

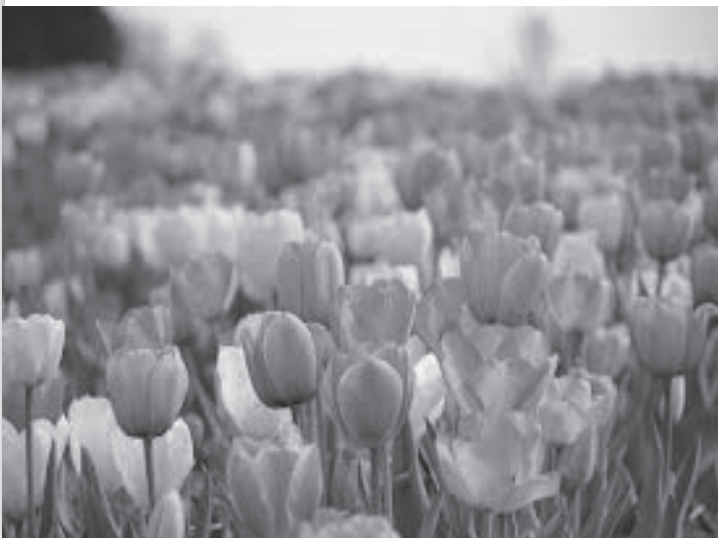
HELLO NEIGHBORS,

Spring is in the air, flowers are blooming and plants are growing! During this time of rapid growth, please make sure your yards are mowed and edged weekly in order to maintain a nice appearance. Nothing brings down a neighborhood more than untidy yards.

This is also a great time to take a look at the exterior of your home. Do you see rotting wood, mildew or chipped paint? Does your mailbox need a little TLC? Maintaining the exterior of your home keeps home values up!

Also, don't forget to collect your garbage cans promptly on trash pick-up days. Garbage cans must be stored out of sight and away from street view. Even though this seems like a minor infraction, it is one of our most frequent deed restriction violations.

Please do your part to keep Briarhills beautiful!



HELLO BRIARHILLS DOLPHINS!

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2018 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.

We look forward to another fun season and can't wait to see everyone at the first practice in May!

Go Dolphins!

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:
bhillspoa.briarbeat@gmail.com



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 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

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..... P.O. Box 940548, Houston, TX 77094-7548

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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

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.

February 2018 Harris County Law Enforcement Summary

Alarm Local	1	Open Door/Window.....	2
Animal/Humane.....	3	Special Assign.....	2
Check Park.....	6	Stranded MV.....	1
Contract Check.....	159	Susp Person.....	5
Criminal Mischief	1	Traf Initiative	26
Follow Up.....	10	Traffic Stop.....	16
Information Call	5	Unk Med Emerg	2
Meet the Citizen.....	8	Vacation Watch.....	21
Meet the Officer	2	Veh Suspicious	4
Neighborhood Check.....	66	Total Count for Period :	340

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APRIL 2018

If your property was flooded as a result of Harvey or the release of the dam, remember to notify HCAD of this and file a Property Appraisal Notice of Protest no later than May 15. This form is available online by going to HCAD.org and clicking on Popular Forms. You may have received one of these green forms from HCAD, but some of us who flooded did not seem to get one. Submit pictures showing the damage. If a representative of HCAD drives by and sees your house standing, they are more than likely not going to acknowledge the damage inside your house. We need to protect ourselves more aggressively this year, even if your house did not flood.

Contrary to some comments on NextDoor, the constable service is still in force and will be for at least the next 5 years or longer. We still need to be diligent as the empty homes and construction material are attracting less savory characters. Some of the posts by Constable Ted Heap on NextDoor reminded us that we should shred receipts, those annoying credit offers, account statements and expired credit cards.

In addition to preparing our homes and yards for the spring, we may come across many items that need to be disposed of properly. Fortunately, the Solid Waste Depositories are returning to normal days and hours of operation. Recycling items such as paper, plastic bottles, aluminum and bimetal cans, glass containers, tires, electronics, batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze, and Styrofoam can be taken to Westpark Consumer Recycling at 5900 Westpark from Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 5pm.

Our neighborhood is still a desirable place to live and will be even more so as the rebuild construction is completed. We have several of the more important priorities buyers' have when looking for a home including great schools, a quiet neighborhood, low traffic, and no undeveloped land that could potentially be an issue. We can walk for exercise, our children and dogs can run, we can ride bikes, or just work from home in peace. Soon, we can even get back to enjoying the bayou and walking trails!




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THE TRADITIONS OF EASTER

As with almost all “Christian” holidays, Easter has been secularized and commercialized. The dichotomous nature of Easter and its symbols, however, is not necessarily a modern fabrication. Since its conception as a holy celebration in the second century, Easter has had its non-religious side. In fact, Easter was originally a pagan festival.

The ancient Saxons celebrated the return of spring with an uproarious festival commemorating their goddess of offspring and of springtime, Eastre. When the second century Christian missionaries encountered the tribes of the north with their pagan celebrations, they attempted to convert them to Christianity. They did so, however, in a clandestine manner. It would have been suicide for the very early Christian converts to celebrate their holy days with observances that did not coincide with celebrations that already existed. To save lives, the missionaries cleverly decided to spread their religious message slowly throughout the populations by allowing them to continue to celebrate pagan feasts, but to do so in a Christian manner. As it happened, the pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of

year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. It made sense, therefore, to alter the festival itself, to make it a Christian celebration as converts were slowly won over. The early name, Eastre, was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.

The Date of Easter, Prior to A.D. 325: Easter was variously celebrated on different days of the week, including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In that year, the Council of Nicaea was convened by emperor Constantine. It issued the Easter Rule which states that Easter shall be celebrated on the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox. However, a caveat must be introduced here. The “full moon” in the rule is the ecclesiastical full moon, which is defined as the fourteenth day of a tabular lunation, where day 1 corresponds to the ecclesiastical New Moon. It does not always occur on the same date as the astronomical full moon. The ecclesiastical “vernal equinox” is always on March 21. Therefore, Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday between the dates of March 22 and April 25.

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PILLBUGS

Pillbugs, or roly-polys, are crustaceans, more closely related to crayfish and shrimp than insects. Crustaceans usually live in aquatic environments, but pillbugs are terrestrial. Even though they live on land, they still require moist environments for survival. Pillbugs do not bite, sting, transmit diseases, or cause physical damage to the home or its contents.

Pillbugs are 1/4- 1/2" with dark grey coloring. Their oval bodies are convex above and either flat or concave underneath. Pillbugs have seven pairs of legs and two pairs of antennae and roll up into a ball when disturbed.

Pillbugs are scavengers, feeding mainly on decaying organic matter. They may occasionally feed on young, tender plants, but damage is typically not significant. They can be found under mulch, leaf litter, flower pots, compost, stones or other items resting on the ground.

Pillbugs may invade crawl spaces and homes at ground level with common points of entry being door thresholds and expansion joints. When these pests are seen indoors, there is usually a large population breeding outside of the home near the foundation. Since pillbugs require moisture, they do not survive indoors for more than a few days unless there are very moist or damp conditions.

To manage infestations inside the home, rely on sanitation and exclusion techniques. Repair or replace door thresholds and seal expansion joints where pillbugs may be entering the structure. Pesticides are not usually needed indoors to manage these occasional invaders. They soon die on their own from lack of moisture and can be swept up using a broom and dustpan or a vacuum.

Outdoors, move any piles of debris away from the foundation of the home. If there are high numbers in and around landscape beds, turn the mulch to allow it dry out which makes the area uninhabitable. Any leaky faucets or irrigation lines as well as leaking air conditioning units should be repaired to eliminate moisture buildup. You may choose a pesticide to treat mulched areas or other areas that are harboring large pillbug populations. Look for products labeled for pillbugs, sowbugs, or isopods.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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