



## *Briarhills POA Residents,*

By the time you read this it will be May and hopefully the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic will be behind us. Personal social distancing measures that you and others have put in place in the community should have helped slow the spread of the virus and reduced the number of infections. After weeks stuck inside you are probably ready for more outside exercise options, green space, and community interaction, just in time for summer heat and humidity. As soon as it is safe, and allowed by local rules and regulations, the POA Board will start opening up closed community amenities such as the pool, community center, and playground. Postponed events such as the spring campout will be rescheduled, and hopefully our traditional 4th of July parade and BBQ can occur on time. If you have any other ideas, suggestions or questions please send an email to [officemanager@briarhillspoa.org](mailto:officemanager@briarhillspoa.org) or [president@briarhillspoa.org](mailto:president@briarhillspoa.org). If you have not registered your email address with the POA please do so on our website so you will receive email updates we send out. Also make sure to check our website ([www.briarhillspoa.org](http://www.briarhillspoa.org)) for news and updates.

I am sorry for the stress and sadness this terrible event has caused and look forward to coming together with the Briarhills community when this is over.

*Jeff Dingler -  
Briarhills POA  
President*



## 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

### ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Briar Hills Beat. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Briar Hills residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales office at 888-687-6444 or [advertising@PEELinc.com](mailto:advertising@PEELinc.com). The advertising deadline is the 8th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

### 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

**2020**

By appointment only

### 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..... [officemanager@briarhillspoa.org](mailto:officemanager@briarhillspoa.org)

Website..... [www.briarhillspoa.org](http://www.briarhillspoa.org)

To help you get acquainted with the neighborhood, please visit **[www.briarhillspoa.org](http://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](http://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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# BRIARHILLS

Dear Neighbors,

What's about to happen to Houston real estate reminds me of Hurricane Harvey in that we are bracing for impact, but don't yet know what the full extent on the market will be.

As far as interest rates go, loan officers are reporting a huge surge in refinancing and practically can't keep up with the demand.

Folks can save about \$159 a month this year compared with last on a 30-year fixed-rate loan for a \$300,000 home on which they put 20% down. That's because this time last year, rates were at 4.45%. That's more than a full percentage point higher than this year. And this year's rate can save buyers or homeowners refinancing more than \$57,000 over the life of their 30-year mortgage.

Have you been laid off from your job and can't make your mortgage payments?

If your mortgage is a federally backed mortgage, you have two mortgage relief options under the CARES Act:

First, your lender or loan servicer may not foreclose on you for 60 days after March 18, 2020. Specifically, the CARES Act prohibits lenders and servicers from beginning a judicial or non-judicial foreclosure against you, or from finalizing a foreclosure judgment or sale, during this period of time.

Second, if you experience financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic, you have a right to request a forbearance for up to 180 days. You also have the right to request one extension for another up to 180 days. You must contact your loan servicer to request this forbearance. There will be no additional fees, penalties or additional interest (beyond scheduled amounts) added to your account. You do not need to submit additional documentation to qualify other than your claim to have a pandemic-related financial hardship.

In addition to the foreclosure moratorium and forbearance, if you are granted forbearance to delay making your monthly payments during this temporary period:

- You won't incur late fees
- You won't have delinquencies reported to credit reporting companies
- Foreclosure and other legal proceedings will be suspended.

To take advantage of this, contact your mortgage servicer.

Regards,

Maria Galitos - *Briarhills Board Member*

## Call for Submissions

The Briar Beat is looking for submissions!  
Please email  
[briarbeat@briarhillspoa.org](mailto:briarbeat@briarhillspoa.org)  
for more information.





# MEMORIAL VILLAGE ER

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and Kids'  
Emergency Room**

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& Dairy Ashford**



# **HEALTHY RECIPE IDEA!**

## **RED, WHITE & BLUE SUMMER SALAD**

*From: Taste of Home*



2/3 c. extra virgin olive oil  
1/3 c. white balsamic vinegar  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
2 c. cherry tomatoes  
8 c. fresh arugula  
1 carton (8 oz.) fresh mozzarella cheese  
pearls, drained

½ c. julienned fresh basil  
¼ c. julienned fresh mint leaves  
2 t. Dijon mustard  
1 t. each: sea salt, sugar, pepper  
2 medium peaches, sliced  
2 c. fresh blueberries  
6 oz. thinly sliced prosciutto, julienned

1. In a small bowl: whisk olive oil, vinegar, Dijon mustard, basil, mint leaves, garlic, sea salt, sugar & pepper. Add tomatoes; let stand while preparing salad.
2. In a large bowl: combine arugula, mozzarella, peach slices, blueberries & prosciutto. Pour tomato mixture over top; toss to coat, Garnish with additional mint leaves. Serve immediately.





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