



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association held its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 20. Those present heard an interesting update on the recent legislative session by State Representative Dwayne Bohac.

Board members elected

Following Mr. Bohac's remarks, the business meeting convened, during which three members were elected to the Board of Directors. Linda Cover and Ryan Klaus were re-elected, and Kay-Kay Garrett will join the board. Kay-Kay is a math and science teacher in Spring Branch ISD.

Welcome aboard, Kay-Kay! The Board will designate the four officers' positions at its first meeting on January 5, 2016.

Other business

Deed Restriction violations and the need for Block Leaders were also discussed. It takes the participation of all our homeowners to keep the neighborhood safe and attractive! If you are willing to serve as a Block Leader, please contact Matthew Harkrider at 832-656-0962 or mhark@alertlogic.com.

New directories

Copies of the new

SBOCA directory were available for pick-up at this meeting. If you did not get one, come to the January meeting or contact Linda Cover at 713-464-7787 or email cover.linda@yahoo.com. Electronic copies are also available.

Don't miss our first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 19, 2016! Items of business will include adopting the 2016 budget and electing an Audit Committee to review the Association's financial records for 2015.

Upcoming Meetings

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

General Membership Meetings

January 19
April 19
July 19
October 18

Board of Directors Meetings

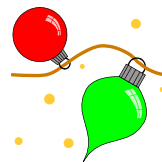
January 5
March 15
June 21
September 20

Positive Interaction Programs

January 12	July 12
March 8	September 13
May 10	November 8

Presentations topics are selected a month before, to fit the current crime prevention request.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WINNERS OF THE SBOCA YARD DECORATION CONTEST!



Thanks to everyone who put up decorations for the holidays this year! Congratulations to these neighbors whose homes were selected by our judges.

1st place - 9327 Willowview - John and Stacia Gollihar
2nd place - 9310 Willowview - Don and Claudia Siems
3rd place - 9305 Walterville - Patrick and Yvonne Hall
Honorable mention - 9317 Rosstown - Gabriel and Martha Villegas
Honorable mention - 9326 Saddle - Frank Piper and Wanda Anglin

The top three places will receive cash prizes from the Association.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN

"BE ALWAYS AT WAR WITH YOUR VICES, AT PEACE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND LET EACH NEW YEAR FIND YOU, A BETTER PERSON." - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Property owners are welcome to attend the open Board of Directors meetings to observe and listen to the business being conducted on the agenda.

If you would like to address the Board at a meeting, we request that you contact a Board member in writing, 10 days in advance of the

meeting, regarding the specific topic. We will review and attempt to accommodate your request at the next meeting with a return reply to you in writing.

The Board always wants to be transparent and responsive to homeowners and welcomes your input. Board meetings are held in the same place as

General Meetings. See schedule on the front page of this newsletter for dates.

At its first meeting in 2016, the new Board will identify some goals and elect officers for the coming year. Officers will be announced at the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 19.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Friday, January 1	NO COLLECTION
Saturday, January 2	Regular trash
Friday, January 8	Recycle
Friday, January 22	Recycle
Thursday, January 28	Tree trash
Friday, February 5	Recycle
Friday, February 19	Recycle
Thursday, February 25	Junk trash
Friday, March 4	Recycle
Friday, March 18	Recycle
Thursday, March 24	Tree trash

Solid Waste Management Launches Rollout! A New Mobile App



The **Rollout!** app was the winner in this year's 3rd annual **Citywide Hackathon**. It offers all kinds of useful information and reminders about the various City Solid Waste schedules for trash, junk waste, and tree waste collection, and recycling. It will even send you push notifications to remind you to roll your bin to the curb for collection.

The **Rollout!** App is available for download in the **iTunes** and **Android** app stores.

Download **Rollout!** today and never miss trash day again. Be sure and tell your neighbors, too.



When placing your carts at the curb, remember to leave 3 feet between each cart and other objects such as cars, trees, and mailboxes so the SWMD trucks can pick them up quickly and easily.



SBOCA financial reports are available to all property owners.

ASSESSMENTS DUE IN FEBRUARY

Annual Assessment notices will be in the mail soon. Payment of the \$20 per property fee is due by Friday, February 27, and should be made by check or money order. A \$20 late fee will be applied to payments received after that date.

Send payments to:
Attention: Treasurer
c/o SBOCA
P.O. Box 801562
Houston, TX 77280-1562

REP. BOHAC SHARES NEWS FROM LEGISLATURE

State Representative Dwayne Bohac was the featured speaker at SBOCA's Annual Meeting on October 20, 2015. His remarks centered on the recently completed legislative session for the state of Texas.

"What does the state do?"

The Texas Legislature meets bi-annually for 5 months; during the off months, the members return home to their regular jobs. The House and Senate alternate in pro-

posing the state's budget. This year's budget was for \$210 billion. Of that, 60% comes from sales tax.

Bills passed this session include

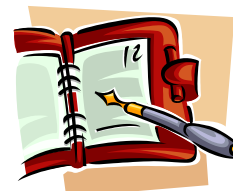
- Property and business tax relief.
- Border security (purchase of vehicles and establishment of a task force with DPS).
- Transportation (designating part of the sales tax reve-

nue for road construction).

- Education (calling for high quality pre-kindergarten classes, and changing school accountability to give individual schools an A-F rating and 2-year "fix it" window.
- Allowing individuals with an open-carry license to wear holsters in view.
- Pastor protection for those who do not wish to perform same-sex marriages.



Rep. Dwayne Bohac gave a review of the past Texas Legislature session at the SBOCA meeting in October.



Did you get your new directory? Contact Linda Cover to request a copy or to report any errors that you see.

CHIEF'S CITYWIDE "POSITIVE INTERACTION PROGRAM"

From: Officer James Sobota

For the month of January, our Positive Interaction Program presentation topic will be:

"Westside Patrol Division and Proactive Community Policing".

The Houston Police Department's Westside Patrol Division will outline their aggressive proactive community

policing stance, by actively engaging with residents and stakeholders to enhance, strengthen the relationships and the quality of life in the community.

The PIP meeting will be held in the Auditorium at 1602 State St., Houston, on Tuesday, January 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.



For more information about the Positive Interaction Program, contact Officer Sobota at

713-308-9079 or e-mail: james.sobota@houstonpolice.org.

ADDITIONAL STREETS PETITION FOR MLSB

Additional streets in Spring Branch Oaks are still being approved by the City of Houston Planning Department for a Minimum Lot Size Block designation.

Petitions signed by residents are pending or have already been approved by the City Council for the following

streets: Leto, Livernois, Spring Branch, Walterville, and Willowview. Petitions for Saddle and Spur were accepted in late December. This designation prevents a lot on those streets from being subdivided into lots with an area less than that of 70% of the current lots.

If you are interested in beginning the application process for your street, help is available from the city and from SBOCA neighbors who have already been through the process. You may contact any of the Board members for more information.

In Memoriam

Spring Branch Oaks neighbor Bill O'Fiel passed away on Thursday, October 29, after being hospitalized with recently discovered cancer. He was a fifth generation Houstonian.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Sharon, their four children, numerous grandchildren, and many friends who grieve his loss.

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GENERAL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, AT 6:30 P.M.

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