

WELCOME 2020-2021 BRIARHILLS POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE FOLLOWING BOARD POSITIONS WERE
DECIDED AT THE OCTOBER
BOARD MEETING:

PRESIDENT – JEFF DINGLER
VICE PRESIDENT – HERNAN ZEPATA
TREASURER – MATTHEW RICCIARDO
SECRETARY – CONSTANTIN PLATON
DIRECTOR 1 – MIKE SANATY
DIRECTOR 2 – ALEC LUONG
DIRECTOR 3 – MARIA GALIOTOS

Many thanks to Patrick Wohlwend, outgoing board member and POA Treasurer, for his years of service. We appreciate all of the volunteer work you have done for the Association!

Are you receiving emails from Briarhills POA?



If not, be sure to register on the Briarhills POA website so that you can stay informed on news and events in our neighborhood!

Visit briarhillspoa.org to register.



A TRIBUTE TO STEVE ASHY:

The tennis tournament that Steve Ashy helped organize is the perfect example of how Steve spent his life and what kind of person he was:

- a. Wanting to make the world a better place for everyone...even in small ways.
- b. Willing to do the legwork to make that happen....even if it is mundane.
- c. Optimistic about building community.....especially in our neighborhood.

Steve would want everyone to "carry-on" and stay positive. In times of grief in his own life, he kept busy and focused on helping others.

Steve was open to new friendships, even in unlikely places. So make a new friend today and enjoy the sunshine.

We will miss you, Steve!



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

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Article Submission.....	briarhills@sbcglobal.net
Advertising.....	advertising@PEELinc.com

POA OFFICE INFO

2020

By appointment only

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).

Monthly Stats for the Month of September 2020

Criminal Mischief : 1

Theft Residence: 0

Theft Other: 2

Property Lost/Found : 0

Suspicious Vehicles: 2

Traffic Stops: 0

Vehicle Speeding: 0

Suspicious Person: 0

Local Alarms: 2

Alarm Rep. Site : 1

Disturbance : 1

Disturbance loud Noise: 2

Write : 2

Fraudulent Use of ID : 1

DOA: 1

Discharge Firearm: 0

Solicitor: 1

Meet The Citizen: 23

Welfare Check: 0

Special Assignments: 14

Incident Report: 1

Follow UP: 1

Contract Check : 111

Check Park: 7

Vacation Watch: 9

Neighborhood Check: 98

Unknown Medical Emergencies: 1

Traffic Initiative : 0

Minor Accident: 0

Accident FSGI : 0

DWI: 0

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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News from Super Neighborhood 17 (SN17) as of September 9, 2020

Kendall Library Update:

First, despite COVID, the construction timeline is continuing.

There are currently two parts to the rebuild. The first is the planning/permitting. The city is aiming for 90% reimbursement from FEMA. If the facility is not rebuilt as original, the reimbursement rate would drop to 50%. This is driving the current plan as FEMA will only reimburse at the higher rate if the rebuild is substantially the same. It took about a year to get the okay to proceed, getting the City's contractor and FEMA to agree on the project estimate. The second part involves looking at mitigation improvements. Potential changes will be to control future flood waters, moving building equipment higher to a less susceptible location, and roof drainage improvements. The plan is for construction to start in Q4 of 2020 with substantial completion in Q3 of 2021.

Kirkwood Construction Project:

The first phase of the Kirkwood project is 12% complete with completion by December 2021. The contractor is negotiating traffic management changes that could accelerate completion 4-6 months. HPD has stepped up traffic enforcement in the area due to safety concerns for the workers.

Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries Resiliency Study - Interim Report

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the Harris County Flood Control District, is conducting a feasibility study of the Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries flood risk management system.

You are invited to review and provide comments on the recently published interim feasibility report. This report is a mid-point technical document for review prior to recommending a Tentatively Selected Plan.

The study team will incorporate feedback from the interim report into the study, develop recommendations, and publish a draft feasibility report and draft environmental impact statement for further review.

The public is welcome to attend an information session. Public comments are due by Nov. 2, 2020.

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/BBTRS/Interim-Report/>

Where does Briarhills stand compared to the total Houston housing market?

Average List Price: \$346,359

Average Sold Price: \$331,482

Average Days on Market: 105

Average Rent Price: \$2,368

Is it Time to Move into a Single-Story Home?

By Maria Galiotos

What are the benefits of buying a one-story home?

1. Energy Efficient

"It is easier to heat and cool a single-story house [than] it would be to regulate the temperatures of a multi-story house."

Most single-story homes only need one heating or cooling unit, and they typically stay cooler than a two-story home, both of which can lead to significant savings.

2. Easier to Maintain

"Doing a general cleaning in a single story requires less effort and you will be able to see all areas that need cleaning and the areas are easily accessible."

Cleaning and maintenance of a single-story home can take less time and effort, and better upkeep helps improve the overall value of the home.

3. Accessible for Everyone

"A single-story house can be accessed by anyone, whether they are young children or the senior citizens."

If you're looking for a house that provides a safe and easily accessible environment at any age, a single-story home may be optimal.

4. Good Resell Potential

"When buying a single-story house, you should consider the resale value should you think of reselling it in case of a circumstance that can happen. Look at the growth rate of that area. Due to the high demand of these types of houses it is [easy] to resell them and depending on the growth rate of an area, it increases in value significantly."

Single-story homes have a lot of benefits and are often in higher demand. This bodes well for future resale opportunities.

Bottom Line

There are many benefits to downsizing into a one-story home. Doing so while demand is high might make it easier than ever to make a move.



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a bountiful
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