



Old Spring Branch Bugler

January 2022 * enero 2022

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, January 27: TREE WASTE

Thursday, February 24: JUNK WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 27 de enero: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 24 de febrero: Basura Chatarra

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

Happy new year, Old Spring Branch! I hope your holidays were shared with family and friends in a safe and healthy environment.

This *Bugler* – January 2022 edition is one (1) of two (2) hard copies that will be delivered to you OSB residents in 2022. The other hard copy will come to your home in May 2022. However, the monthly *Bugler* in 2022 will be found on our website, OldSpringBranch.org. If you have paid your OSBCA membership for 2021-2022, you will receive the *Bugler* by email.

Our last in-person meeting was May 11, 2021. At that meeting, the decision was made to have quarterly meetings until this COVID-19 and variances settled down to a safer level. **The next OSBCA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 7 p.m., at the [Mendenhall Civic Center](#), 1414 Wirt Rd.** Masking and social distancing will be observed. I hope that you will choose to join us. Your physical presence and your input for our organization is important.

OSBCA strives to save the standards of our community through each Subdivision's Deed Restrictions and enforcing the City of Houston City Ordinances (Codes). We must not allow those who "don't care" to bring our neighborhood down to "trashy" ways of life. It is important that "those of us who DO care," contact 3-1-1 to report code violations, and contact Asst. City Attorney, Alexandria (Alex) Tolbert, 832-393-6250, to request a City Legal Inspector to check out activities happening on an OSB property.

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OSBCA Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – 7 p.m.
Mendenhall Civic Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.



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From the president, *continued*....

At this early time of 2022, it is not a safe and healthy time in our community, city, state, the world. It is important that we get vaccinated, get the booster shot, wear our masks, wash our hands and do all we can to protect ourselves and others from this virus. This is each of our responsibility. Be responsible!

Take care. Be safe. Make it a happy 2022 year. Hope to see you at our January 11, OSB, in-person meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Loretta Nalley

Another new year has begun! As of December 30, 2021, we have 35 members! Thank you all for your contributions. Be safe in the new year.

BEAUTIFICATION: YARDS

Jo Lightsey

I am going to take this opportunity to combine our efforts to keep our neighborhood attractive through a well-groomed winter yard and picking up litter from our property to the middle of the street. **Carry a litter bag in your car. Bring your litter home and put it in your home trash.** If the Solid Waste Dept. missed picking up your heavy trash on December 23, please report it to 3-1-1.

If you put out Heavy Trash after the collection, then be prepared to receive a citation from the City of Houston. **This month is Tree Only month.** Collection date is Thursday, January 27.

The “Yards of the Month” will resume in April. However, the lawn will continue to grow slowly, and leaves will fall from trees until bare. Therefore, I suggest residents mow/mulch leaves, edge and weed-eat their yards at least every two (2) weeks.

Yard clippings, in City of Houston approved bags, and bundled/tied small branches are picked up on Fridays along with garbage.

Remember to take down your Christmas lights.

Protect your plants from freezing. Cut back on watering your lawn. Apply fungicide to keep “brown patch” in check. Fertilize with Micro Life 8-12-16.

Thank you, LMC for continuing to maintain our two (2) esplanades: Hammerly and Wirt, Antoine and Long Point. You are appreciated.

Thank you, Nino, for maintaining our drip/sprinkler systems at both locations. You, too, are appreciated.

Now is the best time to get your AC system checked for efficiency to ensure maximum performance!



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RECOMMENDED 2022 NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS FOR OSB

1. Start by abiding by the City of Houston Ordinances (Codes). Do not be guilty of someone calling 3-1-1 on you for a “code” violation.
2. Be in compliance with your subdivision deed restrictions. If in doubt, call an OSB board member or go to the OSB website: OldSpringBranch.org.
3. Make a point to commit to one hour a quarter to attend a OSB Civic Association meeting, the second Tuesday of that month. Your input is important.
4. Become an annual member of OSBCA: \$25 per resident address per year, \$12.50 for seniors and fixed income residents
5. Become involved in OSB activities like Citizens on Patrol. Serve on a committee or be a street representative.
6. Give back to your community and be supportive of the Civic Association. We are here to serve you and make our area a better place to live. Your suggestions and help is needed.
7. Read the monthly newsletter, *The Bugler*.

2021 OSBCA HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST – RESULTS!

Our participation in decorating our homes for the holiday season was not to compete in a contest, but to express our happiness during the holiday season. No prizes are awarded for the decorations. It is a joy to see folks transform their property into a bright, shiny and cheerful exhibit of love.

Therefore, to give some incentive, OSBCA asked residents to drive throughout the neighborhood and, in their opinion, choose the best decorated. There is no “right” or “wrong” for theme or design. This year, there were approximately eighty (80) to eighty-five (85) homes that had some sort of Christmas decorations. The “best” is in the “eye of the judge”, so to speak.

This year, 2021, volunteer judges submitted their top six (6) decorated home selections on a form created by our editor, Sybil Sanchez. The form was found on the website in the online Bugler. We had a total of seven (7) judges. There were sixteen (16) different decorated homes submitted by the judges for the top six (6).

Of the 16 suggested decorated homes, **the judges selected the following TOP SIX** (listed in alphabetical order):

**2110 Counter Point
2219 Silverbonnet**

**2023 Counter Point
7614 Turquoise**

**7614 Hammerly
2106 Woodvine**

Honorable mention: 2031 Thonig

Thank you, to those who took the time to “judge” and, most importantly, thank you, to ALL who decorated this holiday season.

Make it a very happy and safe new year, 2022!

BUILDING PERMITS: THE CITY OF HOUSTON & DEED RESTRICTIONS

IMPORTANT!!! Building permits must be in compliance with Deed Restrictions!!!

In order to protect the neighborhood character and property values, the City of Houston is cooperating with citizens to ensure building permits are not in conflict with deed restrictions. You as a responsible homeowner are required by law to abide by your Deed Restrictions.

Before you begin any construction:

Before you begin any construction or home improvement project, please consult your civic association regarding possible deed restrictions within your area. You may not purchase a building permit without signing a sworn deed restriction affidavit stating that you are aware of and agree to abide by deed restrictions pertaining to your project. That is the law.

Building Permits:

The building permit application needs to have the correct legal description, including the subdivision name and the Deed Restrictions Affidavit on the back of the Permit, must be filled out; (a legal description can be found on the title to your property). Customer Service Representatives will check the subdivision listed on your permit application against a database index of restrictions.

ALL construction projects MUST comply with the community's deed restrictions. If you knowingly, or unknowingly, sign the deed restriction affidavit under false pretenses, you could be subject to municipal court citations, fines, and the removal of the structure or violating portion thereof at any time in the future.

To research restrictions, you can:

1. Check to see if a Notice of Restrictions was provided at your closing (required by title insurance in some areas). If not ask your agent to research and provide you a copy.
2. Obtain a copy of restrictions from either Harris County Clerk's office or through your Civic Association. Attend our monthly meetings and request a copy if necessary.
3. Contact a title abstract company to obtain a copy of the restrictions or a letter stating that there are no restrictions.

Projects that require a permit include:

- New construction of building or structures
- Alterations, repairs or additions to existing buildings or structures. Changes in the use or occupancy of an existing building or structure. Interior tenant lease build-outs, remodeling and repairs.
- Exterior remodels, alterations or repairs. Moving/relocation existing buildings.
- Demolition (interior and complete buildings).
- Fences over 8' high.
- Driveways and sidewalks (in city R.O.W.)
- Parking lot paving.

If you need clarification concerning fees or have questions concerning building permits, please call 832- 394-8852, before beginning any project to be informed.

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

Step one:

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

Step two:

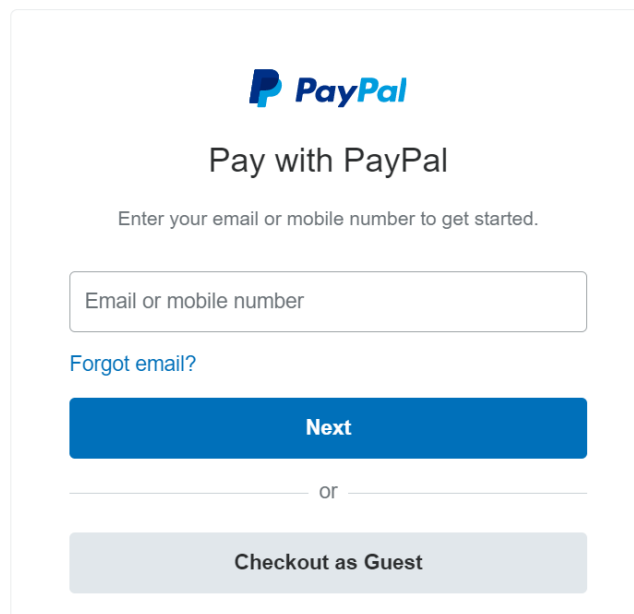
Select the type of membership you fall under and then click the button under it that says “Pay with PayPal”.

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.



The screenshot shows the PayPal payment interface. At the top is the PayPal logo. Below it is the heading "Pay with PayPal". Underneath is the instruction "Enter your email or mobile number to get started." followed by a text input field containing the placeholder "Email or mobile number". Below the input field is a blue link that says "Forgot email?". There is a prominent blue button labeled "Next". Below this button is a horizontal line with the word "or" centered under it. At the bottom of the form is a grey button labeled "Checkout as Guest".

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, January 28, 2022

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

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Name: _____

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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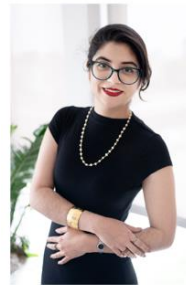
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CITY OF HOUSTON - IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

(Keep these handy)

CITY HALL/CITY HALL ANNEX

District A – Amy Peck	832-393-3010
Liz Miranda, Chief of Staff, District A.....	832-393-3379
At-large 1 – Mike Knox.....	832-393-3014
At-large 2 – David Robindon.....	832-393-3013
At-large 3 – Michael Kubosh.....	832-393-3005
At-large 4 – Letitia Plummer DDS.....	832-393-3012
At-large 5 – Sallie Alcorn.....	832-393-3006
City Attorney’s Office.....	832-393-3440
Asst. City Attorney - Alexandria Tolbert, District A.....	832-393-6250
City Secretary.....	832-393-1100
Legal.....	832-393-1029

CITY DEPARTMENT

3-1-1 (City Ordinance Violations).....	713-837-0311
Citizen’s Assistance Office.....	832-393-0955
Convention & Entertainment.....	713-853-8000
Fire.....	713-247-5000
Health & Human Services.....	713-794-9320
Houston Emergency Center.....	713-884-3911
Municipal Courts.....	713-247-5680
Parks & Recreation.....	713-865-4500
Planning & Development.....	713-837-7719
Building Permits.....	832-394-8852
Center Point Energy.....	713-207-2222
BARC (loose dogs).....	713-229-7342
Police Dispatch, Non-Emergency.....	713-884-3131
Police, HPD storefront – 8a-4p (Temporarily Closed).....	832-394-0102
Police, Northwest sub-station (ask for Sgt. Timmy Hermann).....	832-394-5500
Police, Spring Branch ISD (truancy, M-F, 8a-4p).....	713-984-9805
Harris County Clerk (Filed Deed Restrictions).....	713-755-6411
Public Works and Engineering.....	3-1-1
Solid Waste Management.....	832-393-0430, 713-699-8924

9-1-1 EMERGENCY ONLY

If any of the above numbers are incorrect, call 3-1-1.
They can direct your call.

HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING

2022 Schedule

MONTH	RECYCLING <i>(Every other Friday)</i>	HEAVY TRASH <i>(Fourth Thursday of the Month)</i>
January 2022	○ Jan 14 ○ Jan 28	○ Tree Jan 27
February 2022	○ Feb 11 ○ Feb 25	○ Junk Feb 24
March 2022	○ Mar 11 ○ Mar 25	○ Tree Mar 24
April 2022	○ April 8 ○ April 22	○ Junk April 26
May 2022	○ May 6 ○ May 20	○ Tree May 26
June 2022	○ June 3 ○ June 17	○ Junk June 23
July 2022	○ July 1 ○ July 15 ○ July 29	○ Tree July 28
August 2022	○ Aug 12 ○ Aug 26	○ Junk Aug 25
September 2022	○ Sept 9 ○ Sept 23	○ Tree Sept 22
October 2022	○ Oct 7 ○ Oct 21	○ Junk Oct 27
November 2022	○ Nov 4 ○ Nov 18	○ Tree Nov 25
December 2022	○ Dec 2 ○ Dec 16 ○ Dec 30	○ Junk Dec 22

YES! Put these in your recycling bin:

- **Metal and Cans:** Aluminum and Tin Cans. Examples include soup cans, vegetable cans, fruit cans, coffee cans (emptied and rinsed)
- **Cartons:** Both gable top and shelf-stable food and beverage cartons. Examples include milk cartons, juice cartons, soup cartons, soy milk/alternative milk cartons (emptied and rinsed)
- **Glass:** Bottles, jugs and jars only (emptied and rinsed)
- **Paper:** Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper
- **Cardboard:** Cardboard and cereal boxes (emptied of packing materials and flattened)
- **Plastic:** Bottles, tubs and jugs #1 - 5 and 7. Examples include water and soda bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, margarine tubs, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles. (emptied and rinsed)

Do **NOT** put the following in your GREEN RECYCLING bin:

Batteries/Electronics; Shredded Paper; Tangles (cords, hoses, wires, clothing); Food/Liquids; Trash and Bagged Recycling; Furniture and Household Goods; Scrap Wood and Scrap Metal (NO Helium Tanks); Yard Waste.

Old Spring Branch Civic Association

JANUARY 2022						ENERO 2022
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>
2	3	4	5	6	7 	8
9	10	11 OSBCA Meeting, 7p	12	13	14  	15
16	17 MLK Jr. Day	18	19	20	21 	22 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
23	24	25	26	27 HEAVY TRASH: TREE WASTE	28  	29
30	31	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 	5

OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
<u>OFFICERS</u>		
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Harland & Todd:		
Jacquelyn/ E. Hammerly:	Mike McGeehon	713-956-8446
Johanna:	Florence Armbruster	713-688-7546
Silverbonnet, Cedel & W. Hammerly:	---Vacant---	
Thonig:	---Vacant---	
Woodvine:	Rosario Machorro	713-391-6355

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