



Old Spring Branch Bugler

May 2023 * mayo 2023

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, May 25: TREE WASTE

Thursday, June 22: JUNK WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 25 de mayo: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 22 de junio: Basura Chatarra

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association is having a social!!!

OSBCA 2023-2024 Membership Drive

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6:30 - 8 p.m.

2227 Counter Point Dr.

(in the dead end of the street)

Opportunity to become a new member &
renewal for existing members

Here is how our membership looked for this past year (May 2022-April 2023). Help your street bring up your membership numbers by becoming a member or renewing your membership!

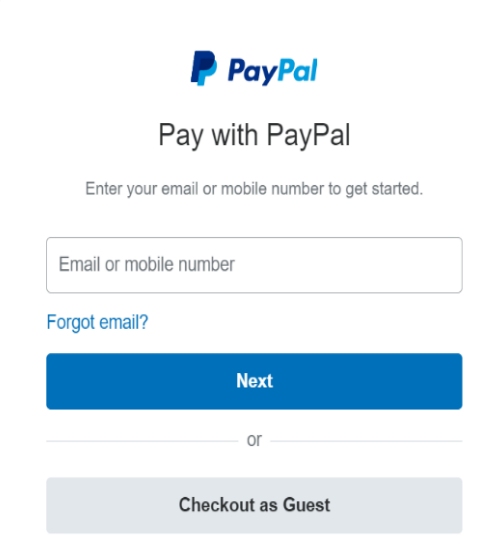
Antoine	Cedel	Counter Point	Hammerly	Harland	Jacquelyn	Johanna	Silverbonnet	Thonig	Todd	Turquoise	Woodvine
3	2	7	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	2	15

WHY BECOME A MEMBER: WHAT OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION DOES FOR YOU

Becoming a member of the Old Spring Branch Civic Association has several benefits. For only \$25 a year (or \$12.50 for seniors or those on a fixed income), the OSBCA does the following for our neighborhood:

- **Holds general quarterly meetings** where all residents are invited to attend to make suggestions and hear guest speakers
- **Maintains a website:** OldSpringBranch.org
- **Writes a monthly newsletter**, the Bugler, that is found on the website
- **Publishes a hard copy of the newsletter** that is delivered to the homes of residents in January and in May
- Has **Citizens on Patrol** volunteers drive the neighborhood
- Does its best efforts to **enforce the Deed Restrictions**
- **Reports City of Houston Ordinance Violations** to 3-1-1 to keep our neighborhood up to code
- **Selects Yards of the Month**, including hosting Top 6 Best Holiday Decorations contest
- **Hosts social events for our neighborhood**, including Neighbors Night Out in October

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:

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN MAY – YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

Loretta Nalley

Each resident/homeowner and business will receive a hard copy of the Bugler newsletter with an addressed envelope stapled to it. You are requested to return it with your membership dues. You will also have the option of using PayPal on our website: OldSpringBranch.Org

Annual Membership (May 2023 – April 2024):

- **\$25.00 per residence**
- **\$12.50 for seniors 65 years and older and for those living on a fixed income**

Your financial support is needed to help maintain and operate your Civic Association when doing projects and events that help improve your neighborhood.

For just .03 to .07 cents a day, you keep our Civic Association moving forward. Your commitment to a Membership in OSBCA is so little yet the returns you receive with it make a HUGE impact!

OSBCA HOSTS SPECIAL EVENTS

Your financial support enables the Civic Association to host the Community Neighbors Night Out, in October, the annual Christmas Party, in December, and any other social events that the Civic Association might host.

OSBCA MAINTAINS SIGNS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Civic Association is responsible for maintaining the neighborhood Crime Prevention signs, the COP/Crime Stopper signs and entrance signs. For example, when a driver misses the road and takes out one or more of these signs, OSB buys the material to replace the damaged sign.

OSBCA BEAUTIFIES OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

In addition, funds may be necessary to replenish the landscaping plants that fill the Antoine/Long Point and Wirt/Hammerly entrance sign flower beds.

OSBCA HOSTS A WEBSITE & PRODUCES A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Funds are also needed to print the hard copy of the Bugler, which is hand delivered to your door in January and May. Your funds keep our website, OldSpringBranch.Org, up and running. These two methods are OSBCA's best way of communicating with all neighborhood residents.

COME AND LEARN MORE BY ATTENDING OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EVENT

On behalf of the OSBCA Board of Directors & Committee Chairpersons, you are invited to come meet neighbors in OSB and enjoy refreshments at our upcoming Membership Drive on **Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Take this opportunity to renew your membership or become a new member.

Visit for a while and bring a lawn chair and mosquito spray.

We look forward to seeing and meeting you!

CRIME REPORTS – APRIL 2023

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for April 1 – 27, 2023.

- Two (2) reports of Aggravated Assault: April 9, 4PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly and April 16, 9PM, 1800 Block of Jacquelyn
- One (1) report of Breaking & Entering (Commercial): April 14, 6PM, 7700 Block of Long Point
- Two (2) reports of Arson: April 17, 2AM, 7700 Block of Long Point at Speciality Store and Restaurant

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 – APRIL 2023

Virginia Lehman

Our Citizens on Patrol (CP) group reported 29.5 hours for March. Due to the Bugler deadline, I will have to report our patrol hours for April in June's newsletter. I heard on the news that HPD had in custody one suspect for the March 28 homicide on Long Point. It is very upsetting to also hear that he was out on bond for another murder.

As always, I want to thank our CP volunteers for patrolling our area whenever possible. I do believe we make a difference.

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 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.

JOIN OSBCA'S CITIZENS ON PATROL

For OSBCA to have a Citizens on Patrol, we have to have a minimum of eight (8) volunteers. We also commit to patrol a minimum of 30 hours per month and submit a monthly report detailing our CP's activity. We invite you to join!

The following are the minimum qualifications and standards to become a volunteer:

- 18 years of age or older
- Valid Texas Driver License
- Pass Police Department background check
- Must be trained by the Houston Police Dept.

YARDS OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2023

Jo Lightsey

Well, what can the yard hawk say? It looks as if it isn't the week for mowing. My yard mowing right now is every two weeks. It seems that the week that the Hawk rode, it was the "off" week. Many yards had not been mowed. Therefore, the "Yards of the month" is a little limited this month.

I am sure that folks will get into action doing their yards during the month of May. I look forward to selecting more yards for the next Bugler. Check the website OldSpringBranch.org to check the May Yards listed. Will yours be there?

Amelia	*7630, *7635
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	7706
Counter Point	2203, 2211, 2027, 2023, 2018, 2011, 2006
Hammerly	7603, 7607, 7610, *7706,*7626, *7625
Harland	2015, *2102
Inch	None
Jacquelyn	*2043, *2042, *1839, *1905, *2067
Johanna	*2069,*2048, *2031, *2020, *2002,*1928 *1838, *1833,*1840, *1905, *1906
Silverbonnet	None
Thonig	1942, 2107
Todd	11217
Turquoise	7711, 7614, 7615, 7610
Woodwine	1954, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2022,2038, 2106, 2131, 2130, 2134

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

RECYCLING – WHAT YOU CAN AND CANNOT PUT IN YOUR GREEN BIN

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
- 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



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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

2023 – 2024 Membership Form

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 5-1-23 through 4-30-24.

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 2023 – 2024

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 1-5-23 hasta 30-4-24.

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

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OSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECTION SLATE 2023-2024

These are the nominations to lead our neighborhood/civic organization for 2023-2024. If anyone would like to fill the vacant positions on the board, please call 713-681-0560 and leave your name and phone number. I will return your call ASAP. **This slate will be voted on at the next quarterly meeting on July 11.**

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

Street reps are needed for Antoine, Harland/Todd, Silverbonnet/Cedel, Johanna and Thonig. You do not have to live on the street that needs the Street Rep. **Street Reps are voting board members.**

Officers serve one term (2022-2023) and board members serve two terms (2021-2023).

Officers		Street Representatives	
President	Jo Lightsey	Antoine	*vacant*
Vice President	*vacant*	Counter Point/Turquoise	Anonymous
Secretary	Linda Whatley	Harland/Todd	*vacant*
Treasurer	Virginia Lehman	Jacquelyn/East Hammerly	Mike McGeehon
		Johanna	*vacant*
		Silverbonnet/Cedel	*vacant*
		Thonig	Sybil Sanchez
		Woodvine	Rosario Machorro

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

Contact: Alexandra Tolbert, Asst. City Attorney, Dist. A, City of Houston, 832-393-6250
 Contact 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, or visit their web site at ccinfo@cco.hctx.net

Call OSBCA Committee of Five 713-681-0560. Leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY OF HOUSTON'S APPROVAL OF ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED VIOLATIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS VALID IF THERE ARE DEED RESTRICTIONS ON A PROPERTY.

BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

Thank you, LMC, for taking care of our OSB Esplanades at Hammerly/Wirt Rd. and Antoine/Long Point. Thank you, Nino Roman for taking care of our irrigation systems on our esplanades.

The Solid Waste Dept. has been pretty good about picking up Heavy Trash and has been on schedule for garbage and only a day late, Saturday, for recycling. It is still important that we, as residents, do our part. Place those garbage and recycling containers at least 3 feet apart when put on curbside.

In addition, PLEASE follow the Heavy Trash schedule. If in doubt, call 3-1-1 as to what heavy trash is to be picked up that month.

A lot of yard work is going on. Remember to have yard clippings, leaves, weeds, etc., picked up, one must place them in City of Houston approved 100% compostable Lawn & Leaf Bags.

I have found that the best such bags are found at Home Depot. They are 33 gal in size. EcoGuard brand. These bags are collected every Friday. Black bags on the curbside will not be picked up. And don't be guilty of putting these black bags in the garbage bin. Yep, we have all been guilty of doing it. **It is against City of Houston Code.** Please use the approved Leaf bags.

Tied Bundles of tree limbs and bushes, 3 to 4 foot in length, no more than 40 lbs. in weight, should also be collected on Fridays. **Call 3-1-1 if they are not collected.**

Thank you, residents, for picking up litter in your yards, ditches and streets. We are all responsible for keeping our neighborhood clean and attractive.

REMINDERS THAT THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED:

- There should be no trailer in your driveway. Box trucks parked in driveways or on street are unacceptable.
- Vehicles parked in the yard, on the sidewalk, facing the wrong way on street, parked overnight, without moving for 24 hours, are city code violations. You are at risk of getting an HPD citation.
- Inoperable vehicles and wrecked vehicles in sight from the street is a city code violation.

All the above are issues and are unsightly and eyesores in our neighborhood!

Help us make sure our neighborhood looks nice by following the rules.






NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday, June 2, 2023

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

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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

MAY 2023				MAYO 2023		
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>
30	1	2 <i>Brother & Sisters Day</i>	3	4 <i>Star Wars Day</i>	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> 	6
7	8	9 <i>Int'l Teachers Day</i>	10	11	12 	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 OSBCA Membership Drive, 6:30-8p	17	18 <i>Int'l Museum Day</i>	19 	20 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
21	22	23	24	25 HEAVY TRASH: TREE	26 	27
SBISD Early Dismissal						
28	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31	1	2  Bugler deadline	3

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

OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
<u>OFFICERS</u>		
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Vice President:	---Vacant---	
Secretary:	Linda Whatley	713-681-0560
Treasurer:	Virginia Lehman	832-748-8088
<u>STREET REPRESENTATIVES</u>		
Antoine:	---Vacant ---	
Counter Point & Turquoise:	Anonymous	
Harland & Todd:		
Jacquelyn/ E. Hammerly:	Mike McGeehon	713-956-8446
Johanna:	---Vacant ---	
Silverbonnet, Cedel & W. Hammerly:	---Vacant ---	
Thonig:	---Vacant---	
Woodvine:	Rosario Machorro	713-391-6355

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