



Old Spring Branch Bugler

October 2022 * octubre 2022

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, October 27: JUNK WASTE

Thursday, November 25: TREE WASTE

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 27 de octubre: Basura Chatarra

jueves, 25 de noviembre: Desechos Verdes

PLEASE REMEMBER:

OLD SPRING BRANCH IS A DEED-RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jo Lightsey

Since OSBCA is not having an official Neighbor's Night Out, Oct. 4, I would like to invite OSB residents to attend the Quarterly OSB meeting, Tues., Oct. 11, 2022, 7 p.m., 1414 Wirt Rd. at Mendenhall Civic Center, for the President's "give away." Yes, show up for our meeting, meet your neighbors and receive a \$10 gift card for Walmart. (Children under 18 yrs, must be accompanied by an adult, to receive a \$10 gift card).

Attend our meeting and learn how and why we conduct our meetings. The Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons strive to keep our community up to a respectable living standard. A community that you are proud in which to live.

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OSB RESIDENTS! In lieu of a "Neighbor's Night Out" You are invited to meet your neighbors at the OSBCA meeting on Tues., Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., at Trini Mendenhall Civic Center.

Every resident (18 years and over) attending the meeting will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card from the Board of Director's President. We are looking forward to meeting and visiting with you!

OSBCA IN-PERSON QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

7 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Civic Center, 1414 Wirt Rd

Mask required



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From the President, continued...

I hope that you will take this opportunity to come meet who lives on your street and in the OSB area. Come meet your leaders who give of their time to do their best to help make our community the best.

NO PRESSURE! We want to meet you. If you decide to become a supporting OSBCA member, great. If not, we will have had the pleasure to meet you. Membership applications will be available: \$25 per residence; \$12.50 for those over 65yrs, retired or limited income.

I am excited to think that I will get to see those of you who have lived in OSB for a long time, and I am excited to meet the new folks who have moved into our OSB area. There are a lot of you who are making OSB your home as of recent. Please join us!

We would like to hear your thoughts and comments about living in OSB. Your input is important. See you at our meeting next Tuesday!

The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a yellow background and a blue border. At the top center is the Harris County Elections logo, which is a circular emblem with a star and a ballot box icon, with the text 'HARRIS COUNTY' at the top and 'ELECTIONS' at the bottom. Below the logo, the title 'ELECTION CALENDAR' is written in large, bold, red letters, and '2022 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION' is written in smaller, bold, black letters. The calendar is organized into six blue-bordered boxes, each with an icon and text. The first box on the left has an icon of a person and a pencil, with the text 'SEPT. 20 National Voter Reeregistration Day'. The first box on the right has an icon of a clipboard with a checklist, with the text 'OCT. 11 Voter Registration Deadline'. The second box on the left has an icon of a ballot box with a checkmark, with the text 'OCT. 24 - NOV. 4 Early Voting'. The second box on the right has an icon of a mailbox with a keyhole, with the text 'OCT. 28 Last Day to Request a Mail Ballot'. The third box on the left has an icon of a ballot box with a checkmark and the text 'I VOTED HARRISVOTES.COM', with the text 'NOV. 8 Election Day!'. The third box on the right has an icon of three interlocking gears, with the text 'NOV. 14 Provisional & Mail Ballot Cure Deadline'.

HARRIS COUNTY ELECTIONS

ELECTION CALENDAR

2022 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

| | |
|---|--|
|  SEPT. 20 National Voter Reeregistration Day |  OCT. 11 Voter Registration Deadline |
|  OCT. 24 - NOV. 4 Early Voting |  OCT. 28 Last Day to Request a Mail Ballot |
|  NOV. 8 Election Day! |  NOV. 14 Provisional & Mail Ballot Cure Deadline |

MEMBERSHIP

Loretta Nalley

As of September 27, we continue at 41 members.

| Antoine | Cedel | Counter Point | Hammerly | Harland | Jacquelyn | Johanna |
|--------------|--------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Silverbonnet | Thonig | Todd | Turquoise | Woodvine | Misc | TOTAL |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 41 |

Message from your membership chair: get to know your neighbors. Go check on them or call and ask them if they have joined OSBCA. The holidays are coming spread some good cheer. At this day in point, we need to have some good cheer and good neighbors.

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

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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CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP)– SEPTEMBER 2022

Virginia Lehman

Due to the Bugler deadline, I will report our patrol hours for September in the November newsletter. As always, I want to thank our CP 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. Our old neighborhood is starting to change to include gated communities, new home construction, a couple of major remodeling projects, and houses listed for sale seem to be selling quickly. It will be interesting to see what is developed at the old Lil Folks day care site. We still have a number of vacant homes in the area, so please keep an eye on those.

Halloween is right around the corner and I'll be carving a pumpkin for Halloween night. Before we know it; Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here. Remember to keep your cars locked and if you can't remove valuable items from your car keep them out of sight. Don't become a victim of a 'crime of opportunity'!

Since we are not hosting a Neighbors Nite-out this year, please try to get out and meet your neighbors. We all need to keep an eye out for each other!

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.

CRIME REPORTS – SEPTEMBER 2022

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for August 30 – September 28, 2020. I have tried unsuccessfully to pull up incidents for July and August so will not be able to report those incidents in our newsletter.

- One report of Aggravated Assault: September 21, 9PM, 2000 Block of Jacquelyn
- Two reports of Breaking & Entering: September 10, 5PM, 1800 Block of Thonig and September 28, 4AM, 2000 Block of Antoine (commercial)
- Two reports of Robbery: September 5, 10AM, 7800 Block of Long Point (specialty store) and September 16, 4PM, 7500 Block of Long Point (restaurant)
- Two reports of Motor Vehicle Theft: September 3, 11PM, 7400 Block of Long Point and September 25, 4PM, 7500 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

YARDS OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2022

It is looking dry this last two to three weeks. Don't let that yard die. Mowing will slow down in the next week or two. Some of the yards are becoming domed. The other reason is no rain. The following yards made the "yards of the month" list.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Amelia | 7609, *7630, *7635 |
| Antoine | *2056 |
| Cedel | 7708, 7610, 7718 |
| Counter Point | 2011, 2015, 2018, 2031, 2107, 2110, 2114, 2126, 2130, 2203 |
| Hammerly | 7610, *7625, *7706, *7626 |
| Harland | 1915, 1919, 2015, 2011, 2081 |
| Inch | None |
| Jacquelyn | 2050, *1839, *1905, *2067 |
| Johanna | *2069, *2048, *2031, *2020, *2002, *1928, *1838, *1833, *1840, *1905, *1906 |
| Silverbonnet | 2219 |
| Thonig | 1942, 2107 |
| Todd | None |
| Turquoise | 7614, 7615 |
| Woodwine | 1910, 1954, 2018, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2014, 2022, 2102, 2103, 2106, 2131, 2134 |

**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> | |
|---------------|--|--|--------|
| 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
- 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

BEAUTIFICATION – CITY OF HOUSTON VIOLATIONS

Jo Lightsey

When was the last time YOU drove through the OSB neighborhood?

Try doing it just for the knowledge of how residents are following the City of Houston ordinances and how many individuals follow their subdivision deed restrictions.

Rule of thumb, before you make plans to beautify your front lawn, please make sure to check your deed restrictions. For example, items such as trash containers and yard equipment and other similar items should not be visible from the street. The lawn should be kept in an attractive manner. In addition, for the streets with ditches, make sure that they are kept clear and do not block drainage.

In the deed restrictions, you will also find rules regarding animals. No animals of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept, except for a total of three (3) dogs, three (3) cats and three (3) other household pets. Furthermore, they may not be kept for commercial purposes and may not make objectionable noises, odor or be a nuisance to their owners and neighbors.

Boats and trailers, parked in view of the street, along with cars parked in yards, are also violations. Parking on the sidewalk is an HPD violation. Citations can and will be issued.

All the above violations take away from property value and are frankly NOT pretty.

Folks, if your proper Heavy Trash, yard clippings, recycle is not collected, CALL 3-1-1. There are some delays with Solid Waste collections but call anyway! Please help pick up litter and rubbish in your yards, on your front porch and along the side of your house. Not a pretty site to be seen in our neighborhood.

I find it rather SAD to see residents ignore and disrespect laws that are created to bring our community up to a high standard. Surely, you are also interested in doing your part in increasing our home values and making sure your house isn't the eye sore of your street.

Please help each other with keeping OSB beautiful.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Thursday, October 27, 2022

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

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BUILDING PERMITS: THE CITY OF HOUSTON & DEED RESTRICTIONS

IMPORTANT! Building permits must follow Deed Restrictions!

To protect the neighborhood character and property values, the City of Houston is cooperating with citizens to ensure building permits are not in conflict with deed restrictions. You as a responsible homeowner are required by law to abide by your Deed Restrictions.

Before you begin any construction:

Before you begin any construction or home improvement project, please consult your civic association regarding possible deed restrictions within your area. You may not purchase a building permit without signing a sworn deed restriction affidavit stating that you are aware of and agree to abide by deed restrictions pertaining to your project. That is the law.

Building Permits:

The building permit application needs to have the correct legal description, including the subdivision name and the Deed Restrictions Affidavit on the back of the Permit, must be filled out; (a legal description can be found on the title to your property). Customer Service Representatives will check the subdivision listed on your permit application against a database index of restrictions. **ALL construction projects MUST comply with the community's deed restrictions. If you knowingly, or unknowingly, sign the deed restriction affidavit under false pretenses, you could be subject to municipal court citations, fines, and the removal of the structure or violating portion thereof at any time in the future.**

To research restrictions, you can:

1. Check to see if a Notice of Restrictions was provided at your closing (required by title insurance in some areas). If not ask your agent to research and provide you a copy.
2. Obtain a copy of restrictions from either Harris County Clerk's office or through your Civic Association. Attend our monthly meetings and request a copy if necessary.
3. Contact a title abstract company to obtain a copy of the restrictions or a letter stating that there are no restrictions.

Projects that require a permit include:

- New construction of building or structures
- Alterations, repairs or additions to existing buildings or structures. Changes in the use or occupancy of an existing building or structure. Interior tenant lease build-outs, remodeling and repairs.
- Exterior remodels, alterations or repairs. Moving/relocation existing buildings.
- Demolition (interior and complete buildings).
- Fences over 8' high.
- Driveways and sidewalks (in city R.O.W.)
- Parking lot paving.

If you need clarification concerning fees or have questions concerning building permits, please call 832- 394-8852, before beginning any project to be informed.



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



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Old Spring Branch Civic Association

| OCTOBER 2022 | | | | | | OCTUBRE 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> | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 <i>World Teachers Day</i> | 6 <i>National Coaches Day</i> | 7  | 8 | |
| 9 | 10 <i>Indigenous People Day Columbus Day</i> | 11 OSBCA mtg, 7p <i>Voter registration deadline</i> | 12 | 13 | 14  | 15 | |
| 16 <i>Boss's Day</i> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21  | 22 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i> | |
| 23 | 24 <i>Early voting starts</i> | 25 | 26 | 27 HEAVY TRASH: JUNK WASTE Bugler deadline | 28  | 29 | |
| 30 | 31 <i>Halloween</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  <i>Early voting ends</i> | 5 | |

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 | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|
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| Thonig: | ---Vacant--- | |
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