



# Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1  
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.**



**Join us at the Park @ Campbell & Spring Branch Drive**

**Hot dogs, chips, drinks, ice cream, and fun!**

**BYOC - bring your own chairs**

SBOCA is participating in National Night Out again this year. We are very excited about getting the neighborhood together to have fun and get to know each other better! Some special guests will also drop by.

We have a number of new residents in our neighborhood and encourage everyone to come and show your community spirit. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **GENERAL MEETING WILL FEATURE CANDIDATES' FORUM, BOARD MEMBER ELECTION**

Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association has an important meeting coming up! The Annual Meeting and last General Meeting for 2013 will be held on Tuesday, October 15, in Latham Hall, at the rear of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 1656 Blalock. There will be a light supper at 6:30 p.m., and the business meeting will begin at 7:00.

### **Meet the candidates**

Candidates for City Council Representative, District A, in the upcoming city election are being invited to attend. Do you know who they are? There is a large field of candidates in this race, so it will be helpful for residents to meet them and hear what they have to say before election day on Tuesday, November 5.

### **Board Member to be elected**

This is also the meeting where an Executive Board member for the coming

year will be elected. No Nominating Committee is in place, so nominations will be taken from the floor. Any member of the Association may be nominated or place a name in nomination.

There will be only one position to fill this year. Current president Sheree Speck will complete her term and rotate off. The remaining four members have either one or two additional years to serve. The new member will be elected for a three-year term.

Under the current by-laws, board members are not elected for a specific office. At its first meeting in 2014, the new Executive Board will determine which member will serve in each office.

**GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15  
6:30 P.M.**

### **Let's talk about...**

Your input is needed on some topics currently under consideration:

- Assessment fees - should they be raised to fund new projects and current association functions?
- Neighborhood improvements - would new entrance markers help spruce up the appearance?
- DROCOM - lack of participation may require the use of a property manager
- Treasurer's job - it's a big one! Help is needed here too. Is a property manager the answer?

Don't be left out of these decisions! Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this meeting. takes everyone's participation to keep our subdivision strong.



## LOST AND FOUND PETS

Have you lost a pet or found a stray that wandered into your yard? We often see posters around, and occasionally get emails, seeking help in recovering escaped dogs or returning an animal to its proper home. Did you know that Facebook can help?

If you are a Facebook fan, you can access the **Spring Branch Lost Pets** group to see pictures and pleas, and to place a request. Just go to their site, [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), and type "Spring Branch Lost Pets" in the search box. If you "like" the group, you will receive regular postings from this area.

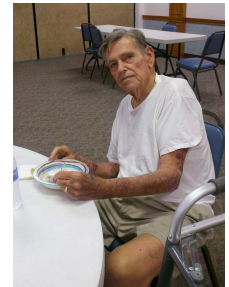
## ICE CREAM HIGHLIGHTED JULY MEETING

In July, it is just too hot to conduct business, so the members of Spring Branch Oaks Civic Associa-

tion were treated to an evening of ice cream and visiting with neighbors instead on Tuesday, July 16.



Carolyn Schooley made sure everyone got served at the Ice Cream Social.



Ed Umbright may have set a record for the most ice cream eaten.

## DO SOMETHING!

SBOCA residents frequently contact association president Sheree Speck asking that the Association "Do something about..." an issue in their neighborhood. It may be some safety issue or an annoyance such as barking dogs, unsightly yard, loud music....

Unfortunately, many of these complaints are outside the bounds of the Association's authority. This topic will be addressed briefly at the October General Meeting and discussed in more detail at the January meeting. When the problem is a violation of the deed restrictions or guidelines (*Copies of these are available in the 2012 directory and on the Association's website.*), **the best first step is often to speak directly to the neighbor or owner of the property yourself.** Perhaps they aren't aware of the restriction or the annoyance.

If that doesn't help, the next step should be to contact Jim Beuchele, who is chairman of the Deed Restriction Oversight Committee (DROCOM). This group is the "official" representative for the Association in such matters and is made up of volunteers who are giving their time and effort to help protect our subdivision.

In the past few years, participation in DROCOM has dwindled. The Executive Board is again looking at employing a property management firm to handle these situations. Unfortunately, such a step would likely require a raise in the annual assessment fee. Please consider how you can be directly involved as a member of DROCOM and plan to attend the General Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, to give your input.

We all want to protect the beauty and health of our neighborhood!



## TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Friday, September 20  
Recycle

Thursday, September 26  
Tree trash

Friday, October 4  
Recycle

Friday, October 18  
Recycle

Thursday, October 24  
Junk trash

Friday, November 1  
Recycle

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