

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

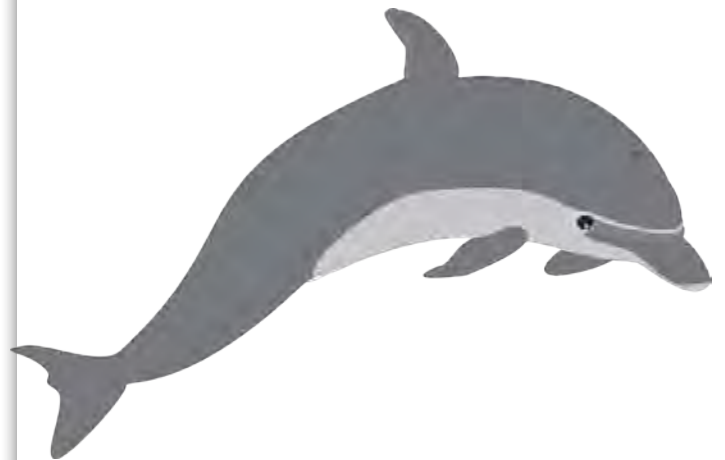
## AMENITY TAGS FOR 2017 POOL SEASON

The distribution of the amenity tags to Briarhills POA residents, for this year's pool season, will start in May. The schedule for tag distribution will be posted in the Briarhills POA website and will also be sent by email to those who are registered in the website, no later than April 30, 2017. Due to the BPOA office closure, amenity tags will only be handed out during the posted schedule. No tags will be distributed outside the schedule.



## HELLO BRIARHILLS DOLPHINS!

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2017 summer swim team will be open from April 1st - April 30th. To register and obtain more information about our team, please visit our website at [briarhillsdolphins.swimtopia.com](http://briarhillsdolphins.swimtopia.com). If you have any questions, feel free to email Stephanie Brewster at [bhst@swimwhale.com](mailto:bhst@swimwhale.com). We look forward to another fun season and can't wait to see everyone at the pool in May! Go Dolphins!



## 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.....	<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

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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.

## January 2017 Harris County Law Enforcement Summary

Alarm Local .....	2	Neighborhood Chk.....	9
Alarm/Rep. Site .....	6	Open Door/Window .....	1
Assault/Family .....	1	Prop Found/Lost.....	1
Burglary/Hab.....	2	Special Assign.....	3
Check Park.....	24	Susp Person.....	4
Check School.....	2	Theft/Other .....	1
Contract Check .....	261	Traf Initiative .....	8
Crim Mischief.....	1	Traffic Stop .....	2
Disch. Firearm .....	1	Vacation Watch.....	7
Dist/Fireworks .....	2	Veh Speeding .....	1
Incident Report.....	10	Veh Suspicious.....	3
Information Call.....	24	Welfare Check.....	1
Meet the Citizen.....	6	Total Count for Period :	383

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# REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

Spring is arriving with the 30th annual Art Car Parade at 11 am on April 8 along Smith Street in downtown. The exact route is available online. This is an attraction that I have planned to see for years and I hope to make it this year. Whenever I see the highly decorated cars on the news I wonder why I did not go in person. There will be about 250 very artfully decorated cars in the parade.

The whole family can participate in the incongruous and whimsical Shipley Do-Nuts Dash by walking, running, and crawling through the donut-themed obstacle course from the BBVA Compass Stadium to the finish line at 8th Wonder Brewery. The winner of the best donut themed costume will win Shipley Donuts for a year. Registration fee is \$30 per adult, age 4 to 12 is \$20, and children under 3 are free. As well as participating in the post race party and celebration with free donuts, milk courtesy of Borden, and a complimentary 8th Wonder beverage for entrants 21 and over, I believe that each entrant receives a T-shirt, and a Dynamo ticket as well. All of this benefits less fortunate children by providing lunches through Kids' Meals and thousands of pounds of groceries. Since

this is a 501 (c) 3 you have a charitable deduction for your taxes. Register at [www.shipleydonutsdash.com](http://www.shipleydonutsdash.com).

Have y'all been following the conversation on Next Door about the frustrating traffic problems at Eldridge and Memorial? I never know how to go home from work.

I just read an article on quality of life in relation to where we live. Briarhills, Meadow Briar, and Oaks of Parkway meet a lot of the criteria with our trees, green areas, Terry Hershey Park, and close proximity to where some many of us work in the Energy Corridor and nearby medical facilities. To help with our neighborhood and waterways we need to be mindful of what goes down the storm drains. The debris going into the drains does not go to the sewage treatment facilities and is not treated. Any garbage, grass clippings, dog excrement, or chemicals flow directly to our creeks, rivers and bayous and ultimately into Galveston Bay. It pollutes the water we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking.

Rebecque and I are looking forward to seeing you at Movie Night on May 27 in the Briarhills park area!



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# International Festival at Barbara Bush Elementary

This year, Barbara Bush Elementary School (BBE) is celebrating its 25th anniversary, a quarter century of enriching the lives of the thousands of students who have attended BBE, and serving the community at large. To mark this milestone, BBE will host an International Festival on Saturday, April 8th, 2017, 1-4pm. The 2017 BBE International Festival, which will be open to the public, will offer people of all ages a chance to experience the amazing diversity represented by the BBE community, and Houston's Energy Corridor, through family-friendly activities, presentations, and foods that showcase the rich cultures, traditions, and histories of countries from around the world.

Barbara Bush Elementary School opened in 1992. During its history, BBE has established a tradition of academic excellence. A neighborhood school that serves students living within the geographic attendance zone, BBE has also established itself as a home for a very cosmopolitan student body that represents many countries of origin.

"We're excited to celebrate Bush Elementary's 25th anniversary with an International Festival. Over thirty different languages are spoken by our students and this incredible and rich diversity will be on display and celebrated at our International Festival." Theresa Rose, BBE Principal

Barbara Bush Elementary School Silver Anniversary Sponsors, West Houston Orthodontics and Heritage Texas Properties – Rebecque Demark & Nancy Scott, are serving as lead sponsors for the event. BBE families who share cultural and geographical backgrounds have come together to plan booths with activities, crafts, cultural offerings, information, and foods representing twenty-four countries/regions, from every continent except Antarctica. Attendees of all ages are invited to write Chinese characters in calligraphy; taste Spanish tapas and sweets, millionaire's shortbread from Scotland, and the "common Brazilian delicacy", Brigadeiro; have their hair braided in traditional African styles; take part in Rangoli (an Indian art form in which patterns are created on the floor using materials such as colored sand); learn about the histories of Bulgaria, Pakistan, and Azerbaijan; meet coquí, the official mascot of Puerto Rico; find out about the "3 Things for Canada Initiative" (which encourages acts of community building as a way to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our neighbor to the north); "Challenge the Kangaroo" to a jumping contest (at the Australia/Oceania booth); and view traditional clothing from Germany, Mexico, Vietnam, and Israel... and, much, much, more!

A highlight of the event will be the Festival Stage, which will provide non-stop entertainment throughout the event. The stage will showcase both BBE students and professional performers presenting acts that represent countries and cultures from across the globe, from French theater to Appalachian clog dancing to traditional music from Venezuela. The Festival Stage will also host the presentation of a time

capsule that BBE students, teachers, administrators, and families are creating to be opened for the school's 50th anniversary in 2042. The time capsule ceremony will include a performance of "We Are the World" by all current BBE students attending the 2017 BBE International Festival, a demonstration of the school's commitment to celebrating the value of diversity and the importance of universal understanding, tolerance, and friendship.

"It is with great honor that we present the International Festival at Bush Elementary, celebrating our 25th anniversary. Our school is a small United Nations. Under one roof, we have represented more than fifty countries – every year, our children become friends, share what they know about their traditions, their cultures, their countries; they are learning how to live with differences - and they are proud of it. BBE is the best example of how the world should be: we accept everybody, we respect and care for all our kids, staff, families, and friends. I invite our community to come enjoy a wonderful day filled with music, food, and amazing people from all over the world." – Maria Carrillo Graf, BBE PTO President





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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: [bhillsboa.briarbeat@gmail.com](mailto:bhillsboa.briarbeat@gmail.com)

## Neighborly News

The Bailey Family of Woodnook Drive welcomed the birth their first child, Henry James Bailey, on February 21st at 1:30 am. His birth weight was 9lbs 7 ounces, with a length of 20 3/4 inches. He was born with lots of dark, wavy hair. Mom and baby are doing well.

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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)**

**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  
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Christmas Day





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## 2017 SPRING FESTIVALS & EVENTS

April 1   11 <sup>th</sup> Midtown Houston 'Art in the Park' .....	MidtownArtInThePark.com
April 1 - 2   22 <sup>nd</sup> Bayou City Cajun Festival .....	TradersVillage.com
April 1 & 2   29 <sup>th</sup> Houston Children's Festival, Downtown.....	HoustonChildrensFestival.com
April 6 - 9   SW International Boat Show .....	SouthwestInternationalBoatShow.com
April 8   30 <sup>th</sup> Art Car Parade.....	TheHoustonArtCarParade.com
April 8 & 9   53 <sup>rd</sup> Bluebonnet Festival, Chappell Hill .....	ChappellHillMuseum.org
April 8 - 9   Katy, TX Spring Gift Mart .....	HomeForTheHolidaysGiftMarket.com
April 9   5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Houston BBQ Festival, NRG Park.....	HouBBQ.com
April 14 - 16   International Gem & Jewelry Show .....	NRGPark.com
April 21 - 30   50 <sup>th</sup> Houston Int'l Film Festival.....	WorldFest.org
April 22 - 23   45 <sup>th</sup> Houston Pod Chili Cookoff .....	TradersVillage.com
April 27-29   Freeport Riverfest 2017 .....	FreeportRiverFest.com
April 29 & 30   31 <sup>st</sup> Texas Crawfish & Music Festival .....	TexasCrawfishFestival.com
May 6   17 <sup>th</sup> Houston Dragon Boat Festival.....	HoustonDragonBoat.com
May 6 - 7   Japan Festival, Hermann Park .....	HoustonJapanFest.org
May 7   12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco De Mayo.....	TradersVillage.com
May 12 - 14   Comicpalooza - Texas's Largest Pop Culture Convention.....	www.Comicpalooza.com
May 19 - 21   44 <sup>th</sup> Pasadena Strawberry Festival .....	StrawberryFest.org
May 20 - 21   Houston's Ultimate Women's Expo .....	HoustonWomensExpo.com

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