



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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NEW BY-LAWS AND BOARD ARE VOTED IN

By-laws ratified

The proposed new By-laws for Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association - designed to bring our association into compliance with state laws and to streamline its operation - were ratified by homeowners in September. These By-laws govern how our organization operates.

The Deed Restrictions, which govern how our property is maintained, are unchanged.

Both these documents, along with the guidelines for various outdoor features, are available on the association's web-site, www.springbranchoaks.com.

One feature of the new organization is a change from one-year terms for officers elected to specific positions, to staggered three-year terms for members of a Board of Directors, composed of three to five members.

The offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer will be filled by members of the Board. Election of the officers will be held at the first board meeting on Tuesday, January 8. (This is similar to the way in which Spring Branch ISD school board operates.) The initial board members will stagger their terms for one, two, or three years.

Board of Directors elected

At the October 16 General Membership Meeting, the following were elected to the new Board of Directors:

Linda Cover
Dan Hollingsworth
Linda Lochli
Carolyn Schooley
Sheree Speck

Many thanks to those of you who made the effort to attend the meeting!

Looking ahead to 2013...

Dates for the 2013 General Meetings were announced. They are:

Tuesday, January 15
Tuesday, April 16
Tuesday, October 15

It was decided to leave July open for possible block parties or July 4th celebration. National Night Out will be Tuesday, October 1.

Budget for the coming year will be presented at the next General Membership Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

The October meeting is designated as SBOC's Annual Meeting, when new officers will be elected.

All meetings will be held at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church on Blalock.

Take Note...

**Next General
Membership
Meeting will be
Tuesday,
January 15,
2013**

Some upcoming events:

Monday, November 12 -

Veterans Day observed

Government offices and banks closed.

Saturday, November 17 -

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Electronics Recycling Drive

Drop off your old electronics at 1900 Blalock. Co-sponsored by Spring Branch Management District.

Saturday, December 15 - 9:30 a.m.

SBOCA Ladies' Breakfast

Join your neighbors at Linda Cover's home, 9215 Spring Branch Drive.

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YARD DECORATION CONTEST SCHEDULED

Are you ready for Christmas? It will be here before we know it! ...and SBOCA will again be awarding prizes for outdoor decorations.

Judges will be making the rounds of the neighborhood during the weeks of December 13-23, between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. Cash prizes of \$50, \$40, and \$30 will be awarded for first, second, and third place, with two honorable mentions. Be sure to have your lights turned on!

Congratulations to Sheree Speck, whose home at 9378 Livernois was chosen as the September Yard-of-the-Month. This will be the final award for this year.

Thanks to Brenda Butcher and her committee for making the selections, and to Cornelius Nursery for providing the prizes.

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**Saturday, December 8
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Houston Police NW
Christmas Party/
Fundraiser**

Bar-B-Que lunch with fixins - \$10.00. Live Band entertainment! VFW Hall at 1560 Foley (Campbell & Long Point). Tickets on sale HPD Storefront, 8400 Long Point. For more info call: 832-394-0100



**CHRISTMAS IN THE
PARK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
6:00 - 8:00 PM
1205 CAMPBELL ROAD
SPRING VALLEY
VILLAGE PARK**

Everyone is invited to join our neighbors in Spring Valley for a special celebration! Hosted by local churches and organizations, scenes telling the Christmas story will be presented along the park's trail. Shuttle bus service will be available at the Waltrip Funeral Home and the old Spring Branch high school.

This event is free, with light refreshments, camel rides and a petting zoo, and live people portraying the Christmas story.

Spring Valley hosted this last year with about 15 organizations, and attendance was over 2000; they expect more this year.

LATE MAIL DELIVERIES

We apologize to those homeowners whose packets containing the proposed by-laws and absentee ballots were received on or after the September voting deadline.

This was the first time the association had used bulk mailing, and the delivery time was longer than we were told it would be.

All the packets were mailed two weeks before the deadline. We will make every effort to insure that this does not happen again. There was certainly no intent to keep anyone from voting!



CONVENTION TARGETS DISTRICT A COMMUNITY

In a move to improve communication between City Hall and the local community, the first District A United Civic Convention was held at Spring Wood High School on Saturday, October 20.

President Sheree Speck represented SBOCA at this event, which included six general sessions, five break-out sessions, and booths for District A businesses. Sessions featured speakers from various city departments, city officials, other area office-holders, and representatives of arts, medical, and social service agencies, and civic associations.

The convention was designed to showcase District A communities and local businesses, and give a bird's eye view of services and resources available to District A residents and businesses. It also gave City Departments the opportunity to hear directly from District A residents regarding their needs and concerns.

You can log onto the District A website for a map, news and information, to submit a comment, and more.

The address is:

www.houstontx.gov/council/a

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**** PLEASE NOTE THAT HEAVY TRASH AND REGULAR TRASH/RECYCLE PICK-UP WILL BE DELAYED ONE DAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING BUT ON REGULAR SCHEDULE IN DECEMBER.**

Friday, November 2	Recycle	Friday, November 30	Recycle
Friday, November 16	Recycle	Friday, December 14	Recycle
Friday, November 23**	Tree trash	Thursday, December 27	Junk trash
Saturday, November 24**	Recycle	Friday, December 28	Recycle

SBOCA Officers for 2012

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