



# Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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**NATIONAL  
NIGHT OUT IS  
TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 6  
6:00-7:30 P.M.**

**Join us at the Park  
Campbell Road and Spring Branch Drive  
Hot dogs, chips, drinks, ice cream, and fun!  
BYOC—Bring Your Own Chairs**

Spring Branch Oaks will celebrate National Night Out again this year at our pocket park on the corner of Campbell Road and Spring Branch Drive. The Civic Association will furnish hot dogs, chips, drinks, and

ice cream. You bring a chair and maybe some mosquito spray.

This is a great time to meet new neighbors—and we have quite a few of those—and say hello to old ones, too.

We will have drop-in visits from members of our local police and city council member Brenda Stardig's office.

We'll be grillin' and chillin', so plan to come!

## Upcoming Meetings

General Membership and Board meetings are held at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Latham Hall, 1656 Blalock Road, the third Tuesday of each quarter, starting at 6:30 p.m.

### General Membership Meetings

**October 20**

### Board of Directors Meetings

**JANUARY 5, 2016**

## REP. BOHAC WILL SPEAK AT GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 20

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on Tuesday evening, October 20. Come for a social time and some refreshment at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

### Featured speaker

We are delighted that our State Representative, Dwayne Bohac will join us

to share some interesting information about issues covered during the recent Legislative Session and to answer questions. In August, Rep. Bohac received the "Conservative Champion" Award from the Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC) for his commitment to conservative policies and

principles during the 84th Texas Legislature.

### Get a directory

Our new directories will be ready and available for pick-up at this meeting. They not only have listings of the property owners in our subdivision, but also include deed restrictions and guidelines, association by-laws,

and other helpful information.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like a directory, contact one of the board members listed in this newsletter. An electronic version of the directory will also be available by email.

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## LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR....

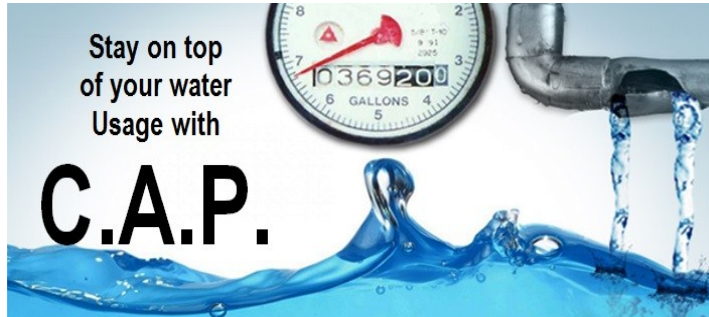
Greg and Carla Rudichuk were recently recognized at City Hall by councilwoman Brenda Stardig, and presented a proclamation thanking them for helping out Mitsue Sato, an elderly neighbor, after a tree fell and severely damaged his house during the Memorial Day storm. Thanks for stepping in, Greg and Carla!

### LET US KNOW!

Do you know of someone in our subdivision who has received an award or special recognition? We want to share that good news. Just send the information to Linda Cover at [cover.linda@yahoo.com](mailto:cover.linda@yahoo.com).

### In Memoriam

Our sympathy is extended to Tonda DeRouen and her family following the loss of her husband Don in August. Don served in the Army Military Police K-9 Unit, assigned to the Berlin Wall in Germany. He also was on the Pro-Rodeo circuit from age 16 and had a career in professional wrestling, where he was known as Donny Valentine. He will be missed!



Many of us saw high water bills during the dry parts of the summer, as we tried to keep our lawns alive. The City of Houston has developed a monitoring system to help!

The Consumption Awareness Program (C.A.P.) is an easy and convenient way to manage your water usage and bill. This is offered as a FREE service to City of Houston water customers. C.A.P. offers the following features:

- Alerts and notifications via E-mail, text or phone call
- Weekly Summary E-mail
- C.A.P. Usage Manager

- Neighborhood Usage Comparison
- Water Usage Calculator

By signing up for C.A.P. you will have the ability to:

- Receive usage alerts and notifications via E-mail, text or phone call
- Access usage information via computer or phone
- View your water usage by monthly, hourly, weekly, and daily patterns
- Establish a budget and monitor your usage versus budget
- See your projected bill
- Track your history

One of the many benefits of using C.A.P. is also the ability to set your own water usage thresholds. You will then receive alerts according to your set threshold via E-mail/text/phone informing you of the following:

- Your current gallon consumption
- Dates when this consumption was used
- Your current threshold
- Constant flow detection (which helps to identify leaks and other high bill causes)

Sign up at <http://help.houstonwater.org/cap>.

## ANNUAL MEETING IS OCTOBER 20

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### Board elections

In addition, we will be electing three members to the Board of Directors.

Terms expire for Linda Cover and Ryan Klaus. They are eligible for re-election to a three-year term. A replacement for Greg Rudichuk, who has resigned, will be elected for a two-year term. Brian Gehring will serve as Act-

ing Treasurer for the remainder of this year.

Please think about your neighbors (or yourself) who would make good officers and be willing to serve the neighborhood (especially someone with financial experience). **Be sure to have permission from anyone you wish to nominate.**

### Other business

We'll get updates on Block Leaders from Matthew Harkrider and on Deed Restrictions from Ryan Klaus, and you will get next year's meeting schedule.

This is an important meeting for all homeowners! Plan now to attend and show your support for our neighborhood.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YARD-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

### Summer awards

In spite of the summer heat, there are lots of beautiful yards in our neighborhood! It has been good to have some soaking rains, too, to carry us through.

Our last two Yard-of-the-Month winners for this year were selected in August and September. The winners for August

were Roger and Nelma Boisjolie at 9341 Leto.

Brenda Butcher, 9317 Greensward, was selected for September.

Both will receive gift certificates from Cornelius Nursery. You can see pictures of these yards, and past winners on our website: [springbranchoaks.com](http://springbranchoaks.com). Just click on the Yard of the Month tab.

(And remember that past newsletters are also available under the Newsletter tab.)

### Christmas decorations

In December, we will be looking for homes with outdoor Christmas decorations to recognize. Our SBOCA judges will be out the week before Christmas to make selections for three cash prizes. So light up!



Are you receiving email announcements from Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association?

If not, go to our web site, [springbranchoaks.com](http://springbranchoaks.com), and click the Sign Up button in the top right corner to register.

## MINIMUM LOT SIZE INITIATIVE CONTINUES

Residents on several of our streets have continued the effort to preserve the current size of our lots through the City of Houston's Minimum Lot Size Block provision. Peti-

tions for Livernois, Spring Branch Drive, Willowview, and Walterville have been approved by the city Planning Department and passed on to City Council for final okay. Efforts are currently

underway on other streets to obtain signatures of a majority of homeowners on their petitions..



## TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Friday, October 2	Recycle
Friday, October 16	Recycle
Thursday, October 22	Junk trash
Friday, October 30	Recycle
Friday, November 13	Recycle
*Friday, November 27	Tree trash
*Saturday, November 28	Recycle
Friday, December 11	Recycle
*Thursday, December 24	Junk trash
Saturday, December 26	Recycle

\* note Holiday Schedule

## ROLLOUT! HOUSTON

Have you misplaced your latest SBOCA newsletter and are having trouble remembering when to roll out the recycling and trash bins? There is now an app for that.

Rollout! Houston was created from the City of Houston's third hackathon event, where coders, designers, storytellers, marketers, writers, artists, kids, and beginners create solutions to city problems or tools for residents.

The free app can be found on the iPhone app store by searching "Rollout! Houston". The android version should be available soon.



### **SBOCA Board of Directors for 2015**

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