

# Spring Branch Civic Association



Spring 2017 Newsletter

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## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU by Mahssa Clark**

Lily, my white miniature poodle decides the directions we walk in our beautiful and friendly neighborhood. I keep my eye out for new faces all the time, because I want to know each and every one of my neighbors. If we have met, then hello again; If we have not, then I can't wait to meet you. My name is Mahssa Clark and I moved to Spring Branch in the summer of 2015, along with my husband and daughter. As a Houstonian since 1997, I have watched this city continually grow into the exciting metroplex it is today. I started off as an Engineer in the Oil & Gas Industry and then moved into the Beauty Industry, as an award-winning Esthetician. I then opened up my own Day Spa, fulfilling my entrepreneurial itch. I have seen the city's growth from these different points of view, and my love for Houston, homes and helping people led me to finally settle down as a Realtor. You may have read my articles focusing on the Houston real estate market and then others that focus specifically on our immediate neighborhood. It gives me great pleasure to help Houstonians, old and new to find their perfect home. I joined my fellow devoted SBCA residents, who sit on the board, and took on the role of Secretary. I provide continual updates on our local real estate activity, and would love to be your "go-to" person for real estate as well.

## **WOODVIEW ELEMENTARY by Victoria Herrin**

Woodview Elementary School was recently awarded a SPARK Park grant and as a part of the project, the students are painting tiles to decorate the new entryway. Woodview art teacher Mrs. Frith has asked for volunteers with a steady hand to help outline the 600+ tiles after the kids are done with their part in May. If you are interested in this fun and creative project, please contact Victoria at [713-468-1337](tel:713-468-1337) for more information.

## **20 REASONS TO PAY \$20 FOR AN SBCA membership:**

1. Maintain and increase property values
2. Community pride
3. Combined voices for the public concerns
4. Deed restriction awareness and enforcement
5. Animal control efforts
6. Environmental concerns
7. Safety challenges
8. Beautification projects
9. Crime awareness
10. District improvements
11. Traffic concerns
12. Social activities to meet your fellow neighbors
13. Newsletter with information that matters to you
14. Heavy Trash Schedule Reminders
15. Yard of the Month announcements
16. Governmental resources and social services
17. Action alerts
18. Educational events
19. Flooding concerns
20. Civic engagement

**It's Never Too Late to Join!** SBCA is a volunteer organization filled with people who live in the neighborhood and have made a vital commitment to the wellbeing of the residents and property of this community. Please join and help SBCA keep our wonderful neighborhood wonderful! **Attached is a membership form and a self-addressed envelope. Mail your \$20 check today! Thank you for your support!**

## **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS By: Virginia Gregory**

Preparedness before a hurricane is important! Ike caused severe damage to roofs, trees, fences, windows and power lines in 2008. You can reduce your amount of damage from flying debris by replacing old fences and removing or storing all refuse and loose yard objects. Cutting down dead or dying trees and trimming long tree branches helps save roofs and power lines and allows access to all streets.

For your safety, it's important to stay informed and have a plan. Your supply list should include, but not be limited to: 1) fuel 2) batteries 3) charged cell phones 3) battery-powered radio 4) flashlights 5) non-perishable food and water for three days (fill bathtubs, sinks and containers) 6) manual can opener 7) medications and first aid kit 8) hygiene items 9) pet supplies 10) turn freezer to lowest setting 11) waterproof important documents and contact lists 12) emergency cash and credit cards 13) coolers with ice or dry ice 14) trash bags, disposable dinner ware and foil 15) hand wipes 16) hammer and nails 17) pliers and duct tape.

Remember to tell family and close friends in advance the number of a person outside of the storm area that could be used as a contact person for you if you have to evacuate. In the past, not all cell towers in this area were functional and some were over loaded.

Review your insurance policies. Windstorm damage can be added to your home policy. Consider flood insurance and remember it typically takes 30 days for a new flood insurance policy to go into effect.

After a storm, boil tap water unless told otherwise; treat all downed lines as live wires. If you suspect a gas leak, make a call to Centerpoint Energy away from leak area. Dial 713-659-2111 for a gas leak emergency. Perform only non-risky temporary repairs to property until the storm danger has passed.

Call 3-1-1 (or 713-837-0311) to report street or structure flooding.

## **YARD OF THE MONTH**

Recent recipients of this award:

\*9835 Westview

\*9622 Long Branch

\*9825 Westview

\*10026 Larston

\*1314 Centennial

\*9610 Panola Way

**Get out and enjoy the spring color!**

## **HEAVY TRASH PICK UP FOR REMAINDER OF 2017**

\*May 24th - TREE WASTE ONLY

\*June 28th - JUNK WASTE

\*July 26th - TREE WASTE ONLY

\*August 23rd - JUNK WASTE

\*September 27th - TREE WASTE ONLY

\*October 25th - JUNK WASTE

\*November 22nd - TREE WASTE ONLY

\*December 27th - JUNK WASTE

**(It's every month on the 4th Wednesday.)**

## **SBCA BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board meets the 1st Thursday of every month. The meetings are open to all who live within the boundaries of the civic association. (See our website for a map -- [www.springbranchcivic.com](http://www.springbranchcivic.com).) The venue rotates every month among the homes of board members so space is limited; however, if you want to attend or have an issue you would like for us to discuss, please send an email to [sbcivicassn@gmail.com](mailto:sbcivicassn@gmail.com)

## **SBCA BOARD MEMBERS**

President – Cyd Dillahunty

Vice President - Craig Adams

Secretary - Mahssa Clark

Treasurer - Jonathan St. Romain

Virginia Gregory

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### **State Representative - Dwayne Bohac**

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