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# Hello Briarhills Residents

On Monday, June 13th the architect will present the first draft of the new community center design. All Briarhills residents are encouraged to attend and hear the presentation. Construction is slated to begin in October.

The Briarhills POA has a brand new website http://www.briarhillspoa.org. Current POA residents who have registered in the previous website should have received an email with instructions on updating their passwords on the new website. If you did not receive the email, please contact the POA office or go directly to the new website and re-register.

In regards to pool usage, Briarhills POA residents, who are current on their POA accounts, may pick up their 2016 amenity tags at the POA office starting Monday, May 2, 2016. Residents must have the 2016 amenity tags in order to use the pool facilities. Previous years' amenity tags are no longer valid. A valid driver's license or utility bill showing your Briarhills POA address must be presented before amenity tags are issued.

In a crowded city like Houston, we are continually grateful for our patrolling constables who keep a close eye on our open neighborhood. If you have a concern, you can reach our constables at: 281-463-6666. Also, residents may use the constables' website at constablepct5.com to schedule a vacation watch, get a security inspection or request one of our speed trailers. The website also has neighborhood news and residents can sign up for crime alerts.

Finally, do you have an iPhone? If so, you can download the Peel, Inc. iPhone app and receive this newsletter on your phone. Go to: (https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/peel-inc./id866041578?mt=8).

Once downloaded, search for Briarhills and subscibe. You can now read your newsletter on your phone!

Hannah Bailey

Social Director, Briarhills Property Owner's Association

#### **Hello Briarhills Dolphins!**

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2016 summer swim season is now OPEN! Hip Hip Hooray!

Families interested in learning more about our neighborhood swim team can visit our website at www.briarhillsdolphins.swimtopia.com. Registration will be open on our website until April 30th and our first practice begins on May 16th.

If you have any questions or trouble registering online, feel free to reach out to us. We are looking forward to a great 2016 swim season and can't wait to see everyone at the pool in May! Go Dolphins! Stephanie Brewster & Janna Wright



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#### **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	281-368-8397
Amenity tags	281-558-7422
Tennis courts	
Pool parties	281-558-7422
Clubhouse rental	

#### **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

#### **POA OFFICE INFO**

#### **OFFICE HOURS 2016**

Monday - 1:00pm - 4:00pm Saturday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

And by appointment

\*The POA office will be closed on these days: November 24, December 24, December 26.

#### **OFFICE CONTACT**

Street Address
14300 Briarhills Parkway, Houston, TX 77077
Mailing Address
Telephone
Email briarhills@sbcglobal.net
Website www.briarhillspoa.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**

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.

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### **NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS**

#### CERTIFICATION CLASSES AVAILABLE 50% off for Residents and Family APPLY ON-LINE: houston-pmg.com

Aquatic Management, the company that operates and manages the Briarhills Pool is offering certification classes and hiring lifeguards for the upcoming pool season.

Free certification to National Honor Society students, or 50% off for students who live in the Briarhills community as long as they work for Aquatic.

Lifeguard benefits: End-of-Season bonus program where lifeguards can earn up to \$1.25 an hour on top of their base salary.

Each student receives a free a hip sack with pocket mask, a free Lifeguard T-Shirt and up to 40% off Oakley and Ray Ban sunglasses once they pass the class.

Regular incentive awards will also be given, including gift cards, Lifeguard of the week awards and pool of the pay period awards.

#### JOB DESCRIPTION: SUMMARY:

Lifeguard has the responsibilities of maintaining order at the pool facility by preventing accidents through the enforcement of policies,

rules, regulations. Lifeguards are also responsible for monitoring the pool facilities for potential hazards or unsafe conditions, providing first aid to patrons. Employee must be or willing to obtain American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification or equivalent.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Welcome and acknowledge all guests according to company standards; anticipate and address guests' service needs.

Promote/enforce the rules and regulations of the facility.

Manage customer relations with swimming pool patrons.

Maintain constant surveillance of patrons in the facility; acts immediately and appropriately to secure safety of patrons in the event of emergency.

Provide emergency care and treatment as required until the arrival of emergency medical services.

Present professional appearance and attitude at all times, and maintains a high standard of customer service.

Perform various maintenance duties to maintain a safe facility. Prepare and maintain appropriate facility records.

Check to ensure that all equipment is functioning properly.

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## REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

The recent flood surprised most of us. We hope that you did not suffer damage. After talking with a few neighbors I was surprised to find out how many people rely on their drains, but do not think to keep them clear. One person even commented that they would have to get wet to clear them out during the rain. My thought is that it is better for me to get wet than the floors in my house, so please remember to clean out your drains and reduce the level in your pool when a storm is coming.

Out of five cities that are leading the way in urban innovation, Houston ranks second only behind Singapore. From 2010 to 2014 in the U.S., Houston's population increased by more people than any city other than New York. The difference between Houston and other high growth cities is that it has expanded housing to accommodate new residents making housing affordable for medium-income families. We enjoy the affordability in Briarhills even though our prices have increased considerably in the past few years. A recent study shows that employment in the Energy Corridor where we live is expected to reach 163,000. I would guess that many of us grew

up in towns with a total population less than that.

During the past year I have enjoyed two boat tours on Buffalo Bayou. Though I was on the same body of water each tour was quite different. The first, on which I believe that I have discussed before, was to view the bats under the Waugh Drive Bridge. What a spectacular sight to see thousands of bats suddenly fill the sky at sunset. The best sightings are in August and September and the boat tours begin in May. Another way to see the bats for free is from the bridge. If you go on the 1st or 3rd Friday night year round about 30 minutes before sunset you can listen to a knowledgeable volunteer chat about the bats.

The most recent tour was a two hour private charter with a historian. The cost is about \$33 per person and worth it. Shorter 30 minute tours are available on the second Saturdays in March, April, May, September, and October for only \$7. We don't do outside in the hot months in Houston. Seeing the sights from the water may stimulate you to walk the banks of the Bayou. You can obtain more information by going to www.buffalobayou.org.



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#### **April 2016 Security Report Summary for HOA and POA**

Alarm Local	2
Arson/Fire	1
Burglary/Hab	1
Contract Check	378
Crim Mischief	1
Dist/Family	1
Dist/Other	1
Follow Up	2
Fraudulent UseID	1
Incident Report	12
Information Call	55
Meet the Citizen	32
Meet the Officer	1

Neighborhood Chk	1
Open Door/Window	. 7
Prop Found/Lost	
Solicitors	.2
Special Assign	1
Susp Person	.5
Traf Initiative	ç
Traffic Stop	12
Truancy	
Vacation Watch5	53
Veh Suspicious1	13

**Total Count for Period: 613** 



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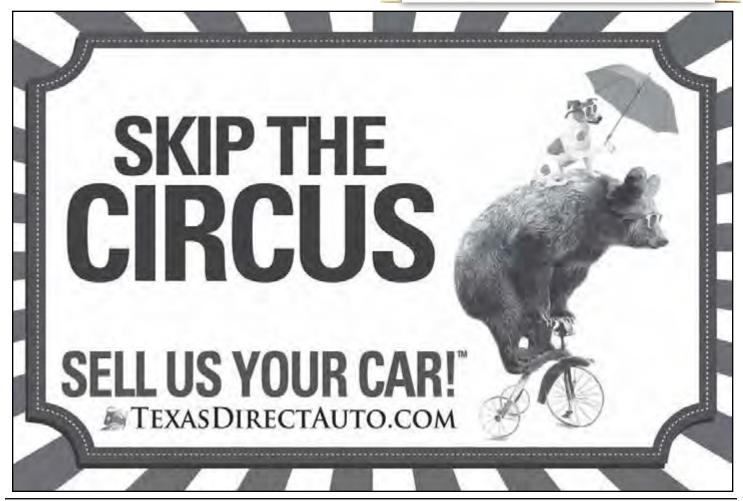
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# Help Johnny find his way home!

# 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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Provide general cleaning to include restocking supplies and picking up litter, as well as straightening up deck chairs and tables.

Perform miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned.

#### **Hours:**

15-40 hrs. per week

#### Location:

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- Gas
- Cash
- · Charcoal, wooden matches & grill
- Ice
- Two weeks supply of prescription medicines
- · Two weeks supply of non-perishable foods
- · Flashlights and batteries for each family member
- Mosquito repellent and citronella candles
- Two coolers one for food; the other for ice
- · Toilet paper, paper towels & pre-moistened towelettes
- · Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils
- · Quiet games, books, playing cards and favorite toys
- Drinking water Minimum 3 gal. per person in plastic containers
- Portable radio and batteries (7 sets)

- Battery operated clock
- First aid book and kit
- Infant necessities
- Non-electric can opener
- Clothing and bedding
- Plastic trash bags
- Important family documents: Phone numbers; record of bank account numbers; family records (birth, marriage, death certificates); inventory of valuable household goods; copy of will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds; record of credit card account numbers and companies; copy of passports, social security cards, immunization records.

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