



Old Spring Branch Bugler

December 2022 * *diciembre 2022*

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Fourth Thursday of the month (unless falls on holiday)

Thursday, December 22: **JUNK WASTE**

Thursday, January 26: **TREE WASTE**

Recolección de Basura Pesada

Cuarto jueves del mes (menos en días feriados)

jueves, 22 de diciembre: **Basura Chatarra**

jueves, 26 de enero: **Desechos Verdes**

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

First things first: I want to remind OSB residents that the OSBCA Association will **not** have a Christmas Holiday Party. HOWEVER, the OSBCA Board of Directors and ANYONE who chooses to help out, will be judging and will select the top six (6), overall, best Christmas decorated homes in OSB. Turn **LIGHTS ON DURING DECEMBER 17-23**.

Residents must have a house number visible from the street. Otherwise, there are no set guidelines. Judging will be December 17-23. It is important that your Christmas lights on during these dates. **Judging is done on personal preference.**

Turn in your top 6 selections to OSBCA Secretary, Linda Whatley, in some form: phone, 713-681-0560; email, whatleym@gmail.com; paper list. **Deadline: December 23, 2022.** Results will be listed in the January, 2023, Bugler, our Website, OldSpringBranch.org; [Facebook.com/OldSpringBranch](https://www.facebook.com/OldSpringBranch)

It has been an interesting year. OSB has become the home for several new residents. We welcome them and hope that they are an asset to our community. Here's hoping all are aware of the City of Houston Ordinances (Codes) and the Deed Restrictions that guide their subdivision.

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OLD SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 7 p.m.

Trini Mendenhall Civic Center, 1414 Wirt Rd

Mask required

SAVE THE DATE: 1st Quarterly Meeting for 2023 is Tues., Jan. 10



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Check out our website!
OldSpringBranch.org

From the President, continued...

Questions that pertain to City Ordinances can be addressed to 3-1-1. Deed Restriction copies can be obtained from OSBCA. Call 713-681-0560 and leave your name and phone number and from our website at OldSpringBranch.org

The January 2023 Bugler will have the Solid Waste Dept. schedule. Also included will be "Important Phone Numbers." The January Bugler will be a hard copy that will be delivered to all our OSB residents. The May issue will, also, be a hard copy.

We, writers of the Bugler articles, hope that you take the time to read and save certain articles for reference. Folks, this newsletter, the Bugler, is our only communication from our Association to you in order to keep you informed. Attending OSB's Quarterly meetings is another source of information. If one is a member of OSBCA, you will receive monthly Buglers and all important e-mail blasts to your e-mail.

Folks, as your president, I urge every OSB resident to put forth a special effort to support our association, both physically and financially starting now. **Our next meeting is Tues, Dec. 13, 2022 at 7 p.m. at Trini Mendenhall, 1414 Wirt Rd.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

YARDS OF THE MONTH – RESUMES IN SPRING

Jo Lightsey

This time of the year, we may be still chasing the mower. I did drive through the neighborhood several times during the last two weeks. I thought the majority of the OSB yards were being well groomed. Very good! Now is the time to prune those overgrown shrubs, doctor your yards for bugs and brown spots. Mulch those leaves if possible. **Use City of Houston approved bags for your yard cuttings and bundle/tie the small branches for Friday pick up.** Plan your landscaping for 2023. Spring will be here before we know it!

I will send the CRITERIA FOR YARDS OF THE MONTHS in the February or March Bugler. R

REMEMBER TO TAKE DOWN YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS whenever the tradition of the season ends for your family.

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DEED RESTRICTIONS

Committee of Five

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

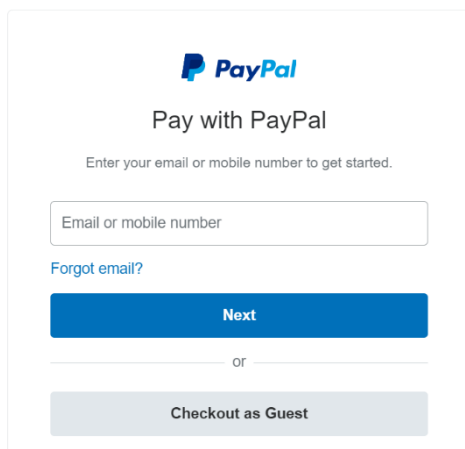
Contact the Deed Restriction Hotline 832-393-6333

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 at 713-681-0560. Leave your name and phone number and 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.

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 input field is a link that says "Forgot email?". There are two buttons: a blue "Next" button and a grey "Checkout as Guest" button, separated by the word "or".

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)– DECEMBER 2022

Virginia Lehman

Our patrol hours for October was 30.75 hours and 32 hours for November. As always, I want to thank our CP volunteers for patrolling our area whenever possible. I do believe that we make a difference!

Christmas is fast approaching. We hope that everyone has a nice safe holiday season. Please don't become a victim to a 'crime of opportunity'! Be aware of your surroundings! Don't leave packages and/or items in your car. If you must leave an item in your car, make sure it is out of sight and hidden from view. Try to avoid having packages delivered to your front door when you are not home. Amazon has several safe drop-off and pick-up stations (Whole Foods is one example). If you have no other choices, check with your neighbors to see if they can accept the delivery for you or pick up the package for you.

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 – NOVEMBER 2022

Virginia Lehman

Listed below are the incidents reported in our area for October 27 – November 30, 2022.

- Two reports of Aggravated Assault: November 10, 12PM, 7600 Block of Hammerly and November 13, 8PM, 7500 Block of Long Point
- Two reports of Breaking & Entering (Commercial): November 2, 6PM, 7500 Block of Long Point and November 26, 12PM, 7700 Block of Hammerly
- One report of Robbery: November 25, 9PM, 7300 Block of Long Point
- Two reports of Motor Vehicle Theft: November 8, 5AM, 7800 Block of Hammerly and November 28, 10AM, 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

MEMBERSHIP – NOVEMBER 2022

Loretta Nalley

Hello neighbors! We have no new members for November. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with friends and family and will have a great Christmas. Try to check on your close neighbors and watch out for unusual activity during this time.

Thank you for supporting OSBCA!

BEAUTIFICATION

Jo Lightsey

Reminder to residents to PLEASE place your recycling containers and garbage containers three to four (3' - 4') feet apart on collection day. The mightily JAWS of the City of Houston Solid Waste Dept. need the space for successfully picking up and emptying the containers. Otherwise, collecting trucks spill contents on your yard and street. **Sack all garbage items.**

Several **ugly sights** in our OSB neighborhood are **junk or inoperable cars**. This is a City of Houston Code violation. One could be given a "citation". I am going to suggest that if you want to rid your property of a junk or inoperable car, go to the following website, as advertised on Channel 13: **carsforkids.org**. "Write off the car, not the kid." The organization will pick up the car for FREE. Just do it! **CarsForKids.org**.

Please take the time to keep your street and yards clear of litter. No OSB street clean ups are scheduled. It is your responsibility to keep your curbs and ditches clear of litter.

LANDSCAPING

Nino Roman

Before your lawn goes dormant, I would do the following:

- 1) Reduce water amount and frequency.
- 2) Water after the sun rises (8 a.m. – 9 a.m.).
- 3) Do a fall fertilization with either an organic or synthetic fertilizer (8-12-16). Normally, hardware stores will have what you need. Water in the fertilizer.
- 4) Mow any winter weeds that come up.
- 5) Give yourself a break from mowing your lawn.

Thank you LMC and Nino for maintaining our esplanades.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Thursday, December 29, 2022

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

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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 |
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| <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

DECEMBER 2022				DICIEMBRE 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>
4	5	6	7 <i>Hanukkah (starts)</i>	8	9 	10
11	12	13 OSBCA Meeting, 7p	14	15 <i>Hanukkah (ends)</i>	16  	17 <i>May put out Heavy Trash * Puede sacar basura pesada</i>
18	19	20	21 <i>Winter begins</i>	22 HEAVY TRASH: JUNK	23 	24
25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa (starts)</i>	27	28	28	29   Bugler deadline	30
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 <i>Kwanzaa (ends)</i>	2	3	4	5 	6

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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