



# Old Spring Branch Bugler

DECEMBER 2025

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## Heavy Trash Pick-Up

*Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)*

Friday, December 26: **JUNK WASTE**

Thursday, January 22: **TREE WASTE**

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**REMEMBER: OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.**

## OSBCA NEEDS NEW NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS IN 2026

As we look ahead to 2026, OSBCA is calling on our neighbors to get more involved in supporting and guiding our community.

For many years, a small group of dedicated volunteers has helped keep Old Spring Branch safe, connected, and represented, but we cannot continue this work without new leaders stepping forward.

**We need fresh voices and new energy** to help with board roles, neighborhood projects, Citizens on Patrol, and the continued publication of *The Bugler*. Whether you've lived here a short time or for decades, your participation can make a meaningful difference.

**If you want to help shape the future of Old Spring Branch, we encourage you to consider serving in 2026.** To learn more about leadership opportunities or ways to get involved, please contact any OSBCA board member.

Together, we can ensure that OSBCA remains strong for years to come.

## Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA)

### Membership Meeting & Holiday Social

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.



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## GIVE BACK TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holidays are a time for generosity, gratitude, and community—and what better way to celebrate the

## CRIME REPORTS - NOVEMBER 2025

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for October 31 – November 26, 2025:

- Two (2) reports of Intimidation: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, and November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11pm, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- Three (3) reports of Simple Assault: November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1pm, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am, 7500 Block of Long Point. November 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am, 2000 Block of Antoine and November 27<sup>th</sup>, 11am, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Two (2) reports of Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 10pm, 2100 Block of Antoine and November 14<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, 7400 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of Trespass of Real Property: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, 7700 Block of Long Point.
- One (1) report of All Other Offenses: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 8am, 2200 Block of Silverbonnet.
- Two (2) reports of Destruction, Damage & Vandalism: November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11am, 1900 Block of Woodvine and November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am, 2100 Block of Thonig.
- One (1) report of Disorderly Conduct: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 11am, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One (1) report of Arrest (Drug, Narcotic Violations): November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1am, 7700 Block of Hammerly.
- Two (2) reports of All Other Larceny: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5pm, 7200 Block of Long Point and November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, 1900 Block of Thonig.
- One (1) report of Theft of Building: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One (1) report of Shoplifting: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am, 7200 Block of Long Point.

Please note the above information was gathered from SpotCrime website.

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## CITIZENS ON PATROL

*Virginia Lehman*

Once again, due to the newsletter deadline, I will report our patrol hours for November in January's newsletter. We reported 30.75 patrol hours for October.

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

The Christmas holidays are right around the corner and will be quickly followed by the start of the new year. There always seems to be an uptick in crimes of opportunity during this time, so please remain diligent and take necessary precautions to avoid becoming a target.

### 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!

## HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING

OSBCA members will be judging decorated homes throughout the neighborhood during the week of **December 14–19**. This year, the **top six homes overall** will be recognized. Please ensure your holiday lights or decorations are turned on each night during the judging period.

Your **house address number** *must be visible from the street*. If your address cannot be clearly read, your home cannot be included in the judging.

There are no rules or required themes—decorate in any way that brings you joy. Judging is based solely on personal preference.

If you would like to serve as a judge, please contact OSBCA Secretary **Linda Whatley** at **713-681-0560**. Once you have selected your **top six decorated homes**, submit your list to Linda by phone, note, or email at **whatleylm@gmail.com**.

The **deadline** to turn in judging selections is **Saturday, December 20, 2025**.

Let's make this holiday season bright and festive for all to enjoy!

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## HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING

Each year, our neighborhood embraces the holiday season by lighting up Old Spring Branch with festive decorations. While not a formal contest, it is a cherished tradition that brings joy, creativity, and a sense of togetherness to our community.

We encourage all residents to participate and to take a drive through the neighborhood to enjoy the displays. The top decorated homes will be highlighted in a future newsletter once judging is complete.

Thank you to everyone who helps spread holiday cheer.

Wishing you a safe, joyful holiday season and a wonderful start to the new year.

**Happy New Year, 2026!**

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

**Deadline: Monday, December 1, 2025**

Got ideas or suggestions? Send them to [sybilsanchez@yahoo.com](mailto: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>
<b>December</b>	☐ 12/5    ☐ 12/29	☐ <b>JUNK</b> Thurs., 12/27
<b>January 2026</b>	☐ 1/3    ☐ 1/16    ☐ 1/30	☐ <b>TREE</b> 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](https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste) or check this month’s **Bugler** calendar.

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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](mailto:sybilsanchez@yahoo.com).*

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<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10	11	12 	13
14 <i>Hanukkah begins</i>	15	16	17	18	19 	20 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
21 <i>Start of Winter</i>	22 <i>Hanukkah ends</i>	23 <b>PIP, 7p</b>	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26  <i>Kwanzaa starts</i>  <b>HEAVY TRASH: JUNK</b>	27
28	29	30	31	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 	10

**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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