



Happy  
New Year  
2018

As we welcome the beginning of 2018, we want to remind residents of a few items.

First, thank you to those that generously donated to RebuildBriarhills.org. The Briarhills Property Owners Association raised approximately \$15k to help flooded Briarhills homeowners offset the cost of their annual assessments for 2018. We know that nobody likes receiving annual assessments, especially in a time like this, and we hope that this small gesture can help in the long recovery ahead.

If your home flooded and you would like to be a beneficiary of the money raised, please visit [rebuildbriarhills.org](http://rebuildbriarhills.org) or [briarhillspoa.org](http://briarhillspoa.org) and complete a short application form. If you do not have access to apply online, you may also apply by calling the POA office at 281-558-7422. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2018.

In addition, with the aftermath of Harvey, many of the drains in our neighborhood are not functioning at optimal level. This could be a major problem if we have another heavy rain. Please call 311 to have the city clean out your drain. Each homeowner is encouraged to do this. The more people who call, the better our drains will function. This will benefit everyone in Briarhills.

As homeowners affected by Harvey begin construction, please be aware that Waste Management will not pick up construction trash. Each homeowner is responsible for all of his or her construction trash. Do not leave piles on the curb with other trash; it will not be collected.

If you are doing any construction or other exterior changes, please submit an application to the POA before beginning the work. Following this protocol will prevent deed violations and their accompanying fines.

Finally, deed restrictions will be enforced in 2018. Please make sure your home follows all of the restrictions listed on the POA website. Common violations are trash cans left in view from street, neglected yard maintenance, holiday lights not removed timely and damaged mailboxes. Help us keep Briarhills attractive and a nice place to live!

## 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

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## POA OFFICE INFO

### OFFICE HOURS 2017

Monday – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

And by appointment

***\*Due to the construction of the clubhouse, the BPOA physical office is closed indefinitely. However, the BPOA Office Manager will continue to maintain the above regular office hours during this time period, except on these days:***

***November 25, December 25, December 30.***

### 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

A pool tag is required to access the pool amenity. Check the Briarhills POA website for information on how to obtain a pool tag.

### TENNIS

A key is required to access the tennis court amenities. Check the Briarhills POA website for information on how to obtain a tennis key.

### 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.

*The above information is subject to change without prior notice.*

## REBECQUE & NANCY'S BEAT

As all of you can tell when you endure the traffic congestion along Memorial, the construction project is progressing very slowly. The completion date has been moved forward to January 14, 2019. This seven month delay is due to traffic control plan changes, differing field conditions at Kirkwood, the flood, and more. As of the time of writing this article on December 8, the project is 49.32% complete.

The Energy Corridor District is doing substantial improvements to the look, layout, and amenities at the Eldridge/Memorial intersection. This will improve pedestrian and bicycle traffic. They are still working on their plan approval and permitting, and acquiring necessary right-of-way. Permitting never seems to go as rapidly as is desired by any project. Many of us have seen this as we are trying to rebuild our houses.

When work is completed at the Dairy Ashford intersection, they plan to move to Kirkwood which will take about 8 months to complete. One of the delays is due to a change order to improve stormwater capacity by installing a massive 84-inch pipe under the Kirkwood and Memorial intersection and a 9-foot by 7-foot concrete stormwater detention box heading north on Kirkwood from Memorial. We know that we are all both anticipating and dreading the construction at the intersection of Memorial and Eldridge. We have suffered through what seems like years of construction and delays in traffic in that

intersection, but the worst is yet to come. At the completion we will have a beautiful intersection.

There are a few sections of the new concrete roadways that are very rough between Dairy Ashford and Kirkwood. The contractor has two concrete grinding machines working to grind down and smooth out the roadways similar to what we have seen on section of I 10. This work will be done during the night so as not to completely obstruct traffic during the day.

The Energy Corridor District Board of Directors is launching a stormwater and detention study of the area as well as working with city and city committees and think tanks that are pursuing answers to Houston's flooding problem. Next month we hope that we will be able to share insight as to what we can expect from the Federal government, particularly in regard to construction of a new dam in Cypress. This may be wishful thinking. Our representatives in D.C. are meeting a lot of resistance due to other storm impact in Florida and Puerto Rico.

Many neighbors have expressed concerns about the lack of street lighting. It will be installed toward the end of construction.

Happy New Year! 2018 is bound to be a much better year.

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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.

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- North Lake Forest
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- Park Lakes
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## 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

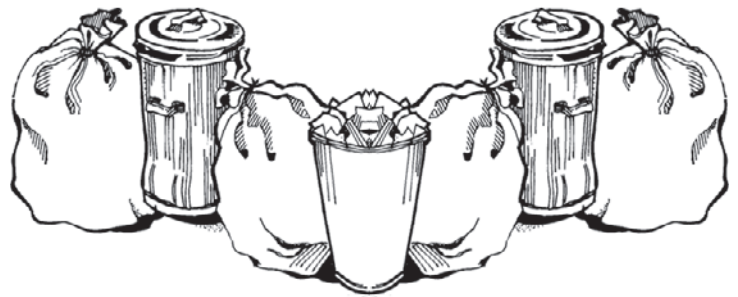
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The Briar Beat would like to build community between neighbors by sharing in each other's celebrations and losses. Thus, please submit news of any birth, wedding, or death of a Briarhills resident, or a family member of a resident, to:  
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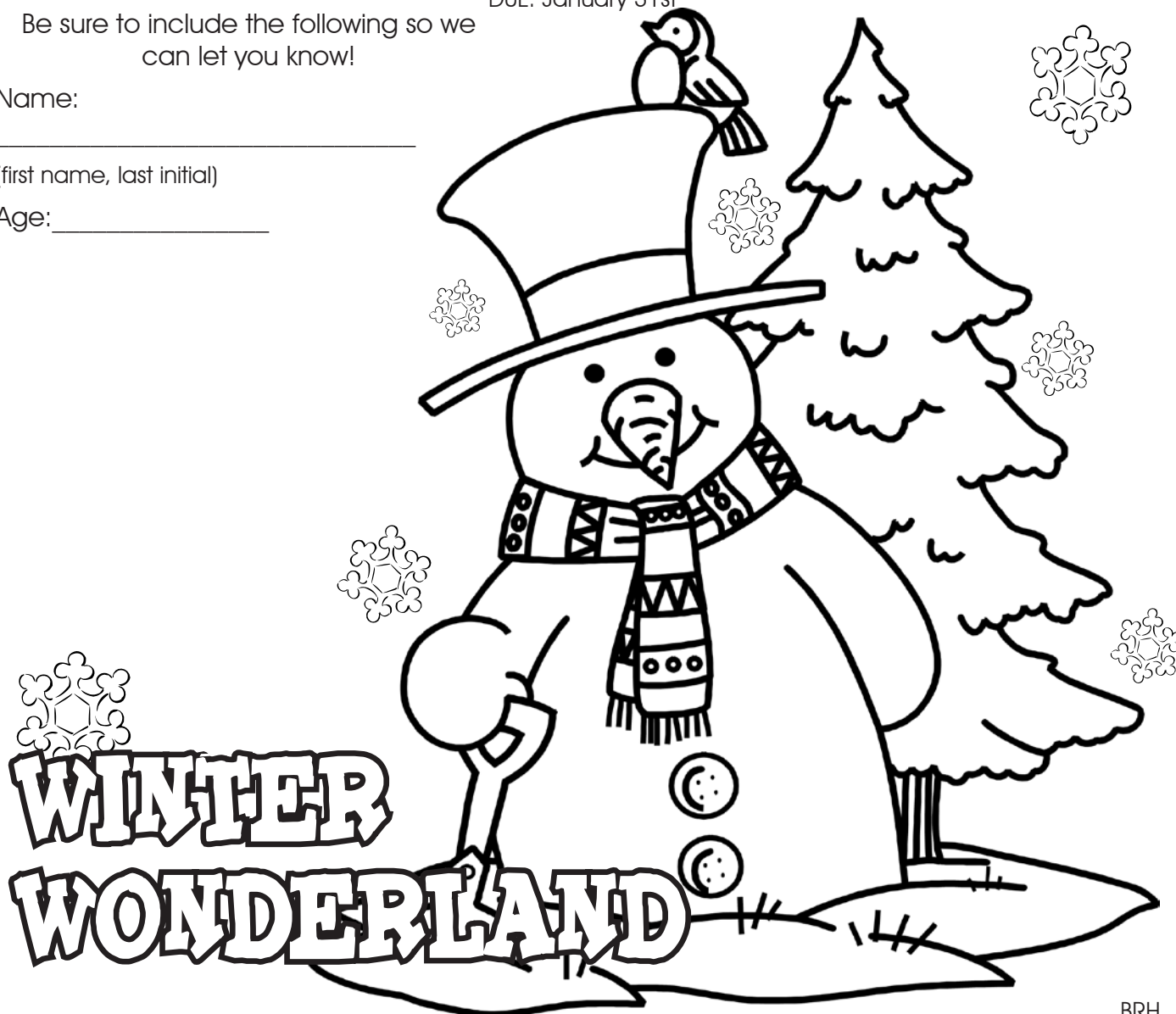
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