



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER

A general meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18. The October General Membership Meeting is designated as the Annual Meeting for Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association, and members of the Board of Directors are elected then.

Board members elected

In addition to the two members rotating off, there was one vacancy to be filled for a two-year term. Four candidates were nominated.

Sheree Speck was elected for another three-year term, and Patricia Fowler and Michael Lewis, Sr., were elected as new members. Patricia will serve a three-year term and Michael will have the two-year term. Donita Ayotte was named as an alternate. Patricia comes with experience in finance and will take over as Treasurer from Kay-Kay Garrett.

The Board will designate the four officers' positions at its first meeting on January 3,

2017. In addition, Jerry Fowler was elected as chairman of DROCOM. There are still vacancies on DROCOM for representatives for some streets, so if you are willing to serve on this committee, please contact Jerry.

Other business at the General Meeting

A committee to select winners for the Christmas Decorations Contest was selected. Winners were announced

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DROCOM WILL MEET JANUARY 6

At the October General Meeting, Jerry Fowler was elected as chairman of DROCOM. He will host the first meeting of the year at his home on Friday, January 6, beginning at 7:00 p.m. .

Thanks to those who have already signed up to serve on this im-

portant committee! Our by-laws call for the committee to have a representative from each street in the subdivision, and we are still looking for property owners from Crispin, Crownover, Saddle/Spur, and Willowview. If you live on one of those streets,

please consider volunteering. You may contact Jerry by email at gff@mcgowenfowler.com or by phone at 832-477-7817.

To report a deed restriction violation, please use the committee's email address: sbodrocom@gmail.com

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 17
April 18
July 18
October 17**

Board of Directors Meetings

**January 3
March 21
June 20
September 19**

Don't miss our first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 17, 2017!

Items of business will include presenting the 2017 budget and goals for the year, and electing an Audit Committee to review the Association's financial records for 2016.

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BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WINNERS OF THE SBOCA CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST!

Thanks to everyone who put up decorations for the holidays this year!
Congratulations to these neighbors whose homes were selected by our judges.

1st place - 9305 Walterville - Patrick and Yvonne Hall

2nd place - 9327 Willowview - John and Stacia Gollihar

3rd place - 9310 Willowview - Don and Claudia Siems

Honorable Mention - 9314 Walterville - James Qualls

Honorable Mention - 9362 Livernois - Wallace & Viola Schelnick

The top three places will receive cash prizes from the Association.



ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE IN FEBRUARY

Annual Assessment notices will be in the mail soon. Payment of the \$20 per property fee is due by Tuesday, February 28, and should be made by check or money order. 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 77280-1562

ANNUAL MEETING COVERS VARIOUS TOPICS

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the week before Christmas.

Marilynn Schmidt reported that she has contacted the office of Judge Bonnie Helms, for whom our pocket park was recently named, with concerns about safety there. She

was told that lighting will be installed on the playground and the gazebo soon. This should help insure that the hours of use—dawn to dusk—are observed.

Several members present expressed concern about parking violations and

loud noise at the apartment complex on Crownover. It was noted that SEAL Security, which covers the Memorial City area, may be called for violations at commercial properties, which would include these apartments.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO RESIDENTS

Property owners are welcome to attend the open Board of Directors meetings to observe and listen to the business being conducted on the agenda.

If you would like to address the Board at a meeting, we request that you contact a Board member in writing, 10 days in advance of the

meeting, regarding the specific topic. We will review and attempt to accommodate your request at the next meeting with a return reply to you in writing.

The Board always wants to be transparent and responsive to homeowners and welcomes your input. Board meetings are held

in the same place as General Meetings. See schedule on the front page of this newsletter for dates.

At its first meeting in 2017, the new Board will identify some goals and elect officers for the coming year. Officers will be announced at the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 17.

TRASH TALK....

Here is some information from the City of Houston Solid Waste Department, to help you make sure what you put out gets picked up...and remember to use only city-authorized bags (not black trash bags) for yard waste:

Placement Instructions:

- Tree Waste and Junk Waste should be placed adjacent to the front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle between the hours of 6:00 p.m. the Friday before and 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.
- Tree Waste and Junk Waste should not be stacked under low overhead electrical wires or other cabling, signs, or mailboxes; next to fences or posts; or on top of water meters, gas meters, fire hydrants, or other exposed utility components
- Materials should not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or other right-of-way, or in any manner which would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Tree Waste and Junk Waste collection is limited to occupied residential units and vacant residential lots only if the waste generated is in connection with the maintenance of the property

Restrictions:

- No more than 8 cubic yards (about the size of a minivan) of Junk Waste or Tree Waste may be placed at the curb for collection.
- A maximum of four cubic yards of building material (not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the residential property may be collected by Solid Waste Management Department crews.
- Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.
- The SWMD is not allowed to collect any material that was generated by contractors who were retained by a resident to perform work on his or her residential property. It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove



Christmas trees may be put out for recycling on Tree Trash day, Thursday, January 26. The trees must have all decorations, tinsel, lights, and stands removed. Flocked trees cannot be recycled.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Friday, December 30	Regular pickup
Friday, January 6	Recycle
Friday, January 20	Recycle
Thursday, January 26	Tree trash
Friday, February 3	Recycle
Friday, February 17	Recycle
Thursday, February 23	Junk trash
Friday, March 3	Recycle
Friday, March 17	Recycle
Thursday, March 23	Tree trash

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all debris that may arise from the contractor's activities. These contractor-related activities include, but are not limited to: trimming and removal of trees, remodeling, new construction and roofing.

- If authorized items placed for collection are mixed with unauthorized items, department personnel shall not be obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load.

"NO MORE THAN 8 CUBIC YARDS (ABOUT THE SIZE OF A MINIVAN) OF JUNK WASTE OR TREE WASTE MAY BE PLACED AT THE CURB FOR COLLECTION."

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GENERAL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, AT 6:30 P.M.

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