



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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HOMEBUILDER WILL SPEAK AT APRIL 19 GENERAL MEETING

April meeting

Keith Cohrs will be the featured speaker at our next SBOCA General Meeting on Tuesday, April 19.

Keith is the owner of Brookfield Custom Homes and has built several homes in Spring Branch Oaks over the past years. He will talk about the current market, what makes a neighborhood attractive to prospective home buyers, and how we can all help create an inviting atmosphere in our neighborhood.

The Board of Directors has accepted Ryan Klaus' resignation with regret. We will be electing someone to replace him as DROCOM chairman

at this General Meeting. Please be thinking of who would be a good chairman for this important committee.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. at St. Christopher's church, 1656 Blalock, for some refreshments and a chance to visit with your neighbors. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

January meeting

At the January General Meeting, James Alexander, president of SEAL Security, gave a presentation on the organization and its services. They currently have a contract with the Spring Branch Management District, and residents of Spring Branch Oaks can call them in an emergency.

For SEAL to provide security for the subdivision, there would be a \$32 per hour charge, with an 8-hour patrol minimum. It is possible that we could combine coverage with a nearby community to meet the minimum requirements. No commitment was made.

Brian Gehring introduced the new Board of Directors. Members are as follows:

President – Brian Gehring
Vice-President – Matthew Harkrider
Secretary – Linda Cover
Treasurer – KayKay Garrett
Board member – Sheree Speck

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

April 19

July 19

October 18

Board of Directors Meetings

March 22

June 21

September 20

National Night Out - Tuesday, October 4

Details will be announced later.



YARD-OF-THE-MONTH BEGINNING

Recent rains and warm weather have produced a wave of blooms and green leaves around the neighborhood. Spring Branch Oaks gardeners

are busy getting in new crops, too.

That means it is time to begin recognizing some of them with our Cornelius Nursery Yard-of-the-Month award. One resident will be selected

each month, April through September, for this recognition. The winner will also receive a gift certificate from the nursery. Be watching for an announcement about April's winner.

PIP MEETINGS WILL FEATURE LOCAL, COUNTY, AND STATE OFFICERS

Police Officer Chris Engelhardt sent the following information about upcoming Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings. PIP is an outreach program of the City of Houston police department, to inform citizens. Everyone is encouraged to attend these public meetings:.

April 19, 2016 - Harris County Commissioners Court- Judge Ed Emmet will be out to our meeting to talk about Commissioner's Court and how the county does business relating to the city. Judge Emmet will talk about the challenges facing Harris county with everything from toll roads, to the Astrodome, to "hunker down" with emer-

gency preparedness. This special meeting will be a first for our HPD PIP program- expect a large crowd for this one!

May 17, 2016- United States Marshalls' Office -U.S. Marshall Gary Blankinship over the Southern District of Texas will be out to present to us about the office of the U.S. Marshalls. Marshall Blankinship is a retired Houston Police Officer who has taken on this unique role. He will have information on the jurisdiction of the U.S. Marshalls and their roll in law enforcement. This is also a first for our PIP group -plan on coming out early this evening!

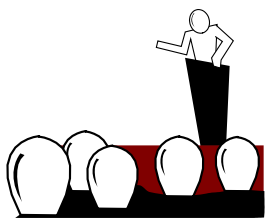
The **Mayor's Anti-gang office** provided an update on the gang problems and issues in Houston at the March meeting. Victor Gonzalez, gang expert for this office, was out to talk about the growing gang concerns around the city.

Location:
Faith Center- Sanctuary
8009 Long Point
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Questions:
contact Sr. Police Officer C. Engelhardt
832-394-0100

In Memoriam

Our sympathy is extended to husband John and the family of Geri Dysart, who died recently. She was a long-time resident of Spring Branch Oaks and had been battling cancer.



Both the City of Houston and Spring Branch ISD encourage residents to attend local meetings and be involved in community decisions.

SBISD WANTS COMMUNITY INPUT ON PLAN

In September, 2015, Spring Branch ISD embarked on an exploration of the possibility for SBISD to become a "District of Innovation" under House Bill 1842, a new opportunity for Texas school districts passed during the 84th Legislative Session. Four Community Meetings helped launch the work last fall.

A Strategic Planning Committee of approximately 90 SBISD community members, parents, students, and staff has been busily working since November to develop the strategic direction for the district.

March 25 marks the beginning of the 30-day Public Comment Period on the strategic planning document required under House Bill 1842. The Plan will be posted on the SBISD website (www.springbranchisd.com) for public review and comment.

The following Community Meetings provide an additional opportunity for you to learn more about the strategic direction of the district.

Tuesday, March 29, 7 PM
Stratford High School
Auditorium
14555 Fern Dr.
Houston, TX 77079

Thursday, March 31, 7 PM
Memorial High School
Cafeteria
935 Echo Lane
Houston, TX 77024

Tuesday, April 5, 7 PM
Spring Woods High School
Cafeteria
2045 Gessner Dr,
Houston, TX 77080

Thursday, April 14, 7 PM
Northbrook High School
Commons Area
1 Raider Circle,
Houston, TX 77080

GLASS NO LONGER RECYCLABLE

In the new contract with Waste Management, the city of Houston will no longer pay for glass to be included among the items allowed in curb-side recycling. Eliminating glass will lower the processing costs for Waste Management, allowing recycle pick-up to continue uninterrupted.

Glass containers can still be dropped off at the City's neighborhood depositories. For Spring Branch Oaks, the nearest location is Sommermeyer Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center, 14400 Sommermeyer Road, Houston, TX 77040. (The Sommermeyer facility is located at the intersection of Sommermeyer and Windfern, near old Hempstead Road.) It is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Greenstar Recycling at 1200 Brittmoore, just north of Westview Drive, also accepts glass. Their hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

The 96-gallon green bins will still accept paper, cardboard, plastics, and metal cans.

Residents may place up to 4 tires at the curb for collection during Junk Waste months. Collection crews will separate the tires from the Junk Waste. It may take up to a week before crews return and retrieve the tires. Separating the tires from the rest of the Junk Waste allows the Solid Waste Management Department to properly process tires.

Remember that Spring Branch Oaks deed restrictions specify that trash containers must be stored out of sight from the street except on collection days.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Friday, April 1	Recycle
Friday, April 15	Recycle
Thursday, April 28	Junk trash
Friday, April 29	Recycle
Friday, May 13	Recycle
Thursday, May 26	Tree trash
Friday, May 27	Recycle
Friday, June 10	Recycle
Thursday, June 23	Junk trash
Friday, June 24	Recycle

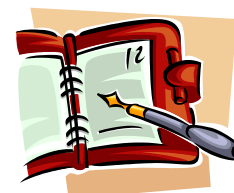
COME FOR BREAKFAST

Ladies from Spring Branch Oaks enjoy getting together for breakfast on the third Saturday each month, and everyone is invited! Locations can vary, but the current favorite is Corner Bakery Café on Echo Lane, in the Kroger shopping center. It begins about 9:30 a.m., so you can sleep late.

Gwen Hancock sends out reminders each month. If you would like to be included in the email notice, just let her know. Her email address is flying2success@gmail.com.



These ladies enjoyed breakfast together at the Corner Bakery Café in March.



Copies of the latest SBOCA directory are still available. If you would like to receive a copy, contact Linda Cover at 713-464-7787 or cover.linda@yahoo.com, or just pick up one at the General Meeting. A PDF version is available also if you prefer a digital copy.

We know that there have been a number of home sales in the neighborhood, so please let Linda know of new neighbors or errors which need to be corrected before the next printing.

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