



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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DROCOM AND BY-LAWS ARE MAIN TOPICS AT JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The importance of the Deed Restriction Oversight Committee (DROCOM) was a main topic of discussion at the General Membership Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. James Beule was elected as the new DROCOM chairman, and several members present volunteered to serve on the committee.

The proposed budget for 2012 was presented by treasurer Linda Lochli. This year's budget contains an allowance for legal fees, for services related to updating our civic association by-laws and putting in place guidelines prompted by recent state legislation. The new by-laws and guidelines will be posted on our website - www.springbrancoaks.com - when they are completed, and a report will be presented at the April 17 General Membership Meeting.

Newly-elected councilwoman Helena Brown spoke briefly at the meeting and announced that she is opening an office

in the facilities of Spring Branch Hospital for the convenience of constituents. Stop by if you have a compliment or concern, or would like to volunteer.

Spring Branch Oaks will again participate in Cornelius Nursery's Good Neighbor Program from April through September. A committee will select a Yard-of-the-Month each of those months, and the winning resident will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Cornelius. With the wonderful rain we have had recently, and the warmer weather, our yards will be growing again! Please contact Brenda Butcher if you are interested in serving on the selection committee.

If you haven't been out and around the neighborhood to admire the azaleas, spirea, wisteria, and other spring shrubs which are in full bloom, take time to do that. And remember that you can count the time you spend admiring those lovely flowers for COP.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here, and we are looking forward to the next General Membership Meeting of Spring Branch Oaks and Saddle-Spur on Tuesday, April 17. By popular demand, Wayne Martin from Covington's Nursery will be our guest speaker. Last summer's drought and an unusual winter have taken their toll on our lawns and gardens, so it will be good

to get some tips on how to help them recover. There will also be a report on the new subdivision guidelines, which will supplement our deed restrictions, and the proposed by-laws.

Come for a sandwich supper at 6:30 and spend time visiting with your neighbors. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m., and child care is provided.

Meeting Dates

General Membership Meetings for 2012

April 17
July 17
October 16

Executive Committee Meetings

March 20
June 19
September 18

All meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Latham Hall, 1656 Blalock Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

National Night Out - October 2

Details will be announced later.

Houston Police Department - Northwest Community Meetings

April 17 - Houston Police
Department Bomb Squad:
Latest tools and techniques.

May 15 - Identity Theft: Ways to
keep yourself from being a victim.
Meetings are held in the Faith Center
Sanctuary, 8009 Long Point,
beginning at 7:00 p.m. (6:30 - COP)

Memorial Area Ministries (MAM), 1625 Blalock, will host a Paper Shredding & Recycle Day on Saturday, April 14, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

For a minimum donation of \$10.00, you may bring boxes of paper to be shredded and old computer equipment for recycling. They will provide a certificate verifying that your hard drive will be stripped. This is an excellent way to protect personal information which may be on bills, bank statements, etc.

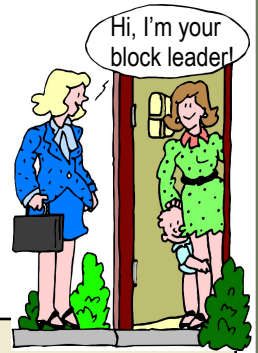
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TELEMARKETING CALLS

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you an opportunity to limit the telemarketing calls you receive. Once you register your phone number, telemarketers covered by the National Do Not Call Registry have up to 31 days to stop calling you.

To add your number to the Registry you can call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register, or go to www.donotcall.gov and click on "Register a Phone Number" in the left column of the page. You can register your home and/or mobile. If you are not sure whether you have already registered, click on "Verify A Registration." To report a violation, click on "File A Complaint." Telephone numbers placed on the National Do Not Call Registry will remain on it permanently due to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007, which became law in February 2008.

Calls from or on behalf of political organizations, charities, and telephone surveyors would still be permitted, as would calls from companies with which you have an existing business relationship or those to whom you've provided express agreement in writing to receive their calls. However, if you ask a company with which you have an existing business relationship to place your number on its own do-not-call list, it must honor your request. You should keep a record of the date you make the request.

Our Block Leaders are getting organized, under the leadership of Vice-President Carolyn Schooley. Expect to see one of them with a Neighborhood Information Form for you to fill out. This will help us get to know new neighbors and update our neighborhood directory. **Be sure to return your form before the April 17 General Membership meeting!** Also, feel free to contact your block representative if you have any questions or concerns about what is going on in the neighborhood.



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Trash Collection Schedule

Thursday, March 22 - Tree trash pick-up
Thursday, April 26 - Junk trash pick-up
Thursday, May 24 - Tree trash pick-up

Friday, March 23 - Recycle
Friday, April 6 - Recycle
Friday, April 20 - Recycle
Friday, May 4 - Recycle
Friday, May 18 - Recycle



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