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POA Board Elections: Calling for Candidates

The election for new POA Board members will be this September. Every Briarhills POA homeowner currently residing in the neighborhood is eligible to run for the Board. Now is a good time to start thinking whether you can be a part of this great opportunity to be involved in the management of our neighborhood.

The Briarhills POA Board is comprised of seven members – The Directors. Four Directors seats are up for election this year. After the new Directors are elected, all five will get together to vote for the Officers of the Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Directors are also assigned specific duties such as: Architectural Control, Safety, Pool Management, Maintenance, and Community Relations.

Interested candidates need to provide a written bio to include

their professional background and their interest in running as well as any other information they wish to share with the other residents for why they should vote for them. These descriptions will be published in the August edition of the Briarbeat for distribution to all the residents prior to the election. ALL CANDIDATE BIOS ARE DUE TO BACK TO THE POA FOR PUBLICATION BY NOON, WENDESDAY JULY 15 VIA EMAIL ONLY.

If you have any questions, or would like to talk to one of the current Directors, please send an email to briarhills@sbcglobal. net or call 281-558-7422. Please also check the website, www. briarhillspoa.org, for any updates/announcements on the election.



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GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Emergency	
Constable (Closest Law Enforcement)	
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	
Amenity tags	
Tennis courts	
Pool parties	
Clubhouse rental	

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OFFICE HOURS 2016

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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.

Hello Briarhills Residents,

The community construction project is making good progress. At the June 6th meeting, the POA Board approved a loan from the Mutual of Omaha. This decision will have several benefits for residents, including the ability to pay yearly dues online directly to the Mutual of Omaha. More details about this decision can be found in the meeting minutes at www.briarhillspoa.org. Meanwhile, the Board is still searching for the right contractor for the project. However, we have chosen an architect. He made a presentation of the first draft of the new community center design to present residents on June 13 in the Clubhouse. The Board is enthusiastic about the project's development. Construction is slated to begin in October.

Please make sure your property is in compliance with our neighborhood's deed restrictions. The Board has been sending kind reminder notices, but soon will begin to pursue all means necessary to enforce restrictions.

Board elections are coming up in September. If you are interested in running, please see the blurb above this article for more information.

Pool etiquette is essential this time of the year. The board fully supports our lifeguards and we expect residents to do so also. The lifeguards are employed to ensure our pool area is a safe and welcoming environment. If any resident disrespects our lifeguards, or creates an unsafe environment for other residents, the constable will be notified immediately, and said resident will have their pool privileges revoked indefinitely. 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 subscribe. You can now read your newsletter on your phone!

Hannah Bailey

Social Director, Briarhills Property Owner's Association



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May 2016 Security Report Summary for HOA and POA

Accident/Minor	1
Alarm Local	1
Alarm/Rep. Site	2
Animal/Humane	1
Check Park	10
Contract Check	433
Incident Report	6
Information Call	51
Meet the Citizen	11
Neighborhood Chk	3

Open Door/Window 6
Parking Lot Chk 1
Special Assign 16
Susp Person 1
Traf Initiative 19
Traffic Stop 12
Vacation Watch 87
Veh Suspicious 11
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REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

Rain, rain go away. Come again another day. By the time this is published maybe the rain will have stopped for a while. Some our neighbors have once again suffered the consequences of an abundance of water. Rebecque and I always recommend that our clients buy flood insurance. Hopefully the homes that flooded were covered with this insurance.

Have you noticed the fascinating murals painted on the city's utility boxes? There are at least four in the Westchase District, but they, along with other graffiti-style murals, are all over Houston. The painted utility boxes are located at the intersection of Harwin and North Course Drive and Harwin and Rogerdale. Another one is located at Rogerdale and Westpark Drive. If you see this on Thursday, then you can go to the Westchase District Farmer's Market at 3 pm next to St Cyril's Catholic Church at 10503 Westheimer & Rogerdale for farm fresh vegetables, fresh baked products, cheese, eggs, meat, and more. One more mural is at Richmond and Woodland Park Drive.

If your children are bored and are hungry on Wednesdays, try the

Grace Truck Stop at Grace Presbyterian Church at the corner of the Beltway 8 and Ella Lee from 11 - 1:30 where they will have about four different selections of food trucks with Courtyard seating.

Nextdoor@nextdoor.com is becoming more and more useful. Pets have been found and returned to their owners, items are sold, and services are offered. Neighbors shared fascinating pictures of the flood. If you haven't yet, you should join Nextdoor.

Houses are still selling, but buyers want houses that have been updated. Keeping up with maintenance of the house is best not only in preparation of selling, but for enjoyment while it is your home. Deferred maintenance usually scares away buyers. Many of us have already replaced the corroded galvanized water pipes in our attics. I did mine after 2 water leaks, which made the process more costly. I would suggest that you look into it before you have to replace sheetrock, flooring, and paint.

We wish you a great summer!



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.







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