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# Old Spring Branch Bugler

May 2022 \* mayo 2022

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## Heavy Trash Pick-Up

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

Thursday, May 26: TREE WASTE

Thursday, June 23: JUNK WASTE

## Recolección de Basura Pesada

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

jueves, 26 de mayo: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 23 de junio: Basura Chatarra

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### 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*

Listen up, residents of OSB! **MAY IS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MONTH.** Whether you are a homeowner, leasing or renting, the Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA) works to maintain a safe, quiet and great quality of life for every adult and child in the OSB area.

**The benefits of becoming a member of the OSBCA** are enforcement the Deed Restrictions, supporting Citizens on Patrol (volunteers who drive the neighborhood with quick access to HPD, when needed), maintain the website [OldSpringBranch.org](http://OldSpringBranch.org) to enable residents to obtain up to date information, and select Yards of the Month and lists the top 6 best decorated yards in OSB during the holiday season.

**We need your financial support!** We need your physical support at our quarterly meetings! We have 350 residents in our OSB area. We need more than 38 members. Membership is only \$25 per residence and, if retired or on a fixed income, \$12.50 per residence, annually. Members receive the Bugler newsletter by e-mail. JOIN OSBCA!

This year, the OSBCA is hoping to bring back **Neighbors Night Out** and the **annual holiday party**. Therefore, your becoming a member helps pay for these social events. Also, your membership helps pay for the printed Bugler hardcopies that are delivered directly to to all residents and businesses in MAY and in JANUARY.

The attendance at the April 26 **redistricting meeting** was good. The main concern from the attendees to Amy Peck, was that Spring Branch is not divided. A map of the possible restricting of District A will be presented May 22, 2022. Here's hoping the input from the crowd will keep District A the same.

The next concern would have been discussed before you get this May Bugler. The City Public Works Dept. has placed in its plans a **roundabout** at Hammerly, Antoine, Hempstead Rd. In my opinion, this will be a disaster. This meeting was publicized for May 3, 2022. I will be reporting back to you with OSBCA's input and the pending results of such a project.

Hang in there, OSB. Let's keep moving forward! Support your neighborhood!



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# BEAUTIFICATION - DO YOUR PART TO BEAUTIFY OSB

Jo Lightsey

I was just thinking, "How long have I reached out to the residents of OSB as Chairman of the Beautification Committee?" A lot longer than I have served as your President. I believe I volunteered as Beautification Chairman in 1991, when the civic association established itself as the Old Spring Branch Civic Association (OSBCA).

I still serve in that position along with being President. I have preached about beautifying the neighborhood forever. I have always encouraged our residents to be responsible and keep our neighborhood litter free and follow all the City of Houston codes.

Most of you have not lived here in OSB as long as I have. I bought my home in September 1975. This area was not the best kept area at that time. However, since 1991, our OSBCA has been responsible for making many improvements to our area.

Today, as I drove through the neighborhood, I was saddened to see some residences that had slipped back from the standards that we as an organization established. Folks, you have chosen to live in this particular area because it was appealing to you and your family. However, many of these families have let OSB down by ignoring the city codes and being in violation of its subdivision Deed Restrictions. Long story short, this makes some of our OSB areas look trashy and undesirable.

There are those on every street of OSB that work desperately to uphold the rules of the neighborhood. You are the ones that keep our area beautiful. Thank you!

My message to all of you in OSB, keep OSB moving forward toward improvement! Love it as I have and do! Be responsible and make OSB beautiful!

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## OLD SPRING BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION SLATE 2022-2023

These are the nominations to lead our neighborhood/civic organization for 2022-2023. If anyone would like to fill the vacant positions on the board, please call 713-681-0560 and leave your name and phone number. This slate will be voted on at the June 14, 2022, quarterly meeting.

OSB needs for someone to step up and be our nominee for Vice President.

Officers serve one term (2022-2023) and the board member serve two years (2021-2023).

Officers
President: Jo Lightsey
Vice President: <i>Vacant</i>
Secretary: Linda Whatley
Treasurer: Virginia Lehman

Street Representatives
Antoine: <i>Vacant</i>
Counter Point/Turquoise: Anonymous
Harland/Todd: <i>Vacant</i>
Jacquelyn/E.Hammerly: Mike McGeehon
Johanna: Florence Armbruster
Silverbonnet/Cedel: <i>Vacant</i>
Thonig: <i>Vacant</i>
Woodvine: Rosario Machorro

# MEMBERSHIP

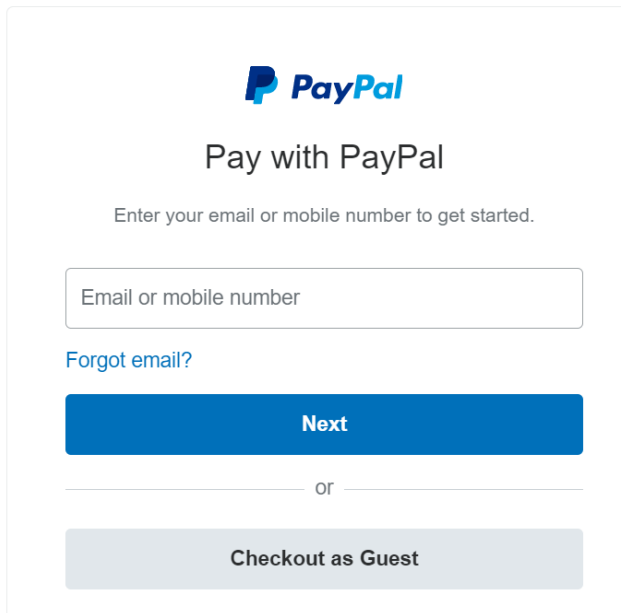
Loretta Nalley

There are 38 members as of April 2022. Thank you for being a member from May 2021 through May 2022.

We now must start a NEW year of the membership drive. We will be stapling envelopes to the bugler the month of May.

You can mail in your membership or pay by PayPal, just visit our [Old Spring Branch website](#) and sign up.

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



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### Step one:

Visit [OldSpringBranch.org](http://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”

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## CITIZENS ON PATROL – APRIL 2022

Due to the Bugler deadline, we will report our April patrol hours in the June newsletter.

Pleased to announce that HPD has resumed the **monthly PIP meetings** and, also certification classes for Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteers. **PIP meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m.** at the [Faith Center Chapel](#) located at 8009 Long Point, everyone is invited to attend. They usually have very interesting speakers discussing a variety of topics. **Certification classes** for are held once a month, usually at the storefront, **the second Wednesday of the month around 6 p.m.** (subject to change). I am sorry to report that our Storefront will not reopen to the public any time soon.

Please stay alert, be diligent and report any incidents that you see or hear. If the police department is not aware of anything going on in our neighborhood, they will not patrol our area. You can call the non-emergency number at 713-884-3131. If it is life-threatening situation, please call 911!

We are always looking for volunteers to join our CP group. If you are interested, feel free to contact Virginia at 832-748-8088, please leave a message. We would love to have you.

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## CRIME REPORTS – APRIL 2022

*Virginia Lehman*

Listed below are the reports incidents filed with the Houston Police Department from March 31 thru April 29, 2022:

- One report of Aggravated Assault: April 6, 4am, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- Four reports of Simple Assault: April 2, 11am, 2000 Block of Antoine; April 8, 8PM, 2000 Block of Antoine; April 8, 11pm, 2000 Block of Johanna and April 17, 2am, 7500 Block of Long Point.
- One report of Intimidation: April 23, 11am, 7400 Block of Long Point.
- Five reports of Theft from Vehicle: April 7, 7pm, 7500 Block of Long Point; April 11, 6pm, 1900 Block of Johanna; April 13, 5pm, 1900 Block of Johanna; April 18, 10pm, 2000 Block of Counter Point; and April 23, 3pm, 1900 Block of Woodvine.
- Four reports of All Other Crimes/Offenses: April 8, 10am, 1800Block of Antoine (all other offenses); April 8, 10am, 1800 Block of Antoine (Prostitution); April 11, 11am, 2000 Block of Antoine (counterfeiting, forgery) and April 27, 9am, 1800 Block of Thonig (All other offenses).
- Four reports of Breaking & Entering – Commercial: April 4, 5pm, 11400 Block of Todd; April 4, 10pm, 7500 Block of Long Point; April 6, 7800 Block of Long Point and April 16, 7AM, 11400 Block of Todd.
- One report of Robbery - Commercial: April 9, 9pm, 7400 Block of Long Point.
- Four reports of Breaking & Entering – Commercial: April 4, 5pm, 11400 Block of Todd; April 4, 10pm, 7500 Block of Long Point; April 6, 1am, 7800 Block of Long Point and April 16, 7am, 11400 Block of Todd.
- Four reports of Destruction, Damage, Vandalism: April 7, 10pm, 2000 Block of Antoine; April 9, 1PM, 7500 Block of Long Point; April 19, 12am, 2000 Block of Long Point and April 2th, 9pm, 2000 Block of Johanna
- Three Reports of Motor Vehicle Theft: April 2, 5am, 2000 Block of Antoine; April 12, 6am, 2000 Block of Johanna and April 21, 9am, 7800 Block of Long Point.

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](http://houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm)

## YARDS OF THE MONTH: APRIL 2022

You did not make the “Yards for the Month” for April? Well, it does not mean that you can’t make it for the month of May. I know some of us have not yet gotten back into the swing of things concerning our landscaping and yards. The recent rains may help all yards to get over the bare spots showing in some yards. The Criteria is printed again for all to refer to and to get with it for the upcoming months.

Those who made the April “yards of the month” are listed below:

Amelia	*7636, *7635
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	7706
Counter Point	2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2035, 2126, 2130, 2203
Hammerly	7526, 7603, 7607, 7610, *7625, *7706
Harland	1919, 2015, 2011, *2102
Inch	None
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, *2067
Johanna	2069, *2031, *2048, *2020, *2002, *1905, *1906, *1928 *1838, *1833
Silverbonnet	None
Thonig	1942, 2045, 2039
Todd	None
Turquoise	None
Woodwine	2006, 2007, 2014, 2103

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

## OLD SPRING BRANCH CRITERIA FOR BEAUTIFUL YARDS

Below is Old Spring Branch’s guide for getting your yard placed on the **YARDS OF THE MONTH** list.

*Save this for your future use.*

### Criteria for Yards of the Month

- Green, mowed and edged
- General neatness (no visible garbage or clutter)
- Shrubs and trees neatly pruned
- Walks, driveways and curbs swept and clean
- Nice overall landscaping design
- Color contrast (flowers, shrubs, etc.)
- City of Houston Codes and OSB Deed Restrictions must be observed

In addition...

- No dead plants
- No out of season Christmas lights
- Buildings, fences, porches and patios in good repair
- No indoor furniture on porches or patios
- Must be attractive and pleasing to the eye

*Thanks to Campbell Woods for use of its yard criteria.*

## **DEED RESTRICTIONS: WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT**

### **What are real estate Deed Restrictions and how can you find out about them?**

Real estate deed restrictions are typically written right into a property's deed. Sometimes they are also called Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's). They could be imposed by the developer, builder, neighborhood or homeowners' association or the property's past or present owners.

When considering a home for purchase, it may not be immediately apparent if there ARE any deed restrictions. As you get more serious about moving forward and placing an offer, it's important to check, as deed restrictions can impose serious limitations on what you can do with your home. It's best to know in advance!

### **How do you find out about the existence of Deed Restrictions?**

A good listing agent should research that information in the property deed before putting the home on the market and have it available upon request. A good buyer agent should make you aware of the possibility of deed restrictions and should advise you to ask the right questions when consulting you regarding your home purchase. I would recommend reviewing the deed restrictions yourself or asking your attorney to look.

### **Why are Deed Restrictions necessary?**

At first glance, deed restrictions may seem unduly "restrictive", unreasonable, just plain annoying or even arbitrary (no satellite dishes in sight, no clothes lines, no above-ground pools, no farm animals, etc.). However, most are imposed based on previous bad experiences and are intended to preserve property values of the neighborhood, subdivision or condo complex.

### **CASE IN POINT: Commercial Vehicles**

"No commercial vehicles to be left in driveways" in one subdivision arose out of the fact that the developer had previously lived next door to a man, who operated a large garbage truck, which he routinely parked in his driveway overnight and on weekends, to the chagrin of the neighbors, who considered it a huge eyesore, literally and otherwise. Clearly, it was not the best presentation for the area as far as being attractive, which in turn affected local property values; hence the restriction in the new subdivision, where the developer had control.

### **CASE IN POINT: Dogs**

"Residents are limited to one dog" - my clients were interested in a home in a subdivision that had this restriction. They had one dog and one "on the way", ordered from a special breeder in Switzerland, so this was a very important item for them, but it was not spelled out anywhere in the listing information. In fact, it took quite a bit of "digging" to discover this fact. Both the listing agent and the owners assured us that "it would not be a problem, others have more than one dog". Well, would you take that risk? **It's not a problem until it is.** What would happen if someone chose to enforce the rule after the new puppy arrived? Would the new homeowners have to give up the dog or sell their new home?

### **Who enforces Deed Restrictions?**

It's usually the subdivision developer or a Homeowners Association that monitors and enforces real estate deed restrictions.

It might be true that some infractions might go "unpunished" for some time unless someone notices and complains or takes action. It's kind of like driving above the speed limit until you get nabbed and face a heavy fine. In the case of deed restriction violations, the costs might be steeper if it meant dismantling a forbidden pool for example, removing an unauthorized house addition or facing the prospect of having to give away a family pet.

It's always best to be informed in advance. If you are pressed for time when making an offer and don't have the opportunity to research or review the issue, you may want to include that as a contingency in your offer: "subject to review of deed restrictions, if any". That way you would be protected in case of any clauses in the deed restrictions that you might find unacceptable.

**Again, a good real estate agent should guide you in that process as well as throughout your home buying journey. Choose well!**

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## **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

**Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2022**

Got ideas or suggestions? Send them to [sybilsanchez@yahoo.com](mailto:sybilsanchez@yahoo.com), Subject line: OSBCA

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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 5-1-22 through 4-30-23.*

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 2022 – 2023

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.

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

*Cuota de membrecía válida del 1-5-22 hasta 30-4-23.*

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

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# Old Spring Branch Civic Association

<b>MAY 2022</b>			<b>MAYO 2022</b>			
Sunday <i>domingo</i>	Monday <i>lunes</i>	Tuesday <i>martes</i>	Wednesday <i>miércoles</i>	Thursday <i>jueves</i>	Friday <i>viernes</i>	Saturday <i>sábado</i>
1 <i>School Principals' Day</i>	2	3 <i>Teachers Day</i>  <i>Roundabout intersection meeting, 7p</i>	4 <i>Star Wars Day</i>	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6  <i>National Nurses Day</i>	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 <i>Women's Check up Day</i>	10	11 <i>Receptionists Day</i>	12	13 	14
15	16 <i>Do Something Good for your Neighbor Day</i>	17	18	19	20 	21 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>  <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
22	23	24	25	26 <b>HEAVY TRASH: TREE WASTE</b>	27 	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31	1	2	3 	4

## OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

<b>President:</b>	Jo Lightsey	713-681-0560
<b>Vice President:</b>	---Vacant---	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Linda Whatley	713-681-0560
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Virginia Lehman	832-748-8088

### STREET REPRESENTATIVES

<b>Antoine:</b>	---Vacant---	
<b>Counter Point &amp; Turquoise:</b>	<i>Anonymous</i>	
<b>Harland &amp; Todd:</b>		
<b>Jacquelyn/ E. Hammerly:</b>	Mike McGeehon	713-956-8446
<b>Johanna:</b>	Florence Armbruster	713-688-7546
<b>Silverbonnet, Cedel &amp; W. Hammerly:</b>	---Vacant---	
<b>Thonig:</b>	---Vacant---	
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## OSBCA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### **Advertising:**

Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634

### **Beautification:**

Jo Lightsey, 713-681-0560

### **Citizens on Patrol (COP):**

Loretta Nalley, 832-868-8751  
Virginia Lehman, 832-748-8088

### **Communications:**

Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331  
Lorna Gast, Bugler Mail Out

### **Deed Restrictions:**

*Committee of Five*

### **In-Touch:**

Gerry Thielemann, 713-682-9634

### **Landscaping:**

Nino Roman, 832-877-4701

### **Membership:**

Loretta Nalley, 832-868-8751

### **Social:**

### **Website:**

Sybil Sánchez, 832-722-2331

# HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING

## 2022 Schedule

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>RECYCLING</b> <i>(Every other Friday)</i>	<b>HEAVY TRASH</b> <i>(Fourth Thursday of the Month)</i>
May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May 6</li> <li>○ May 20</li> </ul>	○ Tree May 26
June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ June 3</li> <li>○ June 17</li> </ul>	○ Junk June 23
July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ July 1</li> <li>○ July 15</li> <li>○ July 29</li> </ul>	○ Tree July 28
August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aug 12</li> <li>○ Aug 26</li> </ul>	○ Junk Aug 25
September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sept 9</li> <li>○ Sept 23</li> </ul>	○ Tree Sept 22
October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oct 7</li> <li>○ Oct 21</li> </ul>	○ Junk Oct 27
November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nov 4</li> <li>○ Nov 18</li> </ul>	○ Tree Nov 25
December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dec 2</li> <li>○ Dec 16</li> <li>○ Dec 30</li> </ul>	○ 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)

### **NO! Do NOT put these in your recycling bin:**

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