



Old Spring Branch Bugler

September 2022 * *septiembre 2022*

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, September 22: TREE WASTE

Thursday, October 27: JUNK WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 22 de septiembre: Desechos Verdes

jueves, 27 de octubre: Basura Chatarra

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

Well, the kids are back in school. I am sure that they are excited as well as you parents. We all seem to have survived the summer. Now, all the school activities begin. Be supportive of your kid's interests, and above all, be supportive of their teachers and the school administrators. Remember, "it takes a village!" to educate our children and 'all' involved.

The Old Spring Branch Civic Association new Board of Directors was accepted by acclamation for the 2022-2023 year at the July 12, 2022 quarterly meeting.

Board members are **President:** Jo Lightsey, **Vice President** (temporally): Gerry Thielemann, **Treasurer:** Virginia Lehman, **Secretary:** Linda Whatley. **Street Representatives:** Mike McGeehon, Florence Armbruster, Rosario Machoro, and Murphy Critelli.

Appointed committee chairpersons for 2022-2023 are : **Advertising :** Gerry Thielemann, **Beautification:** Jo Lightsey, **Citizens on Patrol (COP):** Virginia Lehman and Loretta Nalley, **Communications:** Sybil Sanchez (includes editing the Bugler, updating the website and posting on Facebook), Lorna Gast (Bugler mail outs), **Deed Restrictions:** Committee of Five, **In Touch:** Gerry Thielemann, **Landscaping:** Nino Roman, **Membership:** Loretta Nallely.

Thank you, folks, for taking on this responsibly for one more year. OSBCA's board and chairmanships

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OSBCA IN-PERSON QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

7 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Civic Center located at 1414 Wirt Rd



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From the President, continued...

have several vacancies! Your help is needed. Please consider volunteering your time to support your neighborhood civic association. Giving back is so important!

The month of August was taken off by the OSB Bugler 'article writers' and 'editor'. However, a 'Special' board meeting was called on August 18, 2022, to discuss Neighbor's Night Out, and several City Code and Deed Restrictions issues throughout the neighborhood.

The Board of Directors decided **NOT** to host an official Neighbor's Night Out on Tuesday, October 4, 2022. However, OSBCA WILL HAVE a Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. This meeting would be an opportune time to come and meet your neighbors, new and old. If this idea goes any further than just a meeting, details will be sent to the membership by email blast and for non-members, all will have access to details in the October Bugler and will be posted on the website.

Please, come and experience an Old Spring Branch meeting. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcomed. Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7 p.m., Mendenhall Civic Center, 1414 Wirt.

JOIN OSBCA & BECOME A SUPPORTING MEMBER

If you enjoy living in the Old Spring Branch neighborhood & 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 & our community as a whole.

If you are new to the Old Spring Branch area & 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 our neighborhood associations is to be an advocate for your neighborhood with local government, improve our neighborhood & coordinate some fun organized 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 & others work together through a neighborhood association, we can meet the needs of our community & 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!

MEMBERSHIP

Loretta Nalley

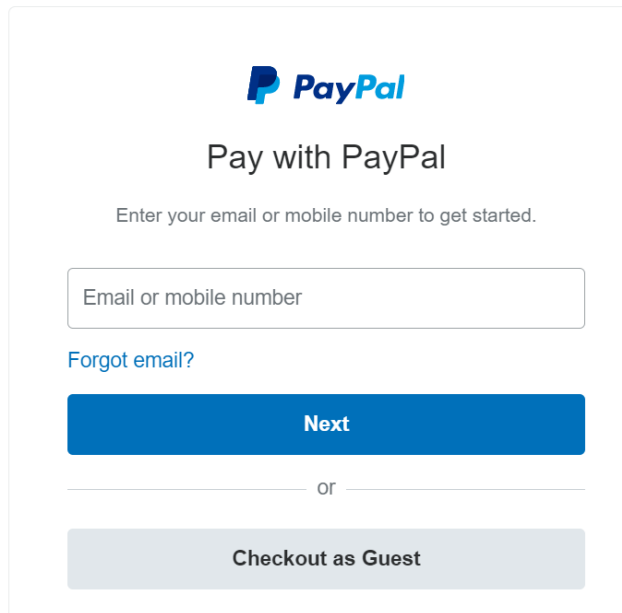
Yearly membership dues are \$25 and \$12.50 for senior citizens or for those on fixed income.

As of August, we have 41 members. Thank you all.

Do not forget you do not have to be living in our area to be a member. If you are a renter, you can be a member. It takes everyone to care about keeping our streets and neighborhood safe and clean.

City ordinances you are to keep your trash cans out of sight of the street and trailers behind fences out of sight of neighbors. This does help keep the neighborhood up.

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



The screenshot shows the PayPal payment page. At the top is the PayPal logo. Below it, the text reads "Pay with PayPal" and "Enter your email or mobile number to get started." There is a text input field labeled "Email or mobile number". Below the field is a link "Forgot email?". A blue button labeled "Next" is positioned below the field. Below the "Next" button is the word "or" and a grey button labeled "Checkout as Guest".

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".

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CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP)– AUGUST 2022

Virginia Lehman

We reported a total of 33.50 patrol hours for July and 25.25 hours for August. We had a couple of our COP volunteers on vacation. As always, I want to thank our COP volunteers for patrolling our area whenever possible. I do believe that we make a difference!

Our area is still busy with of new constructions and remodeling/home improvement projects. I am glad to see the Lil Folks day care on Johanna, demolished. It was becoming quite run down and the homeless were moving in. It will be interesting to see what will be built there.

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 COP group. If you are interested, feel free to contact Virginia at 832-748-8088, please leave a message. We would love to have you.

CRIME REPORTS – AUGUST 2022

Virginia Lehman

I regret that I am not able to provide you with a current report of Incidents Filed with HPD for July and August 2022. For some reason the format for the incident reports has been changed and I just could not get it to work. I will keep trying so maybe in a future newsletter, I will be able to get the information I normally provide. Listed below are the Incident reports that I was able to locate.

- Three reports of Aggravated Assault: August 15th, 12PM, 2000 Block of Antoine; August 25th, 7PM, 2000 Block of Harland and August 29th, 1AM, 2000 Block of Antoine.
- One report of Breaking & Entering: August 7th, 10PM, 7800 Block of Hammerly (Commercial).
- Two reports of Robbery: August 13th, 9PM, 7500 Block of Long Point and August 29th, 5PM, 7800 Block of Long Point. Both incidents were commercial stores.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTER & REUSE WAREHOUSE

The Environmental Service Center (ESC), 11500 Post Oak Rd, Houston, TX 77035, is open Tues & Wed, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the second Sat. of each month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents may pick up free paint and household chemicals every Fri, 9 a.m. to noon. The ESC provides a drive through, drop-off site for Houston residents to bring their household hazardous waste (HHW) and residential electronic waste.

The ReUse Warehouse, 9003 North Main St., Houston, TX 77022, is open Tues to Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and every 2nd and 4th Sat, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed Sun to Mon. The Building Materials Reuse Warehouse benefits the community by providing space for excess building materials that would otherwise be dumped in local landfills. They accept material from individuals, supply companies, and builders, and make it freely available for reuse by any non-profit organization.

YARDS OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2022

What a different scene from the June yards of the month. The lawns are green and the mowing is keeping us all busy trying to keep up with them. WOW, it is great to see the healthy green lawns. Many residents that usually make the “Yards” list due to not have mowed this last week before the “Yard Hawk”. The following lawns made “Yards of the month” from the August rains.

Amelia	7606, 7613, *7630, *7635
Antoine	*2056
Cedel	7706
Counter Point	2011, 2014,2015,2018, 2031, 2107, 2110, 2114, 2126, 2130,2203
Hammerly	7610, *7625, *7706, *7626
Harland	1915, 1919, 2015, 2011, *2102
Inch	<i>None</i>
Jacquelyn	*1839, *1905, *2067
Johanna	*2069, *2048, *2020, *2002, *1928 *1838, *1833, *1840, *1905, *1906
Silverbonnet	2219
Thonig	1917, 1942, 2039, 2107
Todd	11217
Turquoise	7611, 7614, 7615
Woodwine	1954, 2038, 2103, 2106, 2131

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

HEAVY TRASH & RECYCLING

2022 Schedule

MONTH	RECYCLING <i>(Every other Friday)</i>	HEAVY TRASH <i>(Fourth Thursday of the Month)</i>	
September 2022	Sept 9 & 23	TREE	Sept 22
October 2022	Oct 7 & 21	JUNK	Oct 27
November 2022	Nov 4 & 18	TREE	Nov 25
December 2022	Dec 2, 16 & 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)

NO! Do NOT put these in your recycling bin:

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

BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

Let's not forget, OSB residents, what it takes to keep our neighborhood clean and attractive. Every aspect of your property adds to the beauty of your subdivision.

Each of us must remember that we are responsible for upholding deed restrictions and City Ordinances.

It is sad to see violations such as, littered yards, ditches, trailers, boats, inoperable vehicles stored in driveways, putting heavy trash curbside too early, to name a few. If everyone, 375 properties, did as above, this OSB area would look like a "landfill". Such violations, in our neighborhood, bring down our property value, believe it or not.

3-1 -1 reports have been filed and notices of violation have been sent directly to residents. Please, please, respect the laws and get into compliance. Help keep our OSB from turning into a "Dumpster".

LANDSCAPING/YARDS

Well, it looks like the recent rain has saved the remaining scrubs and grass from "death". Yep, now is the time to pull dead plants out and rake dead grass into the recycle yard bags. New grass will grow faster if old dead grass is scrapped out.

It is a good idea to take precautions against rub worms, ants, and other lawn bugs during the September – October months. Hopefully, the water bill will go down and the rain will come at better intervals. Be careful, not to let grounds dry out too much.

Keep chasing that lawn mower. Mowing at 3-3 ½ inches will help conserve the moisture to your grass/soil. Trim back wild scrubs back neatly. Remember bundled tied limbs are picked up on Fridays along with Recycle disposable yard bags.

Thank you, LMC and Nino, for keeping OSB esplanades alive during the draught season. Your time is much appreciated. OSB is "lucky" to have your service.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Thursday, August 29, 2022

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

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Chief's Citywide "Positive Interaction Program"



For the month of September our program presentation topic will be:
"HPD SHOTSPOTTER PROGRAM"

This important presentation will educate members about how gunshot detection technology is helping the Houston Police Department combat violent criminal activity in the City of Houston.



The meeting will also be streamed live with sign language interpretation on HPD's YouTube channel:

[youtube.com/houstonpolice](https://www.youtube.com/houstonpolice)

Closed captioning can be enabled on the YouTube video, or found at:

streamtext.net/player?event=CitywidePIP

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 2022 7:00 P.M.
1602 STATE ST. HOUSTON, TX 77007

From: Officer James Sobota

Hope you can attend or log on and watch.

Voice # 713-308-9079

**E-mail: james.sobota@houstonpolice.org
ASL Interpreter and captioning provided**





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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

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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 5-1-22 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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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

SEPTEMBER 2022				SEPTIEMBRE 2022		
Sunday domingo	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miércoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes	Saturday sábado
4	5	6	7	8	9 	10
11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12	13 PIP Meeting, 7p	14	15	16 	17 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
18	19	20	21	22 HEAVY TRASH: TREE WASTE	23 	24
25	26	27	28	29 Bugler deadline	30 	1
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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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