



Old Spring Branch Bugler

January 2023 * enero 2023

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, January 26: TREE WASTE

Thursday, February 23: JUNK WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 26 de enero: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 23 de febrero: Basura Chatarra

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

“Staying alive, staying alive, staying alive.” This is the “lyrics to sing, phrase to chant, tune to remember” as one administers “CPR.” This phrase is also vital for our OSB residents to remember in order to keep our Old Spring Branch Civic Association alive. Every once in a while, the neighborhood needs “CPR.”

I hope that your Christmas holidays were fun and safe. I also hope all our residents are looking forward to making the 2023 New Year a better time to live. Have a very Happy New Year!

Residents, as you can see, the **Bugler (OSBCA newsletter) is in hard copy this month and has been delivered to you. Please read it** and keep some of the information handy during the coming year. Also, remember that the **monthly newsletter can be found on the OSB website—OldSpringBranch.org**. If you choose to become a **OSBCA member**, you will receive the **Bugler through your email**. Folks, the **Bugler is the Civic Association’s way to communicate with you**, the neighborhood resident.

We, the OSBCA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs are dedicated to “staying alive.” In other words, the Civic Association works to uphold the standardized City of Houston ordinances and Subdivision deed restrictions.

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OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

7 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Civic Center, 1414 Wirt Rd

Mask required



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From the President, continued...

Your help is needed to comply and follow the rules and regulations. Therefore, with your support, both as a resident and/or a member, (financially), **we can “stay alive”** and continue to uphold the needed standards to keep our property value. **Keep in touch with your community with one of the following methods: meetings, website, membership email blast, The Bugler monthly newsletter.** Hope to see our neighborhood get more involved in keeping OSB alive!

Look forward to seeing you at the January 10, 2023, OSB meeting. We value your opinion and suggestions.

2022 HOLIDAY DECORATING RESULTS

Jo Lightsey

Our participation in decorating our homes 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 was no “right” or “wrong” for theme or design. This year, there were approximately eighty (80) homes that had some sort of holiday decorations. The “best” is in the “eye of the judge,” so to speak.

This year, 2022, volunteer judges submitted their top six decorated home selection to OSB secretary Linda Whatley. Of the suggested decorated homes, **the judges selected the following TOP six** (listed in alphabetical order).

**7603 Hammerly
2006 Woodvine**

**2045 Thonig
2011 Woodvine**


**7614 Turquoise
2134 Woodvine**

Honorable mention: 2035 Counter Point Dr.

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

MAKE IT A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR. HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2023!

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DEED RESTRICTION & CITY ORDINANCES

Committee of Five

The Deed Restrictions' Committee of Five wishes you a very Happy New Year and hope those of you who are still not in compliance with your deed restrictions, that you will truly make a new year's resolution to KINDLY get in compliance. This would make us so happy.

To those who do their part to follow the rules that your fellow neighbors voted to live by many years ago, thank you. You know the importance of upholding the "law of the land" that keep our property values up and taking pride in your property to help keep our neighborhood attractive.

Deed Restrictions & Ordinance violation updates

Current deed restriction violations:

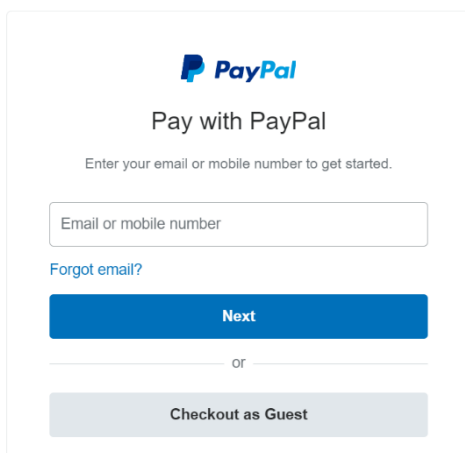
- Trailers in driveways
- Boat in driveway
- Businesses being operated from residences

City of Houston ordinance violations in our neighborhood:

- Parking on the sidewalks
- Parking the wrong way on street
- Inoperative vehicles on property and parked on street
- Commercial vehicles parked OVERNIGHT on residential streets

Really, OSB residents. **PLEASE get in compliance with all violations**, be it city and/or subdivision.

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



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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.

CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP)

Virginia Lehman

Happy New Year! I am hoping that this year we will get some greatly needed volunteers to join our COP group. You do not have to be a member of our civic association to join but must live in our civic association area. However, it does require a background check conducted by HPD and an approximate two-hour training session. Days and hours of patrolling are optional, but you are required to turn in your COP hours at the end of the month. If anyone is interested, please contact me at 832-748-8088; leave a message or send me a text. I do believe we make a difference!

As always, I want to thank our COP volunteers for patrolling our area whenever possible. Due to the Bugler deadline, I will have to report our patrol hours for December in February's newsletter.

I have set three COP goals for this year:

- 1. Recruit more members to our COP group**
- 2. Encourage neighbors to get to know each other so they can establish some contact information in case there is an emergency of some sort**
- 3. Try to get residents to have their house numbers displayed from the street in case of emergency**

We hope that everyone had a nice safe holiday season! Please don't become a victim to a 'crime of opportunity'! Be aware of your surroundings! 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 a life-threatening situation, please call 911!

CRIME REPORTS – DECEMBER 2022

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for December 1 thru December 29, 2022

- Two reports of Aggravated Assault: December 8th, 8AM, 2100 Block of Antoine and December 22nd, 12AM, 7600 Block of Hammerly.
- One report of Breaking & Entering (Commercial): December 24th, 11PM, 7700 Block of Hammerly.
- One report of Robbery: December 10th, 2AM, 7800 Block of Hammerly.
- Three reports of Motor Vehicle Theft: December 2nd, 4PM, 2000 Block of Antoine, December 8th, 10PM, 1800 Block of Johanna and December 29th, 10AM, 1900 Block of Johanna.
- One report of Homicide/Manslaughter: December 12th, 3AM, 2000 Block of Harland.

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

MEMBERSHIP – DECEMBER 2022

Loretta Nalley

Happy new year everyone! As of today, **we have 42 members**. Thank you all so much for help.



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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 5-1-22 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.

Firma: _____

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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BEAUTIFICATION: DO YOUR PART & CLEAR OUT LITTER!

Jo Lightsey

Folks, driving through the neighborhood revealed much litter lining our streets. We need to take responsibility in keeping the neighborhood streets and ditches cleared of litter. The City of Houston use to come, upon a resident's request, to force debris out of the coverts/drains on your street. You might try calling 3-1-1. However, if you have litter stopping up the drains, coverts and ditches in your area, **PLEASE do your part to clean these areas. Clean your drains. Clean your ditches.** Your help is needed!

We do not have OSB Street Clean Up anymore. It is up to residents to keep their property clean to the center of the roadway on their street. Help!!!!

Follow the heavy trash and recycle schedule found in the Bugler.

OSB continues to thank Bill Cox, LMC, for keeping our esplanades maintained.

LANDSCAPING

Nino Roman

Winter is not over! The December Christmas freeze was really a jolt to Houston. We had some summer temperatures in December, but there is still some cold weather ahead. I suspect that we will have at least one more hard freeze. Houston has been known to have freezing in January AND February. Be prepared. Be careful not to trim your plants too soon.

Here are a couple of things you can do during the days we have freezing weather.

1. Do not trim/clean/trash any plant that may look dead. Just because the foliage is dead, it does not mean the plant is dead. Wait until spring to see if the plant has any new foliage.
2. Give your plants a good soak down before freezing weather. This will insulate the root ball and keep them alive. Cover any tropical/fruit trees and annuals.
3. Make mounds around plants with tree leaves to insulate plants.
4. Cover plants with fabric/weed barrier material to insulate plants.

I am sorry if any of you got hit with the "pipe breakage" catastrophe. I don't know what your situation was or will be in the future, but I say insulate pipes, turn off water and drain the pipes. If you do not turn off the water, drip them all! Do what you know to do! One is subject to chance in freezing weather. We are warm weather folks.

I want to take this opportunity, again, to thank Bill Cox and LMC for their consistent care for the OSB esplanades at the Wirt Road entrance and the Antoine entrance. OSB appreciates your many years of support and help.






NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Thursday, February 2, 2023

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

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

JANUARY 2023							ENERO 2023
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado	
8	9	10 OSBCA Meeting, 7p	11	12	13 	14	
15	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	17 PIP Meeting	18	19	20 	21 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>	
22 <i>Lunar New Year</i>	23	24	25	26 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	27 	28	
29	30	31	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> Bugler deadline	3 	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10 	11	

Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings – Third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Faith Center Chapel, 8009 Long Point

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City of Houston – Important Phone Numbers

-Updated January 2023-

City Hall/City Hall Annex		
District A	Amy Peck	832-393-3010
	Liz Miranda (Chief of Staff)	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
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Asst. City Attorney, Dist A	Alexandria Tolbert	832-393-6250
City Secretary	Pat J. Daniel	832-393-1100
	Legal	832-393-1029

City of Houston Departments			
Help & Info 3-1-1	713-837-0311	Municipal Courts	713-247-5680
Citizen's Assistance Office	832-393-0955	Parks & Recreation	713-865-4500
Convention & Entertainment	713-853-8000	Planning & Development	713-837-7719
Fire	713-247-5000	Building Permits	832-394-8852
Health & Human Services	713-794-9320	Center Point Energy	713-207-2222
Houston Emergency Center	713-884-3911	BARC (loose dogs)	713-229-7342

Police	
Police dispatch (non-emergency)	713-884-3131
HPD storefront – 8a-4p (temporarily closed)	832-394-0102
HPD NW sub-station (ask for Sgt. Timmy Herrmann)	832-394-5500
SBISD Police – 8a-4p, M-F (kids on street)	713-984-9805
EMERGENCY ONLY 9-1-1	

Services	
Harris County Clerk's Office (Filed Deed Restrictions)	713-755-6411
Houston Public Works	3-1-1
Solid Waste Management	832-393-0430 / 713-699-8924

If any of the above numbers are incorrect, call City of Houston Help & Info 3-1-1.

CITY OF HOUSTON HELP & INFO 3-1-1

If you have any questions concerning the neighborhood, call the City of Houston's Service Center at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311. You can call to report a concern, you can also report your request online at houston311.org or download the Houston 3-1-1 app to your smartphone or tablet.

Did you know that reporting your concerns via 3-1-1 is the fastest way to address your issue and track the resolution? The City of Houston tracks those calls which provide vital information needed to properly address an issue.

HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING

2023 Schedule

MONTH	RECYCLING <i>(Every other Friday)</i>		HEAVY TRASH <i>(Fourth Thursday of the Month)</i>
JANUARY	Jan 13	Jan 27	Tree Thurs. Jan 26
FEBRUARY	Feb 10	Feb 24	Junk Thurs. Feb 23
MARCH	March 10	March 24	Tree Thurs. Mar 23
APRIL	April 7	April 21	Junk Thurs. April 27
MAY	May 5	May 19	Tree Thurs. May 25
JUNE	June 2	June 16 June 30	Junk Thurs. June 22
JULY	July 14	July 28	Tree Thurs. July 27
AUGUST	Aug 11	Aug 25	Junk Thurs. Aug 24
SEPTEMBER	Sept 8	Sept 22	Tree Thurs. Sept 28
OCTOBER	Oct 6	Oct 20	Junk Thurs. Oct 26
NOVEMBER	Nov 3	Nov 17	Tree Nov 23
DECEMBER	Dec 1	Dec 15 Dec 29	Junk Thurs. Dec 28

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:

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|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries/Electronics • Shredded Paper • Tanglers (cords, hoses, wires, clothing) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food/Liquids • Trash and Bagged Recycling • Furniture and Household Goods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap Wood and Scrap Metal (NO Helium Tanks) • Yard Waste |
|---|---|--|