP -2025 SCHEDULE-

MONTH	RECYCLING <i>(Every other Friday)</i>	HEAVY TRASH <i>(Last Thursday of the month)</i>
January	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 1/24	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE Thurs., 1/23
February	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/7 <input type="checkbox"/> 2/21	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK Thurs., 2/27
March	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/7 <input type="checkbox"/> 3/21	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE Thurs., 3/27
April	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/4 <input type="checkbox"/> 4/18	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK Thurs., 4/24
May	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/16 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/30	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE Thurs., 5/22
June	<input type="checkbox"/> 6/13 <input type="checkbox"/> 6/27	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK Thurs., 6/26
July	<input type="checkbox"/> 7/11 <input type="checkbox"/> 7/25	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE Thurs., 7/24
August	<input type="checkbox"/> 8/8 <input type="checkbox"/> 8/22	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK Thurs., 8/28
September	<input type="checkbox"/> 9/5 <input type="checkbox"/> 9/19	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE Thurs., 9/25
October	<input type="checkbox"/> 10/3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10/17 <input type="checkbox"/> 10/31	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK Thurs., 10/23
November	<input type="checkbox"/> 11/7 <input type="checkbox"/> 11/21	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE Thurs., 11/27
December	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/5 <input type="checkbox"/> 12/29	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK Thurs., 12/27
January 2026	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/3 <input type="checkbox"/> 1/16 <input type="checkbox"/> 1/30	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE Thurs., 1/22

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Saturday, February 1, 2025

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

Subject line: OSBCA

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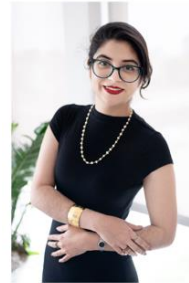


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*If you would like to advertise, please contact Gerry Thielemann at 713-682-9634.
You may also reach out via email at sybilsanchez@yahoo.com.*

Old Spring Branch Civic Association

JANUARY 2025							ENERO 2025
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado	
5	6	7	8	9	10 	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17 	18 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>	
19	20 <i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	21 PIP, 7p	22	23 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	24 	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31 	1	
2	3	4	5	6	7 	8	
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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STREET REPRESENTATIVES			Virginia Lehman, 832-748-8088	
Antoine:	---Vacant---		Communications:	
Counter Point & Turquoise:	Anonymous		Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331	
Harland & Todd:	---Vacant---		Deed Restrictions:	
Jacquelyn/ E. Hammerly:	Mike McGeehon	713-922-0116	Committee of Five	
Johanna:	Roman Nunez		Contact: 713-681-0560	
Silverbonnet, Cedel & W. Hammerly:	Eric Schmidt	281-840-1521	In Touch:	
Thonig:	Sybil Sanchez	832-722-2331	Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634	
Woodvine:	Rosario Machorro	713-391-6355	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 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
<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:

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