

Spring Branch Civic Association

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Fall 2019 Newsletter

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SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2019 Fall Event

**Saturday, September 28, 4-6 p.m.
4J Brewing Co.
1438 Cedar Post Ln.**

**First 50 SBCA members receive two
free drink tickets**

UPCOMING SBCA EVENTS

- Sept. 28th: Rather than National Night Out this year, we will host another event at 4J Brewing Co., 1348 Cedar Post Ln., Saturday, Sept. 28th, 4-6 PM. There is usually a food truck parked there, plenty of shade & live music. The first 50 SBCA residents will receive two drink tickets! For more info about 4J, go to their website -- <https://www.4jbrewingcompany.com/>.
- Dec. 8th: The SBCA Holiday Open House will be Sunday, Dec. 8th, 3-5 PM, at the home of SBCA Board Member Caroline Horsley and husband Steve, 9917 Larston. SBCA will furnish light bites & wine & other holiday cheer. Please plan to join us to celebrate the season and visit with neighbors. Feel free to contribute something to eat or drink!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

SBCA will not host a NNO event this year; however, we urge individual subdivisions to host their own block parties on National Night Out to encourage people to get out and meet their neighbors. NNO in Houston is the first Tuesday in October. If anyone wants to organize a party for their street or subdivision and if you want help getting the word out, send an email to sbcivicassn@gmail.com.

CIGNA SUNDAY STREETS

The City of Houston, with sponsor Cigna Insurance, has hosted multiple neighborhood events over the last five years all over town. The City closes down streets to vehicular traffic to permit the community to walk, cycle, roller blade around their community. The goal is for residents to experience community, food, healthy living & entertainment. On October 20th, Noon to 4:00 PM, Sunday Streets will come to Spring Branch again and will be set up along the following streets: Gessner south from Westview to Mathewson Lane then west to Conrad Sauer then north to Westview. Mathewson Lane is the new east-west street just north of I-10 that runs behind the new Cemex Building at Gessner & I-10. The Conrad Sauer detention basin has been landscaped and trails have been added that can be used by the public. The Sunday Streets route was chosen partly to introduce the neighborhood to this new amenity. Businesses & organizations are encouraged to participate by setting up a booth along the route. If you are interested in participating, contact Thuy La, City of Houston Coordinator for this event, at 832-393-0827 or send her an email -- thuytrang.la@houstontx.gov.

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

Election day is November 5th and early voting commences October 21st. This year there are numerous races on the ballot that are important to our community, such as Mayor, Controller, District A City Council and At-Large City Council. **ALL** 16 City Council positions will be on the ballot.

Some City Council races will include an incumbent; however, our current City Council representative, Brenda Stardig, is term limited and cannot run for re-election. As of this writing, we are aware of the following candidates for District A: Iesheia Ayers-Wilson, Mehdi Cherkaoui, Marina Coryat, Lois Myers (an SBCA resident), Amy Peck (Brenda Stardig's Chief of Staff) & George

Zoes. Spring Branch West Super Neighborhood will host a District A Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 10th, 7:30 PM, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 1656 Blalock, Latham Parish Hall. All candidates are confirmed to attend.

The Mayoral race is very crowded with at least twelve candidates including incumbent Sylvester Turner. For a current list of candidates for each race, go to <https://www.houstontx.gov/2019-general-election.html>.

The County Clerk's website – www.harrisvotes.com – has early voting and election day times & locations and a sample ballot will be available soon.

Please take every opportunity to meet the candidates & ask questions about issues that concern you. And VOTE!

BRIAR BRANCH CREEK PROJECT

Construction continues on this drainage project which includes drainage "straws" in Springrock Ln, Windhover, Demaret, and Larston. The straws are intended to drain stormwater off the low points on some streets in our neighborhood. Three side-by-side box culverts ranging in size from 7'x7' to 10'x8' are being installed in Briar Branch Creek from Gessner east to the Briar Branch Detention Basin which is east of the Costco detention pond. This will enclose the creek and TIRZ 17 will pave the ROW for access by maintenance vehicles only. No public vehicular traffic will be allowed. Instead, landscaping & benches will be installed and the roadway will be open as a hike & bike trail. This will be a very nice amenity for us, if safe pedestrian crossings are also installed, with access to businesses, including the new eateries planned on Gessner – Torchy's Tacos, Kirby Ice House & Mia's which will include a large outdoor patio. For the most recent progress report, go to http://www.houstontirz17.org/files/4315/6649/0098/2019-08-20-W140_Channel-Progress_Report.pdf.

PUBLIC MEETING SPRING BRANCH TRAILS PROJECT

Tuesday, September 24th, 6:30-8:30 PM, The Branch, 7710 Long Point. Hosted by Spring Branch Management District. Will showcase the proposed Spring Branch Trail that will connect Addicks Reservoir, through Spring Branch, to White Oak Bayou. The Trail study overview will include preliminary estimates & strategy implementation.

SBCA BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets the 1st Thursday of every month. Meetings are open to everyone who lives within the boundaries of the civic association. (See our website for a map -- 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.

CURRENT SBCA BOARD MEMBERS

President – Craig Adams
Vice President – Jonathan St. Romain
Secretary – Caroline Horsley
Treasurer – Cyd Dillahunty
Member – Brian Winkler (new member!)

SBCA MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues are \$20! We have a PayPal button on our website (springbranchcivic.com), and you can pay via paypal or credit card. Or, you can do it the old-fashioned way, and mail a check to SBCA at PO Box 430574, Houston, TX 77243-0574. Please join SBCA to support our efforts to provide venues for neighbors to meet and to keep residents informed of issues relevant to our neighborhood.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

HPD Storefront

8400 Long Point (M-F, 8 to 5) - (832)394-0100

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6000 Teague - (832)394-5500

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