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POA Board Election

The Briarhills Property Owners Association will elect new board members in September. The new board of directors will be instated at the September annual meeting. Please check the POA website and POA emails for updates on the election process. The following are bios of those running for positions on the board of directors:

Jeff Dingler

Jeff is running for a second term on the board of the Briarhills POA. He lives directly across from the tennis courts and sees daily how popular the community center and other amenities are for the residents in the Briarhills community. To improve these areas and build on the strong sense of community displayed in our neighborhood, he recently convinced the board to create a playground and landscaping committee made up of members from the community. These two committees have already started to make a positive impact and have many great ideas they would like to implement in the future. He is also a father of two kids, 3 and 7 years old, so he has a vested interest in replacing our aging playground. The building of our new community center and refurbishing of our pool has been a necessary, but costly, endeavor. To insure that future capital improvements are properly funded, he will continue to support the current board's plan to adequately fund a capital improvement fund, rainy-day fund, and develop a long-term budget plan. He thinks these ideas will make Briarhills a great place to live for many years to come.

James Gilmer

James, President of JWG & Associates, has leveraged 15+ years of leadership success within top level CPG/retail companies to provide highly effective marketing, brand building and sponsorship/partnership services to clients throughout the nation. James knows from experience that the key to a high performing team is the level of talent and drive innate within that team. James' CPG/retail experience includes having performed at various levels of marketing structure, from field marketing to brand management to executive level of marketing. He has led marketing teams, managed advertising agencies, created and promoted e-commerce sites and social media execution. His resume of organizations includes Coca-Cola, Sara Lee, Footaction and Wal-Mart. James and his team maximize the latest tools and technology, along with a vast network of contacts, to attract

sponsors/partners. James Gilmer has worked with the American Black Film Festival for over 13+ years and have developed partnerships with Anheuser-Busch, MillerCoors, Moet/Hennessy, Western Union and American Airlines just to name a few.

Alec Luong

Alec has served on the board since 2013 and as president since 2014. During these years of service, he has led the construction of the new clubhouse and refurbishment of the pool, everything from planning the financing of the project to overseeing the construction crew. Through this huge undertaking, the board has tackled the POA's biggest problem - aging infrastructure. Alec went door to door for three months over the summer a few years ago with other volunteers to secure the support for this project. The POA board held public meetings, engaged our neighboring communities, sought professional design, consultants, and construction. Over the years, Briarhills has had bumps and delays and cost issues, but now residents have a beautiful new clubhouse and refurbished pool to enjoy. Over the years, Alec has met personally with over 200 residents. He thinks the most important lesson learned through the years is the importance of creating consensus with the other board members. He's had disagreements with fellow board members, but they always work through their differences. The board hears opinions, makes considerations, and ultimately comes to an agreement. Alec hopes to see as many of you as possible at our annual meeting in September!

Mike Sanaty

Mike has been a resident of Briarhills for almost 5 years. He has been involved in the Property Owners Association activities as a volunteer and official board member for the past 4 years. The last 3 years have been quite challenging as his house was flooded during Harvey, and at the same time he was involved in the construction of the new community center. Although the building and pool construction is now finished and opened, there are still other projects which need attention, such as the playground, finishing the final landscaping, and other ongoing neighborhood issues. Mike wishes to continue working on these improvements along with his fellow board members. He is a retired airline employee and has the time and

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Constable (<i>Closest Law Enforcement</i>).....	281-463-6666
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Library and Community Center.....	832-393-1880
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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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.....	(then 1 then 4)
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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

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

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Website..... www.briarhillspoa.org

To help you get acquainted with the neighborhood, please visit **www.briarhillspoa.org** and learn about current events and news happening in Briarhills. Please also take the time and register for an online account so you may access various features of the website that are not available to the public. You will also be able to immediately receive important BPOA announcements by email. Your information will only be used for official BPOA communication and will not be shared.

BRIARHILLS AMENITIES & ELECTRONIC ACCESS CARDS

Available for the use and enjoyment of each resident is the Briarhills POA Recreation Center. The Recreation Center includes four and two-tenths (4.2) acres equipped with a swimming pool for the family, a wading pool for tots, lighted tennis courts, playground equipment, a community clubhouse, basketball court and off-street parking. Electronic access cards are required to access the pool, unisex restroom and tennis courts. Registered property owners and tenants may receive 2 cards per property address. Check the website or contact the POA office to obtain access cards.

SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool is normally open from Memorial Day weekend through the start of school in August, six days a week (Tuesday through Sunday). The pool is staffed with certified lifeguards during swim season and maintained by a reputable pool management company.

TENNIS

Tennis courts must be reserved through the online reservation system at www.briarhillspoa.org (log-in account is required).

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Briarhills Community Center may be reserved by residents for private events. Check the website or contact the POA office to make a reservation.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The BPOA board meets at the Briarhills Community Center on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Residents are invited to attend these meeting where the board will discuss and make decisions on issues that will impact the Briarhills POA community.

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.

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interest to volunteer on the POA board. He loves this neighborhood and community and would like to continue to help change this neighborhood into a community which is more uplifting and suitable for younger couples to raise their children. He thinks the experience he has can continue to be helpful to the association as they work on new projects in Briarhills.

Hernan Zapata

As a future board member, Hernan hopes to support Briarhills by growing the sense of community and collaboration our of residents. He would like to increase feedback and participation in our community projects and future decisions. This would imply increasing the opportunity and flexibility of listening to resident feedback, as well as discussing and developing options. Hernan is a parent of two kids, Gaby and Seby, and married to Meycy; together they moved to Houston 9 years ago. He frequently volunteers in community events such as the Houston Food Bank, park and beach clean-up; as well as road biking and running events. At work, Hernan leads a mechanical engineering team in rotating equipment supporting projects for a global company. He is an active member of the mentoring program at his company as well as member of the American Petroleum Industry standards team for Steam Turbines. He currently holds a mechanical engineering degree (2001), a professional engineering license (2008), and an MBA (2011).

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Listed below are the companies, individuals, and vendors that made the event extraordinary -

BPOA Event Volunteer Coordinators:

Linda Blackmon, Keller Williams, Realtor (POA resident)

Jim Blackmon

Donations:

Bottled water and hand carved watermelon: Aurore Artus, Coldwell Banker

Ice / Coolers: Rocky Daliwal

Ice: Allison Dingler

Balloon and Photo Booth Decor: Monica Du, M&R Houston Event

Chips: Ann Knoche, Keller Williams Memorial / Energy Corridor

Bottled water, ice, soft drinks, music: Nadim Sabbagh

Fire Truck-Nancy

Vendors:

Hot Dogs: James Coney Island

Face Painter: Facepaint by Stormy

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The Brewster Family

The Dingler Family

The Knoche Family

The Nyaumwe Family

The Sanaty Family

The Steinhoff Family

The Zapata Family

Stephanie Brewster - Office Manager

We are grateful to live in such a community full of selfless folks – each one of you has been a blessing throughout this process. “Thank you” will never be enough!

James Gilmer

Director, Briarhills POA



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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- * Someone going door-to-door in the neighborhood or looking into windows and parked cars.
- * Someone asking about past residents.
- * Someone who appears to have no purpose wandering through the neighborhood.
- * Unusual or suspicious noises that you cannot explain, such as breaking glass or pounding.

- * Vehicles moving slowly without lights or without an apparent destination.
- * Business transactions conducted from a vehicle. This could involve the sale of drugs or stolen goods.
- * Offers of merchandise available for ridiculously low prices. The merchandise might be stolen.
- * Someone walking or running while carrying property at an unusual time or place.
- * Someone removing property from unoccupied residences.
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