



Old Spring Branch Bugler

December 2021 * *diciembre 2021*

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thurs., Dec. 23: JUNK & TREE WASTE

Thursday, January 27: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 23 de diciembre: Desechos Verdes y Basura Chatarra

jueves, 27 de enero: Desechos Verdes

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

I truly hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. I want to begin by reminding OSB that there will NOT be a Christmas Party again this year, 2021; however, OSB will have the Holiday House Decoration Contest (see article inside). Maybe OSBCA will feel even MORE safe having a large group event in 2022. Hopefully, all residents will be fully vaccinated and will have a booster shot for extra protection. People, it is the “unselfish” move to do for yourself, your friends and family.

Our neighborhood lost a resident in a tragic car accident at the corner of Thonig and Hammerly on November 7, 2021. There has always been a speeding problem on Hammerly and I can’t help but wonder if speeding on Hammerly might have been a factor. I do not have information on the cause of the accident; nevertheless, it was devastating to the family who lives on the corner of Thonig. Our thoughts and prayers are with them!

I am sure you are aware of the speeding “drag strip” that Hammerly has become from Antoine to Wirt Road (both ways). I wrote letters to officials concerning the situation over ten years. It seems that the City of Houston Traffic Control refuses to recognize the problem. I suggested and requested that “Stop Signs” be placed at Hammerly/Counter Point (midway of the one mile strip). Police did patrol in the past. Speed trailers have been placed on Hammerly, and the “school zone” was installed to slow traffic, at least during school zone time. PLEASE BE OVERLY CAREFUL WHEN LEAVING A SIDE STREET ONTO HAMMERLY.

I also want the neighborhood to know that there have been several incidents of “gun shots fired” on Hammerly and Counter Point. At this point, the shots have been into the air. Three of the incidents were caught on camera. However, no license plates numbers could be identified. HPD was notified. Camera films imaged a white vehicle, a silver vehicle, and a red vehicle; all small sedans. One day, the cameras WILL catch the license plate numbers. We are all working on it.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED...

If you hear “gun shots” on your street, notify HPD, 713-884-3131. The more reports called in, the more aware HPD will be, and hopefully, Officers will begin patrolling our area more often. So far, I do not believe the gunshots have been aimed into homes. However, if ever, shots hit any part of your property, call 9-1-1 and demand an investigation. Any information leading to these “gun shot” incidences, please contact HPD, immediately.

Our OSBCA has its first of four (4) meetings scheduled in 2021, on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. I hope you will consider attending and contribute to the organization. Your support is wanted and needed. Your becoming a member is always welcomed.

Take care, be safe, be kind!

LANDSCAPING

Nino Roman

With fall’s arrival, here are a couple of things we can do to protect our landscapes.

- 1) Apply fall fertilizers on lawns/flower beds, i.e., Micro Life fertilizers 8-12-16.
- 2) Apply mulch to keep moisture and protect the root ball from freezing. You can also use pine needles and dry leaves.
- 3) Cut back on watering and change to start time to late morning, i.e., 8 – 9 a.m.
- 4) Apply a fungicide to keep brown patch in check. Brown patch will come back in the same spot and reappear every year.
- 5) The ideal mowing height for St. Augustine is between 3 to 4 inches.

Thank you, LMC for continuing to maintain our two (2) esplanades: Hammerly/Wirt, Antoine/Long Point. OSB appreciates your support.

DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

Notify the City of Houston's Legal Department if you suspect that a permit violates your community's deed restrictions regarding any of the following areas:

- Building use
- Setbacks
- Lot and/or building size
- Building height
- Number of structures on lot
- Fence height

You may either contact Arturo Michel, Asst. City Attorney, Dist. A, City of Houston, 832-393-6292 or call the Deed Restriction hotline 832-393-6333.

Please verify your deed restrictions before filing a complaint. If you do not have a copy of the deed restrictions for your area, you may obtain a copy from the Harris County Clerk at 713-755-6411, visit our website at <https://oldspringbranch.org/deed-restrictions/>, or call OSBCA Committee of Five at 713-681-0560 (leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned).

Please understand that the City of Houston’s approval of any of the above listed violations is not valid if there are Deed Restrictions on a property.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: NOVEMBER 2021

Virginia Lehman

Merry Christmas from your volunteer Citizens on Patrol patrollers! We were able to report **a total of 33 hours of citizens patrol for October**. Due to our newsletter deadline, I will report our patrol hours for November in our January newsletter (hopefully with December's too).

Christmas will be here before we know it! I hope everyone will have a great safe holiday. Remember we always have an uptick in 'crimes of opportunity' at this time of the year. Please make sure that you don't leave anything of value in plain sight in your car. If you can't carry your personal items into your house, make sure that the item or items are out of sight and your car is locked! Guns are still the number one items that thieves are looking for! Please make sure that they are secured and locked up.

We have heard about a couple of porch thefts in our neighborhood, so be careful about delivery of your online items. I believe that Amazon has secured pick-up at various locations (one is Whole Foods). If you have a close neighbor, ask them to accept delivery of the package or perhaps pick up/keep package for you until you can get it.

We had a drive by shooting on Counter Point Monday, November 22, around 9:15 p.m.

We all need to stay alert, be diligent and report any incidents that we see or hear. If the police department is not aware of anything going on in our neighborhood, they will not patrol it. If you see something suspicious, please call the police at 713-884-3131 (their non-emergency phone number). If it is life-threatening situation, please call 911!

CRIME REPORTS: NOVEMBER 2021

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the reports incidents filed with the Houston Police Department from October 29 – November 25, 2021.

- One report of Breaking & Entering: Nov. 23, 6PM, 7700 Block of Hammerly (Commercial)
- One report of Robbery: Nov. 25, 4PM, 2000 Block of Antoine (Residence)
- One report of Theft: Nov. 15, 4PM, 2000 Block of Antoine (Theft from Building)
- One report of Motor Vehicle Theft: Nov. 23, 8PM, 1800 Block of Jacquelyn
- Six reports of Aggravated Assault: Oct. 30, 4AM, 7800 Block of Hammerly (bar/nightclub); Oct. 31, 10PM, 7800 Block of Hammerly (street); Nov. 1, 1AM, 1800 Block of Johannah; Nov. 16, 12PM, 2000 Block of Antoine; Nov. 19, 8PM, 7800 Block of Long Point (other); Nov. 20, 3PM, 7500 Block of Long Point (residence)

Please note that the above information was gathered from LexisNexis Community Crime on the Houston Police Department website.

You can file a police report online at https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm if you have access to a valid, functioning e-mail address and you are the actual victim of the theft, loss or criminal mischief (not a witness, relative, friend, etc.).

BEAUTIFICATION: HEAVY TRASH UPDATE

Jo Lightsey

Folks, it is important that we try to understand the crazy Solid Waste Heavy Trash schedule in our OSB neighborhood the past two months. October was Junk Heavy Trash and Solid Waste finally got it collected two and a half weeks late. Then, the month of November was Tree Waste Heavy Trash, on the 26th. No Collection was made and Solid Waste is asking residents to HOLD their debris. During the month of December, both Tree and Heavy Trash will be picked up.

The whole City of Houston is experiencing the same problem as ours. No drivers to drive the many routes and broken-down trucks.

DO stick to the Heavy Trash schedule and the type of heavy trash. Be patient and please DO NOT place heavy trash out until at least six (6) days ahead of the scheduled date. In our case, the fourth Thursday of the month.

If all residents follow this procedure, we might keep our neighborhood from being trashed out during the entire month. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood clean.

OSBCA 2021 CHRISTMAS PARTY - CANCELED

We are saddened to report that our annual OSBCA Christmas party has been canceled again this year, 2021. We hope to be able to reschedule the party in 2022. However, just because our annual Christmas Party has been canceled doesn't mean you shouldn't participate in other OSBCA holiday events, like our annual Holiday House Decorating Contest!

2021 OSBCA HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

OSBCA members will be judging the decorated homes in the neighborhood during the week of December 16-23. **This year, the top six (6) homes, overall, will be listed.** It is important that you have your lights on every night of the judging week and that your house address numbers are visible from the street. If your address cannot be seen, your home cannot be listed in the judging.

There is no right or wrong. **However, as mentioned, there must be a house number visible from the street.** Other than that, there are no set guidelines. Judging is done on personal preference. Anyone can be a judge.

Beginning on Tues., Dec. 16, fill out the following form to submit your top six (6) decorated homes:
<https://forms.gle/jhvMgtqVGT3WGXnM8>

Deadline for turning in your top six houses is Thursday, December 23, 2021. Only entries submitted between Dec. 16-23, 2021 will be counted.

IN TOUCH

Gerry Thielemann

We are saddened to announce that one of our OSB neighbors, Mary Ann Ferrel Gonzales, 2099 Thonig, died as a result of a car accident at the corner of Thonig and Hammerly, November 7, 2021. Our prayers are with the family.

YARDS OF THE MONTH: NOVEMBER 2021

Yards are becoming dormant. For this reason, this will be the last article on our OSB yards until March, and probably April. Refer to the Landscaping article in this issue as to how to prepare for the winter season. Meanwhile, these are the attractive yards in the neighbor for November.

Amelia	*7636, *7635
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	<i>None</i>
Counter Point	2006, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2031, 2126, 2107, 2110, 2126, 2130, 2203, 2115
Hammerly	7526, 7603, 7607, 7610, 7614, *7625*7706
Harland	1919, 1915, 2015, 2011, 2031
Inch	<i>None</i>
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, 2050, *2067
Johanna	*2041, *2048, *2020, *2002, *1905, *1906, *1928 *1838, *1833
Silverbonnet	<i>None</i>
Thonig	1942, 2045, 2039, 2031, 2107
Todd	<i>None</i>
Turquoise	7614, 7615, 7618
Woodwine	1910, 1918, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2038, 2102, 2106, 2134, 1927, 1951, 1954

**Businesses who have litter free and mowed front ditches, apts that have required landscaping.*

YARDS OF THE MONTH WILL RESUME IN THE SPRING

Jo Lightsey

This time of the year, we may be still chasing the mower. I did drive through the neighborhood several times during the last two weeks. I thought the majority of the OSB yards were being well groomed. Very good! Now is the time to prune those overgrown shrubs, doctor your yards for bugs and brown spot. Mulch those leaves if possible. **Use City of Houston Approved Bags for your yard cuttings and bundle/tie the small branches for Friday pick up.** Plan your landscaping for 2022. Spring will be here before we know it. I will send the criteria for Yards of the Month in the February or March Bugler.

Remember to take down your Christmas lights whenever the tradition of the season ends for your family.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Monday, January 3, 2022

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

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Address: _____

E-mail _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

I am interested in the following committee(s):

- Beautification
- Citizens on Patrol
- Communications
- Deed Restrictions
- Landscaping
- Membership
- Social
- Special Events

Annual Dues/Membership Types:

- \$25.00 Property Represented
- \$12.50 Senior Citizens (62+) /Fixed Income
- \$25.00 Business/Non-resident

- New Application*
- Renewal*

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:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Embellecimiento | <input type="checkbox"/> Vigilancia de la Vecindad |
| <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50 | Tercera Edad (62+) /Bajos Ingresos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Negocio/No resident |
- Nuevo Miembro* *Renovando*

Cantidad de la Cuota Anual: _____

_____ *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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Step two:

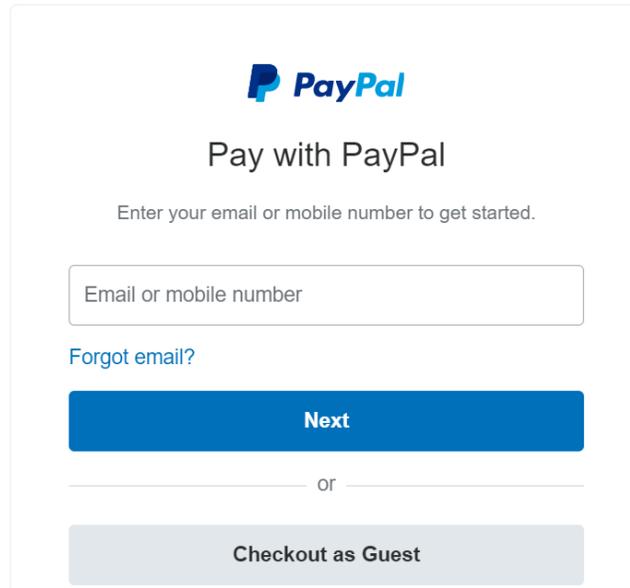
Select the type of membership you fall under and then click the button under it that says “Pay with PayPal”.

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.



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DECEMBER 2021							<i>DICIEMBRE 2021</i>
Sunday <small>domingo</small>	Monday <small>lunes</small>	Tuesday <small>martes</small>	Wednesday <small>miércoles</small>	Thursday <small>jueves</small>	Friday <small>viernes</small>	Saturday <small>sábado</small>	
28 <i>Hannukah begins</i>	29	30	1	2	3 	4	
5	6 <i>Hannukah ends</i>	7	8	9	10 	11	
12	13	14	15	16 OSBCA Holiday House Decorating Contest Begins!	17 	18 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>	
19	20 <i>SBISD break begins</i>	21 <i>First day of winter</i>	22	23 HEAVY TRASH: TREE & JUNK WASTE OSBCA Holiday House Decorating Contest ENDS!	24 	25 <i>Christmas</i>	
26 <i>Kwanzaa begins</i>	27	28	29	30	31  <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 <i>Kwanzaa ends</i>	

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Holiday House Decorating Contest

Judging the week of December 16 – 23.

TOP 6 PLACES will be listed in January's *The Bugler* newsletter.

OSBCA members will be judging the decorated homes in the neighborhood during the dates mentioned above.

Make sure your lights are on every night during judging week.

There are no set guidelines. Judging is done on personal preference.

Fill out the following for with your top six selections:

<https://forms.gle/jhvMgtqVGT3WGXnM8>

CONCURSO DE DECORACIÓN NAVIDEÑA

16 – 23 de Diciembre

1ro – 6to lugares serán nombradas en enero en el boletín *The Bugler*.

Miembros de OSBCA elegirán las casas ganadoras.

Si quiere que su casa forme parte del concurso, asegúrese de tener las luces encendidas la semana del concurso.

Seleccione sus seis casas decoradas favoritas llenando esta forma:

<https://forms.gle/jhvMgtqVGT3WGXnM8>