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Hello Briarhills Residents,

Spring is just around the corner! The POA board is moving forward on the construction project and is continuing to review design contracts. In addition, we recently voted upon and appointed new legal representation. We believe they are fully equipped to aid us as we venture into the construction project. If residents would like to attain more information about the project, we want you to know you can study the board's open documents. While for security reasons we cannot mass publish certain open documents (contracts, etc.), any POA member may make and appointment with the POA office manager to see said documents. Also, all POA meeting minutes are available online; however, just a reminder that residents must log-in to the secure portion of the website before you can view them. Furthermore, residents should be aware that we are working on replacing the current website and the new website will be available soon.

In a crowded city like Houston, we are continually grateful for our patrolling constables who keep a close eye on our open neighborhood. Residents should be aware we have new morning and night officers in the neighborhood. If you have a concern, you can reach our constables at: 281-463-6666.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped install the new tennis screens for the tennis courts. This small change has made a big improvement in the look of our community area. In regards to improvements to the neighborhood, please read the deed restrictions online and make sure your home is not in violation.

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

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 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 FEE'S

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.

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	
Public Works	
Neighborhood Protection	713-525-2525
Animal Control	
Wild animal problem	
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

713-733-1600

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Briar Hills Beat. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Briar Hills residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales office at 888-687-6444 or <u>advertising@PEELinc.com</u>. The advertising deadline is the 8th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Article Submission	briarhills@sbcglobal.net
Advertising	advertising@PEELinc.com

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION GENERAL INFORMATION

Trash and recycling collection service is provided by Waste Corporation of America (WCA) - www.wcawaste.com.

TRASH COLLECTION

Type of Collection: Refuse will be collected two (2) times per week on Monday and Thursday. Containers and bags shall be placed at their collection points by 6:30 am on the designated collection day. Refuse is defined as waste generated inside the house. Items must be either in light weight metal or plastic containers, or sturdy plastic trash bags (not "kitchen" bags). Containers and bags should not exceed fifty (50) pounds. All permanent trash containers, after being emptied, will be returned to their point of origin in the same condition in which they were taken, normal wear and tear expected.

Yard and Tree Waste: Placed at the curb on your designated collection days. Trees, shrubs, brush trimmings and fencing must be bundled in lengths no greater than four (4) feet with no branch diameter exceeding three (3) inches. The bundling is required to allow quick pickup and size limitations are required to avoid damaging the equipment in the crushing process.

Heavy Trash and Waste Collection: Bulky Waste Items: Furniture and appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washer, and dryers) will be picked up on Thursday. Exclusions: hazardous waste, carpet, and construction debris resulting from remodeling or demolition operations. By Federal Law, refrigerators and freezers, or any other items containing Freon must be drained of Freon and have an accompanying bill to validate such service was performed.

Unacceptable Items: For reasons of government restrictions, personnel and community safety, and protection of equipment, the following items cannot be collected: gasoline, motor oil and used oil filters, paint and other similar liquids, vehicle tires and batteries, and large pieces of metal such as car fenders or engines. Debris from construction and remodeling such as carpet, rocks, bricks, concrete, dirt, sand, gravel, roofing, lumber, fence boards, and large pieces of glass also cannot be collected. Potentially dangerous materials such as sharp objects, glass, metal, and the like should be properly identified and separated from other trash and/or double wrapped to avoid potential injury to the loader.

RECYCLING

Type of Collection: Recyclables will be collected once per week on Friday. Designated recycling containers are provided by WCA. These containers may be obtained by contacting WCA or the Briarhills POA office. Recyclables shall be placed at their collection points by 6:30 am on the designated collection day.

Acceptable Items:

• Paper: newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, office paper, construction paper, colored paper, folders, paper bags, phone books, holiday cards and greeting cards

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• Cardboard: corrugated cardboard boxes, paperboard boxes (cereal, soda/beer, egg, shoe boxes)

• Containers: aluminum cans, tin cans, steel cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum foil, plastics #1-#5 & #7 (milk, soda, water, juice, shampoo, detergent, pool supplies, pet food), metal pots and pans, copper, scrap metal (nails, screws, gutters)

Commonly Mistaken Unacceptable Material: plastic bags, styrofoam, wrapping paper, used pizza boxes, coat hangers, paint and solvent containers, light bulbs, mirrors, windows, dishes and cups, pyrex pans, wet or soiled paper, paper towels, facial and toilet tissue, disposable plates and cups, milk and juice cartons (wax-board containers)

HOURS OF OPERATION: Collection of refuse shall not start before 6:30 am or continue after 7:00 pm on the same day.

HOLIDAYS: WCA may decide to observe any or all of the following holidays by suspension of collection service on the holiday. In the event the holiday falls on the pick-up day, refuse will be made on the next scheduled pick-up day.

New Year's Day • Labor Day • Independence Day Thanksgiving Day • Memorial Day • Christmas Day

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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REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

The potholes are being repaired! The best way to report and track the infrastructure progress is to use the Houston 311 App that automatically creates a work order that goes directly to the Public Works & Engineering Department or another department for resolution. You can even send a picture of the problem to Public Works with the App. The App also includes needed street and traffic light repairs, flooding and other infrastructure issues.

In addition, three Harris County Pct 5 Constables and one Sergeant are now working full time to provide additional security to the Energy Corridor District.

This is a reminder that the 860-day Memorial Drive Project from

Kirkwood to Eldridge will begin soon. We have all experienced the inconveniences at Memorial and Eldridge, but be prepared for the rebuilding of the Turkey Creek bridge. Hopefully, we will soon have a true right turn lane to Memorial when driving north on Eldridge.

Even though the price of oil and the stock market have continued to drop, we have seen an increase in activity in the real estate market. Please be aware that I write this article one month before you see it. By the time that you read this I hope that the whole picture is better.

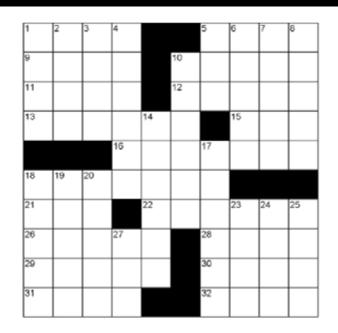
By now the Primary Elections are over, but watch for run-off elections. These are often overlooked.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

DOWN 1. Indonesian island

2. Elderly

4. Sulks

18. Border

20. Chine

25. Holler

23. Elm

19. Lubricated

24. Small brook

27. Bullet shooter

3. Welcome rugs

5. TV lawyer Matlock

7. Computer memory units

10. What a gum chewer blows

6. Sign of the zodiac

8. Lamenting poem

- 1. Part of doorway
- 5. Baby
 9. Seaweed substance
- 10. Transparent gem
- 11. Defeat
- 12. Blend
- 13. Suck up
- 15. Electroencephalograph
- (abbr.)
- 16. French composer Claude 14. Ruled over
- 18. Artifacts found in rocks 17. "___ and World Report"
- 21. Rend
- 22. Elite
- 26. Reorient
- 28. Canal
- 29. Meal listings
- 30. Opp. of ill
- 31. Adam's garden

32. Hawk

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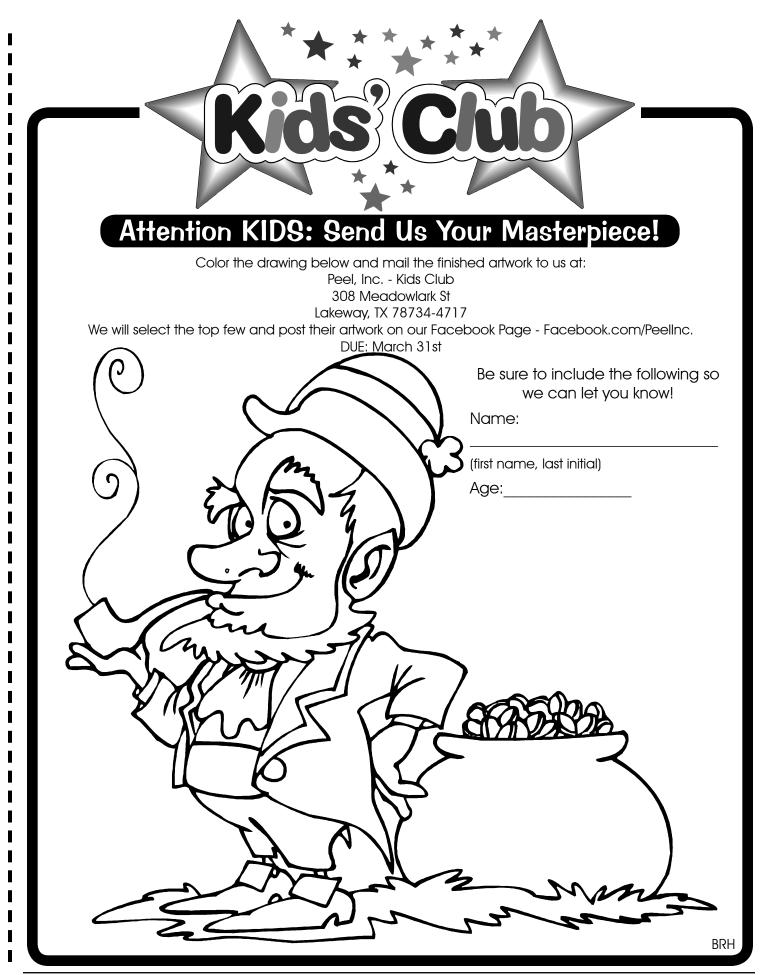
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