



Old Spring Branch Bugler

JULY 2025

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Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, July 24: TREE WASTE

Thursday, August 28: JUNK 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

Well, I am jumping up and down and clapping my hands! After many calls, emails, and persistent follow-up, we finally saw two recycle trucks show up on Monday afternoon, June 30, to tackle the green bins. A big win for OSB!

Next up: the ditch between the Thonig and Woodvine homes is scheduled to be cleaned out to improve drainage. It's on the books—possibly for September.

As for heavy trash, it is already six days late as of the holiday weekend. The Solid Waste Department must do better.

Now, on the other side of the coin: while we, the residents of Old Spring Branch, can't control the City of Houston's performance, we *can* control the condition of our own properties. That means following City of Houston ordinances and respecting the deed restrictions tied to your subdivision.

As President of the Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA)—a role I've held since being elected in 1997—I've worked to encourage our neighbors to be the best citizens in Houston. In those early years, residents actively supported OSBCA, respected city codes and deed restrictions, and filled all positions on the Board and committees. Our shared goal was to move forward, never backward, and maintain the high standards of our neighborhood.

Unfortunately, over the last ten years, we've faced some challenges. Many longtime residents have moved away or passed on. Landlords have purchased properties without regard for the values that define OSB. As a result, our community has taken several steps back. Some residents feel harassed when reminded they are not in compliance with city ordinances or deed restrictions—but reminders are not harassment. They're about accountability.

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From the President, continued...

The OSBCA Board of Directors refuses to accept one step forward and two steps back. We will not give up. If you moved into OSB, you should have known that this community follows specific rules. If you prefer a property without restrictions, there are places outside our neighborhood that allow for that.

For those living in Hilddale, Silverbonnet Place, Long Point Oaks, or the Thonig Tract—your homes *are* subject to deed restrictions. Please respect them.

We invite all OSB residents to get involved and be part of the solution. Visit our website at OldSpringBranch.org. Read *The Bugler*, review your subdivision's deed restrictions, and learn how to be an engaged, respectful neighbor.

Let's all do our part to move OSB forward. Be the best resident you can be. We are each responsible for the community we share.

7 LANDSCAPING TIPS TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKING GREAT

Maintaining curb appeal doesn't just boost your own property—it helps everyone take pride in our community. Here are seven easy landscaping tips to keep your yard in top shape this season:

1. **Keep Mowing** – Regular mowing keeps your lawn healthy and neat. Don't let grass get overgrown—especially with all the recent rain and sun.
2. **Trim Shrubs and Hedges** – Overgrown bushes can make even a tidy yard look messy. Give your greenery a trim to keep things looking well-kept.
3. **Clear Out Weeds and Dead Plants** – Remove weeds and any dried-up plants from your flower beds. It's a simple way to refresh your yard and make room for new growth.
4. **Edge Sidewalks and Driveways** – Clean edges make a big difference. Take time to edge along concrete borders for a crisp, finished look.
5. **Add New Plants** – Planting colorful flowers or hardy shrubs can instantly brighten up your space. Choose plants that thrive in our area and suit your home's style.
6. **Follow “Yard of the Month” Guidelines** – Want to be recognized for your hard work? Be sure your yard meets the criteria for our “Yard of the Month” program!
7. **Take Down Seasonal Décor** – Holiday lights and other seasonal decorations should be removed once the season ends. Keeping your yard current shows pride in your home and our neighborhood.

Let's all do our part to make our community shine—one yard at a time!

KEEPING OSB CLEAN, SAFE, AND BEAUTIFUL

Jo Lightsey

Let's not forget, OSB residents—keeping our neighborhood clean and attractive is a shared responsibility. Every part of your property contributes to the overall beauty of your subdivision.

Each of us must do our part to uphold the deed restrictions and City of Houston ordinances that protect our community. It's disheartening to see ongoing violations such as littered yards, cluttered ditches, trailers and boats stored in driveways, inoperable vehicles, or heavy trash placed curbside too early. If all 375 properties followed suit, Old Spring Branch would quickly start to resemble a landfill. Believe it or not, these violations *do* bring down our property values.

Multiple 3-1-1 reports have been filed, and violation notices have been issued directly to residents. Please—respect the rules and bring your property into compliance. Let's keep OSB from turning into a dumping ground.

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CRIME REPORTS - JUNE 2025

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for June 1-30, 2025:

- Two (2) reports of Aggravated Assault: June 11th, 2pm, 2000 Block of Johanna and June 30th, 8pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Three (3) reports of Simple Assault: June 13th, 1pm, 7700 Block of Cedel; June 20th, 1am, 2000 Block of Antoine and June 29th, 4pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Three (3) reports of Intimidation: June 6th, 3pm, 1900 Block of Thonig; June 9th, 4pm, 2100 Block of Antoine and June 26th, 6pm, 1900 Block of Thonig.
- One (1) report of Theft (All Other Larceny): June 17th, 8pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) report of Theft (Identity Theft): June 9th, 8am, 2000 Block of Thonig.
- One (1) report of Arrest (Drug Equipment Violations): June 6th, 2am, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn.
- One (1) report of Robbery: May 17th, 7pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Four (4) reports of Vandalism: June 4th, 11pm, 7600 Block of Long Point; June 6th, 3pm, 1900 Block of Thonig; June 18th, 3am, 7700 Block of Cedel and June 30th, 5am, 2100 Block of Thonig.

Please note the above information was gathered from SpotCrime website.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: JUNE 2025

Virginia Lehman

We reported a total of **33.5 patrol hours** for the month of June. As always, I want to thank all of our Citizens on Patrol (CP) volunteers—I truly believe we make a difference.

Our days are getting longer and hotter, and it’s not even August yet. Still, our small but dedicated group of CP volunteers remains committed to keeping an eye on our streets and homes. We work in partnership with HPD to serve as extra eyes and ears in the neighborhood. While we are not authorized to intervene in crimes, our presence helps deter vandalism and petty theft.

During these "dog days of summer," let’s also remember to check in on our more vulnerable neighbors and offer a helping hand when needed.

If you’ve ever considered joining Citizens on Patrol but worry it’s too time-consuming—good news: even just an hour or two a month can make a real impact. Patrols are done on your own schedule, typically from the comfort of your car. It’s a simple, flexible way to contribute, stay connected, and help keep Old Spring Branch safe. New volunteers are always welcome!

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!

Keeping OSB Clean, Safe, and Beautiful, continued from page 2...

On a more positive note: the median crape myrtles are alive, blooming, and filling out beautifully—thanks in part to Murphy’s extra watering last summer. A big thank-you also goes to Bill Cox’s LMC crew for their consistent mowing and edging of the medians. Your work makes a big difference!

Unfortunately, someone recently drove through the Hammerly/Wirt esplanade and damaged the OSBCA entrance sign. No name or note was left behind. Repairing the sign will cost about \$150 in membership dues, and we hope to have it restored shortly after the Fourth of July.

It takes all of us working together to keep OSB clean, welcoming, and beautiful. Thank you for doing your part.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – A GREAT START TO 2025-2026

Loretta Nalley

We’re off to a strong start for the 2025–2026 OSBCA membership year! As of July 7, we’ve welcomed **34 members**—including both new and renewing residents. Thank you all for your support and commitment to our neighborhood.

Every membership helps us maintain and improve our community, from beautification efforts and signage to events and advocacy. Your participation makes a real difference.

Below, you’ll find a breakdown of current memberships by street. If you haven’t joined or renewed yet, there’s still time! Let’s keep the momentum going and work together to make Old Spring Branch the best it can be.

Thank you again to all who have already signed up—we’re grateful for your involvement!

2025-2026 Membership (34 total)													
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine	Other
0	3	2	9	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	9	2
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	

PAY YOUR OSBCA MEMBERSHIP ONLINE!

The screenshot shows the PayPal 'Pay with PayPal' screen. At the top is the PayPal logo. Below it, the text 'Pay with PayPal' is displayed. A prompt says 'Enter your email or mobile number to get started.' There is a text input field labeled 'Email or mobile number'. Below the field is a link 'Forgot email?'. A blue 'Next' button is positioned below the input field. Below the button is the word 'or'. At the bottom 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.

YARDS OF THE MONTH: JUNE 2025

Jo Lightsey

Thanks to all the recent rain, our neighborhood is full of green, growing yards—and many of us are finding ourselves needing to mow nearly twice a week! Even my own yard, freshly groomed just three days ago, already looks like it could use another cut.

That said, the *Yard Hawk* has been on the lookout and has recognized the lawns that meet the mark for **June Yards of the Month**. The key? Smooth, evenly cut grass that looks like it got a slight haircut—neatly edged and nicely hedged.

Friendly reminder: A property cannot be selected for Yards of the Month if it is in violation of a City of Houston ordinance, a deed restriction, or still has seasonal decorations on display. Let's keep our standards high and our neighborhood beautiful!

Old Spring Branch	
Amelia	7613 *7630
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	7708, 7710
Counter Point	2022, 2011, 2018, 2139, 2203, 2211, 2214, 2215
Hammerly	7525, 7603, 7610, 7614, *7626, *7625, *7632, *7706
Harland	*2102, 1919, 1927, 2011
Inch	<i>None</i>
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, 2050, *2067, *2043
Johanna	*2040, *2041, *2069, *2048, *2020, *2002, *1928, *1905, *1906, *1838, *1833, *1840
Silverbonnet	2205, 2209, 2211
Thonig	2039, 2045, 2027, 1942
Todd	<i>None</i>
Turquoise	7710, 7714, 7615, 7618
Woodvine	1910, 1917, 1939, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2014, 2022, 2018, 2127, 2103, 2130, 2131, 2134, 2135

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

KEEP PETS SAFE IN THE SUMMER HEAT

As temperatures rise, it's important to remember that pets feel the heat too—sometimes even more than we do. Dogs and cats can quickly overheat, especially when outdoors during the hottest parts of the day. Be sure your pets have access to fresh, clean water at all times, and provide shade if they're outside. Avoid walking dogs on hot pavement, which can burn their paws. A good rule of thumb: if it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for theirs.

Also, never leave pets in parked cars—not even for a few minutes. Temperatures inside a car can soar in seconds, creating life-threatening conditions. Consider limiting outdoor activity to early mornings or evenings, and watch for signs of heat exhaustion like heavy panting, excessive drooling, weakness, or vomiting. Our furry family members count on us to keep them safe, so let's do our part to protect them during the summer months.

WHY DEED RESTRICTIONS MATTER IN OLD SPRING BRANCH

Protecting Our Homes, Preserving Our Neighborhood

We all drive past the sign that says “*Old Spring Branch – Deed Restrictions Enforced*”—but how often do we stop to think about what that really means?

Our Civic Association and Deed Restriction Committee are here for one important reason: **to protect the value of our homes and the quality of life in our neighborhood.** Without them, the character of Old Spring Branch could change drastically—and not for the better.

What Are Deed Restrictions?

Deed restrictions are legally binding rules filed with the county. They govern how homes in our neighborhood can be built, maintained, and used. These rules help ensure that our community remains safe, clean, and attractive for everyone.

Why Enforcement Matters

You’d be surprised at what some people think is acceptable in a residential neighborhood—things like:

- Running a business from home that involves cleaning portable toilets on the driveway
- Parking semi-trucks on residential streets
- Leaving boats, trailers, or inoperable vehicles parked in yards
- Starting construction and never finishing it
- Making unsightly or unsafe structural changes

These are not hypothetical examples—they’ve happened. And they hurt the appearance, safety, and **property values** of the entire neighborhood.

Ignoring violations is like ignoring an infection. What seems small at first can quickly spread and become a serious problem. Enforcement may not always be pleasant, but it’s necessary to keep our community strong.

What You Can Do

- **Know the rules:** Read your subdivision’s deed restrictions and be aware of City of Houston ordinances.
- **Take pride in your property:** Keep your yard maintained and your home in compliance.
- **Be a good neighbor:** Your actions impact the homes around you.

Let’s all commit to protecting what makes Old Spring Branch a great place to live. **If you’re already in compliance—thank you! If not, now’s the time to take action.**

Together, we can preserve the neighborhood we all chose to call home.

FIND YOUR HOME’S DEED RESTRICTIONS

You can find the deed restrictions for each of Old Spring Branch’s 10 subdivisions on our website. Visit OldSpringBranch.org/deed-restrictions to see if your property is covered and read the rules that apply. Staying informed is one of the best ways to protect your home and our neighborhood.

RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH PICK UP

-2025 SCHEDULE-

MONTH	RECYCLING (Every other Friday)	HEAVY TRASH (Fourth Thursday of the month)
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 Fri., 11/28
December	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/5 <input type="checkbox"/> 12/19	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNK Sat., 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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* 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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, August 1, 2025

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

Subject line: OSBCA

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

JULY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11 	12
13	14	15 PIP, 7p	16	17	18 	19 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
20	21	22	23	24 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 	9
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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E-mail | Correo electrónico: _____

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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 | |

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\$ _____ . 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**

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