

## NOTICE

The Briarhills POA Board of Directors voted to raise homeowner annual dues from \$689 to \$757 for 2019. Residents will be receiving these invoices in the mail this month. The primary reason dues are being raised is to establish adequate savings for a community of our size and better prepare our finances to withstand future events, such as another Hurricane Harvey. An adequately funded savings account will significantly reduce the need to borrow money to cover future capital expenditures. In comparison, our rates are cheaper than surrounding communities with similar amenities.

## City of Houston Neighborhood Matching Grant Program

The City of Houston has a Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, which will provide dollar-for-dollar matching grant reimbursement up to \$5,000. This means that the City will pay for half of an eligible \$10,000 project. The program is, “Designed to build solid relationships among neighbors, cultivate the spirit of volunteerism, and to develop projects that build a sustainable and stronger community.” Key goals of the program are to:

- Improve neighborhood organization and pride.
- Improve community appearance and beautification.
- Enlist and increase community participation.

The Briarhills POA is an eligible organization for this program, because it is a non-profit 501(c)(4) organization through the state of Texas, and represents a specific geographic area within the Houston City limits. One of the main reasons that the Briarhills POA has non-profit 501(c)(4) status is because some of our amenities, such as the basketball courts and playground, are accessible and open to the public. The Briarhills common area is also adjacent to Terry Hershey Park, which makes us an ideal candidate.

It will not be possible to put a comprehensive application packet (Letters of support, City of Houston permitting pre-approvals, plans, contractor agreements, etc.) together for the November 2, 2018 deadline, but the Briarhills POA Board would like to have a plan in place in case the City of Houston renews the program in 2019. Examples of approved projects include, but are not limited to, street sign toppers, entryway signage, entryway columns, esplanade landscaping and irrigation, park benches, electrical signage, walk

ways with pavers, murals, etc. The program will not pay for ongoing operation or maintenance such as upkeep of landscaping or a community garden.

If you have ideas that you think would meet the requirements for this program, as well as improve Briarhills, please send your ideas to the Briarhills POA Board at [briarhills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:briarhills@sbcglobal.net) no later than December 31, 2018.

More information on the current program can be found at:

<https://www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods/matching-grant-program-fy-18-19.pdf>



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City Services.....	Call 311
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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

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Pool parties.....	281-558-7422
Clubhouse rental .....	281-558-7422

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### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Article Submission.....	<a href="mailto:briarhills@sbcglobal.net">briarhills@sbcglobal.net</a>
Advertising.....	<a href="mailto:advertising@PEELinc.com">advertising@PEELinc.com</a>

## 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.*

# October 2018 Harris County Law Enforcement Summary

Property Lost/Found .....	1	Welfare Check.....	1
Suspicious Person .....	2	Follow Up.....	5
Vehicle Suspicious.....	3	Check Park.....	5
Traffic Stop .....	4	Contract Check.....	72
Alarm Local.....	2	Vacation Watch.....	1
Alarm Rep Site.....	1	Neighborhood Check.....	100
Stranded Motor Vehicle.....	1	Traffic Initiative.....	13
Meet the Citizen.....	13		
Information Call.....	10		
		<b>Total Count for Period :</b>	<b>234</b>

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## Rebecque & Nancy's Beat

DECEMBER 2018

Christmas is almost upon us. I always wonder how it sneaks up so quickly and then think of all that needs to be done. For those of you who are blessed with small children, you may want to consider Adventure Kids Playcare, a new facility Rebecque saw advertised in the Swoon magazine. It is located near Memorial City and is open Monday through Saturday for drop-ins. This may ease some of the stress of shopping and buying those surprise gifts without the little ones seeing them. Their number is 713-838-1414.

On the other end of the generation spectrum anyone receiving a temporary boost in income from cashing in bonds, an inheritance, or anything else which increases your annual income above \$85,000 for single filing or \$170,000 for jointly filing can have financial consequences. You can submit Form SSa-44 to claim a life-changing event, which will allow you to explain that your annual income was artificially high for just one year. As we are definitely not authorities on this subject you will need to verify this with SS or your accountant.

The elections are over! Most of us are anxiously waiting to see results from all of the funds that have been allocated to address the flooding issues. None of the work will start or finish as quickly as we want. I just hope that too much money and time is not spent on studying. The right course of action needs to be taken, but the Corps of Engineers has been studying this issue since 1940 so they must know what needs to be done and plans to enact. Now they have the money to do the work.

The appraisal process for selling homes has been interesting this past year due to the results of Harvey. For a while the appraisers could not even give a value. Next year could still be a problem, but hopefully we will get back to a more stable real estate market soon. Flooded homes that were remodeled and updated have been selling for almost as much as houses that did not flood and sometimes for more.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



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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:  
[bhillspoa.briarbeat@gmail.com](mailto:bhillspoa.briarbeat@gmail.com)



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## Grandmother's Sandwich Cookies



### Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 slightly beaten egg whites
- 1/2 cup finely chopped blanched almonds (optional)
- 1/4 cup pearl sugar (or substitute regular sugar)
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup raspberry jam

### Preparation:

Preheat oven to 375°. Cream together butter and 3/4 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Sift flour and salt together; add to creamed butter mixture. Mix thoroughly.

Divide dough in half. Roll first half into 1/8" thickness on a lightly floured surface. Use a 2 1/2" round cookie cutter (or the top of a round glass) to cut out circles.

Roll second portion out into 1/8" thickness. Cut out 2 1/2" circles and then use a thimble to cut out smaller circles inside these rounds (Note: You can also use a linzer cookie cutter or a small 1/2" cutter for this).

Brush these "wheels" with egg white and sprinkle with pearl sugar and chopped almonds (optional).

Place cookies on ungreased baking sheet and bake on center rack of oven for 8-10 minutes. Remove and cool on counter.

Place a scant 1/2 tsp. of jelly in the middle of the round cookies and cover with the "wheels" to create sandwich cookies.

Yield: 3 1/2 dozen jelly cookies.

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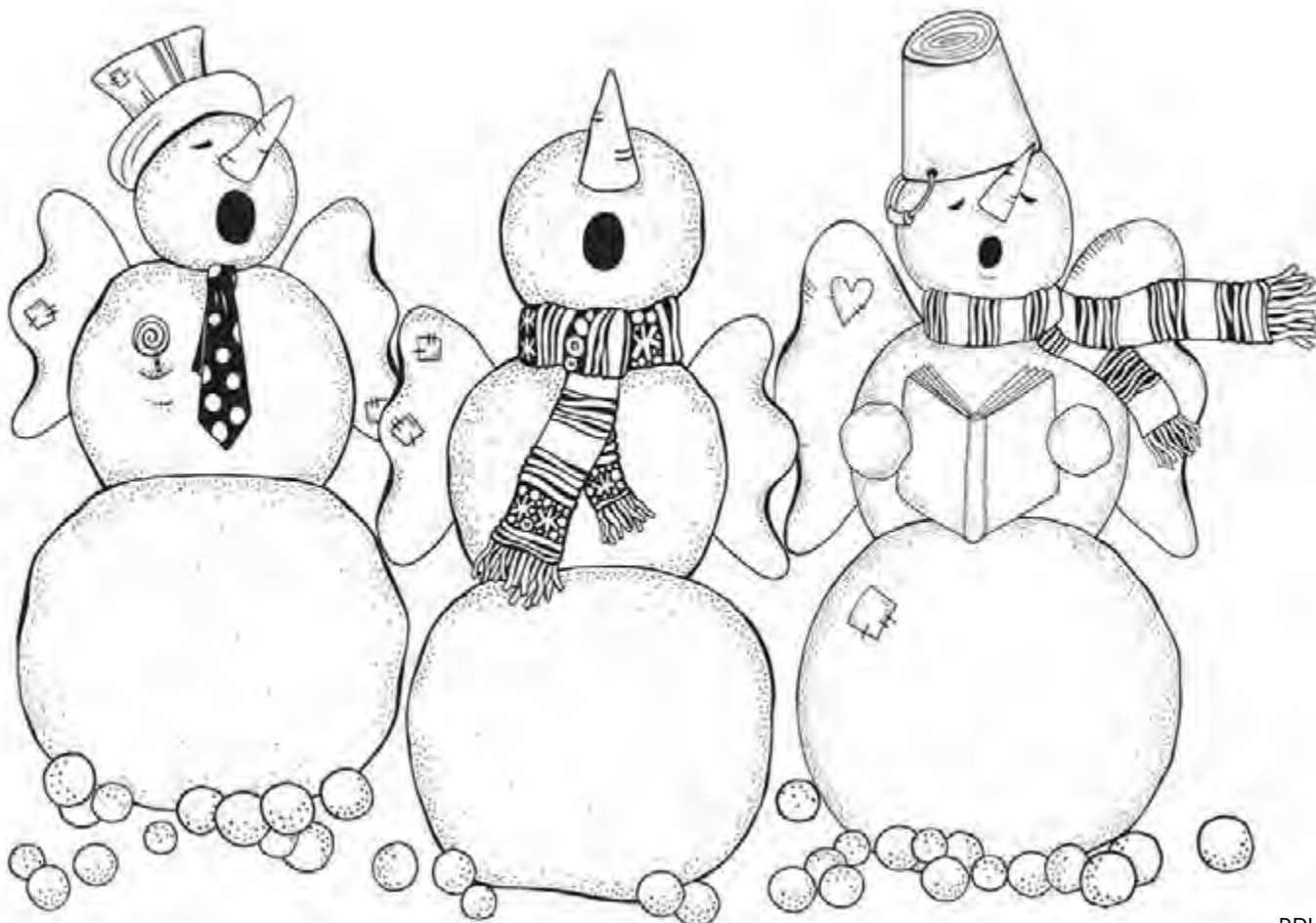
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DUE: December 31st, 2018

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