



POA Meeting

By Tom Mikus

There will be a meeting of the Property Owners Association on Tuesday, July 16th at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse at 14300 Briarhills Parkway. The meeting begins with the constable's security report, then an open forum for residents, followed by the regular monthly directors' meeting. The agenda for the directors' meeting will be posted on Briarhills.org by July 13th. All Briarhills residents are welcome to attend.

Join the Briarhills Moms Group

Meet other mothers in the area and get together to talk, support each other and have fun! This is a great way to get to know others in the neighborhood. Meetings held weekly or bi-weekly, primarily in the after-school hours, at various locations around the neighborhood or in each other's houses. Open to all moms of young children who live in Briarhills POA or HOA. Please join us! Email bronwyn.stewart@gmail.com for upcoming meet-up dates. Visit our website at <http://www.bigtent.com/groups/briarhillmom>.

Briarhills Swimming Pool Information

By Tom Mikus

The swimming pool is open to residents from 10 AM to 8 PM on these days: now every day of the week except Monday through August 25, August 31, September 1, and September 2. Visit BriarhillsSwimTeam.com to see the schedule for the swim team.

A resident must have a current amenity tag to enter or bring anyone into the pool area. Residents may pick up their 2013 amenity tags at the POA office (14300 Briarhills Parkway, just west of Forest Home Drive) during its regular office hours: Monday 1 PM to 4 PM, and Saturday from 9 AM to noon. When picking up the tags, please bring (1) either a valid ID with your current address, or a copy of a purchase/lease document, and (2) your old amenity tags, if you have them.

Pool parties must be scheduled at times when the pool is closed to other residents. From now until late August, that means after 8 PM or any time on Mondays. The resident must contact the POA office, then fill out and sign the rental-use form for the pool. The Association charges a \$100 fee to use the pool. The resident must contact and pay Aquatic Management of Houston for the required number of lifeguards. The POA office can help coordinate arrangements as required.

Visit Briarhills.org for additional information. For questions, please contact the POA office at 281-558-7422 or briarhills@sbcglobal.net.



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Constable (<i>Closest Law Enforcement</i>).....	281-463-6666
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City Services.....	Call 311
Citizens' Assistance.....	713-247-1888
Public Works.....	713-837-0600
Neighborhood Protection.....	713-525-2525
Animal Control.....	713-229-7300
Wild animal problem	713-861-9453
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Update from the Board

By Arnold Witte

The Board of Directors for the Association meet on the third Tuesday of every month and the agenda for these meetings is posted on the web page prior to the meeting date. Residents are encouraged to check the agenda items each month to see what items are up for discussion. All residents are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in the open forum held at the start of each meeting. The open forum provides residents an opportunity to present their concerns and to highlight areas that they feel should be addressed by the board. The more input from residents, the better the board can serve the community.

Recent weeks have seen the completion of a number of improvements to the amenities that include the installation of new swings in the playground area. You probably also noticed that a large number of trees have been planted around the grounds with a drip watering system installed for each of the new trees. All of the monies for the tree project came from donations from residents. Also, extensive repairs and upgrades to the pool have now been completed and the pool is ready for the summer. Any questions concerning pool use can be answered by contacting the office.

The web site (Briarhills.org) continues to get wider use by residents and is updated regularly with information affecting the community. We encourage all residents to use the web site as a primary means of keeping informed and up to date on local items of interest. Also, you have by now seen several issues of the new BriarBeat newsletter which is being published monthly at no cost to the Association and mailed to each resident. You are encouraged to submit articles that you feel would be of interest to the community and you can do so by sending your article to briarhills@sbcglobal.net. Articles must be received no later than the 9th of each month to be included in the following month's issue.

On a financial note, the 2012 tax form for the Association was submitted as required and an audit of the financial records also was completed. As of the end of May, collection of our maintenance fees are at 98% of budget; income to date is running about 95% of budget; and our expenses are about 43% of budget. With the completion of the pool and playground work, expenses for the remainder of the year are not expected to exceed budgeted amounts.

Finally, we wish to remind residents that the annual meeting and election of three board members will be coming up on September 17. Keep that date in mind. Information on the election and guidelines for being a candidate for the election will be made available during the next few weeks. Watch the marquee and the web site for updates on this.

-A. Witte, V. President/Treasurer



Recycling Update

By Tom Mikus

More than one third of POA residents have already paid the optional recycling fee and are enjoying curbside pickup now. If you would like to participate, just pay the \$24 annual fee by July 16th to join the program in August. You can bring your payment to the POA office at 14300 Briarhills Parkway, or mail it to Fleetwood Box 940548, Houston, TX 77094-7548. For more information visit Briarhills.org.

Cypress-Tomball Democrats July Meeting

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2013. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings always feature informative guest speakers who address timely topics. For more information, visit the website at www.cytomdems.com or contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com.



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POA Board Election: *Calling for Candidates*

By Rita Murdoch

The election for new POA Board members will be this September. Every Briarhills POA homeowner currently residing in the neighborhood is eligible to run for the Board. Now is a good time to start thinking whether you can be part of this great opportunity to be involved in the management of our neighborhood.

The Briarhills POA Board is comprised of seven members. Three Board seats are up for election. After the new Board Members are elected, all seven Board Members will get together to vote for the Officers of the Board: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Board Members are also assigned specific duties, such as, Architecture, Safety, Pool Management, Maintenance, and Community Relations.

Over the past year, we welcomed many new residents to our neighborhood, several of whom are families with young children. The POA especially need Board Members with young children to represent the new families in the neighborhood. However, anyone who wishes to serve the best interest of the neighborhood is encouraged to run for the coming election.

If you have any questions, or would like to talk to one of the current POA Board Members, please send an email to briarhills@sbcglobal.net or call 281-558-7422. Please also check the website, www.briarhills.org, for any updates/announcements on the election.



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Kids' Cross-Country Team's Season Starts September 10th

By Donnell Carter

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and an orientation for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. (location to be announced). The first practice will be held at the Cypress Creek YMCA on Thursday, September 12.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is in its 26th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome.

Contact Coach Eric Wentworth at emw1105@gmail.com, 281-961-6603, or Coach Donnell Carter at dcarterpfs@msn.com, 281-467-4727, for more information. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.

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Viruses Still Present During Summer

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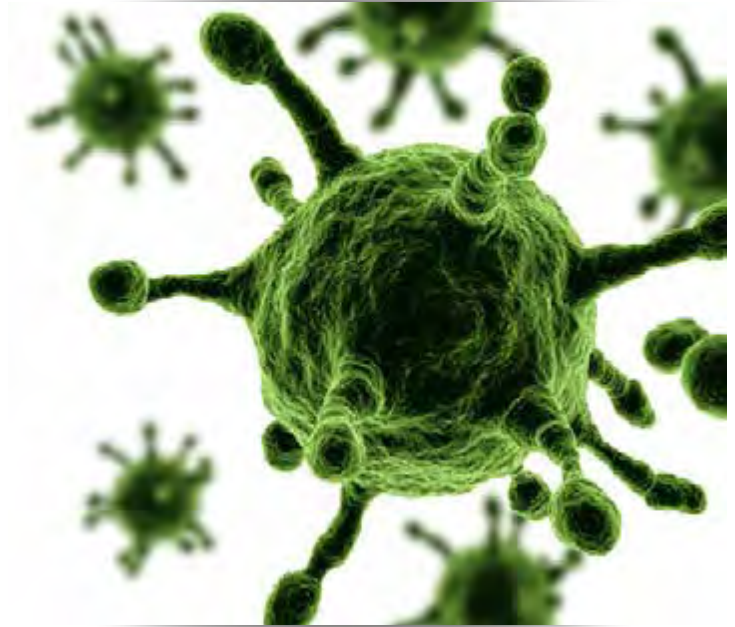
-Enteroviruses can cause symptoms such as sore throat and diarrhea, and can even lead to viral meningitis and inflammation of the heart and liver.

-Hand, foot and mouth disease, is characterized by ulcers in the back of the throat and a rash on hands and feet. This is common in babies and young children.

-Adenovirus, which can cause respiratory problems.

-Parainfluenza can cause croup, a loud cough; bronchiolitis, swelling and mucus in the small air passages in the lungs; and bronchitis, inflammation of the main air passages to the lungs.

These viruses cannot be treated with antibiotics, but it's important to get enough fluid and rest. Seek treatment immediately for high fever for more than three days, vomiting for over 24 hours, diarrhea, severe headaches or chest pain. Those with weak immune systems should consult their physician if they have any symptoms associated with these viruses.



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Everyone in the Briarhills community should visit Briarhills.org and Register. When you Login you have access to various elements on the web site that are not public, such as surveys, questionnaires, commenting on articles, posting on the Photos page, and important official information. The Site Policies page shows our strict privacy protections.

We welcome ads from our neighbors, our contractors, and local businesses. Our web site serves 860 homes in the POA and HOA areas of Briarhills, including Oaks of Parkway and Meadowbriar. In the first quarter of 2013 we averaged 465 unique visitors each month. The list of registered users is growing, and we communicate with them by email.

To inquire about advertising on Briarhills.org, you can use the Contact Us page on Briarhills.org, or phone the POA Office 281-558-7422. Revenue from these ads helps defray our cost of communicating with Association members and the neighborhood.



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