



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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NEW SBOCA BOARD GETS SET FOR 2018

The Board of Directors for Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association held its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 2. The first item of business was to appoint officers for the coming year. They are:

President—

Michael Lewis, Sr.

Vice-President—

Sheree Speck

Secretary—

Linda Cover

Treasurer—

Patricia Fowler

Board member—

Steve Garner

On the agenda was discussion of last year's goals and determining goals for 2018. While traffic calming continues to be a neighborhood concern, we are moving up the list at Brenda Stardig's office and hope to have some action this year.

The goals agreed upon are:

- Continue to pursue

speed bumps or other traffic calming devices for several streets

- Have our bylaws reviewed by an attorney to insure that they are in compliance with new state laws
- Increase the current assessment from \$20 to \$50.
- Increase the re-finance fee and add a

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WINNERS!

New categories were used this year to award prizes for Christmas decorations in Spring Branch Oaks. We hope you got out to admire them!

Here are the winners:

**Best Lighting
Extravaganza**

Carlos & Maria Zuniga
9309 Spring Branch

Best Santa

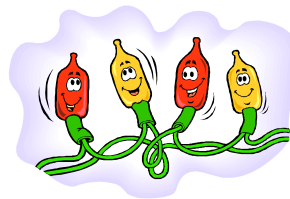
Drew Langworthy
9320 Spring Branch Dr.

**Best
Winter Wonderland**

Steven & Lisa Loo
1705 Spur

Most Creative

Don & Claudia Siems
9310 Willowview



Most Traditional

Patrick & Yvonne Hall
9305 Walterville

Most Whimsical

Steve & Kathy Garner
9338 Willowview

...and thanks to our judges for making the selections. Each winner will receive a \$40 award from SBOCA.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership and Board meetings are held at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Lat-ham Hall, 1656 Blalock Road, the third Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. They are open to all residents.

General Member- ship Meetings

January 16

April 17

July 17

October 16

Board of Directors Meetings

January 2

March 20

June 19

September 18

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 2

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Held at the park on the corner of Campbell Road and Spring Branch Drive

COUNCILMAN MIKE KNOX SHARES SOME UPDATES AT OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING



State Representative Dwayne Bohac and City Councilman Mike Knox both spoke to residents at the October 17 General Membership meeting.

Featured speaker

City Councilman Mike Knox gave residents at the October 17 SBOCA General Meeting a review of what's going on at city hall. Mr. Knox, who is an at-large member of city council, is also a Spring Branch area resident.

Mr. Knox, a former law enforcement officer him-

self, mentioned that the northwest area is a safe place and has a low number of calls for police service. Houston has only about 2,000 patrol officers, divided into three shifts. He reminded those present that they can call non-emergency 311 any time for city services.

Property taxes were a hot topic at city hall, following Hurricane Harvey, with mayor Turner proposing a one-time, one-year tax increase. Reassessing flooded homes will be a burden on the city tax office.

Following his remarks, Mr. Knox answered questions from the floor. State Representative Dwayne Bohac made a

surprise visit to the meeting and also spoke briefly.

Business meeting

During the business meeting which followed, the Officer Nominating Committee presented its recommendations. Steve Garner was nominated as a new member to the Board of Directors, and Linda Cover was nominated for another term. Both of these were elected by acclamation and will serve for three years.

A committee was appointed to judge the Christmas Decorations in the neighborhood, and it was agreed that they would select specific categories to award this year. There will be 6 categories.



PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

We have lots of dog-walkers in our neighborhood. Please be considerate of others and pick up after your dog as you go.

GET INFORMED ABOUT YOUR MAIL DELIVERIES

Informed Delivery is a free service of the US Postal Service. If you want to know what is being delivered to you each day, follow these steps:

- Visit <https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>
- Sign up for the service, which includes verifying you are who you say you are.
- Then you will start receiving emails showing you images of the mail you should receive that day.

Some hand-addressed cards do not make the images and some junk mail does not, but it can be handy to know if something perhaps was delivered to the wrong address so you can start asking neighbors. And, it tells you if your mail carrier should have delivered mail or not that day since some neighbors have experienced irregular delivery.

YARD/TREE WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES JANUARY 2

In coordination with its Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program, the Solid Waste Management Department will restart its Yard/Tree Waste Collection and Recycling Program on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

According to Irma Reyes, with the Solid Waste Management Department, "We will be picking up Christmas trees on your curbside, it will be on your garbage day. Take out all the ornaments, and all the decorations. We are not accepting any flocked trees. Those are

not recyclable."

If you miss the pickup date, there are 26 recycling locations all over town where you can drop it off (see box below).

Starting January 2, the city also returns to picking up yard trimmings and small branches—bundled neatly and no longer than 36 inches—on normal garbage collection days.

Large waste pick-up is still suspended. Only things that can be picked up and loaded by hand will be collected.



TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Friday, January 5	Recycle
Friday, January 19	Recycle
Friday, February 2	Recycle
Friday, February 16	Recycle
Friday, March 2	Recycle
Friday, March 16	Recycle
Friday, March 30	Recycle
Friday, April 13	Recycle

For reminders on your phone, get the **Rollout!** App. It is available for download in the **iTunes** and **Android** app stores.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

December 26, 2017 - January 15, 2018

Two options

- Place your tree at the curb for collection on your Tree Waste day.
- Bring your residential Christmas trees to one of the following Drop-Off locations below.

Open Wednesday - Sunday 9am - 6pm	
1 Central Neighborhood Depository	2240 Central St.
2 Kirkpatrick Neighborhood Depository	5565 Kirkpatrick
3 Sommermeyer Neighborhood Depository	14400 Sommermeyer
4 N. Main Neighborhood Depository	9003 N. Main
5 Southwest Neighborhood Depository	10785 SW Frwy
6 Sunbeam Neighborhood Depository	5100 Sunbeam
Open Daily - 9am - 6pm	
7 Kingwood	Bens View Lane @ Bens Branch Dr.
8 Doss Park (gates close at 5 pm)	2500 Frick Rd.
9 Memorial Park Ball Fields 4 and 5	7300 Memorial Drive
10 T.C. Jester Park	4200 T.C. Jester West
11 Ellington Airport Recycling Drop-off	Hwy 3 @ Brantley Rd
Open Mon. - Sat. 8am - 5pm (Westpark Closed Monday, Jan. 1, 2018)	
12 Westpark Consumer Recycling Center	5900 Westpark
LIVING EARTH - Open Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm & Saturday 7am - 12pm	
Living Earth will be closed Monday, December 25, 2017 and Monday, January 1, 2018	
13 5802 Crawford Rd	20 10310 Beaumont Highway
14 1503 Industrial Dr	21 17555-145 South
15 1700 Highway 90A East	22 20611 US Hwy 59
16 12202 Cutten Rd.	23 1000 FM 1266
17 16138 Hwy 6	24 16717 Katy Freeway
18 5210 S Sam Houston Pkwy E	25 16955 Katy-Hockley Rd
19 27733 Katy Freeway	26 9306 FM 523 (Lake Jackson)

Remove tin foil, plastic bags, tree stands and water bowls. Flocked trees are not accepted. Christmas trees placed curbside will be collected on your scheduled Tree Waste service day in January.

Thank you Tree Sponsor

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BOARD SETS GOALS FOR NEW YEAR

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transfer fee for properties being sold or refinanced

- Present a treasurer's update, including an audit report, at the April 17 General Meeting

We hope to have good attendance at the January 16 General Meeting, where these will be discussed. Mike Lewis will give an update on the status of our petition for

speed bumps. Also, suggestions for future programs may be presented by homeowners.

We notice a number of new homes being built in the neighborhood, and hope that our new residents will feel welcome! If you know of someone new moving in, please say "hello" and send an email with the name and address to Linda Cover at cover.linda@yahoo.com.

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GENERAL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, AT 6:30 P.M.

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