



Old Spring Branch Bugler

February 2022 * febrero 2022

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, February 24: JUNK WASTE

Thursday, March 24: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 24 de febrero: Basura Chatarra

jueves, 24 de marzo: Desechos Verdes

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

****RECUERDE QUE OLD SPRING BRANCH ES UNA COMUNIDAD BAJO RESTRICCIONES.****

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

I hope that everyone in OSB enjoyed reading the January Bugler. The information included was for your convenience.

Heavy Trash

Please note that the City of Houston Solid Waste is back on its regular Heavy Trash schedule, and January was TREE TRASH ONLY. For those of you who had Junk trash mixed with Tree Trash, your Heavy Trash was not picked up. Therefore, those addresses in violation of “wrong” and “early Junk Trash” will be reported to 3-1-1.

Because you are liable to be given a citation from the City of Houston, **it is my suggestion that you remove all Heavy Trash from the curb until one week before Junk Trash collection, Thursday, February 24.** Yes, Junk Waste can include Trees. NO junk waste can be in Tree Waste Only months.

- Tree Only months are the ODD numbered months: January, March, May, July, September and November.
- Junk Only months are the EVEN numbered months: February, April, June, August, October and December

Please get into compliance with the City of Houston ordinances/codes. It is important to keep our neighborhood acceptable and livable.

Deed Restriction Violations

At the OSB January Meeting, several topics were discussed. We are looking into several homes/properties that are in violation of its subdivision deed restrictions, by conducting a business from out of the home. Multiple vehicles block the right-a-way on the streets. Commercial vehicles are parked in the driveway and/or on the street overnight. The City of Houston Assistant Attorney has been notified and some of the investigations have begun.

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PLEASE BECOME AN OSB MEMBER

Murphy Critelli

If you enjoy living in the Old Spring Branch neighborhood and want to help make sure it stays just the way we like it in the future, please consider becoming an OSB member. Our neighborhood association has many benefits for its residents and the community as a whole.

If you are new to the Old Spring Branch area and you are not a member yet, what are you waiting for? Now would be a great time to join the OSB neighborhood association. The purpose of neighborhood associations is to advocate for your neighborhood with local government, improve neighborhood amenities, and organize activities.

Often, neighborhood associations are organized by the residents themselves, as was the situation long ago here in Old Spring Branch. The OSB neighborhood association welcomes all residents, regardless of whether you are a homeowner or are a renter. We also have representatives from local businesses and schools as well. When residents, businesses, and others work together through a neighborhood association, we can meet the needs of the community and address many issues in ways individuals cannot do on their own.

The purpose of neighborhood associations is to bring together residents who share common goals and want to create a place to meet other residents, share concerns, offer solutions, and create a greater sense of community. Through voluntary participation and elected officials, neighborhood associations bring residents together and provide a line of communication with local government to give residents a voice in issues that directly affect their families and their property. And their bylaws can govern the appearance of properties, keep up local amenities, and coordinate community activities.

The purpose of any neighborhood associations is to bring value to your neighborhood in various ways. Now is a great time to become an OSB Member. If you are already a member please get involved and help build a better neighborhood with us today!

From the president, *continued....*

Speeding in our Neighborhood

Speeding control on Hammerly and even on side streets is still a problem. A resident confronted a speeder on Counter Point near the elementary school and he was shot by an individual in the speeding vehicle. The resident was taken to the hospital with a gunshot wound but is all right. Please DO NOT put yourself in harm's way. However, DO report to HPD, 713-884-3131, any information, about gunshots in our neighborhood.

COVID-19 Safety and Prevention

In addition, we as neighbors, still need to be aware and stay safe against COVID-19. I encourage residents to get vaccinated, wear your mask and avoid large gatherings. Staying within a small personal "bubble" is good practice. We are not out of the woods yet concerning this virus.

Contacting OSBCA with Concerns or Questions

One may contact any OSBCA board member with concerns or questions. Leave a name, phone number and reason for your call. Your call will be returned.

Next Quarterly Meeting

Our next Quarterly meeting is March 8, 2022. Remember you can contact 3-1-1 to report any code violations, forgotten City Services at your resident, and to be directed to a departmental phone number.

Thank you for being a supportive OSB resident.

MEMBERSHIP

Loretta Nalley

I would like to start Thanking Murphy on a great article this month. As of Jan. 27, we have 37 members. Thank you for sending in your memberships.

Here's a quick view on how many memberships we have by street.

Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
3	1	7	4*	1	1	1	2	3	4*	10*

There are 400 residences in OSBCA. If you haven't become a member, take this opportunity to pay your membership. Regular membership is \$25 and senior/fixed income is \$12.50.

Remember, you can now pay online via PayPal! [Click here to get started.](#)

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.



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CRIME REPORTS - JANUARY 2022

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the reports incidents filed with the Houston Police Department from December 30, 2021 thru January 26, 2022.

- Two reports of Aggravated Assault: January 7, 9AM, 1900 Block of Counter Point and January 18, 6AM, 7400 Block of Long Point.
- Four reports of Simple Assault: December 30, 9PM, 2000 Block of Johanna; January 8, 12PM, 2000 Block of Antoine; January 9, 9AM, 7600 Block of Hammerly; and January 16, 2AM, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Three reports of Intimidation: January 15, 6PM, 1800 Block of Jacquelyn; January 16, 2AM, 2000 Block of Antoine and January 25, 8PM, 2200 Block of Silverbonnet.
- One report of Breaking & Entering: January 12, 2AM, 2000 Block of Johanna.
- One report of Robbery: January 15, 4PM, 7500 Block of Long Point (convenience store).
- One report of Theft: January 18, 7AM, 7400 Block of Long Point.
- Two reports of Motor Vehicle Theft: January 17, 5PM, 7400 Block of Long Point and January 20, 10AM at same location.
- One report of Theft from Vehicle: January 5, 2AM, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One report of Forcible Fondling: January 10, 2PM, 2000 Block of Thonig.
- One report of All Other Offenses: January 15, 9AM, 7600 Block of Hammerly.

Please note that the above information was gathered from the [LexisNexis Community Crime on the Houston Police Department website](#).

You can file a police report online 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.)

Website is: houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm

CITIZENS ON PATROL – JANUARY 2022

Virginia Lehman

Due to our newsletter deadline, I will report our January hours with the March newsletter.

There continues to be ‘activity’ at a couple of vacant homes in the area. HPD was called for both incidents, however there is little that HPD can do without the owner’s presence or consent. We have received a few reports of gunfire in the area, it is unfortunate that the ‘gunfire’ seems to be a problem happening all over the city. If you hear gunfire, please call it in to the HPD non-emergency number (713-884-3131). Remember to lock your cars! 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.

Please 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.

December 2021 Crime Report and Citizens on Patrol on next page

CRIME REPORTS – DECEMBER 2021

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the reports incidents filed with the Houston Police Department from November 26 – December 29, 2021.

- Three reports of Aggravated Assault: December 8, 11AM, 7500 Block of Long Point; December 10, 4PM, 7800 Block of Hammerly; and December 24, 9PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Five reports of Simple Assault: December 3, 11AM, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn and 2AM, 7400 Block of Long Point; December, 10PM, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn; December 9, 8PM, 1900 Block of Woodvine; and December 11, 2PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- Four reports of Intimidation: December 7, 11AM, 7300 Block of Long Point; December 13, 12AM, 7400 Block of Long Point; December 14, 3PM, 2000 Block of Harland and December 16, 11AM, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn.
- Three reports of Breaking & Entering: December 4, 12PM, 7700 Block of Hammerly and at 4PM, 7700 Block of Long Point and December 7, 5PM, 2000 Block of Thonig.
- Two reports of Property Crime: November 27, 3AM, 2200 Block of Silverbonnet (trespass of real property) and December 13, 7PM, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- Four reports of Robbery: December 6, 5PM, 1800 Block of Johanna; December 15, 11AM, 2000 Block of Antoine; and December 23, 6PM and 11PM, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One report of Theft: December 14, 10PM, 1800 Block of Antoine (embezzlement).
- Five reports of All Other Crimes (all other larceny): December 3, 6 PM, 2000 Block of Antoine; December 7, 8PM, 2000 Block of Counter Point; December 11, 11PM, 7700 Block of Long Point; December 15, 6PM, 7600 Block of Long Point and December 17, 1PM, 2100 Block of Harland.
- Two reports of Motor Vehicle Theft: December 23, 8PM, 2000 Block of Antoine and December 24, 11AM, 2100 Block of Woodvine.
- Two reports of Drug and Narcotic Violations: December 2, 1AM, 1800 Block of Antoine and December 14, 1PM, 2000 Block of Antoine.

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CITIZENS ON PATROL – DECEMBER 2021

Virginia Lehman

We reported a total of 31.5 patrol hours for November and 30.75 patrol hours for December 2021.

If you would like to join our Citizens Patrol group, please feel free to contact me, Virginia Lehman, by email at Virginia.Lehman@yahoo.com. We would love to have you.

As always, 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!

DEED RESTRICTIONS – REMINDER ON CLAUSE ABOUT STORAGE OF VEHICLES AND ANIMALS

Deed Restrictions in the Old Spring Branch area go back as far as 1955 and were created in some subdivisions as the developers completed homes. This article is to simply inform residents that DO have deed restrictions, how parts of their deed restrictions relate to some of the City of Houston ordinances.

Residents in THONIG TRACK (Thonig), LONG POINT OAKS (Counter Point, Woodvine, Turquoise, 7518-7614 Hammerly), HILLDALE/Silverbonnet, and SILVERBONNET PLACE/Cedel, in 1994, elected to revise and record updated deed restrictions. They still stand.

The clause that reflects the most common city ordinance is in ARTICLE IV:

Section 3. Location of the Improvements upon the Lot

“All vehicle driveways must be hard surfaced. Any structures in existence before the date of this instrument shall be deemed in compliance with this declaration.”

Section 7. Storage of Vehicles

“No motor vehicle or non-motorized vehicle, boat, trailer, bus, marine craft, recreational vehicle, eighteen (18) wheel vehicle, truck camper rig, hovercraft, aircraft, machinery or equipment of any kind may be parked or stored on a Lot unless completely concealed from public view in a garage or building or stored on the back of the lot and away from the easement or right-a-way and is not unsightly to the neighborhood.

Passenger automobiles, passenger vans, motorcycles, or pick-up trucks that (a) are in operating condition, (b) have current license plates and inspection stickers, and (c) are in daily use as motor vehicles on the streets and highways of the State of Texas, may/must be parked in the driveway on a Lot; however, no vehicle shall be parked so as to obstruct or block a sidewalk.

No vehicle may be repaired or restored on a Lot for a period exceeding three (3) consecutive days unless the vehicle being repaired or restored is concealed from public view inside the garage. The restriction shall not apply to any vehicle, machinery or equipment temporarily parked and is use for the construction, repair or maintenance of a house on a Lot.”

Section 10. Animals

“No animals of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any lot except as hereinafter provided. **A total of three (3) dogs, three (3) cats, and three (3) other household pets may be kept on a Lot** (except for fish of a type customarily kept within normal home aquariums or outside fountain type aquariums, with respect to which there shall be no limitation on amount) provided that:

- (a) they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes;
- (b) they do not make objectionable noises, create any objectionable odor, or otherwise constitute an unreasonable nuisance to their Owners or Neighbors; and
- (c) of dogs, they are kept within the dwelling, an enclosed yard on the Lot occupied by the Owner of such pets, or on a leash being held by a person capable of controlling the animal.

Every resident that lives in one of the deed restricted areas in Old Spring Branch should have a copy of their deed restrictions. Contact Old Spring Branch Civic Association at 713-681-0560. Leave your name and phone number.

BEAUTIFICATION

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.

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 weeks.

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

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



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Deadline: Friday, February 25, 2022

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

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

2021 – 2022 Membership Form

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Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

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 |
- 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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Cheque a nombre de Old Spring Branch Civic Association o OSBCA.



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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

FEBRUARY 2022						FEBRERO 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>
30	31	1 <i>Lunar New Year</i>	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11  	12
13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18 	19 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
20	21 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	22	23	24 HEAVY TRASH: JUNK WASTE	25  	26
27	28	1	2	3	4 	5

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Thonig:	---Vacant---	
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HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING

2022 Schedule

MONTH	RECYCLING <i>(Every other Friday)</i>	HEAVY TRASH <i>(Fourth Thursday of the Month)</i>
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.