

Old Spring Branch Bugler

SEPTEMBER 2025

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Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, September 25: <u>TREE WASTE</u> Thursday, October 23: <u>JUNK WASTE</u>

*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

If you didn't notice, the Bugler writers and editor took a break in August. I hope you missed us! This September 2025 issue is here to catch you up on what has—and hasn't—been happening in our community. The stories may not be in any particular order, but by the end, you'll be up to date. Hammerly has had more than its share of trouble lately. A driver knocked out the Hammerly/Wirt Road esplanade entrance sign and damaged the sprinkler system. Thankfully, our volunteer rescue crew stepped in. Murphy Critelli rebuilt the entrance sign (thank you, Murphy!) and Nino Roman replaced the sprinkler components (thank you, Nino!).

In the following weeks, two speed limit signs, a crossing sign, a fire hydrant on the corner of Thonig, and two large crepe myrtles on the Hammerly/Antoine esplanade were all taken out by careless drivers. One accident even resulted from these incidents. The damaged hydrant had to be replaced, leaving some residents without water for 6–8 hours. Sadly, the beautiful crepe myrtles had to be cut down and removed from the esplanade.

Several rain and windstorms also passed through OSB. Fortunately, the area didn't suffer any major damage. A large limb fell on the Hammerly/Silverbonnet median, but the City Parks & Recreation Department, through Amy's staff, quickly removed it. Thank you, District A!

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA) Membership Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 6:30 p.m. Trini Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Rd.





From the President, continued...

On the downside, District A reports that heavy trash pickup is running 3–4 weeks behind. The good news is that garbage (Friday) and recycling (Saturday) collections are still running fairly close to schedule.

For residents on Woodvine and Thonig whose properties back up to the ditch: I'm still pushing Public Works to clear it out. Maybe if more of you call 3-1-1—and keep calling—we'll see results. Always ask for a service number and also follow up with District A at 832-393-3010. Be sure to leave your complaint along with your 3-1-1 service number.

Lastly, the OSBCA Board of Directors has once again decided **not** to host Neighbor's Night on Monday, October 6, 2025. Why? Because it takes so much time and effort to organize, and turnout has been very low in recent years.

In reality, if each of us attended even one OSB quarterly meeting a year, it would show real appreciation for the work the OSBCA does for our community. More importantly, it's a chance for you, as a resident, to demonstrate pride and respect for your neighborhood—by following City of Houston codes, observing your subdivision's deed restrictions, and respecting yourself and others.

For more information, please visit our website: OldSpringBranch.org

KEEPING OSB YARDS HEALTHY AND BEAUTIFUL

Bug control, clean streets, and neighborhood pride

Neighbors, it's time to give our yards a little "doctoring." The hot weather dries out soil and grass, making it easy for chinch bugs and grub worms to move in and feast. Brown spots may also start showing up.

Here are a few quick tips:

- Treat and water: Rake out dead grass and water regularly.
- Watch your shrubs: Keep an eye out for worm or bug bites.
- Ask the experts: Your local nursery can recommend the best products for prevention.

On another note, please be patient with the Solid Waste Department. Regular garbage and recycling pickup is getting back on schedule, but heavy trash collection is still running three to four weeks behind.

Finally, let's all do our part to keep Old Spring Branch looking its best. **Don't litter.** Pick up trash from your yard, ditches, and street. Keep a litter bag in your car and empty it when you get home. Remember—littering isn't just unsightly, it's against the law.

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!

CRIME REPORTS – JULY & AUGUST 2025

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for July 1-August 26, 2025:

- Three (3) reports of Aggravated Assault: July 28th, 2am, 7800 Block of Long Point; August 12th, 5pm, 7700 Block of Long Point and August 21st, 2pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Six (6) reports of Simple Assault: July 6th, 1pm, 7500 Block of Long Point; July 16th, 1pm, 2000 Block of Antoine; July 25th, 12am, 2000 Block of Antoine; July 28th, 1pm, 2000 Block of Antoine; August 14th, 12am, 2000 Block of Antoine, and August 15th, 1am, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Three (3) reports of Intimidation: July 4th, 11am, 7400 Block of Hammerly; July 29th, 7pm, 7600 Block of Amelia and August 10th, 9am, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Two (2) reports of Motor Vehicle Theft: July 26th, 12pm, 2000 Block of Harland and August 11th, 12pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Three (3) reports of Theft from Motor Vehicle: July 6th, 7pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly; July 25th, 11am, 2000 Block of Antoine and August 11th, 2pm, 7400 Block of Long Point.
- Three (3) reports of Theft (All Other Larceny): July 9th, 6am, 7500 Block of Long Point and August 7th, 7pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly and August 8th, 7pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly+.
- One (1) report of Theft (Shoplifting): July 23rd, 11am, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Two (2) reports of Vandalism: July 10th, 7pm, 2200 Block of Silverbonnet and August 19th, 10pm, 7700 Block of Long Point.
- Two (2) reports of Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts: August 13th, 1pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly and August 16th, 11pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Two (2) reports of Breaking and Entering: July 9th, 7pm, 2200 Block of Silverbonnet and August 13th, 10pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Four (4) reports of Robbery: July 15th, 10am, 7500 Block of Long Point; July 26th, 10am, 7800 Block of Long Point; July 28th, 2am, 7800 Block of Long Point and August 1st, 3pm, 1900 Block of Jacquelyn.
- Two (2) reports of Other (All Other Offenses): July 17th, 2am, 2000 Block of Thonig and August 15th, 11pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One report (1) of Trespass of Real Property: July 13th, 9pm, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Arrest (Driving under the Influence): July 26th, 8am, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Four (4) reports of Arrest (Drug, Narcotic Violations): July 30th, 4pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly; July 29th, 6pm, 7600 Block of Long Point; August 13th, 6pm, 7500 Block of Long Point and August 15th, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One report of Arrest (Weapon Law Violation): August 22nd, 2pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One Perp Search/Chase: August 16th, 11pm, Antoine/Amelia.

Please note the above information was gathered from SpotCrime website.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: JULY 2025

Virgina Lehman

We reported a total of **30.25 patrol hours in July.** Due to the newsletter deadline, August hours will be reported in the October Bugler.

A huge thank you to all our CP volunteers—your time and commitment truly make a difference in keeping Old Spring Branch safe!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS – BE PART OF THE CHANGE

Our membership numbers have held steady this month, but we'd love to see them grow! Joining the Old Spring Branch Civic Association means more than paying dues—it means investing in the future of our neighborhood.

Your \$25 annual membership (\$12.50 for seniors) helps fund projects like:

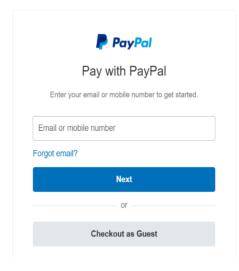
- Beautification and landscaping for our esplanades
- Street signage and lighting improvements
- Community safety efforts like Citizens on Patrol
- Newsletters and updates that keep us all informed

Together, we can continue building a safer, stronger, and more beautiful Old Spring Branch.

Not a member yet? Sign up today at OldSpringBranch.org and show your pride in our neighborhood!

2025-2026 Membership (34 total)													
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine	Other
			Point										
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!



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.

JOIN A PIP MEETING

Virgina Lehman

On August 19, I attended the monthly PIP (Positive Interaction Program) meeting at Faith Chapel Center on Long Point. Guest speakers from three different agencies that serve Spring Branch shared valuable updates.

PIP meetings are held **every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.** at Faith Chapel Center. If you've ever wondered what's happening with law enforcement in our area, these meetings are a great way to stay informed.

YARDS OF THE MONTH: AUGUST 2025

Jo Lightsey

August was a tough month for our lawns. Early in the month, we had plenty of rain, but the last few weeks turned overly dry. It seems even a few lawn mowers took a vacation! As a result, many yards were a little overgrown and not quite as groomed as usual.

Still, we recognize the effort our neighbors put into keeping their properties looking nice. I hope the Yard Hawk chose wisely this time around.

Friendly Reminder: Yards that are in violation of a City Code, a Deed Restriction, or still displaying out-of-season decorations do **not** qualify for Yards of the Month.

Thank you to everyone who works hard to keep Old Spring Branch looking beautiful—we appreciate you!

Old Spring Branch					
Amelia	*7630				
Antoine	*2056				
Cedel	7708, 7710				
Counter Point	2011, 2139, 2203, 2211, 2215				
Hammerly	7525, 7603, 7610, 7614, *7626, *7625, *7632, *7706				
Harland	*2102, 1919, 1927, 2011, 2002, 2023, 2102				
Inch	None				
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, *2067, *2043				
Johanna	*2040, *2041, *2069, *2048, *2002, *1928, *1905, *1906, *1838, *1833,				
	*1840				
Silverbonnet	None				
Thonig	2039, 2045, 1942, 2055				
Todd	11217				
Turquoise	7714, 7618				
Woodvine	1954, 1910, 1917, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2014, 2022, 2030, 2038,				
ΨD · 1 1	2103, 2130, 2131, 2134, 2126, 2135				

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES: FROM ROOSTERS TO CONSTRUCTION

Virgina Lehman

Roosters on Woodvine: A few neighbors have raised concerns about roosters crowing early in the morning. Please remember: Houston residents may keep hens only (no roosters). Chickens must be confined and not allowed to roam the neighborhood.

Construction Updates:

- Two new buildings are going up on Antoine.
- A house and lot have been cleared for new development.
- The gated community at Johanna and Amelia is nearly complete.
- The new community on Hammerly is about halfway done.
- The Jacquely project seems to be at a standstill.

Local Business Spotlight: A new sandwich shop, Las Tortas, has opened on Hammerly between Thonig and Harland—and they make a pretty good sandwich!

KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN SHAPE: A REMINDER ON DEED RESTRICTIONS

Did you know that Deed Restrictions in Old Spring Branch go back as far as 1955? These rules were created by developers as they completed homes and are still in effect today in several of our subdivisions.

In 1994, residents in the following neighborhoods voted to revise and update their deed restrictions—and those rules still stand:

- Thonig Tract (Thonig)
- Long Point Oaks (Counter Point, Woodvine, Turquoise, and 7518–7614 Hammerly)
- Hilldale/Silverbonnet
- Silverbonnet Place/Cedel

Deed Restrictions work hand in hand with City of Houston ordinances to help maintain the look, feel, and safety of our neighborhood. Here are a few key sections that affect daily life:

Driveways (Article IV, Section 3)

"All vehicle driveways must be hard surfaced. Any structures built before the deed restrictions took effect are considered in compliance."

Vehicle Storage (Section 7)

- No boats, trailers, RVs, buses, 18-wheelers, machinery, or unsightly vehicles can be stored in public view.
- Allowed: passenger cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles, or vans that are in working order, have current plates/inspection stickers, and are in daily use. These may be parked in your driveway, but **never blocking a sidewalk.**
- Vehicles may not be repaired or restored outside for more than three days unless kept inside a garage.
- Exceptions apply for vehicles or equipment temporarily parked for home construction or maintenance.

Animals (Section 10)

- Up to three dogs, three cats, and three other household pets are allowed per lot (fish are unlimited).
- Pets cannot be kept for commercial purposes.
- They must not create excessive noise, odors, or other nuisances.
- Dogs must be inside, in a fenced yard, or on a leash controlled by someone capable of handling them.

Know Your Restrictions

If you live in a deed-restricted area of Old Spring Branch, you should have a copy of your restrictions. If you don't, contact the Old Spring Branch Civic Association at **713-681-0560**. Leave your name and phone number, and we'll help you get the information you need.

For more information, please visit our website: http://oldspringbranch.org/deed-restrictions/

RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH PICK UP

-2025 SCHEDULE-

MONTH	RECYCLING (Every other Friday)	HEAVY TRASH (Fourth Thursday of the month)		
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 Fri., 11/28		
December	□ 12/5 □ 12/19	□ JUNK Sat., 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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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

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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

SEPTEMBER 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14	15	16 PIP, 7p	17	18	19	20 May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada
21	22 Start of fall	23	24	25 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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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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:					
E-mail Correo electrónico:					
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/Bajos Ingresos \$25 - Business Negocio \$25 - Business Negocio					
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	Donation Donación				
\$ Total Payment Pag	jo Total				

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