

**SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
NEWS & EVENTS  
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

**FEBRUARY YARD OF THE MONTH:** Due to our serious freeze recently, the YOTM Committee decided to skip the award this month since everything is pretty much dead. I know my yard is totally brown. They'll be back for two stellar yards in the month of April when everything is blooming again, which I'm definitely looking forward to!

**ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2023:**

- Annual Meeting/Spring Social: Saturday, March 26th, 3-5 PM, Lazy Oaks Beer Garden, 10158 Long Point. Don't let the name fool you, this is a family friendly venue with a lovely patio, playground for the kids, dog friendly, food, outdoor tv's. A really nice place. SBCA residents will receive two drink tickets.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 1st, 10:00 AM, Oak Tree Park, 1441 Oak Tree. Refreshments will be served.
- July 4th: Plans will be announced at a later date.

**SPRING BRANCH CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2022 ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Oak Tree Park clean-up and maintenance
- Yard of the Month Awards
- Clean-up hike and bike trail from Confederate to Bunker Hill
- Volunteer reader at Woodview Elementary School – First Grade Class
- Monitor and report Deed Restriction violations to City Legal
- Monitor and report City ordinance violations to 311 and/or HPD
- Three Social Events:
  - Annual Meeting – April
  - National Night Out – October
  - Holiday Open House – December
- Attend monthly TIRZ 17 meetings
- Monthly Board meetings
- Project Advisory Team (PAT) for Woodview Elementary School new building
- Attended Spring Branch Management District meeting on flooding
- Attended District A and Houston Police Department meeting on crime
- Post to Facebook & NextDoor & our website -- [www.springbranchcivic.com](http://www.springbranchcivic.com)
- Regular News & Events emails to residents
- Respond to emails and phone calls from residents seeking information or help
- Regular correspondence with our City Council Member, Amy Peck. Her office knows who we are!

**UPCOMING HOUSTON EVENTS:**

- Rodeo & Pre-Rodeo Events: Performances for Rodeo Houston run from Tuesday, February 28th to Sunday, March 19th. Click on this link -- <https://www.rodeohouston.com/Visit-the-Rodeo/Pre-Rodeo-Events> -- to see all the pre-rodeo events which include the Downtown Rodeo Parade, a Fun Run and BBQ Cook-Off.
- Tour de Houston: Sunday, February 26th, 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM. Annual fundraising bike ride benefiting the City's Reforestation Projects. The ride starts and ends at City Hall with bike routes through historic neighborhoods, scenic districts and parks. Three ride length options. Click on the following link for more information and how to register -- <https://www.houstontx.gov/tourdehouston/index.html>

**Houston Police Department Northwest PIP Meeting:** Tuesday, February 21st, 7:00 PM at the "Faith Center" chapel located at 8009 Long Point Rd. With all the conversation about cameras and how they are being utilized within the department, the current "**FLOCK**" camera system has been one of the most beneficial as a crime fighting tool! HPD's experts on the new system will be on hand to talk about how this system came about and how it is being deployed around the city! This amazing camera technology has been a "**game changer**" allowing law enforcement "**real time**" data in catching the criminals. YOU DON'T WANT to miss this very informative meeting on this tool and how it will affect our communities! HPD Division Commander will be on hand to answer crime trend questions.

**WOODVIEW ELEMENTARY GROUNDBREAKING:** The 2017 Bond Program provided funds to include the complete rebuild of ten SBISDs schools, including Woodview Elementary. Woodview students were relocated after the 2022 Fall Semester, and groundbreaking for our new school took place January 2023. It is estimated that construction will take 18-20 months and students are expected to return to Woodview in the Fall of 2024. Woodview was constructed in 1958 and totals 70,508 SF serving appx. 600 students. The new campus will have appx. 100,000 SF and will be able to serve up to 700 students. SBCA Board Members Caroline Horsley and Charmaine Bixler served on the Project Advisory Team and attended numerous meetings last year to participate in the planning. Click on the following link for more information: <https://www.springbranchisd.com/about/bond-2017/campus-bond-work/woodview>. For an explanation of the process and site maps of the final product, navigate through the Project Advisory Team Presentations in the lower right hand side.

**OAK TREE PARK VOLUNTEER DAY:** Volunteers meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Oak Tree Park (1441 Oak Tree) at 8:00 AM to clean up and mow. The next work day will be Tuesday, February 14th. You can help mow (when needed) or you can sweep the street gutters or pick up trash. Come do what you can. All help is appreciated! If you want to participate, please send an email to [sbcivicasn@gmail.com](mailto:sbcivicasn@gmail.com) to confirm the schedule.

**TIRZ BOARD MEETING:** The Board is now meeting the 4th Tuesday of EVERY OTHER month. The next TIRZ 17 Memorial City Redevelopment Authority Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 8:00 a.m., 9600 Long Point Rd., Suite 250. The public is welcome to attend in person or via zoom. The agenda and zoom link will be posted on the TIRZ 17 website ([houstontirz17.org](http://houstontirz17.org)) usually 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public comments can be made in-person at the meeting or submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 27th, to [lclayton@haweshill.com](mailto:lclayton@haweshill.com) and it will be read aloud during the public comment section.

**HEAVY TRASH:** Our regular heavy trash pickup days are the 4th Wednesday of the month which this month will be Wednesday, February 22nd. February is a JUNK WASTE month. Please be aware of City ordinances concerning when to put your heavy trash out for pick up as well as when and where to put your bins out for regular trash and recycle. Click on this link -- <http://houstontx.gov/solidwaste/trashfacts.pdf> -- to be directed to "Trash Facts" on the Solid Waste page of the City website. The Trash Facts services guide has all the basic information you need to know about trash and recycling services. **Please note the heavy trash pick up restrictions on page 2 of "Trash Facts."**

#### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS:**

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**State Senator - John Whitmire**  
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**State Representative – Lacey Hull**  
512-463-0727  
<http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/member-page/?district=138>

**ISSUES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** Everyone can help preserve our neighborhood just by following deed restrictions and City ordinances and respecting your neighbors. If you see a violation, please report it. If you are not sure whether it is a violation or not sure how to report it, send an email to this address and we'll help.

***Annual Dues are only \$20. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues by mail or PayPal or at an SBCA social or meeting! Please join SBCA to help support our efforts to provide venues for neighbors to meet and to keep residents informed of issues relevant to our neighborhood. There is a PayPal page on our website - [www.springbranchcivic.com](http://www.springbranchcivic.com) -- and you can pay online using your PayPal account or a credit card. Or, you can mail your \$20 check payable to SBCA to P. O. Box 430574, Houston TX 77243-0574.***