



Old Spring Branch Bugler

JANUARY 2026

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Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, January 22: **TREE WASTE**

Thursday, February 26: **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

Happy New Year, folks! I hope that as we step into 2026, we can put behind us the sad and troubling events of 2025 and instead focus on how, as citizens, we can be kind, respectful, and loving to our friends and neighbors.

Be the first on your street to think about how *you*, as an individual, can influence your family and others to follow City of Houston ordinances, deed restrictions, and OSB's beautification and landscaping tips. Wow, imagine how great our community would look. Just saying 😊

You will find recycling, solid waste, and heavy trash schedules in this issue of *The Bugler*, along with important phone numbers and OSBCA meeting dates. Please clip this helpful information and keep it on your refrigerator or somewhere convenient. Save it. You will be glad you did.

I hope all goes well in *your* year, 2026. It is up to all of us to make this year the best one yet.

Take care and be happy!

Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA)

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.



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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS AS WE BEGIN 2026

As we begin a new year, I would like to take a moment to say thank you to Virginia for getting everything together for the Christmas get-together. A special thank-you as well to Gerry, Mike, Angie, and Kaitlyn for helping set things up. We truly had a wonderful time, and it was great to spend time together during the holiday season.

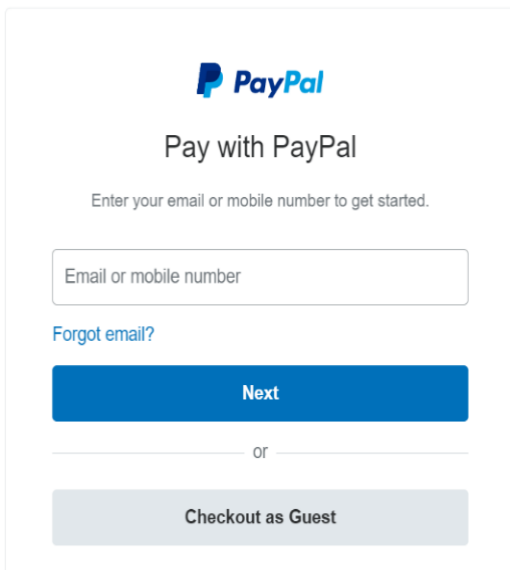
At this time, we do not have any new members to report. With 2026 now underway, let's make it our goal to keep membership coming in. The Old Spring Branch Civic Association continues to rely on the support of our residents to remain active and effective in serving our neighborhood.

If you are not yet a member, now is a great time to join. If you are already a member, please consider encouraging a neighbor to sign up as well. Your continued support helps OSBCA carry out its work and strengthen our community.

Thank you all for your ongoing involvement and commitment to Old Spring Branch.

2025-2026 Membership (41 total)													
Amelia	Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine	Other
0	3	3 (+1)	10 (+1)	2 (+1)	2	2	0	1	3 (+2)	0	2	11 (+2)	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.

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 – DECEMBER 2025

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for November 27 – December 29, 2025:

- Two (2) reports of Simple Assault: Nov. 26, 11am, and Dec 21, 8pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Two (2) reports of Theft of Motor Vehicle: Nov 28, 12am, and Dec 22, 8pm, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Robbery: Dec 21, 12am, 7600 Block of Amelia.
- One (1) report of Destruction, Damage & Vandalism: Nov 30, 12am, 2000 Block of Thonig.
- One (1) report of Arrest (Driving Under the Influence): Dec 24, 7pm, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- Two (2) reports of All Other Larceny: Dec 4, 4pm, 7600 Block of Long Point and Dec 6, 10am, 7500 Block of Hammerly.

Please note the above information was gathered from SpotCrime website.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: LOOKING OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER

Virginia Lehman

Happy New Year! We were able to report 31.25 patrol hours for the month of November and 32.25 patrol hours for December.

Our neighborhoods are strongest when neighbors look out for one another, and that is exactly what our Citizens on Patrol group strives to do. As we begin a new year, we are looking for new members who want to make a positive difference close to home.

The Citizens on Patrol group is a volunteer organization made up of everyday residents. Members do not replace law enforcement. Instead, they serve as extra eyes and ears in the community. Typical activities include driving neighborhood patrols and reporting suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities.

Citizens on Patrol is designed for responsible, community-minded individuals. Volunteers do not need prior law enforcement experience, only a willingness to learn, follow safety guidelines, and work as part of a team. Background checks and short training sessions are required to help ensure everyone's safety. Volunteers receive basic training and learn how to safely observe and report concerns.

Community safety works best when we all take part. With additional volunteers, the Citizens on Patrol group can continue providing support for everyone who calls our neighborhood home. If you have ever wondered what you could do to help make our community safer, this is a great place to start.

If you would like to join our Citizens on Patrol group, please contact me at (832) 748-8088. Please leave a message. You may also email me at virginia.lehman@yahoo.com.

As always, I want to thank all of our Citizens on Patrol volunteers for their support this past year, and I hope I can continue to count on their help in 2026. I truly believe we make a difference.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL BRINGS NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

Virginia Lehman

This year's Holiday Social on Tuesday, December 9, was a cozy one. While only a few neighbors were able to attend, those who came enjoyed a relaxed hour or two filled with conversation and laughter.

OSBCA provided sandwiches, chips, a variety of drinks, and festive table decorations, helping everyone feel welcome and cared for. The smaller turnout created an unexpected benefit. Instead of rushing from table to table, guests were able to slow down, share stories, and truly connect with one another.

Kaitlyn Adams won the gift basket generously provided by OSBCA.

We are grateful to everyone who took time out of their busy December schedules to join us. Special thanks to Loretta Nalley, Gerry Thielemann, and Mike McGeehon for their help in making the evening a success.

HOLIDAY DECORATING RESULTS

OSB Resident Judges and Board of Directors

Our participation in decorating our homes for the holiday season is not meant to be a competition, but rather a way to express joy and happiness during the holidays. No prizes are awarded for decorations. Instead, it is simply a pleasure to see neighbors transform their homes into bright, cheerful displays that reflect the spirit of the season.

To add a little fun and encouragement, OSBCA asked residents to drive through the neighborhood and, based on personal opinion, select the homes they felt were the best decorated. There is no "right" or "wrong" theme or design. As we all know, the "best" is truly in the eye of the judge. This year, participation was a bit lower than last year, but we still enjoyed seeing the festive efforts throughout the neighborhood.

In 2025, volunteer judges submitted their top six decorated home selections to OSB Secretary Linda Whatley. A quorum of the OSBCA Board of Directors then met and finalized the selections for this year's top decorated homes.

2025 Selected Homes:

- 2110 Counter Point
- 7603 Hammerly
- 1916 Thonig
- 7614 Turquoise
- 2006 Woodvine
- 2011 Woodvine

Thank you to all who decorated their homes this holiday season and helped spread holiday cheer throughout Old Spring Branch.

Make it a very happy and safe New Year.

Happy New Year 2026!

JOIN US IN BUILDING A STRONG OLD SPRING BRANCH

Happy New Year greetings to all our Old Spring Branch residents. If you are not already a member, please consider joining the rest of us and becoming a supporting member of OSB.

If you enjoy living in the Old Spring Branch neighborhood and want to help ensure it stays the way we all appreciate in the years ahead, becoming an OSB member is a great way to get involved. Our neighborhood association offers many benefits, not only for individual residents but for our community as a whole.

If you are new to Old Spring Branch and have not joined yet, what are you waiting for? Now is a great time to become a member of the OSB neighborhood association. Our association serves as an advocate for the neighborhood with local government, works to improve our community, and helps coordinate fun and meaningful activities for residents.

Like many neighborhood associations, OSB was organized by residents themselves, and that remains true today. We welcome all residents, whether you are a homeowner or a renter living within our area.

We also value the involvement of local businesses that choose to become members. When residents, businesses, and community partners work together, we can address neighborhood needs and concerns in ways individuals cannot do on their own.

Neighborhood associations bring together people who share common goals and want a place to connect, share concerns, offer solutions, and strengthen a sense of community. Through voluntary participation and elected leadership, OSB provides a clear line of communication with local government and gives residents a voice on issues that directly affect their families and property. Our bylaws help guide the appearance of properties, support local amenities, and coordinate community activities.

The purpose of OSB is to bring value to our neighborhood in many ways. Now is a great time to become a member. If you are already a member, we encourage you to get involved and help build a stronger Old Spring Branch with us.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Monday, February 2, 2026

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

Subject line: OSBCA

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RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH PICK UP

-2026 SCHEDULE-

MONTH	RECYCLING <i>(Every other Friday)</i>	HEAVY TRASH <i>(Fourth Thursday of the month)</i>
January 2026	☐ 1/9 ☐ 1/23	☐ TREE Thurs., 1/22
February 2026	☐ 2/6 ☐ 2/20	☐ JUNK Thurs., 2/26
March 2026	☐ 3/6 ☐ 3/20	☐ TREE Thurs., 3/26
April 2026	☐ 4/3 ☐ 4/17	☐ JUNK Thurs., 4/23
May 2026	☐ 5/1 ☐ 5/15 ☐ 5/29	☐ TREE Thurs., 5/28
June 2026	☐ 6/12 ☐ 6/26	☐ JUNK Thurs., 6/25
July 2026	☐ 7/10 ☐ 7/24	☐ TREE Thurs., 7/23
August 2026	☐ 8/7 ☐ 8/21	☐ JUNK Thurs., 8/27
September 2026	☐ 9/4 ☐ 9/18	☐ TREE Thurs., 9/24
October 2026	☐ 10/2 ☐ 10/16 ☐ 10/30	☐ JUNK Thurs., 10/22
November 2026	☐ 11/13 ☐ 11/27	☐ TREE Fri., 11/27
December 2026	☐ 12/11 ☐ 12/25	☐ JUNK Thurs., 12/24
January 2027	☐ 1/8 ☐ 1/22	☐ TREE Thurs., 1/28

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KNOW WHAT TO RECYCLE: WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN BIN

YES! You Can Recycle These:

- **Metal & Cans:** Aluminum and tin cans such as soup, vegetable, fruit, and coffee cans. *(Be sure to empty and rinse.)*
- **Cartons:** Both gable-top and shelf-stable food and beverage cartons like milk, juice, soup, and soy milk cartons. *(Empty and rinse.)*
- **Glass:** Bottles, jugs, and jars only. *(Empty and rinse.)*
- **Paper:** Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, and office paper.
- **Cardboard:** Flattened cardboard boxes and cereal boxes. *(Remove all packing materials.)*
- **Plastic:** Bottles, tubs, and jugs numbered **#1–5 and #7**. Examples include water and soda bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, margarine tubs, detergent, and shampoo bottles. *(Empty and rinse.)*

NO! Keep These Out of the Green Bin:

- Batteries or electronics
- Shredded paper
- “Tanglers” such as cords, hoses, wires, and clothing
- Food, liquids, trash, or *bagged* recycling
- Furniture or household goods
- Scrap wood or scrap metal *(no helium tanks)*
- Yard waste

City of Houston Phone Numbers

Updated December 2026

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 (DON)	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 – Alejandra Salinas	832-393-3012	Legal	832-393-1029
At-large 5 – Sallie Alcorn	832-393-3006		
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 Dispatch Non-Emergency	713-884-3131	Spring Branch ISD Police (Kids on street, M-F, 8am - 4pm)	713-984-9805
HPD storefront (8am - 4pm) (Temporarily closed)	832-394-0102	Harris County Precinct One - Constable Alan Rosen	713-755-5200
Police NW 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.

2026 OSBCA QUARTERLY MEETING DATES

The Old Spring Branch Civic Association will hold quarterly membership meetings in 2026. Please note that all dates are subject to change.

Meeting Time: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Trini Mendenhall Community Center

2026 Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, January 13
- Tuesday, March 10
- Tuesday, June 9
- Tuesday, September 8
- Tuesday, December (date to be announced)

According to the OSBCA bylaws, membership meetings are typically scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month. However, the OSBCA Board of Directors recently voted to temporarily move to a quarterly meeting schedule.

We encourage all residents to attend and stay informed about issues and activities affecting our neighborhood.

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



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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 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9 	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 	17 <i>May put out Heavy Trash</i>
18	19 <i>MLK Day</i>	20 PIP, 7p	21	22 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	23 	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 	31
1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6 	7

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	
President: Jo Lightsey 713-681-0560	Advertising: Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634
Vice President: Loretta Nalley 832-868-8751	Beautification: Jo Lightsey, 713-681-0560
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Treasurer: Virginia Lehman 832-748-8088	Communications: Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331
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Counter Point & Turquoise: <i>Anonymous</i>	Landscaping: Nino Roman, 832-877-4701
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