

Dear Spring Branch Friends & Neighbors:

We're happy and sad to tell you we're moving out of Spring Branch after 40 years. When we moved into 9314 Livernois in 1971, our first son was born the next week, and he just turned 40. We were the young people starting a family, and the old folks were dying off or moving out. Now we're the old geezers, thankfully only moving out. We have 4 grandkids and 3 children – in Austin, Budapest, and Berlin.

Moving in is your new young neighbor, Brandon Mocek, a very nice oilfield land man.

Spring Branch has been good to us. We bought here because of the big trees, big lot, winding roads, and no curbed streets. And the Spring Branch ISD was among the best school district in the state. Our house was only 2 bedrooms, and we remodeled it extensively including enlarging it to 4 bedrooms after the first 15 years. Our kids climbed the big Magnolia tree in our back yard and could see the Transco (now Williams) Tower in the Galleria. All the kids played in "the creek" which Spring Branch was originally named after, having great adventures there until it was box culverted for flood control many years ago.

Well, now we're moving Dec 30 to a big beautiful home in the Heights. It's now in heavy remodeling, so we'll actually be sleeping in the garage apartment which will be finished by move time. We live 3-4 nights a week at our bay house anyway, so should be OK. We'll be lucky to be furnished and truly moved in to the big house before March.

I started Venturetech Corp in our garage in 1980 against SBOCA rules (sorry). After a year and a half, I managed to get enough engineering work to move the business to 1749 Campbell Road across from the ball fields. We were there for several years and I was the only daddy who could easily attend meetings and events during the day. Then we moved to 8938 Spring Branch Drive by the bridge close to Long Point and paid rent there for 18 years. Finally, in 2000, we were able to buy and move into a big Frito-Lay distribution warehouse in the Bingle-290 area. I am an oilfield mechanical engineer-inventor and since 2000 we have become a respected manufacturer of a patented line of hydraulic drilling machines called power swivels. We sold the first of these machines in 2001 and by now we have sold more than 400 units around the world. See www.venturetechnet.com. We're doubling our manufacturing space now, and we have bought the adjacent land totaling 11-1/2 acres. I'm very fortunate to have a team who does a fine job of running the business day to day, and Zandra, who continues in our 32nd year managing the finances and accounting, and guarding the back door...

It all started in 1980 at 9314 Livernois. Nice story of American entrepreneurship, and we're blessed to have it.

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