



# Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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## ANNUAL ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT OPTIONS WILL BE TOPICS FOR JANUARY 21 MEETING

SBOCA Annual Assessment has remained the same (\$20) for many years, in spite of inflation and rising costs to the association. It is time to consider raising this fee, in order to properly fund some needed services.

The task of the treasurer has also become more complicated. The Board of Directors has been investigating options to make our association more efficient and responsive to the needs of the neighborhood. One of these options is employing a management company to assist with some of the treasurer's duties.

These two issues will be a topic of discussion at the first General Membership Meeting of the year, being held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at Latham Hall in the rear of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 1656 Blalock Road.

The meeting will begin with a light supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Our application for Minimum Lot Size designation has been accepted by the city Planning Department, and we will have a report of the status of that application at the meeting.

New policies related to payment of the Annual Assessment are now in place, with particular application to late payments. Treasurer Linda Lochli will explain the new procedure.

Please come to be part of the discussion and to vote on any business which comes before the membership. There is growing interest in the Spring Branch area, and we want our neighborhood to be attractive and remain a pleasant place to live. That requires the participation of every homeowner!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WINNERS OF THE SBOCA YARD DECORATION CONTEST!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our neighborhood festive for the Christmas holidays and to our judges for making the selections. The winners are:

1st. place - 9305 Walterville - Patrick & Yvonne Hall  
2nd. place - 9310 Willowview - Don & Claudia Siems  
3rd. place - 9334 Willowview - Scott & Kellie Leitko  
honorable mention - 1735 Benbow - Jim Parasco  
honorable mention - 9362 Livernois - Wallace & Viola Schelnick

Annual Assessment payment 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

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The following Association officers for 2014 were elected at the recent Board of Directors' meeting.  
President - Dan Hollingsworth  
Vice-president - Carolyn Schooley  
Secretary - Linda Cover  
Treasurer - Linda Lochli  
Brian Gehring and Sheree Speck also serve as Board Members.

## 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

**January 21**

**April 15**

**July 15**

**October 21**

### Board of Directors Meetings

**January 7**

**March 18**

**June 17**

**September 16**

### National Night Out - Monday, October 6

Details will be announced later.

## DROCOM

Meetings are held on the second Thursday each month, at 7:30 p.m., in the Trini Sosa Community Center, 1414 Wirt at Westview.

## FREE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT KIT



Spring Branch Oaks neighbor Beth Woolf recently shared information about a comprehensive "Caregiver's Support Kit" which is available free to anyone who is caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia or infirmities. The kit consists of a notebook full of helpful information such as:

- warning symptoms,
- safety measures for the home,

- ways to cope (for both patient and caregiver)
- support services and resources

If you are a caregiver, or know someone who is, you may call 1-800-930-1357 to request a free copy from the National Caregiving Foundation. We will have a copy for preview at the next SBOCA meeting. Caring for an aging loved one is often a difficult and draining task, and this book will be welcome. Thanks, Beth!

Block leaders will be coming around to update residents' information soon. Be sure that we have yours correctly!

### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Friday, January 10  
Recycle

Thursday, January 23  
Tree trash

Friday, January 24  
Recycle

Friday, February 7  
Recycle

Friday, February 21  
Recycle

Thursday, February 27  
Junk trash

Friday, March 7  
Recycle

### In Memoriam

We were saddened to lose two long-time Spring Branch Oaks residents recently.

**Gene Gregory** died on October 26 at age 85. Gene was retired from Southwestern Bell and was a member of Fair Haven Methodist Church.

**Clayton Jones**, age 65, died on January 1. Many of you have seen Clay walking his dogs in the neighborhood. He also enjoyed gardening and his 1966 Corvair.

Our condolences go to the families of both these fine men. You can read their obituaries on the Houston Chronicle website.

## STREET REPAIRS GAIN CITY APPROVAL

*The following information comes from City Councilwoman Helena Brown's year-end newsletter:*

With the passage of the drainage fee, the City implemented the "ReBuild Houston" process for advancing street and drainage, and water and sewage infrastructure needs, or Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs) in the City of Houston. However, the new system excluded Council Member input as they went to "highest need" based of a computerized model.

With Council support, the Executive Director of "ReBuild Houston" agreed to receive from each Council Member just one recommendation for a district CIP for his consideration for inclusion. The District A office submitted not one, but six, CIPs needed in the district. The following two were approved for pre-engineering in 2014.

**1. HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEM:** The highest priority is the **Bunker Hill**

**area north of I-10.** This area has sustained considerable flooding damage in the past.... The boundaries for this section of priority are the following: Bunker Hill Road between Long Point and I-10; east to Blalock and west to Gessner. Drainage Improvements would also be included in this project.

### 2. Long Point Reconstruction

**Project:** Reconstruction of Long Point between the already completed intersections of Wirt and Blalock. Also reconstructions of the Bingle, Silber, Antoine, and Gessner intersections, and both North and South Campbell Road intersections, and the roadway between these intersections.

*Both these projects are "close to home" for Spring Branch Oaks residents and will cause traffic disruption when they are begun, but they will improve the appearance of the area and have a beneficial effect in the long run.*

## SBOCA Board of Directors for 2014

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