



Old Spring Branch Bugler

NOVEMBER 2025

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Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Saturday, November 29: TREE WASTE

Friday, December 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

As we move into the month of Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to reflect on what makes our community special. These continue to be unusual times in all our lives, but one thing remains certain — we must keep loving and taking care of one another, and remember to be thankful for all that we have.

We finally have some good news to celebrate — the City of Houston has cleared the drainage ditch between Thonig and Woodvine! That's a big *hallelujah!*

The Solid Waste Department has also made progress, getting garbage, recycling, and heavy trash collection *mostly* back on schedule. Be sure to check the schedule in this month's **Bugler** to stay up to date.

And remember, folks — "*the squeaky wheel gets the grease!*" Keep calling **3-1-1** if your solid waste isn't collected or if you notice violations of city ordinances. Together, we can help keep Old Spring Branch clean, safe, and beautiful.

Wishing everyone a very **Happy Thanksgiving!** Take care of each other and enjoy this season of gratitude.

Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA)

Membership Meeting & Holiday Social

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Time and location to be announced



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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT: JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

As we enter this season of gratitude, we're thankful for our growing community of neighbors who care about keeping Old Spring Branch a great place to live. Thanks to recent renewals, the Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA) now has **41 paid members**—and we're still counting!

Your membership matters. It's a simple yet powerful way to support the volunteers who work year-round to advocate for our neighborhood, publish *The Bugler*, and keep Old Spring Branch safe, beautiful, and connected.

If you haven't renewed yet—or if you're new to the neighborhood—now's the perfect time to join. Annual dues are just **\$25 per household** or **\$12.50 for seniors and residents on fixed incomes**.

This holiday season, show your pride in Old Spring Branch by joining or renewing your OSBCA membership. It's one of the easiest gifts you can give your community!

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.



CRIME REPORTS - OCTOBER 2025

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

- One (1) report of Intimidation: October 5th, 10am, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Simple Assault: October 6th, 10am, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Theft from Motor Vehicle: October 9th, 10am, 7600 Block of Long Point.
- Three (3) reports of Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts: October 9th, 10am, 7600 Block of Long Point; October 22nd, 12am, 1900 Block of Counter Point and October 26th, 6pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) report of Breaking and Entering: October 21st, 2am, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Trespass of Real Property: October 19th, 4am, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of All Other Offenses: October 4th, 4am, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- Two (2) reports of Arrest: October 1st, 6pm, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn (Drug/Narcotic Violations and October 4th, 10pm, 7500 Block of Highcrest (Driving under the Influence.

Please note the above information was gathered from SpotCrime website.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Virginia Lehman

Due to our newsletter deadline, I'll report our October patrol hours in the December issue.

As always, I want to thank all of our Citizens on Patrol volunteers. Your time and commitment truly make a difference in keeping Old Spring Branch safe.

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching, and with them often comes an increase in "crimes of opportunity." Please take simple steps to protect yourself and your property:

- Keep your car doors locked and valuables out of sight.
- Make sure gates and garage doors are closed and secured.
- Leave your porch light on at night.

Most importantly, **stay aware of your surroundings**. Be alert, stay diligent, and report anything suspicious you see or hear. Remember, if the Police Department isn't notified about activity in our neighborhood, they have no reason to patrol here.

For non-emergencies, call **713-884-3131**. If it's a life-threatening situation, **call 911 immediately**.

Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood safe this holiday season!

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!

YOU'RE INVITED: OSBCA HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The holidays are a time for connection, gratitude, and community—and what better way to celebrate than by gathering with neighbors who care about Old Spring Branch?

Join us on Monday, December 9 for our annual Holiday Celebration and Membership Meeting. (Further details will be shared in next month's Bugler or at OldSpringBranch.org) It's a great opportunity to meet fellow residents, enjoy some holiday cheer, and learn more about what your Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA) does to keep our neighborhood safe, beautiful, and thriving.

We're proud to live in a community where neighbors still look out for one another—and where volunteer efforts truly make a difference. From improving city services to keeping our streets safe and our esplanades green, every project starts with a small group of caring residents who raise their hands to help.

Whether you've been here for years or just recently moved in, this event is for you! Come share your ideas, ask questions, and find out how you can get involved in projects that make a difference.

Getting involved doesn't take much—here are a few simple ways you can help:

- Attend meetings and share your ideas.
- Volunteer for a neighborhood project, even just once.
- Help distribute The Bugler or share membership information with a neighbor.
- Join a committee or serve as a street representative.

Light refreshments will be served, and all neighbors are welcome—members and non-members alike.

Let's end the year together in good company and start the new year with renewed energy, community pride, and a shared commitment to keeping Old Spring Branch the kind of neighborhood we're all proud to call home. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Monday, December 1, 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 <i>(Every other Friday)</i>	HEAVY TRASH <i>(Fourth Thursday of the month)</i>
November	☐ 11/7 ☐ 11/21	☐ TREE Sat., 11/27
December	☐ 12/5 ☐ 12/29	☐ JUNK Thurs., 12/27
January 2026	☐ 1/3 ☐ 1/16 ☐ 1/30	☐ TREE Thurs., 1/22

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KNOW WHAT TO RECYCLE: WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN BIN

Doing your part to keep Old Spring Branch clean and sustainable starts right at home! The City of Houston's recycling program makes it easy to recycle common household materials—but only if the right items go in the right bin.

Here's a quick refresher on what *can* and *cannot* go in your **green recycling 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

Putting the right items in your green bin helps ensure that recycling stays efficient and cost-effective—and keeps Old Spring Branch looking its best.

For more recycling information and the pickup schedule, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or check this month's **Bugler** calendar.

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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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 <i>Election Day</i>	5	6	7 	8
9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12	13	14 	15
16	17	18 PIP, 7p	19	20	21 	22 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28 HEAVY TRASH: TREE 	29
30	1	2	3	4	5 	6

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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