



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association

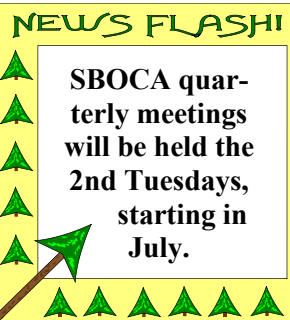


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MEETING DATES CHANGED TO 2ND TUESDAY



At its March meeting, the Board of Directors discussed requests from some residents that the day for our General Meetings be changed to allow residents to attend the area PIP meetings hosted by the Houston police department.

Since the PIP meetings—also held on the third Tuesday—have

speakers and topics of general interest, it was decided to move the SBOCA meeting to the SECOND Tuesday, beginning in July. Board meetings will also be held the second Tuesdays.

We hope this will help ease the conflicting dates and allow more participation in both events.

HERE'S THE SCOOP!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 10

Beat the summer heat and come for some ice cream with all the toppings and a great chance to catch up with your neighbors. We will be inside where it is cool and mosquito free!

Join us at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 1656 Blalock Road, at 6:30 p.m.

Kids are welcome at this get-together. If there is

someone new on your block, be neighborly...stop by, introduce yourself, and invite them to come to the social.

This will not be a regular business meeting but is planned just-for-fun. Mark your calendar now!

If you have comments or concerns about what is



going on in our neighborhood, this is a good chance to share those with the SBOCA board and also put in your ideas for future meeting speakers.

Copies of the neighborhood directory will be available for pick-up.

Upcoming Meetings

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

General Membership Meetings

July 10
October 9

Board of Directors Meetings

September 11

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

IT'S HURRICANE SEASON! : ARE YOU READY?



Join our group on Facebook:
SpringBranchOaks neighbors

*Are you getting announcements from the Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association (SBOCA)? If not, just go to our website and sign up: **springbranchoaks.com**.*

You can also see past newsletters, announcements, and other useful information.

While our area was spared the Hurricane Harvey flooding that is still impacting many of our neighbors, there's no telling where the next storm will hit. Brenda Stardig's office has shared some good information to help us be prepared. Here it is:

After the devastating Atlantic Hurricane Season of 2017, early predictions for 2018 call for another above-average hurricane season. According to forecasters, up to 14 tropical storms could develop between June 1 and November 30, six to eight storms could become hurricanes - three to five major hurricanes. Regardless of the forecast, it only takes one storm to make it a bad year.

Harris County experienced its worst flood ever when heavy rainfall from Hurricane Harvey stalled in southeast Texas last August. This disaster claimed 36 lives in Harris County alone and led to one of the largest rescue efforts in Texas history. Latest estimates indicate 600,000 vehicles and up

to 180,000 homes were damaged.

Be prepared

Everyone should have an emergency supply kit with enough non-perishable food and water to last **seven to ten days**.

Other essential items include:

- Copies of insurance papers and identification sealed in a water-tight plastic bag
- First-aid kit
- NOAA weather radio and batteries
- Mobile phone and charger
- Prescription medicines
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Clothing
- Personal hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and deodorant
- Cash or checkbook



- Pet supplies including food, water, leashes, bedding, and vaccination records

Evacuation help is available

If you will need help evacuating, sign up with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Regis-

try (STEAR) online or call 2-1-1 to register for transportation. STEAR is a free service available to the elderly, people with access and functional needs,



and individuals who do not have any other means of transportation.

Can you help?

In addition to your personal preparedness, consider getting involved in neighborhood and community emergency preparedness activities.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Visit www.HoustonCert.org to sign up for classes or to get information. You can also call Jackie Miller, the Community Preparedness Programs Manager, and

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To reach Long Point HPD on non-urgent matters like parking in front yards, you can:

- Email:
NW Spring Branch.Storefront@HoustonPolice.Org
- call 832-394-0100 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

YARD-OF-THE-MONTH RECOGNIZES SOME OF OUR OUTSTANDING YARDS

In spite of the summer heat, some of our neighbors seem to keep their yards looking great!

These are the folks who have been recognized in our Yard-of-the-Month program this year:

April—9316 Spring Branch Drive

Richard and Lauren Martini have replaced their old home with a Prairie style house which highlights some great environmentally smart features.

May—9366 Livernois
Lonnie and Laura Payne added to their existing home a few years ago. One of its new features is a sweet fountain tucked into a corner of the front porch.

June—9402 Willowview
Jose and Juliana Velazquez are repeat winners whose yard always shows their loving care. How do they get that tree to grow in a spiral anyway?

Be sure to drive by and check out these winners.

HURRICANE SEASON: HELP IS AVAILABLE

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832-393-0922 or email
Jackie.Miller

@houston.tx.gov.

Information is as close as your phone or computer

It is important to stay informed before, during and after a hurricane. Sign up to receive weather and emergency alerts at www.houstonemergency.org/alerts

and www.readyharris.org and closely monitor the news media. Local officials will provide information about current conditions, evacuations and re-entry.

Finally, download the free ReadyHarris app, from the App Store or Google Play. The ReadyHarris app delivers real time weather alerts, hosts a step-by-step guide to building a personalized family disaster plan, offers survival tip sheets, maps evacuation routes, and locates local emergency services.



TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Friday, July 6	Recycle
Friday, July 20	Recycle
Thursday, July 26	Tree trash
Friday, August 3	Recycle
Friday, August 17	Recycle
Thursday, August 23	Junk trash
Friday, August 31	Recycle
Friday, September 14	Recycle
Thursday, September 27	Tree trash
Friday, September 28	Recycle



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

COME FOR BREAKFAST

Come to the Corner Bakery Café, 9311 Katy Freeway (in the Kroger shopping center), on the 3rd Saturday each month to see your neighbors and catch up with what's going on in Spring Branch Oaks.

We will be gathering at 8:30 a.m., starting in July, to give folks more time for other activities on busy Saturdays. You can just have a cup of coffee or a big breakfast, whatever suits you.



Join us at 8:30 a.m. or so at the Corner Bakery Café on the third Saturday each month.

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GENERAL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 10, AT 6:30 P.M.

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