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# Happy New Year 2016 Briarhills Residents

We hope you had an enjoyable and safe holiday with your family and friends. As 2015 comes to a close, the POA board would like to inform you of the progress we've made concerning the new clubhouse and community area.

The project is moving forward! The board is making headway in attaining financing for the loan. We have spoken to several banks and are planning to choose one soon. Furthermore, we are moving forward on securing design contracts. We anticipate we will be able to choose a preliminary engineer by the end of this month. If all goes well, we hope to break ground in September, at the end of the pool season, and have the project completed by May 2017 – just in time for the next pool season! The board is excited about the projected lower maintenance cost of up-keeping the new facilities. We believe the new community facilities will be both useful and convenient to current residents, as well as attractive to potential new residents.

As the board prepares for our forthcoming new facilities, we are actively trying to reserve capital. Thus, we want residents to know we are aware the fence behind small playground is missing. It was in disrepair for a while, and was a potential hazard; thus, we had it removed. However, we felt it is an unnecessary expense considering construction will be beginning in that area in a few short months.

Similarly, we are aware of the broken picnic table and park bench. We apologize that this leaves a shortage of furnishing in park; however, again, due to trying to reserve as much capital as possible for the new construction, we have decided to not replace these items at this time. When the construction is finished, we want to assure residents that it will include low-maintenance furnishings, which will last long term.

Finally, we welcome your thoughts. If you see something concerning in the neighborhood, please notify the POA board at [briarhillspoa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:briarhillspoa@sbcglobal.net). If you don't tell us, we don't know what is happening.

The board hopes your 2016 is off to a great start!

*Hannah Bailey*

*Social Director, Briarhills Property Owners Association*

## BRIARHILLS POA OFFICE INFO

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Saturday\*–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

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### TELEPHONE

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Constable ( <i>Closest Law Enforcement</i> ).....	281-463-6666
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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
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Clubhouse rental .....	281-558-7422
Marquee messages .....	281-558-7422

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### WEBSITE

[www.briarhills.org](http://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.

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Accident/Major .....	1
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Alarm Local.....	1
Animal/Humane.....	1
Check Park.....	3
Contract Check.....	265
Dist/Other.....	1
Follow Up.....	1
Incident Report.....	4
Information Call.....	74
Meet the Citizen.....	16

Meet the Officer .....	1
Nuisance Abatemt.....	1
Open Door/Window.....	4
Solicitors.....	8
Susp Person.....	3
Traf Initiative.....	19
Traffic Stop.....	33
Vacation Watch.....	53
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## REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

The dawn of a new year is upon us and thoughts of New Year's resolutions, whether we intend to keep them or not.

The intent is to improve upon ourselves, but is not love and respect the basis of all good relationships which tend to make us better? As the beauty contestants often say when asked what they want for the world, they respond with "peace for the world." To achieve that, we have to have peace within ourselves, or love and respect for ourselves first. If we could all love and respect our families, neighbors, and co-workers, peace within our personal sphere could be achieved.

Regardless of our individual religious beliefs, we are blessed with life and an amazing world in which to live. It is up to us as to how we live our lives.

As I write these articles I wonder if they are ever read. At one Homeowners' meeting a man commented that articles should be included in the Briar Beat as well as all the ads. At that time I had been writing articles for several months. If anyone reads this, please let me know. I usually do research in order to submit relevant information. My contact information is in Rebecque's and my ad below.

### Best wishes for the New Year

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