

# BRIARHILLS COMMUNITY UPDATES

## Post Harvey Assistance: Message from St. John Vianney Catholic Church

Please let all affected families in the Briarhills community know that through our Social Service Ministries Department we have been assisting residents of 77077 and 77079 who were affected by the floods. We can assist with food from our pantry, clothes, shoes and small household items through our resale shop, we can look into assisting with partial utility payments (depending on who the energy provider is), and we can also refer them to other ministries who have been given funds to assist those in this area. In addition, we were given a donation of over 100 brand new backpacks with a few school supplies. These are meant to go to children of families whose homes were flooded.

We are asking those interested to come to our offices on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings (9 am – Noon). Families can also contact us ahead of time if they prefer or if they have any questions. Please email Vivian Clinton at [vcClinton@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:vcClinton@stjohnvianney.org) or contact by phone at 281.497.4434

## Flood Lawsuit

After interviewing several law firms, we have selected the law firm of MCGEHEE ~ CHANG, LANDGRAF to represent the Briarhills POA in the current lawsuit stemming from the Addicks/Barker floodwater release. This firm represents hundreds of flooded homeowners and numerous POAs. Jack E. McGehee, the firm's founding partner, has been appointed as one of the few "lead" attorneys by the court overseeing the litigation. His task, per the court order appointing him, is to ensure the interests of individual plaintiffs are represented in the lawsuit.

Briarhills POA has retained the firm in an effort to recover for the damage to the clubhouse, common areas, and all other Association property. MCGEHEE ~ CHANG, LANDGRAF is representing Briarhills POA on a contingency fee basis, which means that they are paid solely out of any recovery they might achieve for the Briarhills POA in the litigation.

We have not retained them to represent any property owner individually. If you would like them to represent you for your specific property, then please contact them directly. They have also mentioned that they are happy to put on an information session for all Briarhills homeowners to learn about the litigation and what options are available.

Anyone who would like to learn more is encouraged to contact the law firm for information. Their contact info is:

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[txlaw@lawtx.com](mailto:txlaw@lawtx.com)  
[www.LawTx.com](http://www.LawTx.com)

## 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](mailto: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

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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.*

# POA Board Elections: Calling for Candidates

The election for new POA Board members will be this September. Every Briarhills POA homeowner currently residing in the neighborhood is eligible to run for the Board. Now is a good time to start thinking whether you can be a part of this great opportunity to be involved in the management of our neighborhood.

The Briarhills POA Board is comprised of seven members – The Directors. Three Directors seats are up for election this year. After the new Directors are elected, all seven will get together to vote for the Officers of the Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Directors are also assigned specific duties such as: Architectural Control, Safety, Pool Management, Maintenance, and Community Relations.

Interested candidates need to provide a written bio to include their professional background and their interest in running as well as any other information they wish to share with the other residents for why they should vote for them. These descriptions will be published in the August edition of the Briarbeat for distribution

to all the residents prior to the election. ALL CANDIDATE BIOS ARE DUE TO BACK TO THE POA FOR PUBLICATION BY NOON, JULY 14 VIA EMAIL ONLY.

If you have any questions, or would like to talk to one of the current Directors, please send an email to [briarhills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:briarhills@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-558-7422. Please also check the website, [www.briarhillspoa.org](http://www.briarhillspoa.org), for any updates/announcements on the election.



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## May 2018 Harris County Law Enforcement Summary

Burglary/Hab..... 1  
Check Business .....2  
Check Park..... 9  
Contract Check .....107  
Dist/Loud Noise..... 1  
Follow Up.....10  
Fraudulent UseID.....1  
Illegal Dumping.....1  
Incident Report.....6  
Information Call ..... 4  
Meet the Citizen..... 15  
Neighborhood Chk.....104

Open Door/Window.....2  
Robbery/Indiv ..... 1  
Solicitors ..... 1  
Susp Person.....3  
Theft/Other .....1  
Traffic Initiative.....18  
Traffic Stop ..... 6  
Vacation Watch .....12  
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Warrant Service ..... 4  
Welfare Check..... 1  
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# Rebecque & Nancy's Beat

JULY 2018

We hope that you had a joyous July 4th. Just in time for summer fun, the Katherine Tyra Library has reopened! Watch for all of their interactive programs which are usually listed in Nextdoor. Also, Rebecque says that the Robinson Library at 3223 Wilcrest and Richmond is amazing. Unfortunately, I hear that the Kendall Library may not reopen for another 3 years.

Once again the Energy Corridor District has stepped up to make life better in the district by creating a third lane on Eldridge just north of I 10 where traffic congestion caused much frustration.

Last month we addressed the fire ant issue. Now termites are moving in. Last week I found a long mud tunnel on an interior wall of an office space. Normally these pests like wet areas with rotted wood and moist soil covering the weep holes of our homes. Some preventative suggestions are to keep weep holes clean of soil by lowering the level of landscaping around the house, repair fascia, soffits and rotted wood. Also repair leaking faucets, water pipes and AC units on the outside of the home. Replace weather stripping and repair loose mortar around windows. Do not store firewood next to the house. Enthusiastic Spring mulching is often an invitation to

termites as it raises the level of flower beds. Preventative treatment is much more cost effective than full treatment and making repairs to the structure.

The Memorial Drive project is reported to be 60% complete. Work at the Eldridge intersection is scheduled to begin in December, taking at least nine months to complete. The Energy Corridor District's plan to transform the intersection with significant enhancements to pavement, sidewalk, and bicycling lanes has been approved by Houston Public Works. The District will landscape all four corners. You might want to thank CVS for saving the District \$109,000 by donating the right-of-way and easements for their corner.

I recently found an article by Trudy Chuoke (Happy Handyman) in the Houston Chronicle about mold prevention that I had intended to share with you last year. Spraying a Zep product called Clear Shell on a clean surface should protect the outside of your home for up to 18 months. When my house is rebuilt I am going to try it. She also recommended Rust Cure for gas top burners and BBQ pits. If it really works when I try it on my son-in-law's gas stove top I will let you know.



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