

## Briarhills Residents,

In order to pay for neighborhood services (trash/recycle collection, security service, mosquito control) and the operation and maintenance of the community's properties, the Association collects annual assessment from each property owners. The obligation to pay this assessment when it is due is part of the responsibility of ownership in the Briarhills POA, which each property owner agrees to upon purchase. The assessment must be paid annually whether or not the owners make use of the recreation facilities or neighborhood services.

For 2017, the annual assessment remains at \$627.00. Invoices for the assessment were mailed end of November and should have been in your mailboxes by the first week of December. If you have not received your invoice as of today, please contact the Briarhills POA office (281-558-7422 or [briarhills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:briarhills@sbcglobal.net)). However, please note that non-receipt of the invoice does not preclude you from paying the annual assessment. You are still required to pay the dues in full and on time whether or not you receive the invoice. The payment due date was January 1, 2017. A late fee of \$100 will be assessed if full payment is not received by February 28, 2017.

As a convenience to homeowners, credit card payments will now be accepted. The Association will continue to accept personal checks, cashier's checks, money orders, and electronic bill pay. Sorry, no cash is accepted. Payments should be forwarded to the address provided in the payment coupon included with the invoice. If you wish to pay in person, please contact the Briarhills POA office to make arrangements (as the BPOA office is closed during construction).

*Please check the Briarhills POA website, [briarhillspoa.org](http://briarhillspoa.org) for updates.*

Happy Holidays,  
Briarhills POA

## 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

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 [advertising@PEELinc.com](mailto:advertising@PEELinc.com). The advertising deadline is the 8th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Article Submission.....	<a href="mailto:briarhills@sbcglobal.net">briarhills@sbcglobal.net</a>
Advertising.....	<a href="mailto:advertising@PEELinc.com">advertising@PEELinc.com</a>

## POA OFFICE INFO

### OFFICE HOURS 2016

Monday – 1:00pm – 4:00pm  
Saturday – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
And by appointment

*\*Beginning September 12, the BPOA physical office will not be open. It will re-open when the construction of the new clubhouse is completed sometime in early May 2017. However, the BPOA Office Manager will continue to maintain the above regular office hours during this time period, except on these days: November 24, December 24, and 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](mailto:briarhills@sbcglobal.net)  
Website .....

[www.briarhillspoa.org](http://www.briarhillspoa.org)

Every resident is encouraged to register in the Briarhills POA website. This allows you to have access to various up-to-date information about the BPOA that is not available to the public. You will also be able to immediately receive, by email, important announcements. Your information will only be used for official BPOA communication and will not be shared.

### SWIMMING POOL

Closed for construction.

### TENNIS

A key is required to access the tennis court amenities. To obtain a tennis key, please check the Briarhills POA website.

### CLUBHOUSE

Closed for construction.

### POA MAINTENANCE FEES

Invoices for BPOA 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.

## October 2016 Security Report Summary for HOA and POA

Accident/FGSI .....	1	Mental Case .....	1
Accident/Minor .....	1	Neighborhood Chk.....	17
Alarm Local .....	2	Open Door/Window.....	2
Animal/Humane.....	1	Susp Person.....	5
Burglary/Hab.....	1	Traf Initiative .....	21
Check Park.....	33	Traffic Stop.....	2
Contract Check .....	343	Vacation Watch.....	76
Incident Report.....	10	Veh Suspicious.....	11
Information Call.....	32	Welfare Check.....	2
Meet the Citizen.....	14		
Meet the Officer.....	1	<b>Total Count for Period : 578</b>	

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# REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

DECEMBER 2016

Did you survive the Holidays? Now instead of sales flyers with all of the Black Fridays (I think that there were 3 of them) and other big sale specials, we are receiving the results of our response to them---the bills! If you have a credit card that reimburses you as I do. I always anticipate it covering some of the cost, but it is never as much as I hope for.

Rebecque and I would love to hear from you about the memorable Holiday experiences you had and for you to share some of the events that you would recommend for next year. I hope that I finally made it to Zoo Lights in Hermann Park.

The Energy Corridor is in the planning stage to open a Farmer's Market starting on April 17 at Grigsby Square (Lupe's Tortilla area). This will be open every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. If you are interested in participating, contact Sarah McDonner at 281-759-3800 or smcdonner@energycorridor.org.

"A Little Piece of History" by The Heritage Society on the back page of Absolutely! Memorial is an interesting read about local

history. I would recommend that you peruse it the next time you are in your doctor's office. You may find other items of interest as well.

Hopefully construction on Memorial Drive in front of our Heritage Texas office next to Kroger will be completed by now. I am amazed by how courteous drivers are during all of this mess. Have you found that they wave you into the traffic rather than trying to cut you off?

Quoting an article in the Houston Business Journal, Park Ten Center has 100% occupancy rate. What a feat for the Energy Corridor. This will be accomplished when Houston-based ITW Global Brands moves into Park Ten Center. This should be good news for those of you are considering selling your homes. We have been waiting for Shell's move, but this beat them to the punch. Rebecque and I anticipate our real estate market picking up in the months to come.



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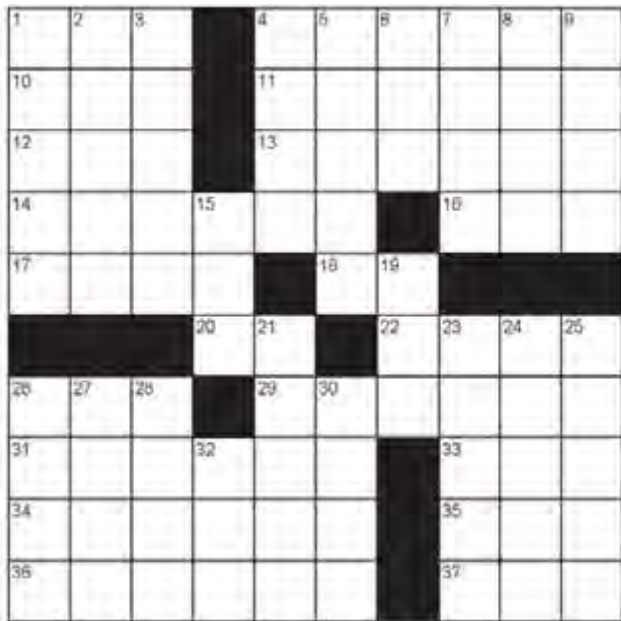


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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**ACROSS**

- 1. However
- 4. Brand of soda
- 10. Environmental protection agency (abbr)
- 11. Large zoo animals
- 12. Revolutions per minute
- 13. Timely (2 wds.)
- 14. Caren
- 16. BB association
- 17. Totals
- 18. We
- 20. Disc jockey (abbr.)
- 22. \_\_\_ the hatchet, forgive
- 26. Move up and down
- 29. Famous female pilot Earhart
- 31. For each one
- 33. Teaspoon (abbr.)
- 34. What a pastor gives
- 35. Representative
- 36. Scours
- 37. Whichever

**DOWN**

- 1. Baseball player Yogi
- 2. Elevated
- 3. Broken in
- 4. Loafer
- 5. Eastern religion
- 6. Liable
- 7. Gyrate
- 8. Burial chamber
- 9. At sea
- 15. Drug
- 19. Compass point
- 21. Israel's former name
- 23. Radical
- 24. Got out of bed
- 25. Talky
- 26. Singing voice
- 27. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- 28. Energy
- 30. Not women's
- 32. Flightless bird

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# 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](mailto:briarhills.briarbeat@gmail.com)

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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](http://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
- Independence Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

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