

## 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 [officemanager@briarhillspoa.org](mailto:officemanager@briarhillspoa.org) or call 281-558-7422. Please also check the website, [www.briarhillspoa.org](http://www.briarhillspoa.org), for any updates/announcements on the election.

## 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

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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.

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## Monthly Stats for the Month of April 2020

Burglary of a Habitation: 0

Burglary of Motor Vehicle: 1

Open window/ Car Door: 3

Theft: 1

Criminal Mischief : 0

Silver Watch : 2

Property Lost/Found : 1

Suspicious Person: 3

Suspicious Vehicles: 1

Traffic Stops: 3

Solicitors: 1

Local Alarms: 0

Alarm Rep. Site : 0

Disturbance : 0

Disturbance loud Noise: 0

Discharge Firearm: 0

Animal Humane: 0

Meet The Citizen: 57

Follow Up: 1

Incident Report: 1

Information Call: 0

Welfare Check: 0

Special Assignments: 0

Contract Check : 141

Check Public Infrastructure: 0

Check Park: 10

Vacation Watch: 0

Occupancy Code violation: 1

Neighborhood Check: 109

Unknown Medical Emergencies: 1

Traffic Hazard: 1

Minor Accident: 0

Accident FSGI : 0

DWI: 0

## Dolphins Swim Team 2020

Dolphins Swim Team 2020 season has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Please check our website at [briarhillsdolphins.swimtopia.com](http://briarhillsdolphins.swimtopia.com) for updates on how to join our team in 2021. Summer swim team begins mid-May and wraps up by July 4th. Please plan your summer vacations accordingly if you plan to join the team in 2021.

## Tennis Court News



We are pleased to report that last month the Briarhills POA updated the tennis courts with new LED light fixtures. This will allow for players to use the courts longer into the evening hours during these hot summer months. Thank you to POA resident, Doug Elsen, for helping to obtain a quote from Star Lighting and overseeing the install. The new lights are a nice upgrade!

Also, new windscreens on the north fence and a new tennis net and tape (west court) were purchased by the POA and installed by volunteer residents. Big thanks to Constantin Platon and Steve Ashy for their volunteer time and help with the install. This was a two-day project and was a much-needed improvement to the courts. Thank you, Constantin and Steve! We really appreciate your help!

If you would like to join the Briarhills tennis committee, please email Constantin Platon at [secretary@briarhillspoa.org](mailto:secretary@briarhillspoa.org). The tennis committee consist of volunteer neighbors and will plan and organize fundraising events and coordinate tennis related volunteer projects. Some of the committee's goals are to raise funds for installing an additional light on the west court, replacing backboards, resurfacing the tennis courts, and more. If you love tennis and want to be a part of this fun group, please reach out to Constantin for more information.



# Thank You Volunteers!



In March and April we constructed a new sitting area on the west side of the clubhouse. Thanks to Nancy for donating the bricks and spider lillies, and to Mike for planting his banana trees! Thanks to Dimitra for the canna lillies, the mexican petunias and 4 o' clock seedlings. Carolyn built a bioswale to capture the rainwater and reduce erosion. She brought waterloving plants (they are called "lizards tail" – you will know why when they are blooming) from her Westside Highschool prairie. These plants will grow well in the bioswale. Ilinka and Marco helped me to brick the sitting area, and Maggie, Carolyn, Ingo, Dennis, and Mike helped constructing and planting the flowerbeds. Alex and her siblings Nils and Eric spread mulch

with us and watered the flowers. The Strange family is donating a bench for the sitting area and the Hayes family donated a table and chair set. Cynthia volunteered to paint the set blue before installing it at the clubhouse area. And there were many others who contributed to our beautification efforts. Thank you all so much for your helping hands, your donations, suggestions and support! Your Briarhills neighborhood really appreciates it!

With best wishes from your landscaping committee and hoping that you are all healthy and safe during these challenging times. See you in the garden!

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## Call for Submissions

The Briar Beat is looking for submissions!  
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for more information.

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## Kids Can Save Lives by Getting Active at Home



(Family Features) As millions of people across the globe social distance and self-quarantine to help prevent further spread of the novel coronavirus, kids and families can help save lives by getting active at home.

With 55 million students in the United States affected by school closures, teachers, families and kids are incorporating options like UNICEF Kid Power into daily at-home schedules. A free program, the platform hosts a library of interactive dance, yoga and learning videos featuring WWE Superstars, DreamWorks characters and more. These 3-5 minute "brain breaks" help keep kids moving, provide lessons on global citizenship, encourage positive screen time, establish a sense of control and connectivity, and empower them with purpose.

As kids dance, move and learn, they unlock therapeutic food packets that get sent to severely malnourished children around the world. More than 900,000 kids across the U.S. have come together to save 100,000 lives. Through the program, kids also provide meals to their local food banks, give supplies for doctor visits and plant trees in their communities. The more active they are, the more lives they save. Families and teachers can get involved at [unicefusa.org/KidPowerAtHome](http://unicefusa.org/KidPowerAtHome)

Beyond this program, UNICEF USA is also providing practical guides and resources for families, including ways to keep kids safe from online harm, adjust to online learning and a quiz that unlocks \$2 in funding while outlining how COVID-19 compares to past outbreaks.



Globally, the United Nations Children's Fund is providing relief and support to vulnerable communities as they combat the ongoing pandemic. To date, the organization has reached more than 40 million health care and frontline workers with hospital equipment and personal protective equipment, as well as more than half a billion people with prevention, hygiene and informational messaging. As this crisis will have continuing effects on millions of people, UNICEF has appealed for \$651 million to address the growing humanitarian needs and provide long-lasting response.

Adults and kids can combat the impact of coronavirus, one dollar or dance move at a time. Just \$3.30 can provide 100 pairs of disposable gloves to health workers. To help fund relief programs, visit [unicefusa.org/CoronavirusRelief](http://unicefusa.org/CoronavirusRelief)

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# SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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- Gas
- Cash
- Charcoal, wooden matches & grill
- Ice
- Two weeks supply of prescription medicines
- Two weeks supply of non-perishable foods
- Flashlights and batteries for each family member
- 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
- Important family documents: Phone numbers; record of bank account numbers; family records (birth, marriage, death certificates); inventory of valuable household goods; copy of will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds; record of credit card account numbers and companies; copy of passports, social security cards, immunization records.

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