

Announcements

AMENITY TAGS FOR 2017 POOL SEASON

The 2017 pool amenity tags will soon be available for distribution to Briarhills POA residents. With the BPOA office indefinitely closed, the pool tags will be handed out only on the dates and times listed below. Please plan ahead and so you can be sure you have your pool tags before you intend to visit the pool.

You must first present a current and valid identification showing your Briarhills address before pool tags are issued to you. If your ID does not have a Briarhills address, you must also present a current utility bill or lease (for tenants) showing your name. All pool tags must be received in person; no pool tags will be mailed.

Saturday, May 20th	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday, May 27th	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Friday, June 2nd	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 3rd	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Friday, June 9th	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 10th	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Friday, June 16th	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 17th	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Friday, June 23rd	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 24th	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday, July 1st	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK

Mark your calendars:

The first family movie night for 2017 is on
Saturday, May 27 at the Briarhills Park.

Please check the website at
www.briarhillspoa.org for more information.



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

**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

Website

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.

REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

Election May 6, 2017
Location Parkway Place
Time 7 am to 7 pm
Early Voting April 24 to May 2

Recapture is paying a set amount each year determined by TEA.

Detachment is permanently transferring commercial property tax assessments to another school district. These districts can then set the tax rate which can be higher than the HISD rate.

The wording on the ballot for Houston ISD, Proposition 1 is "Authorizing the board of trustees of the Houston Independent School District to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues." As usual this does not begin to explain what the issue is or why we are voting.

This month (probably the day after you received this) we are having an important election concerning our pocketbooks that hardly anyone will notice or participate in by voting. That is why this entire article is about the **HISD Recapture Proposition**. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue. It is tax issue that will affect us for many years in the future.

Last year it was on the extremely long ballot and the consequences were not explained. The majority of voters voted against the

proposition.

A short version of the history of this is that The Texas Education Agency declared Houston Independent School District a "property-rich" school district due to rising property values. HISD's wealth level per student exceeded the level set by the Legislature in the 1993 "Robin Hood" school finance law. Even a school district like HISD with almost 80% economically disadvantaged students and over 30% English language learners is considered wealthy and subject to recapture. Under this law HISD was required to either:

Pay \$162,000,000 (recapture) or

Permanently detach about \$8,000,000,000 (detachment) worth of taxable property and annex it to a property poor district. The Galleria is one of the properties that would be detached. This amount would increase as the value of property in Houston increases.

After the election in 2016 the TEA reduced the obligation to about \$77 million due to a reinterpretation by TEA of the way our local homestead exemption is calculated. Future payments have been reduced as well.

We have been given a rare second chance to vote on this issue. Permanently removing the property taxes from HISD's most valuable business properties and giving them to another school district, will

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not only take away our ability to control our tax money, it will force homeowner and renters to make up the shortfall through higher property taxes.

Due to all of the controversy over this the legislators are now considering changing the state's outdated school finance system.

We will be voting for only one issue so it will take you only a few minutes on **Saturday May 6 to vote at Parkway Retirement Center** where we always vote.

HISD, our legislators, TEA, and the Chronicle are in support of the proposition. I, Nancy, urge to vote in favor of Proposition 1.



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:
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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

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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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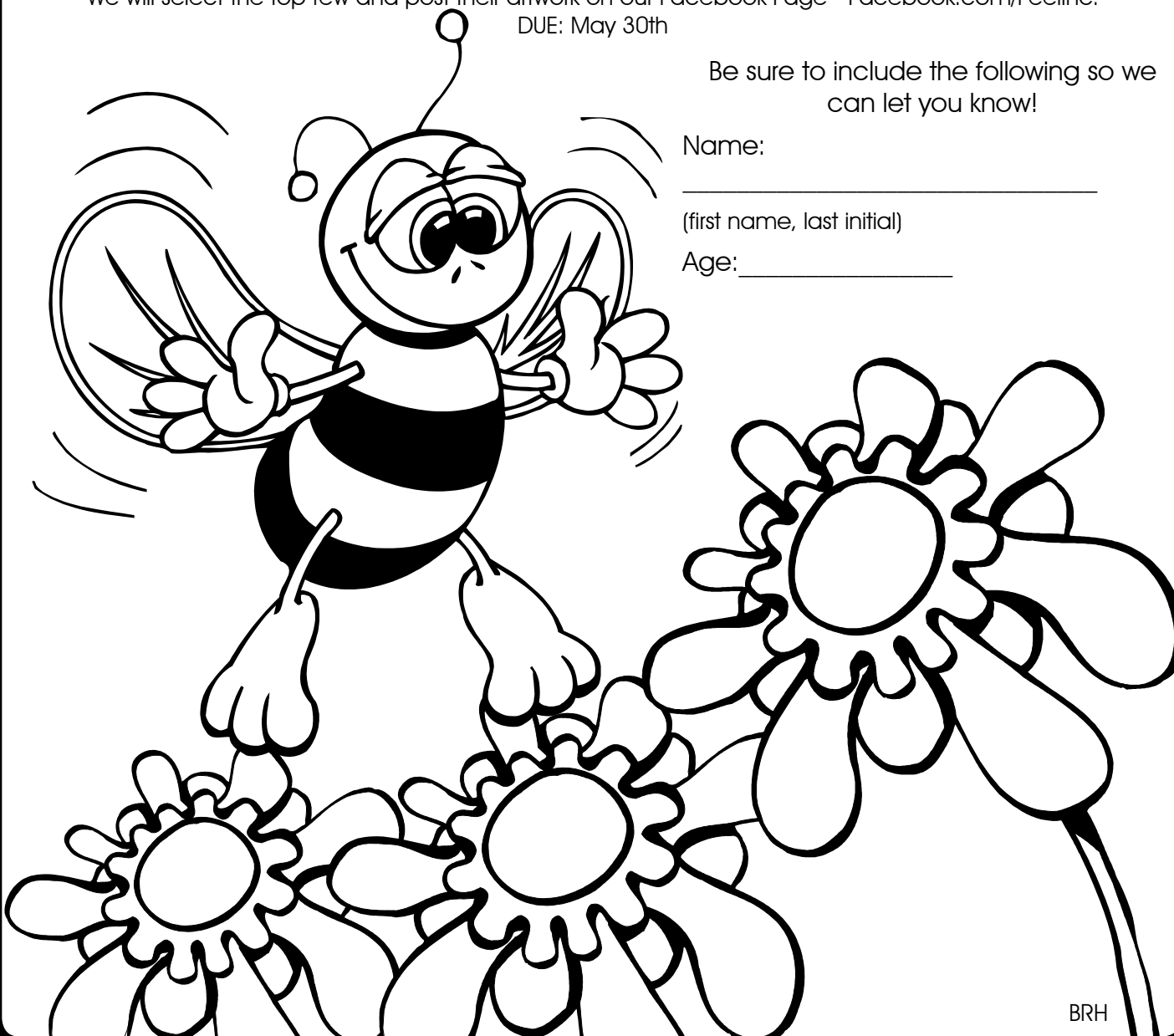
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