



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone is enjoying the arrival of Autumn in our beautiful neighborhood. Officially, Autumn began on September 23rd, the Autumnal Equinox. This is one of only two days each year when night and day are about the same length of time. From here on out, the temperatures begin to drop (hopefully) and the days start to get shorter than the nights. This time of the year is often a period of reflection for me and a time to count my blessings.

With that said, I am grateful for the following regarding our neighborhood. I appreciate the dedication of my fellow Board members who have spent many hours this year not only attending to regular Board activities, but also working diligently (with the help of many volunteers) to implement Master Plan B. I look forward to the improvements to our common areas (including the clubhouse and pool), which will occur once Master Plan B is fully implemented.

On the topic of volunteers, I am deeply grateful for everyone who stepped up and canvassed the neighborhood. They did so motivated only by the desire to make our community a better place, and they deserve our thanks. Others have volunteered to organize activities such as our popular movie nights. We appreciate all of these efforts and encourage anyone with an idea for a neighborhood activity or club (or column for the Briarbeat) to contact the Board. The Board is eager to promote any activities that will bring our community closer together.

The passage of summer means the end of another successful Briarhills Dolphin swim season. The parents who organize and manage the Dolphins swim team each year make it look easy, but the logistics are daunting. The practice sessions and meets could not happen without the many volunteers from our neighborhood who turn out to help the team.

I also am grateful for the fact that Terry Hershey park is just around the corner and full of trails and paths for biking, running, or, in my case, slow walks. The wild grapes along the trails have all ripen and fallen from their vines, but the water birds and rabbits still remain. With so many trails and so much wildlife close by, everyone should enjoy the park.

Finally, I am grateful for this opportunity to serve you and the neighborhood. With children and work and all the other demands of a hectic life, I thought I would not have the time to volunteer for the Board. But I am glad that I made this commitment. Have a great month!

George Niño

Vice-President, Briarhills Property Owners Association



## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

### **GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

Emergency	
Constable (Closest Law Enforcement)	
Poison Help	1-800-222-1222
Library and Community Center	
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	
	(then 1 then 4)
Power out/emergency	
Gas leak suspected	
Before you dig	Call 811

### **BRIARHILLS SERVICES**

713-733-1600
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Alarm Local	2
Alarm/Rep. Site	1
Burglary/Hab	1
Burglary/Motveh	2
Check Park	2
Contract Check	
Dist/Other	1
Incident Report	2
Information Call	74
Meet the Citizen	10

Total Count for Period : 566		
Writ1		
Veh Suspicious7		
Vacation Watch88		
Traffic Stop17		
Traf Initiative13		
Susp Person7		
Solicitors1		
Open Door/Window1		
Meet the Officer1		



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Lesha Roberts, DC

## REBECQUE'S AND NANCY'S BEAT

With the start of the school year there are a lot of beginnings. Our neighborhood schools have, along with sporting programs, fine theater arts programs. Westside High School has four plays scheduled for this school year with very talented thespians. Call 281-920-8054 for ticket information or go to the Westside High School web site under theater for more details.

Our constables reminded us at the POA monthly meeting that the constable office provides free home security inspections. Call 281-492-3600 to schedule or 281-463-666 and leave a message for the constables who do these inspections, Lt. Hatten or Deputy Kovar. Their office also loans out engravers for our use.

As you know, our POA Board is diligently working on the plans for the renovations of our recreational facilities and the construction of the new club house.

Election time is upon us again. As this is a City of Houston election we will be voting for Mayor, City Controller, and City Council positions. The ballot will also include the Hero ordinance, 7 propositions, and 7 amendments. As your precinct chair and election judge I hope to see you on November 4 at Parkway Place at 1321 Park Bayou. At no time will any source be allowed to use Briarhill's contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from Peel, Inc. The information in The Briar Beat is exclusively for the private use of the Briarhills POA and Peel, Inc.

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## Discover what sets us apart



## Join us for our fall Open Houses:

### **Middle School**

Thursday, October 15th, 9 a.m.

## **Lower School**

Thursday, October 29th, 9 a.m.

### **Primary School**

Thursday, November 5th, 9 a.m.



10219 Ella Lee Lane, Houston, Texas 77042 www.graceschool.org

To schedule a tour, please contact Mrs. K.C. McMordie, Director of Admission, at kmcmordie@graceschool.org or 713-267-8705.

# **Briarhills POA Office**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday Saturday\* 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

and by appointment

\*The POA office will be closed on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

### **STREET ADDRESS**

14300 Briarhills Parkway, Houston, TX 77077

### MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 940548, Houston, TX 77094-7548

### TELEPHONE

281-558-7422

### **EMAIL**

briarhills@sbcglobal.net

### Website: www.briarhills.org

Every resident is encouraged to register in the Briarhills website. This allows you to have access to various up-to-date information about the POA that is not available to the public. You will also be able to immediately receive, by email, important announcements.

### **Swimming Pool**

A pool tag with the current year sticker is required to access the swimming pool amenities. Pool tags are issued at the POA office starting in May until the end of the pool season (Labor Day). Please check the Briarhills POA website for updates.

### Tennis

A key is required to access the tennis court amenities. To obtain a tennis key, please check the Briarhills POA website.

### Clubhouse

The POA Clubhouse is available for rent to residents only. The daily rental fee is \$100. The signed rental agreement, together with the payment, must be signed and submitted to the POA office at least seven days prior to the rental date. Please check the Briarhills website or contact the POA office for the rental agreement and clubhouse availability.

### **POA Maintenance Fees**

Invoices for POA dues are mailed in early December. Please contact the POA office if you do not receive your invoice by December 15. Non-receipt of the invoice does not preclude payment of the dues.

The above information is subject to change without prior notice.



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## **Partnerships for Children**

Marques is a charming and quiet young man. He loves basketball and enjoys most all sports. He also enjoys riding his bike, playing video games and listening to music. He would enjoy being in a family that would provide activities for him to be active, especially sports. He would like to have a Mom that is caring and loving. He would also like to have a father that will do "guy things" like playing basketball and camping.

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a program of Partnerships for Children. To learn more about the adoption or fostering process, please call the Heart Gallery of Central Texas at (512) 834-4756, email heartgallery@partnershipsforchildren.org or visit our website at www.partnershipsforchildren.org



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## **5 Things to Know About Homeowner's Insurance**

**<u>1. Know about exclusions to coverage.</u>** For example, most insurance policies do not cover flood damage as a standard item. This type of coverage must be bought separately.

**<u>2. Know about dollar limitations on claims.</u>** Even if you are covered for a risk, there may be a limit on how much the insurer will pay. For example, many policies limit the amount paid for stolen jewelry unless items are insured separately.

<u>3. Know the replacement cost.</u> If your home is destroyed you'll receive money to replace it only to the maximum of your coverage, so be sure your insurance is sufficient. This means that if your home is insured for \$150,000 and it costs \$180,000 to replace it, you'll only receive \$150,000.

<u>4. Know the actual cash value.</u> If you chose not to replace your home when it's destroyed, you'll receive replacement costs, less depreciation. This is called actual cash value.

**<u>5. Know the liability</u>**. Generally your homeowner's insurance covers you for accidents that happen to other people on your property, including medical care, court costs, and awards by the court. However, there is usually an upper limit to the amount of coverage provided. Be sure that it's sufficient if you have significant assets.

It's always good to review your insurance policy annually with your agent. To review your home's current value in relation to the market, please contact us.

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