



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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JOIN US AT THE PARK CAMPBELL & SPRING BRANCH DRIVE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014

6:00—7:30 P.M.

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

BYOC - BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS

Spring Branch Oaks will celebrate National Night Out again this year at our pocket park on the corner of Campbell Road and Spring Branch Drive. The civic association will furnish hot dogs, chips, and

ice cream! You bring a chair and maybe some mosquito spray.

This is a great time to meet new neighbors and say hello to old ones, too. The slogan on NNO's website: "A connected

neighborhood is a safer neighborhood." Let's get connected!

If you can help with set-up or grilling, please contact Carolyn Schooley at carolyn0821@att.net or 713-464-2931.

IMPORTANT GENERAL MEETING— TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, October 21. Come at 6:30 p.m. for a social

time with coffee and cookies. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

There will be two important issues up for a vote at this meeting:

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Upcoming Meetings

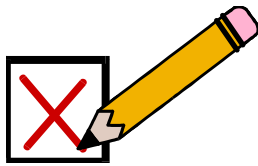
General Membership and Board meetings are held at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Latham Hall, 1656 Blalock Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**General Membership Meetings
October 21**

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Meetings will be held at the Gehring's, 9350 Walterville, the following Mondays at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome!

**October 6
December 8**



Make plans now to attend the October 21 Annual Meeting and participate in the decisions that affect YOUR neighborhood.

"THERE IS NO NOMINATING COMMITTEE THIS YEAR, SO ALL NOMINATIONS [FOR THE BOARD] WILL BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR."

ANNUAL MEETING: DUES AND BOARD UP FOR VOTE

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- Setting the annual dues, and
- Electing three members to the Board of Directors

Assessments

Each property owner will receive an absentee ballot and cover letter in the mail, explaining the rationale for setting our annual assessment at a higher rate. You may vote by mail, but we urge you to

also attend the meeting to join the discussion. Final voting will take place then.

Board election

There will be three openings on the Board of Directors for 2015. Carolyn Schooley and Linda Lochli both have terms which expire this year. Their replacements will serve three-year terms. In addition, the spot vacated by Dan Hollingsworth needs to be

filled. That will be a one-year term.

Please think about your neighbors who would make good officers and be willing to serve the neighborhood. **There is no Nominating Committee this year, so all nominations will be made from the floor. Please be sure to have permission from anyone you wish to nominate!**

DISTRICT A FAQ'S FROM BRENDA STARDIG

A recent newsletter from District A City Councilwoman Brenda Stardig listed a number of frequently asked questions her office receives. Here are some which come up in our neighborhood:



Trash collection Schedule

*Note special holiday pick-up dates

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| Thursday, September 25 | Tree trash |
| Friday, October 3 | Recycle |
| Friday, October 17 | Recycle |
| Thursday, October 23 | Junk trash |
| Friday, October 31 | Recycle |
| Friday, November 14 | Recycle |
| *Friday, November 28 | Tree trash |
| *Saturday, November 29 | Recycle & regular trash pick-up |
| Friday, December 12 | Recycle |
| *Friday, December 26 | Junk trash |
| *Saturday, December 27 | Recycle & regular trash pick-up |

1. Who do I call if there are cars parking in the yard in my neighborhood?

- Call 3-1-1
- HPD is responsible for enforcing this, but 3-1-1 can refer you to the correct place to contact.

2. A vehicle has been parked on my street for weeks. What do I do?

- Call the HPD non emergency number: 713-884-3131
- A vehicle is allowed to be parked on a the street for 24 hours. After 24 hours, HPD can write a ticket. After another 24 hours, another ticket can be issued. 24 hours later, the vehicle can be towed regardless of whether or not it is operable.

3. My drainage ditch needs to be cleaned out. Who do I call?

- If the ditch is in your yard, you are responsible for cleaning the ditch. If it is

not on private property, then call it in to 3-1-1.

4. My trash (or recycling) was not picked up. Who do I call?

- First check your collection schedule to make sure that you put out your trash on the correct day. If you did put out your trash on the correct day, call 3-1-1 to report the problem.

[Remember that heavy trash may be put out any day the week it is collected, but regular trash and recycle should be out of sight until the day before collection.]

5. I have called 3-1-1 multiple times, but the problem still exists. What can be done now?

- When you call 3-1-1, they will give you a Service Request Number (SR#). Call my office at 832-393-3010 with the SR#, and my staff will assist you.

If you would like to receive Ms. Stardig's newsletters, contact her office at districta@houstontx.gov.

Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association
Profit & Loss
January—December 2013

Income

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Assessment Fees | \$5,565.00 |
| Assessment Fees Other | 40.00 |
| Interest Income | 62.94 |
| Transfer Fee | 595.00 |
| Unapplied Cash Payment Income | 25.00 |

Total Income

\$6,287.94

Expenses

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Bad Check Returned | \$52.00 |
| Bank Service Charges | 12.00 |
| Directory | 1,365.76 |
| Dues or Subscriptions | 474.00 |
| Events | 240.00 |
| Legal Fees | 200.42 |
| Insurance | 1,269.00 |
| Maintenance & repairs | |
| Entrance markers | 85.00 |
| Meeting expenses | |
| Meeting—child care | 30.00 |
| Meeting—food | 64.45 |
| Newsletter | |
| Delivery | 320.00 |
| Printing | 306.32 |
| Office expenses | |
| Msc. | 259.23 |
| Computer software | 511.08 |
| Postage | 557.80 |
| Rent—meeting hall | 934.00 |
| Website | 161.29 |

Total Expenses

\$6,862.35

Net Income

\$ (574.41)

WEBSITE IS FULL OF INFORMATION

In case you haven't visited the Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association website—springbrancoaks.com—please check it out.

You will find that it is loaded with information for our homeowners and other residents, such as Deed Restrictions, guidelines, the Association By-laws, minutes of recent General Meetings, and past newsletters.

You may also set up your own account and register to receive announcements by email.

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS



Congratulation to our most recent Yard-of-the-Month winners! James Qualls, 9314 Walterville, was the winner in August, and Shane Sealy's yard at 9325 Walterville was chosen for the month of September. They will each receive a gift certificate from Cornelius Nursery. We appreciate being part of Cornelius' Good Neighbor program.

With fall approaching, this will be the last yard selected this season. However, Spring Branch Oaks will have our annual Christmas Decorations contest in December. Our judges will be out looking at outdoor decorations the week before Christmas, and three cash prizes will be awarded. So light up your house!

CONGRATULATIONS, RING BRANCH!

HPL's Ring Neighborhood Library, located at 8835 Long Point, recently celebrated 50 years of service to Spring Branch. Stop in to thank them, check out a book or CD, and get your new "MY Link to the World" library card.

The following note was sent from the Pena family:

The family of Delphino M. Pena would like to express our gratitude to the residents of Spring Branch Oaks for the outpouring of condolences and sympathy. The outreach and support to his wife of 63 years, Matilde Pena, speaks to the heart of our community. One by one ... men, women, & children, walking their faithful companions, from all walks of life, have each paid their respects. There were no strangers to the "gentle-man" who always had a ready smile, a friendly wave and a blessing.

SBOCA Board of Directors for 2014

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It's in the mail.....

Ballots to vote on the annual assessment for 2015 will be mailed this week to every homeowner. Be sure to vote!



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