

## 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:*

### MARIA GALIOTOS

My name is Maria Galiotos and I have had the honor of serving the Briarhills community for one year. I have had the pleasure of working alongside my other esteemed board members to maintain the value of our assets and improve the quality of life for our community. Previously, I have represented Briarhills in Super Neighborhood 17, where I served on various committees and as the secretary. For the last 17 years, my family and I have been fortunate enough to call Briar Hills our home. My son also attended all the local schools of the area, where he participated in theater, swimming and water polo.

Over the last few years, we have all waited to enjoy our amenities while our clubhouse and pool were being constructed and I want to thank all the residents for their patience. Now that we can finally enjoy the fruits of our labor, we look forward to providing lots of fun activities to the residents in order to improve our quality of life and to also construct a tight knit community. The board's mission is to support our hard-working committees (playground, tennis court, swimming pool, and basketball court), provide guidance, and ensure the needs of our entire community are met and exceeded.

I have worked as a Realtor for 13 years, currently working under the brokerages of a local firm. My experience in Deed Restrictions and Bylaws, commitment, responsiveness, flexible schedule, availability and passion for the neighborhood are all reasons as to why I would like to be re-elected to the Briarhills Board. Maintaining and increasing our home values is one of my top priorities and I want to make this community even better. I believe that Briarhills is one of the brightest gems in Houston

and I love living here! We are so fortunate to have the bayou and Terry Hershey park right in our backyard.

I firmly believe a board is elected to serve and not to rule and I take my duties seriously. I also believe in being fiscally conservative, responsible, flexible, unbiased, honest, and making every decision based on its merit for the good of the community. We need to work together as a unified team to provide the best services with the financial resources available. I would like your vote to continue to work on all these aspects. Thank you!

### CONSTANTIN PLATON

My name is Constantin Platon. I have been a Briarhills resident since 2012. Since 2013, I have

been serving on the Briarhills POA board as Secretary. I have been deeply involved with all the decision and projects that consecutive POA boards implemented over the past seven years, including the major new clubhouse build and pool renovation efforts. Now things are better looking than before, but there is still more work to be done. I would like to continue to serve the Briarhills community, to ensure the success of new projects, intended to rise the quality of life and the value of your properties.

In my professional life I am a geology teacher, tennis coach, kayak instructor and outdoors

educator. I serve on the board of several other organizations: Barbara Bush Elementary PTO, Saint Andrew Romanian Orthodox Church Council, and Houston Geological Society. I am a husband and father of two, a high school son (Iancu, 14+) and an elementary school daughter (Ilinca, 6+).

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## 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

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### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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## 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

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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).

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If elected to continue to serve on the POA Board, I would like to spearhead and support the

following projects: tennis courts renovation (resurface/repaint degrading courts, add the 4th missing pole LED light, replace broken backboard); basketball court resurface and fenced-in; playground new equipment and landscape updates; liaison person with the Constable's office; update deed restrictions to modern language; assist with the architectural committee and deed restriction reinforcement; continue partnership negotiations with HOA. I am in favor of community partnerships such as the one established with Terraces on Memorial. I am a great supporter of community events such as the outdoor family movie nights, 4th of July celebration, fall night campout at the park, and the Briarhills Dolphins Swim Team.

Thank you so much for your continuous trust, support, and involvement! I look forward to

proudly representing you another term! Thank you for your vote!

## MATTHEW RICCIARDO

My fellow POA residents, I am outraged with how our money is being wasted! These egregious actions must stop. That is why, I Matthew Ricciardo, am running for the board of directors to become President of the POA; where I will fix all the bad deals, rebuild our community, cut POA dues, and end reckless spending immediately! We are going to Make Our Community Healthy Again (MOCHA)! Every Saturday morning will be MOCHA's at the clubhouse where we come together, drink mocha and share information, thoughts, and concerns.

My first priority will be to cut reckless spending while giving the residents the best, and I mean the very best: pool, facilities, and security. With the money we'll save, we will have the greatest POA tax cuts ever. I build great things and nobody builds better than me. The playground is in disrepair! I will build the greatest playground for our kids and grandkids. The courts are in shambles! I will build the best basketball and tennis courts for our residents. And we are going to have the biggest dog park ever. We are NOT going to spend huge amounts of money like past presidents. I can build nice things for very little money. The contractor that built the club house took advantage of us. But not me, I'm a tuff negotiator.

The residents of our community deserve the best and the HOA is going to pay for it!!! Our POA dues are hundreds of dollars higher than the HOA. After decades of an unfair deal with the HOA, the current deal leaves us paying for everything. Why are we paying more for those freeloaders? It is the worst deal in the history of deals, maybe ever. We are going to liberate ourselves from the HOA!!!

I have over 8 years of college education in economics, engineering, research, and mathematics from the University of Michigan. In addition, 10 years of leadership experience; I've run my own business, help build many startups, and worked for the top Fortune 500 companies. There are so many things that need fixed in our neighborhood and I have the education, experience, and tenacity to fight for you! With your vote, we will make the POA greater than it has ever been! Vote for me; otherwise you'll be very disappointed!

### 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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# BRIARHILLS

## CONSTABLES REMINDER:

Overall, Briarhills is a very safe neighborhood with little crime; however, from time to time, incidents do occur. As a reminder, please be familiar with what to do in case you are in a situation that requires police assistance.

1) **CONTACT CONSTABLES IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:**  
281-463-6666

2) Please always report suspicious activity right away to the Constables.

3) If a crime has occurred, please contact the **Constables** and not HPD to report the incident.

4) Notify your alarm monitoring company to call the Constables in the event of an alarm. Since we are under contract with the **Constables**, they are in our neighborhood daily and will respond much faster than HPD.

5) Report any incidents to the Briarhills POA office. We can send an email to residents asking anyone with information or video footage to come forward.

6) Monthly status reports are posted to [briarhillspoa.org](http://briarhillspoa.org) for residents to view.

## TENNIS CUP INVITATION & SAVE THE DATE BRIARHILLS TENNIS CUP SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2020

Briarhills Tennis Committee, established in May 2020, representing the voices and interests of tennis players residents of BPOA, BHOA and THOA, is organizing a fundraising tennis tournament on Saturday October 3, 2020 at the Briarhills Tennis Courts. We would like to build community around tennis!

With funds from this tournament and gathered sponsorship, we would like to resurface/repaint the degrading courts, add the 4th missing light pole, replace the broken backboard, and more.

### Please save the date and plan to participate!

We are envisioning this to be an adult tennis tournament in round-robin format, to enhance fairness and socialization. If enough interest exists, we could open a teen division and brackets for younger kids. We are in the early stages of planning, navigating COVID-19 and are limited by the availability of only two tennis courts. Depending on registration, we could make this a one-day tournament or a 3-day event. Your ideas can shape the format of this event!

Please send your feedback and questions to Constantin at [secretary@briarhillspoa.org](mailto:secretary@briarhillspoa.org). Or visit [briarhillspoa.org](http://briarhillspoa.org) for current information and updates.

## Monthly Stats for the Month of April 2020

Burglary of a Habitation: 0

Burglary of Motor Vehicle: 0

Open window/ Car Door: 0

Theft: 1

Criminal Mischief : 0

Silver Watch : 0

Property Lost/Found : 0

Suspicious Person: 2

Suspicious Vehicles: 3

Traffic Stops: 1

Solicitors: 0

Abandoned Vehicles: 0

Local Alarms : 1

Alarm Rep. Site: 0

Disturbance : 0

Disturbance loud Noise: 0

Discharge Firearm: 0

Animal Humane: 0

Meet The Citizen: 36

Follow Up: 1

Incident Report: 1

Information Call: 2

Welfare Check: 1

Special Assignments: 33

Contract Check : 133

Check Public Infrastructure: 0

Check Park: 10

Vacation Watch: 0

Occupancy Code violation: 0

Neighborhood Check: 110

Unknown Medical Emergencies: 0

Traffic Hazard: 0

Minor Accident: 0

Accident FSGI : 0

DWI: 0





## 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



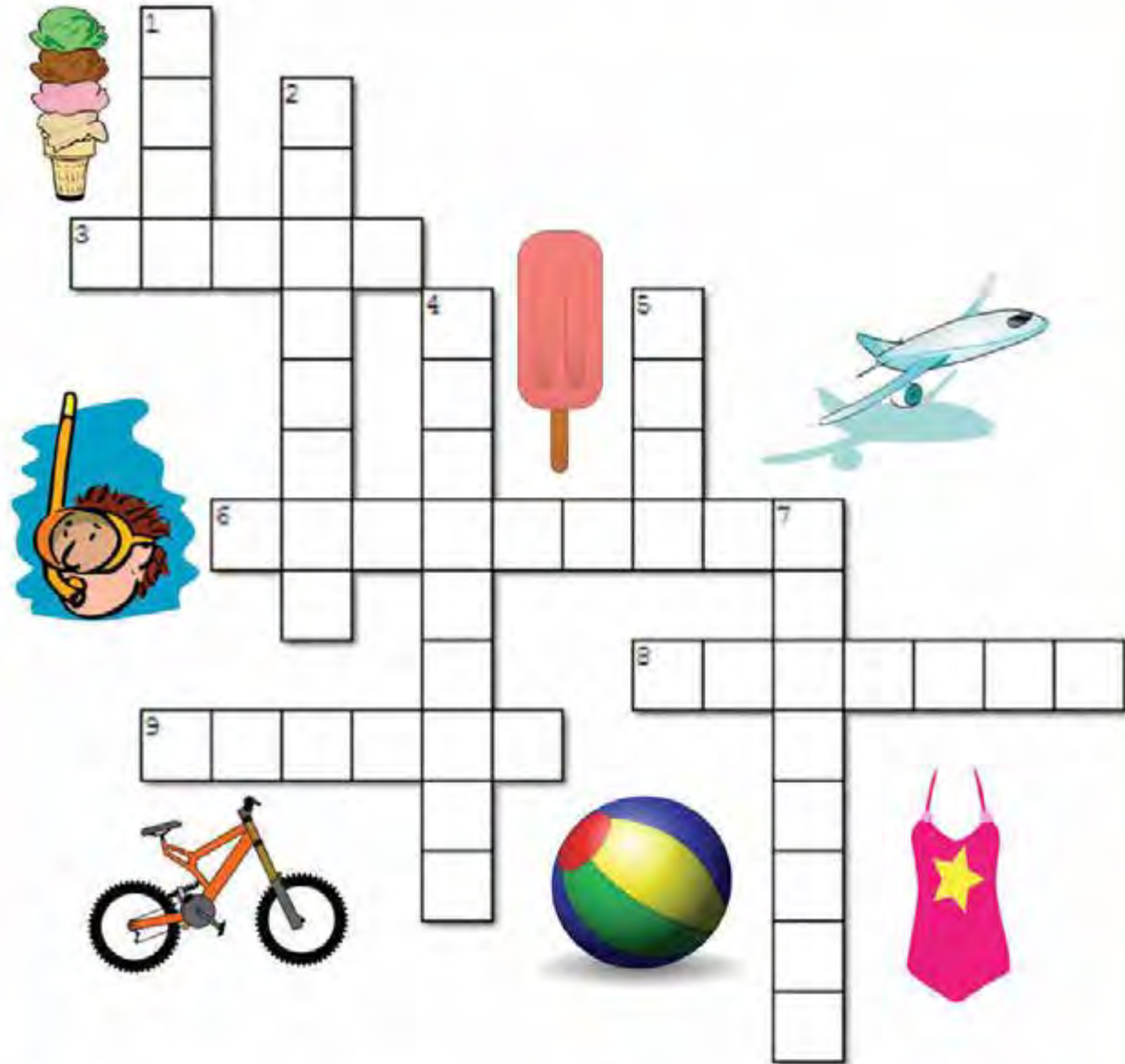
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## SUMMER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Across

3. We build sand castles at the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We eat ice cream or \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I play freeze tag with my \_\_\_\_\_.
9. I love \_\_\_\_\_ because it is the warmest season.

### Down

1. I go out to play and ride my \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We are going on \_\_\_\_\_ this Summer.
4. We put \_\_\_\_\_ on our skin to prevent sunburn.
5. I jump off the diving board at the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I love to go \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool or the ocean.

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## MANDARIN SUMMER SALAD

2/3 c sliced almonds  
3 T sugar  
1/4 head romaine lettuce torn into bite sized pieces  
1/4 head red leaf lettuce torn into bite sized pieces  
2 medium celery stalks sliced thinly  
2 green onions sliced  
1 can 15oz mandarin orange segments, drained

Cook almonds and sugar over low heat, stirring, until sugar is mantled and almonds are coated and toasted. Cook and break into pieces.

Place lettuce and romaine in a bowl. Add the celery and green onions and mandarin oranges. Pour sweet and sour dressing over just before serving. Optional – add boiled, shredded chicken to the salad.

### Dressing

1/4 c vegetable oil  
2 T sugar  
2 T vinegar  
1 T minced parsley  
1/2 t salt Dash of pepper

Simple to make and tastes great!  
5min 5min prep

## KIWI STRAWBERRY LEMONADE



- 1/2 Kiwi
- 3 Medium Strawberries
- 1 Lemon
- 1/2 Cup Water
- 1-1 1/2 Tablespoon Sugar
- 2 Ice cubes (optional)
- 1. Squeeze the kiwi and strawberries into a cup.
- 2. Use a lemon squeezer to squeeze the lemons.
- 3. Add 1/2 cup water.
- 4. Add the sugar and stir (if too sour or sweet add a little more water.).

Makes one serving!

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