



# Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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## NEW SCHEDULE SET FOR SBOCA MEETINGS

### New schedule approved

Because of poor attendance at the SBOCA General Meetings, the Board has voted to eliminate the April and July meetings this year. We will continue to hold our Annual Meeting on the third Tuesday, October 15, when the PIP is not meeting.

Starting in 2020, there will be **only one** Association meeting, to be held in October. This is the meeting where we will elect officers for the coming year.

### Board member election postponed

We were not able to elect new members to the Board of Directors at the October 9 meet-

ing this year because a quorum was not present. Mike Lewis will continue to serve on the Board until the January 8 meeting, when we will hold an election for Board of Directors positions. One or two members may be elected.

With many new residents in our subdivi-

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## COMMISSIONER CAGLE GIVES A SNAPSHOT OF HIS OFFICE

County Commissioner Jack Cagle was our guest speaker at the October 9 General Membership meeting.

He covers a large part of Harris County, in an area with an unusual shape. In addition to explaining what a county commissioner does, Mr. Cagle spoke about the upcoming work planned for the Spring Branch area.

A joint effort with the city of Houston will see flood control improvements along Spring Branch Creek.

The first stage will involve that portion of the creek which runs along Neuens Road. With the renovation of that section, the creek will flow underneath Neuens and that road will be improved. Added amenities will include a retention pond and a park.



Additional work will be done on the portion which run through Spring Branch Oaks, but details on that project are not yet clear.

## 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 8  
October 15**

### Board of Directors Meetings

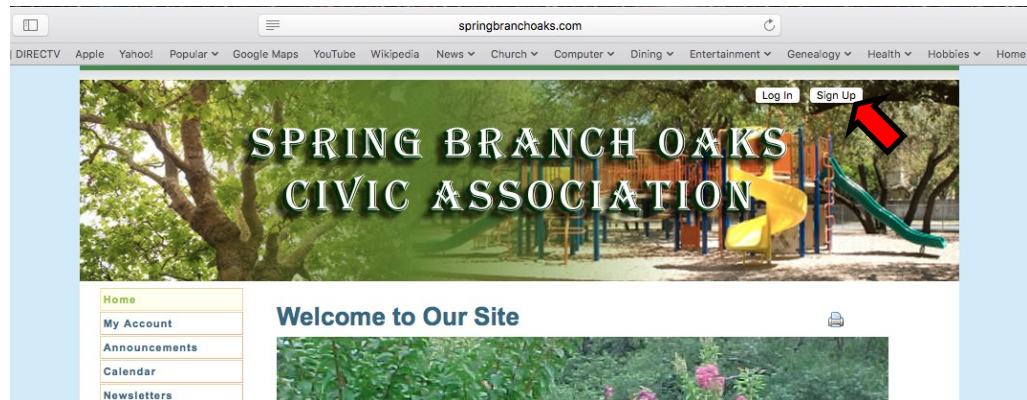
**March 12  
June 11  
September 10  
December 10**

### National Night Out

**Tuesday, October 1**

Details will be announced later.

## ARE YOU SIGNED UP?



Are you getting announcements from SBOCA? Do you wonder what the deed restrictions say? Want to learn a little history of our subdivision?

You can get the answers to these and many more questions on the SBOCA website.

The web page is available to anyone, but to get an-

nouncements you need to sign up. Just click the "Sign Up" button in the top right corner of our webpage home screen.

Annual Assessment notices will be in the mail soon.

Payment is due by Thursday, February 28. 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**

NorthWest Division PIP (Positive Interaction Program) meetings are held at 8009 Long Point on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. They always have programs of general interest and focused on public safety.

## IT WAS A RAIN-OUT, AGAIN....

Our National Night Out celebration planned for October 2 had to be cancelled again because of the weather. The rain fell, and the park at Campbell Road

and Spring Branch Drive had standing water in it.

We will hope for better weather in 2019 and a chance to get together as a neighborhood!

## WHAT'S GOING ON ALONG THE CREEK?

Residents on Spring Branch Drive and Willowview Lane noticed that workers from the Harris County Flood Control District were out recently measuring and putting stakes in the ground on those streets and along the center of the easement which runs between the two streets.

For those new to the neighborhood, Spring Branch

Creek was fed through underground, concrete boxes from Blalock to Campbell Road some time ago, to reduce flooding. The resulting green space is still owned by the county.

Some residents took part of that easement behind their houses into their yards and have maintained it and kept it mowed. Others have left it to grow wild again. The

county has not done much to keep it mowed in recent years, and trees and weeds have grown up.

What's going to happen? Well, we don't know yet. "Reclaiming" the creek is part of the county's long-range plan to mitigate flooding. We will just have to wait to see when they get to this project and what they will do.

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS....

While you are making your New Year's Resolutions to be a better person and improve your health, add these to the list to help make you a better neighbor:

- 1) **Attend the Association meetings and get involved.**
- 2) **Store trash and recycle cans out of sight from the street.** (That's in our Deed Restrictions.)
- 3) **Keep my dog on a leash or in a fenced yard.**
- 4) **Only put out Heavy Trash on the week it will be picked up.** (Remember that Tree Waste is picked up on **odd** months and Junk Waste only on **even** months.)
- 5) **Say "hi" to my neighbors when I see them and make new residents welcome.**
- 6) **Park my car in the driveway, not on the lawn.**
- 7) **Insure that my tenants of rental property abide by the Spring Branch Oaks deed restrictions, too.**
- 8) **Sign up on the Civic Association's web page, [springbrancoaks.com](http://springbrancoaks.com).**
- 9) **Pay my Association dues on time.**
- 10) **Spruce up my house and yard for the Yard-of-the-Month contest.**

## TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Thursday, December 27 | Junk trash |
| Friday, January 4     | Recycle    |
| Friday, January 18    | Recycle    |
| Thursday, January 24  | Tree trash |
| Friday, February 1    | Recycle    |
| Friday, February 15   | Recycle    |
| Thursday, February 28 | Junk trash |
| Friday, March 1       | Recycle    |
| Friday, March 15      | Recycle    |
| Thursday, March 28    | Tree trash |
| Friday, March 29      | Recycle    |



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## MEETING DATE CHANGES PLANNED

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sion, this would be a great chance to be part of the decision-making process for our neighborhood. Come let your voice be heard.

### Financial update

Patricia Fowler will also give a report at the Tuesday, January 8, meeting on the income and expendi-

tures of the Association. Do you know where the money from your dues goes? Come find out.

The low amount of our dues is an ongoing concern, as it puts a limit on what the Association can do. At this meeting, we will discuss raising the dues to \$75.00 annually. The Board is looking for ideas

on how to get good participation in the election.

### DROCOM report

We will also hear from Jerry Fowler about the latest efforts of the DROCOM. Things are happening behind the scenes to deal with some illegal operations in our neighborhood.



We still have copies of the most recent directory for Spring Branch Oaks available. If you need a copy, just contact Linda Cover at 713-464-7787 or [cover.linda@yahoo.com](mailto:cover.linda@yahoo.com).

### SBOCA Board of Directors for 2019

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**GENERAL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, AT 6:30 P.M.**

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