

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. Four Directors seats are up for election this year. After the new Directors are elected, all five 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 or call 281-558-7422. Please also check the website, www.briarhillspoa.org, for any updates/announcements on the election.

July 4th Parade & Cook Out Celebration



Come one, come all to our 4th of July Parade and Cookout Celebration! We will start the celebration by meeting at the corner of Coachlight & Swiss Hill at 10:45 am to follow a fire truck to the new clubhouse. Adults, kids, and pets, please show off your best patriotic apparel for the festivities! Once we arrive at the new clubhouse, we will have food, face painting, a water slide, a bounce house, and vendors discussing products & services. This will be a great chance for neighbors to reconnect. Please plan to join us and take a tour of the new clubhouse! Any questions or comments, please contact James Gilmer at bhillspoa.director2@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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| 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

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 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

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| 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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| Article Submission..... | briarhills@sbcglobal.net |
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POA OFFICE INFO

2019

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

Website

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.

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



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Recipe from the Kitchen

Hello, everyone. Chef Marty here with a fantastic dressing or marinade (works best with shrimp in my opinion) recipe that many of you got to sample during last month's Grape Stomper's Wine Dinner. By popular demand, I will now share it with you all! Enjoy...

Yield: appx 2 cups

- 2 tablespoon lime zest
- ¼ cup lime juice
- ¼ cup brown sugar, packed
- ¼ cup ginger, peeled and grated
- ½ cup green onion, chopped, white parts and some green
- 1 cup cilantro leaves, packed
- 1 tsp nutmeg, fresh grated
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 6 ancho chiles, seeded and cut into strips

1. Place the lime zest and juice, brown sugar, ginger, green onions, cilantro, nutmeg, honey, vinegar, and Tabasco in a food processor or blender and process until smooth.

2. With the machine still running, slowly pour in the olive oil through the feed tube in a steady stream. Turn off the machine and stir in the ancho chiles. Transfer dressing into a tightly covered container and refrigerate. Will keep for up to 5 days.

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Bird Bath Bliss

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



The heat is on! Just like us, birds enjoy and need a clean drink of water and a cooling bath. You can do birds a great service by providing a birdbath where they can drink, bathe and preen. Here is some helpful information regarding birdbaths.

- Birds aren't going to swim in it so it doesn't have to be deep. They only partially submerge their bodies so the optimal depth is from 1 to 3 inches.

- The bottom of your birdbath should not be slippery. If it is, you can add small rocks to the bottom.

- Birds are attracted by moving water so if you want to attract a larger number of birds, you should consider purchasing one with that feature. If you already have a birdbath, you can purchase a piece to attach to it. There are also misters available for purchase.

- Your birdbath need not be fancy. Trust me, birds don't care. The color, shape and style is of little importance

- A dirty birdbath is hazardous to birds. Stagnant water can harbor unhealthy concentrations of bacteria that cause diseases. Stagnant water can also attract mosquitoes that may carry diseases dangerous to both humans and birds. There are numerous soaps and cleansers on the market but the best solution to keeping your birdbath clean is to mix nine parts water to one part vinegar. Chemicals found in commercial cleaners can strip

birds of essential oils in their feathers. Scrub your birdbath with the solution and a brush and rinse, rinse, rinse. Be sure to refill the birdbath every couple of days. There are self-cleaning, self-filling units on the market, too, although you can expect to pay considerably more for those.

- In our part of the country, it doesn't get extremely cold in the winter but you can add a heater to the birdbath if you wish. Just search for birdbath heaters on the web.

TWRC Wildlife Center is admitting hundreds of baby birds right now and some are coming to us needlessly. When baby birds are old enough, they will leave the nest before they are able to fly. They will spend several days on the ground until their flight feathers develop. These birds are called fledglings. Before picking up the fledgling, wait and observe. In most cases you'll see Mom watching over them and feeding them. If you don't see Mom after a period of time, it's okay to rescue the bird and bring it to us for care. Do not attempt to feed it or give it water! Keep in safe and warm in a box and get it to us as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, you can call us at 713.468.8972. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 2pm.

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Flooding: How to Protect Your Family & Finances

In many areas, flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster—and it can happen here. Just one inch of water in your home or office can cost thousands of dollars in cleanup and replacement costs, including drywall, baseboards, floor coverings and furniture. You may think you're covered, but many homeowners' insurance policies do not cover flooding.

Here are several reasons to talk to an insurance agent now about flood insurance.

- There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins.
- Coverage is relatively inexpensive.
- Renters can buy flood insurance for personal belongings or business inventory.
- Basement coverage includes cleanup expense and repair or replacement of items such as furnaces, water heaters, washers, dryers, air conditioners, freezers and pumps.
- You do not have to repay flood insurance benefits as you do with disaster-related assistance loans.
- You can receive payments for flood-related losses even if no disaster was declared.

Learn more about flood insurance at www.floodsmart.gov.

There are things you can do to prepare your home and family now for flash floods:

- Make a family emergency plan. Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Write down your plan. Decide ahead of time where you will go if you have to leave and where family members will meet up. Identify an out-of-town emergency contact.
- Get supplies for an emergency kit. Start with three days' water and three days' packaged and canned food. Add a battery-powered radio and extra batteries. Store in waterproof containers with wheels or that you can lift so you can take them with you. For details about preparing an emergency kit, visit www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/floods.html
- Stay informed about what could happen. During storm season, listen to local media for up-to-date reports on weather watches and warnings. Keep a battery-powered portable radio—with a NOAA weather band—handy in case the power goes out. Choose one.

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- Two weeks supply of non-perishable foods
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- Mosquito repellent and citronella candles
- Two coolers - one for food; the other for ice
- Toilet paper, paper towels & pre-moistened towelettes
- Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils
- Quiet games, books, playing cards and favorite toys
- Drinking water - Minimum 3 gal. per person in plastic containers
- Portable radio and batteries (7 sets)
- Battery operated clock
- First aid book and kit
- Infant necessities
- Non-electric can opener
- Clothing and bedding
- Plastic trash bags
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