

BRIARHILLS.ORG WEB SITE CONTINUES TO GROW

By Tom Mikus

Our web site Briarhills.org serves all of Briarhills, both POA and HOA. In October we had a new monthly high of 669 unique visitors. Compare that to 854, the total number of homes in POA and HOA, and most residents seem to the visit the site.

However, only 42% of the POA (and 32% of the HOA) homes have actually registered. This means most residents cannot access all of the features on the site.

We have added new features beyond the recent Tennis Reservations, including Homes for Sale or Rent, Classified Ads, Lost and Found, Garage Sales, and Announcements by Residents. Please Register at Briarhills.org and Login to use all the features.

Registered residents will get occasional emails about Briarhills matters such as special events and security alerts. Registered owners will also have access to restricted information including elections, the directors' functions, fees, and the new-owner packet.

Feel free to use the Contact Us feature to make any suggestions about the site or the association. We need your input to serve you better.

CONSTABLE CALLS FOR OCTOBER 2013

*for all of Briarhills
(POA and HOA)*

3.....	Alarm Local
1.....	Animal/Humane
1.....	Burglary/Motveh
9.....	Check Park
141.....	Contract Check
1.....	Crim Mischief
2.....	Dist/Loud Noise
3.....	Incident Report
2.....	Information Call
8.....	Meet the Citizen
9.....	Neighborhood Chk
1.....	Prop Found/Lost
1.....	Solicitors
1.....	Stranded MV
1.....	Susp Person
8.....	Traf Initiative
14.....	Traffic Stop
101.....	Vacation Watch
1.....	Veh Suspicious
308	Total Calls

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Emergency	911
Constable (<i>Closest Law Enforcement</i>).....	281-463-6666
Poison Help	1-800-222-1222
Library and Community Center.....	832-393-1880
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
Hazardous waste.....	713-551-7355

OTHER UTILITY SERVICES

Street light problem.....	713-207-2222
.....	(then 1 then 4)
Power out/emergency	713-207-2222
Gas leak suspected.....	713-659-2111
Before you dig.....	Call 811

BRIARHILLS SERVICES

Trash collection	713-733-1600
Amenity tags	281-558-7422
Tennis courts.....	281-558-7422
Pool parties.....	281-558-7422
Clubhouse rental	281-558-7422
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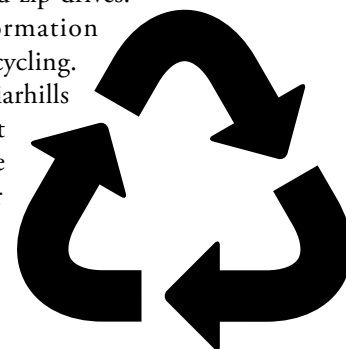
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By Tom Mikus

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BRIARHILLS POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Letter to Residents

By Warren Murdoch

The Briarhills Property Owners Association 2013-14 Board of Directors has been seated. You will see some new names as directors and officers. We hope to meet more of you at our monthly meetings.

An officer does not have to be a director except for the President. A director is elected by the members of the association to act on their behalf at board meetings. An officer performs duties on behalf of Briarhills Property Owners Association, Inc. but does not have to be elected by the members, except for the President.

The new Secretary of the Association, Constantin Platon, came in close behind the third candidate for the three open seats. We decided to offer Constantin the office of Secretary because we want to include as many

residents as we can in the board's affairs. Constantin will attend the board meetings but he will not be able to vote. If a director resigns in the next 12 months, Constantin will be offered a director position.

The board also wants to have more social activities in the coming year. Two of the great events in the past year were the 4th of July parade-picnic and the "Get to Know Your Neighbor" event last December. We welcome suggestions for future events. We also need volunteers to help with these events.

If you have a special skill or interest in the neighborhood, please contact us at briarhills@sbcglobal.net or 281-558-7422. We need help with the operations of the association as well as organizing the social activities. We

also want to form neighborhood clubs that can use the clubhouse for their meetings. One neighbor suggested a Bridge Club and another a Women's Club.

As always, you are welcome to attend our meeting on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. (Check Briarhills.org for the agenda and any schedule changes.) The new board decided to move the meetings to the beginning of the month to accommodate directors' schedules. We hope it will also be more convenient for residents to attend meetings.

We wish you are your families a happy and safe holiday season. Yes, it is here already.
Briarhills POA Board of Directors

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MOVIE NIGHT

By James Gilmer

Thank you to all who participated for Movie Night in Briarhills Park. We had a great time watching Despicable Me and enjoying great food like Hot Dogs, Popcorn and Brisket Nachos. We had about 80 people come out to the first Movie Night ever. We will continue this worthwhile event again in the upcoming New Year. Thanks again to all who came out and spread the word that the POA is trying to bring the community together.

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1. Have your exterior pipes wrapped and protected. Do you have enough insulated faucet covers for all faucets?
2. When the cold snap comes, water your plants just before. You need to be sure the roots are wet, not just the leaves. Much of freeze damage is from dehydration. Watering before a freeze could make a big difference in your tropical and tender perennials.
3. Have plant covers ready to go. Just be sure that plastic sheeting does not touch the foliage. Use a sheet or blanket, then cover with plastic to protect from rain.
4. Now that it is cooler, check your insulation layer in the attic. Insulation works to keep you and your pipes warm in winter and cool in summer. Need at least a 12 inch depth to provide proper R30 rating.
5. An extra step would be to have a freeze alarm dialer installed. These monitor for falling or low temperatures and dial out alerting you, a neighbor, or a monitoring company, to know that a freeze is about to happen.
6. Make sure your pet is ready for the cold snap as well. Bring them indoors or make sure they have a warm place to go along with water and food.
7. Just so you are ready for the holidays, the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line is at www.butterball.com/media/turkey-talk-line. 1-800-288-8372.

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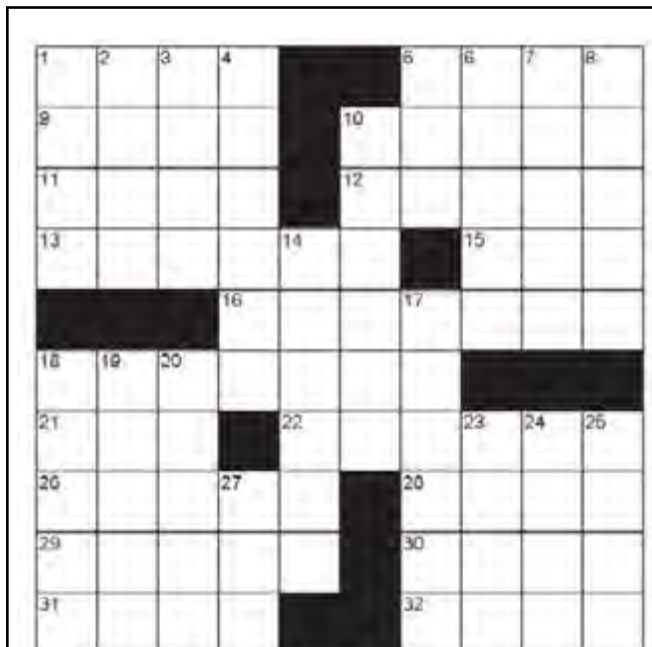
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1. Nativity scene piece
2. Competition at the Greek games
3. Capital of the Ukraine
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