



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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BOARD HOLDS ITS FIRST 2020 MEETING

The SBOCA Board held its first meeting of the new year on January 7 and elected these officers for the coming year.

President—
Mike Lewis
Vice President—
Sheree Speck
Treasurer—
Patricia Fowler

Secretary—
Linda Cover
Board Members—
Steve Garner
Tony Massoth

Dues paying
Alternate ways of paying dues was discussed, and we will explore ways of paying online.

Creek issues
Some residents have expressed concern about the accessibility of the easement on Spring Branch Creek since the county has reclaimed that property. If you see a suspicious vehicle driving there or observe vagrants

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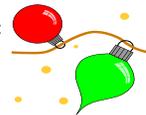
Upcoming Meetings

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. They are open to all residents. There is only one General Membership meeting now, but Board meetings are held quarterly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WINNERS OF THE SBOCA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST!

Thanks to all our neighbors who decorated their homes for the holiday season! These are the winners in our Christmas Lights contest:

1st place—Claudia Siems, 9310 Willowview Lane
2nd place—Patrick & Yvonne Hall, 9305 Walterville
3rd place—Francis McGarry & Lisa Johnson, 9361 Livernois
Honorable mention—Steve & Kathy Garner, 9338 Willowview Lane
Jerry & Tricia Fowler, 9369 Livernois



ANNUAL MEETING ELECTS MEMBERS TO THE BOARD AND OTHER BUSINESS

Spring Branch Oaks held its annual meeting on Tuesday, October 15.

Amy Peck, candidate for Houston City Council, was the guest speaker. She spent time answering questions from the audience after discussing some of the issues facing the city and District A.

Two members were also elected to the Board of Directors. Patricia Fowler and Sheree Speck were both nominated, and they were elected by acclamation.

Our Citizens on Patrol is now being coordinated by Wanda Anglin, fol-

lowing the death of long-time coordinator Jim Majsterski. You can patrol as much or as little as you like and log your hours on the website set up for that. To learn more, contact Wanda at wanda@onmarc.com or call her at 713-909-0362.

General Membership Meeting

July 14 Available for Block Parties, etc.

October 20

Board of Directors Meetings

January 7

March 10

June 9

September 8

National Night Out -

Tuesday, October 6

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Held at the park on Campbell Road and Spring Branch Drive.



COME FOR BREAKFAST

Ladies, join us for breakfast each month on the **third** Saturday! We usually meet at the Corner Bakery Café on Echo Lane (in the Kroger shopping center) at 8:30 a.m. No reservation required—just show up.

Find out what's going on in the neighborhood and make a new friend!



Join our group on
Facebook:
SpringBranchOaksneighbors

"BE ALWAYS AT WAR WITH YOUR VICES, AT PEACE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND LET EACH NEW YEAR FIND YOU, A BETTER PERSON."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



Annual Assessment notices will be in the mail soon. Payment of \$20 is due by Friday, 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

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM BRENDA STARDIG

The following are excerpts from Brenda Stardig's recent email:

...I am happy to say that we are the fastest growing district in the fourth largest city in the U.S. with approximately 288,000 constituents over 100 square miles....

Here is a review of some of our accomplishments:

- Successfully changed the habitability ordinance in order to take on crime havens and slumlords. We demolished six dangerous apartment complexes across the district and recently shut down three more in Spring Branch.
- I fought for our share of street and drainage projects and created relationships with entities outside the city to maximize our tax dollars.
- Helped protect our pet population by providing free microchip services and spay/neuter vouchers #ForTheAnimals.
- Invested in crime prevention tools and public safety. Purchased speed trailers to assist the HPD with traffic enforcement. Provided funding for HPD overtime to combat crime in District A, such as illegal spas and game rooms.
- Purchased a high water rescue vehicle for the Houston Fire Dept.
- Organized and operated a shelter during Hurricane Harvey.
- Strengthened the boarding homes, lodging facilities, and correctional/alternative ordinance to protect our neighbors around these facilities. Residents can now call 311 to report complaints or concerns about facilities in their neighborhood.
- Advocated for persons with disabilities by creating access in our city and district.

BOARD MEETING: CONT'D

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hanging out, please take a picture. Pictures will help the authorities put a stop to unauthorized use of the easement.

Residents on Livernois, Spring Branch Drive, and Willowview have now moved their fences back to the property line, and the county is in the process of removing the trees and other obstructions to the free flow of water.

SBOCA Website

If you are not already signed up to receive messages on the SBOCA website, please add your name to the list. All names and email addresses are confidential.

POLICE KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED AT MONTHLY PIP MEETINGS

A police agency can be very confusing to most citizens. The Positive Interaction Program holds monthly PIP meetings featuring speakers from different divisions (Burglary and Theft, Homicide, K-9, Helicopters, etc.) explaining how their division operates. This is done so citizens will know what to expect, should they ever need the police.

The department was not sure how citizens would react to coming to a police station once a month for a presentation on a different division. So, the Positive Interaction Program was started as a pilot project in only one police station to begin with. The Program has proven to be an overwhelming success.

The presentation is from a different police division or law enforcement agency each month. You may hear what a judge, district attorney, state prison warden, or a county boot camp director has to say about what they are doing to fight crime.

Here's a chance to meet the officers who patrol your neighborhood and get to know them on a first name basis. You even hear from the Captain of your sub-station. (This is the person who can tell you what your station will be doing in the future.)

Area meetings

Local meetings for our area are held the third Tuesday each month (except for October, when officers are out visiting with neighbors at National Night Out). The next Northwest PIP meeting will be held on January 21, 2020, at 8009 Long Point (Faith Center) at 7:00 p.m.

Come and meet officers Christopher Engelhardt and Felix Segarra and get on the email list for notices of upcoming meetings.

City-wide meetings

There are also city-wide meetings the second Tuesday each month at 1602 State St. Houston, Texas 77007, in the auditorium, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

On January 14, the program presentation topic will be "Human Trafficking". The Houston Police Department's vice division will present on the topic of Human Trafficking. Exposing the reality of the second largest criminal enterprise in the world.



Free microchip and spay/neuter vouchers are available from the city.



TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Friday, January 3	Recycle
Friday, January 17	Recycle
Thursday, January 23	Tree trash
Friday, January 31	Recycle
Friday, February 14	Recycle
Thursday, February 27	Junk trash
Friday, February 28	Recycle
Friday, March 13	Recycle
Thursday, March 26	Tree trash
Friday, March 27	Recycle
Friday, April 10	Recycle
Thursday, April 23	Junk trash
Friday, April 24	Recycle



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



City ordinance requires a 3-foot space between trash cans, to allow for easier pick-up.

And trash cans should be stored **OUT OF SIGHT** of the street. Many of our residents leave their trash cans in front of their fences. This is against our deed restrictions.

SBOCA Board of Directors for 2020

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