



Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association



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MAKING A COME-BACK: MEMBERS HEAR TIPS FOR LAWN AND GARDEN CARE

Green lawns and flowering or fruitful gardens - that's what we hope to see this summer! Mr. Wayne Martin from Covington's Nursery was the guest speaker at SPOCA's General Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, and he shared lots of good information on what we should be doing now to help our lawns make a come-back after last year's drought. Homeowners also had a chance to ask his advice on some specific problems. We appreciate Mr. Martin's sharing his expertise. If you need to purchase plants, fertilizer, or other garden needs,

you can visit Covington's at 1905 Bingle Road.

DROCOM chairman Jim Beucle also reminded those present of the importance of removing dead trees. As the dead trees age, they become weaker and can fall and damage the homeowner's or neighbor's property. If the trees are not removed in a timely manner, insurance companies may consider this negligence and refuse to pay for damages.

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, July 17.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meetings

July 17
October 16

Executive Committee Meetings

June 19
September 18

All meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Latham Hall, 1656 Blalock Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Independence Day - July 4

We need someone to organize an event! Call Sheree Speck to volunteer.

Houston Police Department - Northwest Community Meetings

June 19 - K-9 Bomb Detection

Dog: Be amazed at what these dogs can find.

Meetings are held in the Faith Center Sanctuary, 8009 Long Point, beginning at 7:00 p.m. (6:30 - COP)



YARD-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS SELECTED

Congratulations to our latest Yard-of-the-Month winners!

Lawrence and Martha Doffing, 9354 Rosstown Way were selected for April. Daniel and Kendra Glaser 9318 Walterville, received the award for May, and Jeffrey & Lynda Stephens, 9309 Walterville, for June.

They each will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Cornelius Nursery. Walk or drive by and check out these lovely yards.

FLAG ETIQUETTE TIPS

With Memorial Day and July 4th national holidays, many of us are flying flags this season. Here are some reminders about the proper way to display and handle our nation's flag:

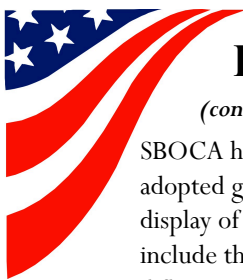
- Whether hanging horizontally or vertically, the stars should be uppermost and to the observer's left
- The flag should be displayed outside from sunrise to sunset only, unless it is illuminated at night.
- Don't display the flag during inclement weather (unless it's an all-weather flag).
- When displayed with other flags (including the Texas flag), the U.S. flag should always be highest and to the right.
- Never let the flag touch anything beneath it, including the ground, or use it for decoration other than flying free.
- Wear a flag lapel pin over your heart.

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In Memoriam

Christian Wignes, whom many residents will remember from Jim Read's auto service, died in his sleep on March 21. He was recovering from back surgery and was only 49 years old.

Former Spring Branch Oaks resident, Frank Becan, died on March 29, at the age of 94. Frank was active in the Czech community, and he served as president of Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association for many years. He and his wife Dorothy lived on Greensward.



FLAG TIPS

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SBOCA has recently adopted guidelines for display of flags which include the following:

- Permitted flags are
 - the flag of the United States
 - the flag of the State of Texas
 - official flag of any branch of the U.S. armed forces
- Only one flag pole is allowed per property, and only one permitted flag may be displayed on a flagpole.
- Permitted flags shall be no larger than three feet (3') by five feet (5') in size.
- A flagpole attached to a structure may be up to six feet (6') long and must be securely attached with a bracket with an angle of 30 to 40 degrees down. Free-standing flagpoles may not be taller than twenty feet (20') and must be permanently installed in the ground.
- Lighting may be installed to illuminate permitted flags if they will be displayed at night. The lighting should utilize a fixture that screens the bulb and directs light in the intended direction. Illumination should not exceed the equivalent of a 60-watt incandescent bulb.

Block leaders are still in the process of collecting current information from neighborhood residents, for an updated directory. If you have not already filled out an Information Form, please complete the one which comes with this newsletter and return it to your block leader or to Carolyn Schooley, 9393 Livernois. Some corrections to block leader information are included below.

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	Benbow Way	
Brent Joiner	Campbell Road 1723-1829	bjidws@hotmail.com
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Kelley Gorsky	Crownover Road	KG042264@sbcglobal.net
Brenda Butcher	Greensward Road	bjb1940@sbcglobal.net
Marilyn Thigpen	Leto Road	arnoldthigpen@sbcglobal.net
Melissa Needham	Livernois Rd. 9302-9356	dpmcn@att.net
Carolyn Schooley	Livernois Rd 9361-9397	carolynschooley@sbcglobal.net
Martha Ceballos	Rosstown Way	martha@elpenterprisesinc.com
Barry Laves	Saddle Lane	lowtech5@yahoo.com
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Valerie Daugherty	Spur Lane	vscott70@yahoo.com
Kendra Glaser	Walterville Road 9301-9329	kendraglaser@yahoo.com
Carolyn Smith	Walterville Road 9330-9354	
Gina Welsh	Willowview Lane 9302-9335	ladybug9319@hotmail.com
Gwen Hancock	Willowview Lane 9338-9414	flying2success@prodigy.net

Trash Collection Schedule

Thursday, June 28 - Junk trash pick-up
 Thursday, July 26 - Tree trash pick-up
 Thursday, August 23 - Junk trash pick-up

Friday, June 1 - Recycle
 Friday, June 15 - Recycle
 Friday, June 29 - Recycle
 Friday, July 13 - Recycle
 Friday, July 27 - Recycle

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