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# Old Spring Branch Bugler

October 2021 \* *octubre 2021*

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## Heavy Trash Pick-Up

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

**Thursday, October 28: JUNK WASTE**

**Friday, November 26: TREE WASTE**

## Recolección de Basura Pesada

*Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)*

**jueves, 28 de octubre: Basura Chatarra**

**viernes, 26 de noviembre: Desechos Verdes**

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### PLEASE REMEMBER:

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

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Jo Lightsey*

**There has not been an October Bugler since OSB** started celebrating Neighbor's Night Out at least thirty (30) years ago. However, at our September 14, meeting, the decision was made to NOT have Neighbor's Night Out, due to the COVID-19 issues and to have a skeleton October issue of the Bugler.

As your President, I volunteered to write my article and give all others a rest. This OCTOBER Bugler will include the RECYCLE and HEAVY TRASH calendar and helpful news bulletins from our Quarterly Meeting.

## Heavy Trash: Junk

This month is JUNK Heavy Trash. However, those of you who had junk out for the TREE ONLY, September 23, collection will possibly be given a 3-1-1 citation for EARLY Heavy Trash, if not removed until the seven (7) days before pickup, October 28.

## Joint General and Special Elections

Last day to register for voting is Monday, October 4. Joint general and special elections is November 2, 2021. Early voting in person begins October 18 and continues through October 29, 2021. If voting by mail, follow the instructions included in your ballot.

## Membership

PayPal for Membership payment, through the website, is up and running. Thanks to Virginia, Ros and Sybil. It is NEVER too late to pay your OSB membership.

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*From the president, continued...*

## **Landscaping**

I have a request into Council Member, Amy Peck's office, (by way of Liz Miranda, Chief of Staff), to have the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Dept. trim the low hanging limbs on the Antoine median trees. This project is much needed.

If you, as a resident, live on a ditched street and want the ditch dredged out in front of your property, YOU must call 3-1-1 and make the request.

Thank you, Bill Cox, LMC, for continuing to care for our OSB Esplanades.

Thank you, Nino Roman, for always taking care our OSB's esplanade irrigation system.

## **Citizens on Patrol**

Citizens On Patrol is keeping an eye out for you. Reported that several men are hanging out on Long Point/Woodvine and some criminal activity at Highcrest/Woodvine Apts.

**Please be aware a "peeping tom"** that was reported to the police and to me from one of our residents. He was seen looking through a back bedroom window but ran off.

**Report any suspicious activity** to 713-884-3131, or 911, depending on how urgent.

## **Social**

There will NOT be an OSB Christmas Party.

Christmas Home Decoration Contest details will come out in the November Bugler. We love for residents to show their Christmas spirit through their home Christmas decorating. Judging will reveal the top six (6) homes selected as having the most attractive decorations.

## **The Bugler newsletter**

A 2022 January hard copy Bugler will be delivered to OSB residents, January 8-9.

There WILL BE a December Bugler.

## **Next OSBCA meeting**

The next OSBCA meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

Stay well, safe, and protect yourself and family against COVID-19. Get vaccinated!

## **ARTICLES ON WHAT TO DO IN OCTOBER IN HOUSTON:**

- **365 Things to do in Houston** - [Top 12 Things to Do for Kids in Houston This Month: October 2021](#)
- **Houston on the Cheap** - [Fall Festivals in Houston: Things to do, events and activities for fall 2021](#)
- **KHOU 11** – [LIST: Haunted houses in the Houston area](#)
- **Houston Chronicle** - [6 state parks within an easy drive from Houston for fall day trips](#)

# HAVE YOU PAID YOUR OSBCA MEMBERSHIP? IF YOU HAVEN'T, PAY ONLINE!

## Step one:


Visit [OldSpringBranch.org](http://OldSpringBranch.org) and click on “Membership” on the main menu.

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# CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*[Stanley W. Spinner, MD](#) - Chief Medical Officer, Texas Children's Hospital*

We blinked and it is officially fall. This time of year brings annual gatherings full of family, friends and food. Undoubtedly, the holidays will look and feel different this year with the COVID-19 pandemic. That does not mean skipping the celebrations all together, but it does mean we may have to pivot.

Beginning with Halloween, how you celebrate should depend on a variety of factors, particularly related to local transmission and hospitalization rates, and how cold and flu season is shaping up in your area. Based on where you live, different communities will have to make plans that reflect their situations.

The most important steps you can take to protect your family when you celebrate at any point this holiday season are:

- Practice safe social distancing (to be in “close contact” with COVID-19 means you were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes)
- Wear masks or face coverings
- Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands regularly

It is also incredibly important for everyone to get a flu shot as soon as possible. The flu shot is safe and recommended for anyone over 6 months of age yearly, including pregnant women.

**When talking about Halloween, kids (and parents) should absolutely dress up.** Not only is it a fun tradition, but the plus side of many costumes is they come with masks. Wearing a cloth mask as part of your costume is recommended.

To help families figure out safe ways to have Halloween, [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) last month released a list of helpful tips, including other considerations to weigh such as where an event is taking place, how long it is scheduled to last and the number of people attending.

Traditional trick-or-treating with kids going from neighbor to neighbor, ringing the doorbell and getting candy is risky and not recommended (at least not this year). This also goes for crowded indoor costume parties and haunted houses. Consider other options for celebrating that minimize possible exposure to COVID-19 and community spread.

Some possible trick-or-treating solutions include:

- Set out single serve, individually wrapped treats on tables outside for neighbors to pick up one at a time. This way trick-or-treaters are not all putting their hands in the same bowl, while those giving out treats can pull up a chair and participate at a safe distance.
- Create a candy scavenger hunt for your kids in your home or yard without guests.
- Take your kids to trick-or-treat at the houses of people you are regularly in contact with (such as grandparents or friends pod).

Wipe down or sanitize external packaging – or the bigger bag containing the smaller, individually-wrapped pieces – of candy bags you bring home from the store. It is not necessary to wipe down the wrappers of candies inside the bigger bags as those have likely been untouched for quite some time.

Other activities your family may want to try:

- Host a virtual costume party on Zoom. Kids can show off their costumes and participate in pre-planned activities such as decorating Halloween cookies or carving pumpkins.
- Skip the trick-or-treating and still enjoy the fresh air with a socially distant costume block party, where each family celebrates from their respective front yards, porches or driveways.
- Keep it low key: have a scary movie night with popcorn, drinks and plenty of candy.

**SOURCE:** [Texas Children's Hospital blog](#)



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Mailing  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### I am interested in the following committee(s):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens on Patrol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Deed Restrictions  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping    | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social         | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events     |

### Annual Dues/Membership Types:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00                | Property Represented                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50                | Senior Citizens (62+) /Fixed Income     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00                | Business/Non-resident                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>New Application</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Renewal</i> |

**Membership Due Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Committee*

**Donation Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment:** \_\_\_\_\_

In applying for renewal or new membership, I agree to pay dues and to support my civic association to achieve a better neighborhood.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership dues are good for 5-1-21 through 4-30-22.*

Bring form and payment to the next meeting or mail to:  
Old Spring Branch Civic Association  
P. O. Box 55172  
Houston, TX 77255-5172

*Checks payable to Old Spring Branch Civic Association or OSBCA.*

## Asociación Cívica de Old Spring Branch

Formulario de Membrecía 2021 – 2022

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

Correo  
Electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección de  
correspondencia: \_\_\_\_\_

### Estoy interesado en los siguientes comités:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Comunicaciones  | <input type="checkbox"/> Restricciones de las Propiedades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jardinería      | <input type="checkbox"/> Membrecía                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social          | <input type="checkbox"/> Eventos Especiales               |

### Cuota Anual/Tipo de Membrecía:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00              | Propiedad Representada                    |
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\_\_\_\_\_ *Comité*

Cantidad de la Donación: \_\_\_\_\_

Pago Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Al solicitar membrecía nueva o al renovar, está de acuerdo a pagar su cuota y apoyar a su asociación cívica a obtener una vecindad mejor.

Firma: \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cuota de membrecía válida del 1-5-21 hasta 30-4-22.*

Traiga el formulario y pago a la siguiente reunión o puede mandarlo por correo a:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
domingo	lunes	martes	miércoles	jueves	viernes	sábado
3	4	5	6	7	8  <b>SBISD: Student Holiday</b>	9
10	11 <b>SBISD: Student/Staff Holiday</b>	12	13	14 <b>SBISD: Elementary Early Dismissal</b>	15  <b>SBISD: Elementary Early Dismissal</b>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 	23 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
24	25	26	27	28 <b>HEAVY TRASH: JUNK</b>	29 	30
31 <i>Halloween</i>	1	2	3	4 <b>SBISD: Elementary Early Dismissal</b>	5 	6

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