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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Whelp, you're stuck with me for two more years. I'm pleased to announce that for the second election in a row we've been able to meet our quorum and only hold a single election! This year, as we did last year, we used online voting and were able to hold the election costs down to about \$1,000. This is great considering in years past when we've had to do multiple election cycles the cost would rise to well above \$3,000. So YAY for saving money and getting folks elected.

This year there were three positions and, quite conveniently, three residents running. Matt Kemper, George Nino, and myself all ran unopposed and were, not surprisingly, reelected - by a landslide. We are all looking forward to continuing to serve the neighborhood for another two years!

Continuing on that note, towards the end of the summer I was approached by two additional residents who wanted to volunteer their time. Now and again I have residents approach me about volunteering and perhaps serving on the board, and now and again I approach people to volunteer and serve on the board. These two individuals were the first that actually wanted to volunteer and wanted to serve as a board member as well.

For the past two years the Board of Directors has been short handed. In the 2013 election on 2 people wanted

to run, and there were four positions. The Board at the time decided to shrink the number of positions because of the two open spots, and thus we went from 7 to 5. It's been rough since then. Since we are a self managed community everything has to be done through the Board Members and our office manager – and this past year has been exceedingly difficult. So, when two individuals approached me I didn't hesitate or look a gift horse in the mouth.

I am please to announce that the Board this past month decided to open the two positions it had previously closed, and appoint Lee Lebow and Hannah Bailey to the board. Lee Lebow has a great deal of financial acumen and will serve as our Treasurer, and Hannah, being a teacher and librarian (and very, very organized!) will service as our social director and community outreach coordinator.

As we move deeper into fall I want to wish everyone a safe Thanksgiving! It's going to get colder now, so please make sure to run your heater one day you're home. Don't wait until the last minute on a chilly night to discover your pilot light is out or some other malfunction. Please be safe!

Alec Luong, AIA President, Briarhills Property Owners Association



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Emergency	911
Constable (Closest Law Enforcement)	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
Marquee messages	281-558-7422

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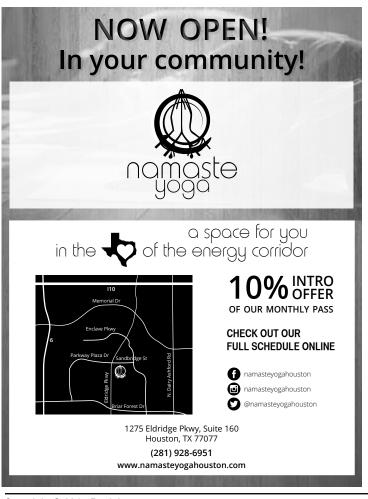
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August 2015 Security Report Summary for HOA and POA

Accident/FSGI1	Meet the Citizen16
Alarm Local3	Open Door/Window5
Are You Okay1	Runaway1
Burglary/Hab1	Solicitors2
Burglary/Motveh1	Susp Person3
Check Park3	Traf Initiative20
Contract Check354	Traffic Hazard1
DOA1	Traffic Stop31
Follow UP1	Unk Med Emerg1
Incident Report2	Vacation Watch49
Information Call83	Veh Suspicious9

Total Count for Period: 589





REBECQUE'S AND NANCY'S BEAT

BENEFITS OF THE CONSTABLE PROGRAM

We all know that the Precinct 5 Harris County Constables patrol our neighborhood and do vacation watches which we pay for in our dues, but they do so much more. They offer many programs that most of us do not use and they are all FREE.

You can schedule a Home Safety Inspection through Deputy Kovar at 281-642-8814 or john.kovar@cn5.hctx.net. Then you can request by email at pct5webadmin@cn5hctx.net that an officer take an engraver to your residence for your use to engrave your items making it easier to have stolen items returned and to prosecute the violator. Include a contact phone number. This can save you 5-10% on your homeowner's insurance!

Precinct 5 also has Safety Programs for Religious Facilities, Private Schools and Day Care, Work Place, and tips for the Holidays and Shopping. Contact Lt Mitch Hutter at 281–492-3951 or Mitchell.hutter@cn5.hctx.net.

Lt Hutter can schedule Children's Scouting Merit Badge, Stranger

Danger, and Hero Read Programs and Teen Social Media, and Personal Safety Programs as well as Preventing Bullying and Cyber Bullying Programs. Lt Hutter schedules similar programs for Adults plus Identity Theft and Cyber Safety Programs.

On the first 3 Wednesdays of November and December two Rape Aggression Defense Systems certified Precinct 5 instructors are having Women's Self Defense classes to empower women to stand up for themselves. Go to constablepct5.com/women-self-defense to register.

Have you ever wanted to be a policeman? You can go through a Citizens Police Academy which is an 11 week program for a shorter version of the deputy training including arrest procedures, firearms training simulator, operation of a police car, and a ride along with an on-duty deputy. For information contact Deputy Roy Guinn at 281-492-3601 or roy.guinn@cn5.hctx.net .

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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

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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

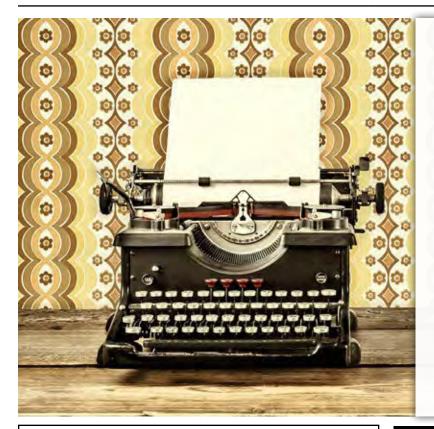
The POA Clubhouse is available for rent to residents only. The daily rental fee is \$100. The signed rental agreement, together with the payment, must be signed and submitted to the POA office at least seven days prior to the rental date. Please check the Briarhills website or contact the POA office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





The Briar Beat is Looking for Submissions!

The Briar Beat would like to build community between neighbors by sharing in each other's celebrations and losses. Thus, please submit news of any birth, wedding, or death of a Briarhills resident, or a family member of a resident, to: briarhills.briarbeat@gmail.com



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