

# The Constables are Back

The BPOA and the BHOA agreed on keeping the Constables based on the following parameters:

## Part A

BPOA and BHOA jointly commits to continuing the constables service in its current capacity for a period not less than 6 years. The BHOA will provide the BPOA with a commitment for \$200k towards the construction cost of the ongoing clubhouse and pool projects. The first installment of \$100k shall be provided from the BHOA to the BPOA upon execution of a final agreement. The BHOA will contribute the remaining \$100k balance in \$20k annual installments from 2019 – 2023. The payments shall be made in lump sum on the anniversary of the executed agreement. This agreement does not supersede the existing use agreement between the two associations. This agreement is to expire if not formally executed before March 19, 2018. Based on the last BHOA meeting they have agreed to the terms and conditions and the first payment of \$100,000 is due by mid-March.

## Part B

BPOA and BHOA agree to, in good faith, work towards a lasting codifying relationship in the form of a third amendment to the original use agreement from 1983. The BPOA and BHOA jointly desire a framework to address and reaffirm the following:

- 1) The BPOA's stewardship of the amenities and common areas
- 2) The BHOA's partnership in the amenities and the common areas.
- 3) That the BPOA and BHOA should work towards an equitable inclusive and fair agreement towards financing capital improvements and expansions.

## Bottom line

This is a great deal for our communities. We keep the Constables for at least 6 more years and we will start to develop a working relationship with the BHOA for future projects. Thank you to all who made this possible.

## 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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## 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 .....

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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

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

*March 2018*

It is the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo time again. I know I am showing how long I have been around, but I remember leaning on a fence at the Fat Stock Show in the old Coliseum downtown, watching the cowboys up close while they roped the steers and tried not to be bucked off of horses. We did not have all of the big name entertainment that is usually the big draw and money-making part of the rodeo. My how this production has grown! Most of the kids skipped school when the Saltgrass riders came down the old Katy road and later the feeder of the highway. My grandmother never missed a year to come to Houston from Pennsylvania to watch this with us. You can still watch the Saltgrass riders the Friday before the opening of the rodeo. Unfortunately, most people are just upset that the riders are slowing down traffic rather than taking a few moments off from the rat race to enjoy a tribute to the old days. Roy Rogers, Dale Evan, and Triger were always a hit. I have seen many shows since then, but never felt the same comradery with the cowboys as when I was leaning on the fence post.

Enough of my memories... Now is the time to look closely at our yards. Between the flooding and freezes most of them look rather pathetic. Much needed landscaping improvements could energize us and make our neighborhoods more livable and peaceful. When my house is rebuilt, I plan to completely redo my yard.

Rebecque and I feel that, once our neighborhoods are rebuilt and no longer look like disaster zones, memories will fade and people will want to once again become our neighbors. We still have a good location and great schools. We are still in the middle of the Energy Corridor and near all of the new and wonderful hospitals all of which attract new residents.

Finally, Rebecque and I can provide information for you when you protest your taxes.

Enjoy one of the greatest shows on earth, The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Happy St Patrick's Day. It is corn beef and cabbage day along with wearing of the green!



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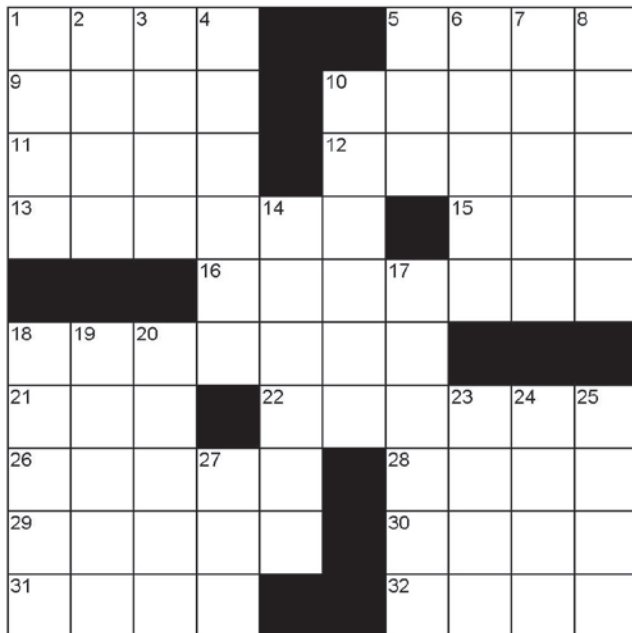
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5. Green Gables dweller
9. Not there
10. Ask for legally
11. Smooth
12. Island nation
13. Fertilized cell
15. Ex-serviceman
16. Rovers
18. Covered in coarse hair
21. Single
22. Sacred songs
26. Scrimmage
28. Prophet who built the arc
29. Remove
30. Canal
31. Eye infection
32. Tear

### DOWN

1. Virtuoso
2. Airy
3. "Ribbit" animal
4. Singing voices
5. Wing
6. Innocent
7. Meat curing ingredient
8. Gives off
10. Sharks
14. Man's wig
17. Less nice
18. Houses
19. Sluggish
20. Electrical device
23. Tenet
24. Water pipe
25. Cote
27. East southeast

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# Carmelitas

## INGREDIENTS

32 caramel squares, unwrapped  
 ½ cup heavy cream  
 ¾ cup butter, melted  
 ¾ cup brown sugar, packed  
 1 cup flour  
 1 cup rolled oats  
 6 ounces semisweet chocolate chips  
 1 teaspoon baking soda

## DIRECTIONS

Combine caramels and cream in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir until completely smooth; set aside. In a separate bowl combine melted butter, brown sugar, flour, oats, and baking soda. Pat half of the oatmeal mixture into the bottom of an 8 x 8 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for ten minutes. Remove pan from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over crust.



Pour caramel mixture over chocolate chips. Crumble remaining oatmeal mixture over caramel. Return to oven and bake an additional 15 – 20 minutes, until the edges are lightly browned. Remove from oven and cool completely before cutting

Serve and store at room temperature.

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## THE HISTORY AND LEGEND OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of Bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship. Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village.

During his captivity, he became closer to God. He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, Bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity. His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second Bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity. His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461.

That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated. Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.



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