

Old Spring Branch Bugler

JUNE 2025

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Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, June 26: <u>JUNK WASTE</u>

Thursday, July 24: TREE WASTE

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

REMEMBER: OLD Spring Branch is a deed-restricted community.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

June is here, school is out, and it's time to prepare for hurricane season.

It's an interesting time in the world and in our society. Still, I—along with the OSBCA Board of Directors—remain committed to serving and upholding the standards of our neighborhood, even as we face growing apathy from some residents. It's disheartening to see the lack of interest in following our community's Deed Restrictions and the City of Houston ordinances (codes).

That said, I'd like to recognize two of our dedicated board members, **Virginia Lehman** and **Loretta Nalley**, who recently planned a "Membership Appreciation" event on May 13. The goal was to offer a chance for neighbors to meet, greet, and consider joining the Civic Association. We were glad to see those who came out—but also disappointed that more residents didn't take an hour to enjoy the food, refreshments, and fellowship.

Thank you, Virginia and Loretta, for your time and hard work. I appreciate both of you—and everyone who came to support the event.

OSBCA's annual membership drive is open! Dues are just \$25 per residential property, or \$12.50 for fixed-income or retired residents. We truly appreciate your financial support.

Each month, several of us write articles for *The Bugler* to help keep residents informed. If you're a regular reader—either through the website <u>OldSpringBranch.org</u> or via email if you're a member—you may have noticed some topics repeat from time to time.

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA)

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.





From the President, continued...

So for this June issue, I've included a few pieces that are a little different—topics I don't usually cover, but that I hope you'll find informative.

As always, please continue to follow the solid waste collection schedule (even when there's a "no show" (a), help keep your property and street free of litter, and follow the Deed Restrictions and city codes.

Let's all do our part to be good neighbors.

CRIME REPORTS - MAY 2025

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for May 1-31, 2025:

- One (1) report of Shooting: May 23rd, 4pm, Wirt/Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Murder (non-negligent): May 5th, 11pm, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Kidnapping/Abduction: May 16th, 7pm, 2000 Block of Counter Point.
- One (1) report of Aggravated Assault: May 22nd, 11pm, 7700 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Forcible Fondling: May 17th, 9am. 2000 Block of Jacquelyn.
- Four (4) reports of Simple Assault: May 5th, 9pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly; May 8th, 1pm, 2000 Block of Antoine; May 16th, 8pm, 2000 Block of Antoine; and May 19th, 5pm, 7700 Block of Long Point.
- Two (2) reports of Theft (Pocket-picking): May 13th, 4pm, 2000 Block of Antoine and May 24th, 12am, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) Theft (All Other Larceny): May 20th, 10am, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts: May 21st, 6pm, 7500 Block of Highcrest.
- One (1) report of Arrest: May 11th, 1am, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) report of Robbery: May 17th, 7pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Two (2) reports of Other (All Other Offenses): May 4th, 9pm, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn, and May 12th, 11am, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Disorderly Conduct: May 23rd, 11pm, 7700 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Other: May 5th, 9pm, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn.

Please note the above information was gathered from SpotCrime website.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: MAY 2025

Virgina Lehman

We reported a total of 33.50 patrol hours for May. As always, I want to thank all our Citizens on Patrol volunteers, I really believe we make a difference.

PREVENTING CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

Help keep our community safe by taking simple precautions:

- ✓ Lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight.
- ✓ Close your gates and garage doors when not in use.
- ✓ Turn on your porch lights at night to deter suspicious activity.

A few small steps can make a big difference in keeping OSB a secure and welcoming place to live!

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Your safety starts with awareness! Stay alert and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement. If the police aren't aware of what's happening in our neighborhood, they won't know to patrol the area.

Non-Emergency Police Number: 713-884-3131
Emergency? Call 911!

Together, we can keep OSB safe!

FRIENDLY REMINDER: YARD AND GARAGE SALE RULES

As we move into the spring and summer months, it's a great time to do a little decluttering—and maybe even host a garage or yard sale. But before you set up your tables, here's an important reminder:

Residents are only allowed to have two (2) garage or yard sales per year. This isn't just a neighborhood guideline—it's part of the Texas Tax Code, enforced by the Office of the State Comptroller. The City of Houston does not regulate garage sales, but the state does.

Why the Limit? According to the Texas Tax Code, if you host more than two sales in a 12-month period, the state considers it operating a business. That means you'd need to apply for a state tax permit—and in many neighborhoods like ours, operating a business from your home is prohibited by deed restrictions.

Additionally, running a business from a residence would also require a City of Houston Certificate of Occupancy. And just to clarify—there is no such thing as a "garage sale permit."

Just Hosting a Sale or Two? No problem! Most residents only host one or two yard sales per year, and that's perfectly fine. But if sales are happening more frequently, it may violate both state rules and neighborhood deed restrictions.

Need More Info? You can contact the **Texas State Comptroller's Office** for more information: 1-800-252-5555, 713-462-8200

Let's all do our part to keep the neighborhood peaceful and respectful—two sales a year is plenty!

LET'S KEEP OSB SAFE AND BRIGHT: REPORT STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

Did you know that the streetlights in our neighborhood are maintained by **CenterPoint Energy**? These lights play an important role in keeping our streets safe at night—but **they don't fix themselves**, and sometimes outages go unnoticed.

While our Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteers do a great job spotting outages, they can't catch everything. That's where you come in!

Here's How You Can Report a Streetlight Outage:

- 1. Go to CenterPointEnergy.com/StreetlightOut
- 2. Enter the pole number (found on a metal tag) or the closest street address
- 3. Click on the streetlight in question
- 4. Type in the issue and submit

Prefer to report by phone?

Call 713-207-2222 and follow the prompts to speak to a representative.

Again, make sure you have the **pole number** before you call!

Every report helps, so please take a moment if you notice a light that's out. Together, we can help keep OSB safe and well-lit for everyone.

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH: PREVENT SCALDING & SAVE ENERGY

Protect your children, elderly family members—and your wallet!

Set your water heater temperature between 120°F and 125°F (often labeled as "Low" or "L" on the dial). This simple step helps prevent scalding injuries and reduces your energy costs.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS – THANK YOU FOR A GREAT START!

Loretta Nalley

Thank you to everyone who came out for the OSBCA Membership Tailgate Drive! It was a great evening of food, fun, and friendly faces. Special thanks to **Virginia** for helping organize and to **Murphy** for setting up the OSBCA sign!

Our new membership year began May 1, and we're off to a strong start—but we're still working toward our goal of **75 members**. Membership is just **\$25 per household** (\$12.50 for seniors/fixed incomes) and supports safety patrols, beautification, socials, and more.

Plus, members receive *The Bugler* newsletter by email each month, keeping you informed and connected. Join or renew today at oldspringbranch.org/membership

Let's keep OSB strong and neighborly all year long!

2025-2026 Membership												
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
2024-2025 Membership (52 total)												
1	2	2	12	3	7	2	1	0	3	5	2	12
2022-2023 Membership (55 total)												
2	3	3	12	2	4	2	3	1	3	1	3	15

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION EVENT – THANK YOU!

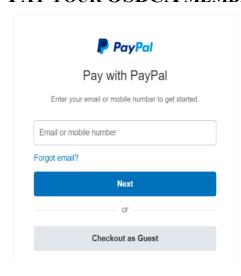
Virginia Lehman

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Membership Appreciation Event** on Tuesday, May 13! We were lucky to have beautiful weather—a cool evening with a light breeze—and the perfect setting for a casual "tailgate" gathering with Subway sandwiches, chips, and drinks.

We had about 20 neighbors in attendance, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying good conversation and getting to know one another.

A special thank-you goes to Loretta Nalley and her helpers, Jaycee and Zoey, as well as Murphy Critelli, Mike McGeehon, Christi Hicks, and Norma Reynolds for all their help in making the event a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

PAY YOUR OSBCA MEMBERSHIP ONLINE!



Step one:

Visit <u>OldSpringBranch.org</u> and click on "<u>Membership</u>" 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.

YARDS OF THE MONTH: MAY 2025

Jo Lightsey

It is nice to see our yards are out of the drought and folks are excited to enjoy the chance to revive their yards from the winter months. It will be a challenge to keep up with spring /summer growth. Mowing, etc. will need to be done once a week for a while. What fun! ©

Reminder: If a residence is in violation of a City Code, a Deed Restriction, and still have seasonal decorations up, that yard does not qualify to be listed in Yards of the Month for that month.

Old Spring Branch					
Amelia	7613 *7630				
Antoine	*2056				
Cedel	7708, 7710				
Counter Point	2011, 2018, 2203, 2211, 2214, 2215				
Hammerly	7525, 7522, 7603, 7607, 7610, 7614, *7626, *7625, *7632, *7706				
Harland	*2102				
Inch	None				
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, 2050, *2067,=				
Johanna	*2040, *2041,*2069, *2048, *2020, *2002, *1928, *1905,*1906,				
	*1838, *1833, *1840				
Silverbonnet	2205, 2207, 2209, 2211				
Thonig	2039, 2045, 2055				
Todd	None				
Turquoise	7714, 7615, 7618				
Woodvine	2002, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2014, 2022, 2026, 2103, 2126, 2134, 2135				

^{*}Businesses who have litter free and mowed front ditches, apts that have required landscaping

POOPER SCOOPER & LEASH LAWS

Jo Lightsey

Dog owners—did you know Houston law (Section 6-24) requires you to pick up after your pet when it's off your property? It's a simple way to keep our neighborhood clean and neighborly.

Scoop the Poop

If your dog goes in someone's yard, it's your job to clean it up. Waste bags are easy to find, and fines for not picking up range from \$75 to \$500.

Leash Up

Dogs must be leashed when outside a fenced yard. Loose dogs are a safety concern—we've had incidents involving bites and aggressive encounters, especially with walkers and newsletter carriers.

Help Keep OSB Safe

Let's all do our part: scoop the poop and leash your dog

OSBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2025-2026 ELECTION SLATE

Jo Lightsey

A new leadership term is on the horizon for our civic association! Below is the current nomination slate for OSBCA Officers (2025–2026) and Board Members (2025–2027). We'll be holding the official vote at our next quarterly meeting on **Wednesday**, **June 11**, **2025**.

Want to Get Involved?

There are still a few Board seats available, and we'd love to welcome new voices to the team. If you're interested in contributing to the leadership of our neighborhood, please call **713-681-0560** and leave your name and number—I'll be in touch!

Street Reps Needed

We're especially looking for Street Representatives for **Antoine**, **Harland/Todd**, and **Johanna**. You don't have to live on these streets to represent them—Street Reps are full voting members of the Board and play a key role in neighborhood updates and decisions.

Terms of Service

Officers serve a 1-year term (2025–2026) and Board Members serve 2-year terms (2025–2027).

Thank you for helping keep Old Spring Branch engaged and thriving. Your support makes all the difference!

OFFICERS		STREET REPRESENTATIVES		
President	Jo Lightsey	Antoine	Vacant	
Vice President	Loretta Nalley	Counter Point/Turquoise	Anonymous	
Secretary	Linda Whatley	Harland/Todd	Vacant	
Treasurer	Virginia Lehman	Jacquelyn/E. Hammerly	Mike McGeehon	
		Johanna	Vacant	
		Silverbonnet/Cedel	Eric Schmidt	
		Thonig	Sybil Sanchez	
		Woodvine	Rosario Machorro	

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, June 27, 2025

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

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RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH PICK UP -2025 SCHEDULE-

MONTH	RECYCLING (Every other Friday)	HEAVY TRASH (Fourth Thursday of the month)		
June	□ 6/13 □ 6/27	□ JUNK Thurs., 6/26		
July	□ 7/11 □ 7/25	□ TREE Thurs., 7/24		
August	□ 8/8 □ 8/22	□ JUNK Thurs., 8/28		
September	□ 9/5 □ 9/19	□ TREE Thurs., 9/25		
October	□10/3 □10/17 □10/31	□ JUNK Thurs., 10/23		
November	□ 11/7 □ 11/21	□ TREE Thurs., 11/27		
December	□ 12/5 □ 12/29	□ JUNK Thurs., 12/27		
January 2026	□ 1/3 □ 1/16 □ 1/30	□ TREE Thurs., 1/22		

^{*}For most accurate date, visit the Solid Waste Management Dept.'s website at <u>HoustonTX.gov/solidwaste/holiday</u>.

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

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

A special thank you to the following businesses/organizations for their advertisement in our monthly newsletter, The Bugler.



Mike Brubaker, SRA President

7626 Hammerly Houston, Texas 77055

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We appreciate your support of our Old Spring Branch Civic Association!

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

JUNE 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9	10	11 OSBCA Quarterly Meeting, 6:30p	12	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21
22	23	24 PIP, 7p	25	26	27	28 May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada
29	30	1	2	3 HEAVY TRASH: JUNK	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings – Third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Faith Center Chapel, 8009 Long Point.

BOARD OF	DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President: Jo Lightsey 713-681-0560 **Vice President:** Loretta Nalley 832-868-8751 **Secretary:** Linda Whatley 713-681-0560 **Treasurer:** Virginia Lehman 832-748-8088

STREET REPRESENTATIVES

Antoine: ---Vacant ---

Counter Point

& Turquoise: Anonymous Harland & Todd: *---Vacant---*

Jacquelyn/ Mike McGeehon 713-922-0116 E. Hammerly:

Roman Nunez Johanna:

Eric Schmidt Silverbonnet, Cedel 281-840-1521

& W. Hammerly:

Sybil Sanchez **Thonig:** 832-722-2331

Woodvine: Rosario Machorro 713-391-6355

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Beautification:

Jo Lightsey, 713-681-0560

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Communications:

Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331

Deed Restrictions:

Committee of Five Contact: 713-681-0560

In Touch:

Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634

Landscaping:

Nino Roman, 832-877-4701

Membership:

Loretta Nalley, 832-868-8751

Social: --- Vacant---



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 neg	ocio, nombre del contacto principal.
Business name Nombre de negocio: For business membership only. Sólo para membresía de negocio.	
Address Dirección:	
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Phone Teléfono:	
Interested in these committees Interest	esado en estos comités
Communications Comunicaciones Deed Re	on Patrol Vigilancia de la Comunidad estrictions Restricciones de Propiedades ship Membresía
Social events Eventos sociales Street re	presentative Representante de su calle
Membership Type (Annual Dues) Tipe	o de membresía (cuotas anuales)
 \$25 - Residential Residencial \$12.50 - Senior Citizen/Fixed Income Tercera Edad/Bajo \$25 - Business Negocio 	New Member Nuevo miembro Renewal Renovando
Membership is for May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. Mer	mbresía es para 1 de mayo 2024 a 30 de abril 2025.
\$ Membership Amount	Cantidad de la Cuota Anual
\$ Donation Donación	
\$ Total Payment Pag	jo 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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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 membrecía nueva o al renovar, está de acuerdo a pagar su cuota y apoyar a su asociación cívica a obtener una vecindad mejor.



