

Hello Briarhills Residents,

The voting for the Briarhills POA (BPOA) Board of Directors will start Thursday, Sept. 8 and end on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Every BPOA homeowner is eligible to vote (one vote per property).

A quorum of 30%, i.e., 136 votes, is required to validate the election. If the quorum is not met, the election will have to be repeated which will mean additional incurred costs for the BPOA. Your vote, therefore, is very important.

Voting will be done either by electronic (online) or paper ballot. A postcard was mailed to all BPOA homeowners with instructions on how to vote online. If you have not received the postcard by Aug. 30, please contact the BPOA Office. To vote by paper ballot, contact the BPOA Office so a paper ballot can be mailed to you.

If you have any questions, or would like to talk to one of the current BPOA Board Members, please contact the BPOA Office. The BPOA office can be reached at 281-558-7422 or briarhills@sbcglobal.net. Additional information and updates on the election can be found on the website at www.briarhillspoa.org.

Winners of the election will be announced at the Annual Homeowners' Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm at Parkway Place, 1321 Park Bayou Drive. All residents are encouraged to attend the annual homeowners' meeting, as it is the most important POA meeting of the year.

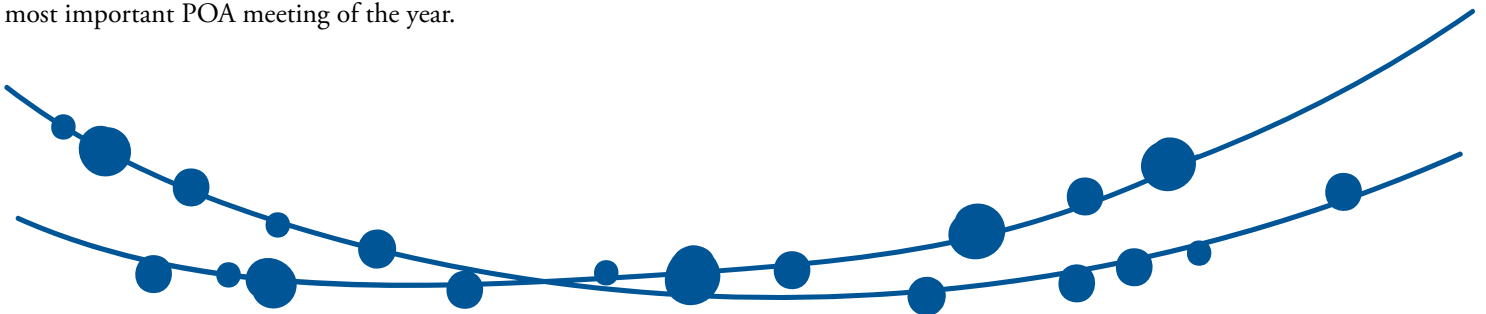
On a different note, keep your eye out for a high-gloss pamphlet arriving soon to your mailbox. This pamphlet contains a great deal of information about the construction of the new community center, which begins this month. It also includes the architect's rendering of the project through drawings and photos. Finally, it includes information on interim office procedures, the new website, updated payment procedures, and new access procedures.

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 constablept5.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



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

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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

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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.

July 2016 Security Report Summary for HOA and POA

Alarm Local.....	11	Meet the Citizen.....	13
Alarm/Rep. Site.....	1	Neighborhood Chk.....	10
Alerts/Crime Tip.....	1	Solicitors.....	1
Burglary/Hab.....	2	Special Assign.....	5
Check Park.....	58	Susp Person.....	3
Check School.....	3	Traf Initiative.....	7
Contract Check.....	298	Traffic Hazard.....	1
Crim Mischief.....	1	Traffic Stop.....	6
Dist/Fireworks.....	1	Vacation Watch.....	105
Follow Up.....	1	Veh Suspicious.....	5
Incident Report.....	2	Warrant Service.....	2
Information Call.....	24	Total Count for Period :.....	561

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REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

Here it is 95 degrees and I am reading that it is time to start the fall garden! I went outside and pulled weeds in what may be my fall vegetable garden, all the while thinking about the array of vegetables in the grocery stores. I could even venture out to some of the local Farmer's Markets. There are at least 5 on the west side of town. Memorial Villages Farmer's Market is on the lot of First Congregational Church at 10840 Beinhorn on Saturday from 9-1. Westchase District Farmer's Market is on the lot of St Cyril Catholic Church at 10503 Westheimer from 3-7 on Thursdays. Georgia's Market on 9201 Katy Freeway is open every day. Farmer's Market on Grand Pkwy at 1225 Grand Pkwy @ Highland Knolls in the lot of Church of the Holy Apostle is open from 8-12 on Saturday. To the west is the Fulshear Market on the left just before Fulshear at 1093 Bois D'Arc every Saturday from 9-1.

If you see large birds in the sky in the next month or two, they may be migrating hawks on their way to South America. One species looks like small glider planes with a wing span of 4 feet. For a better

opportunity to see these birds you can go to the Candy Abshier Wildlife Management Area on East Galveston Bay which is open from 8 – 4 daily through November 15. For information call 979-480-0999 or go to www.gcbo.org.

Houston homeowners are satisfied with community, accessibility to services and their homes. Houston is ranked number 17 among cities with happiest homeowners in the U. S. Our average commute time is 40 minutes and average home price is \$302,500. In addition, 69% of homeowners feel safe in Houston, 62 % say that their community is racially diverse, and 78% say that they have access to shopping that meets their needs. This all sounds like Briarhills. We will even have a new clubhouse!

By the time that you read this the old clubhouse may have already been torn down. We will need to be careful around the construction site particularly with children in the play areas. I am looking forward to events in the new clubhouse. If anyone wants to form a game night, I am interested.



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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.

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
- 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

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Crickets

Field crickets are a common sight around homes in late summer into autumn. These insects are about 1” long when fully grown. Crickets are dark brown to black with large hind legs used for jumping. They also have two cerci, or appendages that come off the tip of the abdomen. Female crickets have a large sword-like structure, the ovipositor, protruding from the tip of the abdomen. The ovipositor is used to deposit eggs into soil.

Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They are able to cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their forewings together.

Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn't when large populations of crickets are discovered.

Before turning to pesticides to manage your cricket problems, try these ideas:

- Turn off outside lights at night or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
- Seal cracks & crevices where insects can enter with sealant
- Remove debris stacked near the structure
- Keep lawn & surrounding areas mowed
- Stuff weep holes with copper mesh

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at <http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com>

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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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