

ELECTION

Hello Briarhills Residents,

IMPORTANT: 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.

Registration on the new website is essential for all POA residents because voting for POA board members will occur on the new website between September 6, 2016 and September 20, 2016 at 6:30PM. Below are the bios of the election candidates:

Lee Lebow

Lee and his wife Linda own Lebow Financial Services, a wealth management firm that specializes in investment management, retirement strategies, insurance and estate planning. Lee began a career in the life insurance business in 1972. He was a Brokerage Manager for a national life insurance company from 1975 until 1977 when he became a General Agent. He has been active in the Financial Advisory business since he received his securities license in 1997. A former Advisory Board Member of Independent Financial Network, a member of the National Producer Marketing Group formed by the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, a member of the Agents Advisory Council for GE Financial Assurance Company's Affluent Marketing Services Group and he was also a previous member of the Board of Directors of "FFRL RE", a reinsurance company located in Lynchburg, VA.

Lee and his wife Linda moved into Briarhills in December of 1976 when there were approximately 6 finished houses, and 20 under construction. "We have watched this neighborhood evolve over the years and it will always be HOME to us." Lee is currently on the board and is in charge of the Architectural Control Committee.

Constantin Platon

My name is Constantin Platon and I am the current POA Briarhills Secretary. I would like to continue to serve you. I have been deeply involved with all the decision and projects that the POA board

implemented over the past several years. One of these projects is the construction of a new clubhouse. I am also the liaison person with the Constable office, seeing that our neighborhood continues to be safe for our children and residents. In 2015, I followed a 10 weeks-long class and graduated the Citizen Police Academy as a personal commitment to understand how the Constable can serve us better. Over the last years, I spearheaded the maintenance of the community's tennis courts. They are in as great a shape as ever after the surface was pressure washed and the courts were updated with new lights, nets, trashcans, and windscreens. Also, new rules and key access has been put in place.

I am in favor of community partnerships such as the one recently established with Terraces on Memorial. I am a great supporter of community events such as the outdoor family movie nights, fall night campout, and the Briarhills Dolphins Swim Team. There is much more that I would like to see being accomplished in our community! (Example: Update deed restrictions to modern language; basketball court resurfaced and fenced-in.) Thank you so much for your continuous trust and support! I hope to proudly represent you again!

Nina Wohlwend

My husband, Patrick, and I moved to Briarhills January of this year. I grew up in this area attending Barbra Bush, Westbriar, and Westside. When we had the opportunity to move to Briarhills we were so excited to be back in our old neighborhood! I am a Real Estate agent for my family's owned and operated home building company called Century Custom Homes. I have served on boards at the University of Houston and at Memorial Drive United Methodist church. I want to give back to the community that gave me so many great memories growing up by being a Director.

Claudia Bravo

Claudia Bravo has lived in the Briarhills neighborhood since 1997. She is an architect, who works about 15 minutes from home. She has flexible working hours; thus, she is able to devote time to serving on the POA board. Claudia is passionate about architecture, organization, growth and maintaining relevancy at Briarhills.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Emergency	911
Constable (<i>Closest Law Enforcement</i>).....	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.....	281-558-7422
Pool parties.....	281-558-7422
Clubhouse rental.....	281-558-7422

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

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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

..... P.O. Box 940548, Houston, TX 77094-7548

Telephone..... 281-558-7422

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.

June 2016 Security Report Summary for HOA and POA

Accident/FSGI	1	Open Door/Window.....	4
Alarm Local	3	Prop Found/Lost	1
Alarm/Sil/Pan/HU	1	Solicitors.....	1
Burglary/Hab.....	1	Special Assign.....	32
Check Park.....	86	Susp Person.....	7
Contract Check.....	505	Theft/Other	1
Crim Mischief.....	2	Traf Initiative	8
Dist/Loud Noise.....	1	Traffic Stop	12
Follow Up.....	1	Vacation Watch.....	217
Incident Report.....	6	Veh Stickered	1
Information Call.....	34	Veh Suspicious.....	11
Meet the Citizen.....	14	Writ.....	1
Missing Person	1		

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We hope that everyone had a safe Independence Day. You may have noticed that we did not have the parade and hot dogs this year, and instead had a movie night. Next year, please volunteer to help if you would like to bring back the parade and hot dogs.

For most of us purchasing a house is the largest investment that we make. Home ownership involves some expenses that tend to be forgotten until their ugly head rises to the surface. Property taxes are usually escrowed and paid with the monthly payment. They do not remain the same, but can increase by 10% per year which is the maximum allowed by state law. If the company servicing your loan does not stay on top of this you can be hit with a large bill for a shortage in your escrow account. My daughter recently had to pay a lump sum of \$3,500 in addition to an increase in her monthly payment.

Bundling your homeowner's insurance with other types of insurance such as auto may save some money. Keep your homeowner's insurance coverage up to date with the increase in value of your home. Even though your property may not be located in the flood zone it is a good idea to purchase the separate flood coverage. Many

houses in Houston that flood are not located in a flood zone. Also, keep current on your HOA maintenance fee. If not, a lien can be placed on your property. Keeping up with routine maintenance can save money in the long run. Ignoring leaks can be costly. Many of our houses need the plumbing pipes replaced because the galvanized pipes have corroded.

When it is time to replace your roof, call the roofing company first so that they can determine the condition of your roof and mark the areas that are defective. Then arrange for the roofer to meet with the adjuster from your insurance company. If you call the insurance company first, they will be more likely to deny a claim to replace your roof.

While cleaning out closets, remember that your discards can be used by organizations that either redistribute them or sell them to benefit those less fortunate. My favorites are Mission of Yahweh, a shelter for women and children, located at 10247 Algiers off of Gessner (713-466-4785) and Salvation Army. Yahweh operates without government funding.



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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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NatureWatch

SUMMER SULPHURS

by Jim and Lynne Weber

The family of butterflies known as Pieridae includes the whites and sulphurs, our most conspicuous and abundant butterfly species. They easily draw the attention of even the most casual observer as they flit about our gardens, fields, and open habitats in summer. Sulphurs are usually some shade of yellow, orange, or white, and avidly visit flowers. Their uppersides often feature black borders or patterns and while they usually perch closed, these patterns can sometimes be seen faintly through the wing or glimpsed in flight. The most widespread sulphurs in our area include the Orange Sulphur (*Colias eurytheme*), Southern Dogface (*Zerene cesonia*), Little Yellow (*Pyrisitia lisa*), and Dainty Sulphur (*Nathalis iole*).

Found throughout most of North America, the coloration of the Orange Sulphur can be quite variable, but the typical male has a yellow upperside with orange overlay, yellow veins, a wide black border, and a dark black cell spot. Females can be yellow or white with an irregular black border surrounding several light spots. Both sexes have a silver spot surrounded by two concentric dark rings and a spot above it on the underside of the hindwing. With a wingspan of about 1.5 to almost 3 inches, males patrol around for receptive females, who lay eggs singly on the leaf tops of host plants in the pea family, such as alfalfa and clovers. Orange Sulphurs have 4 to 5 broods from March to November, and overwinter in the chrysalid form.

The Southern Dogface is easily identified by both sexes having the shape of a yellow dog's head surrounded by black on the upperside of their forewings, with the black and white 'eye' not touching the black border. The underside of the hindwing in summer is pale to bright yellow, becoming tinged with pink markings in the fall. With a wingspan of 2 to 3 inches, the males seek out females who lay eggs on the undersides of terminal leaves of host plants such as alfalfa, clovers, and indigo. Three broods are produced almost year round, with adults overwintering in reproductive arrest during the coldest months.

As their name suggests, Little Yellow butterflies are on the small side with a wingspan of 1 to 2 inches. The upperside of the male has a yellow forewing with a wide black tip or apex and a hindwing with a black border. While the female is usually yellow and sometimes white with black borders, both sexes usually have two tiny black dots at the base of the hindwing underside. Four to five broods occur in the south, and females lay eggs singly on midveins or between leaflets of partridge pea, wild sensitive plants, and sennas.

Our smallest sulphur, the Dainty Sulphur, has a wingspan of $\frac{3}{4}$ to slightly over 1 inch, and is identified by a yellow upperside with

black markings that are more extensive on the female. The underside of the forewing has an orange or yellow patch near the base with a few strong black spots closer to the outer wing edge. In summer, the hindwing underside is pale yellow, and turns to dusty green in winter. Both males and females tend to fly low, rest with their wings closed and held perpendicular to sun's rays to gather warmth, and overwinter in adult form. Flying year round, the females lay single eggs on sneezeweed, dogweed, and other asters.

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Number of Homes Available	13
Pending Sales	5

Number of Homes Sold	16
Highest Sales Price	\$570,000
Lowest Sales Price	\$205,000
Average Sales Price	\$337,191
Average Sales Price per Square Ft.	\$140.03
Average Days on Market	34

We hope you enjoy this mid year market report. If you would like a free market analysis, need tips to get your home ready for sale or have a real estate related question, do not hesitate to call, or send us an email.

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