



Briar Village Newsletter

Houston, Texas April 2019

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Community Association (BPCIA) Meets Regularly on 4th Thursday - Everyone Welcome!

Briar Village 2019 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13 ~ 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.
BV Clubhouse & Playground ~ Three Age Groups

<u>Ages 3 and under</u>	<u>4 – 7 years</u>	<u>8 – 12 years</u>
9:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:45 a.m.

Don't be late – little kids start at 9:15 a.m. sharp!
Great photo ops! Good refreshments!
Grandparents welcome too!



The Annual BV Easter Egg Hunt starts at 9:15 a.m. sharp on Saturday, April 13th. Residents and their kids are encouraged to be early so they can talk to

Swim Team representatives about signing up for the 2019 season. As usual, the little ones will hunt eggs first. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand to greet the participants. Parents are encouraged to help the little ones if needed. Light refreshments sponsored by VF Waste Services; El Sol Restaurant will donate breakfast taquitos.



There are many volunteering opportunities: help fill eggs prior to the 13th; setup the clubhouse the night before; spread eggs the morning of; oversee three egg hunts; clean up after the event. Contact Erin Hardy if you are willing to help. (Contact info on Page 2.) Thank you to all parents and neighbors who always show their support and for understanding that it takes a Village to make these events happen!

Erin Hardy, Activities Director BPCIA

Spring Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales

April 6, 2019; Rain date May 4, 2019

Join the fun, clean out your garage and make some money!



Here's how it works: BPCIA does the advertising / promotion, but you have your own garage sale at your own house, and keep your own profits. If the weather is good, we usually have a big crowd of shoppers. Start

gathering things to sell, and mark your calendar to sell and shop on that day. Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales are held in the Spring and Fall each year.

Come Celebrate
'SPRING FLING'
Saturday April 27, 2019
1pm-5pm
Briar Village Pool
13902 Piping Rock Ln, Houston, TX 77077
Large Inflatable Water Slide
Tasty Concessions
Great Family Fun
Swim Team Registration
(no experience necessary)

HOSTED BY YOUR
BRIAR FLYERS
SWIM TEAM

Spring Fling - Fundraiser for BV's Swim Team

Swim Team Time Fast Approaching

BV's Swim Team - The Briar Flyers

All BV children, ages 4 through 18 years are welcome to participate - no prior experience required! Registration starts in early spring, and practices start in May each year. Swim Meets with nearby communities are scheduled for late May and June. Children are awarded ribbons and trophies for participation, friends are made and so are lifelong memories. "Swim Team" has been an important activity for BV children (and parent volunteers) since 1974. **Go Flyers!**

Swim Team Starts in May
Registration is in April
Sign Up at the 2019 Annual
BV Easter Egg Hunt
& Spring Fling

“How to” for Briar Village



Below paragraphs and the Information Box to the right are valuable resources for all things Briar Village. In addition to contact information for our Board of Directors and our management company, you'll find specifics about trash and recycling, security and police contact information, curfew and amenity hours, clubhouse rental and other things that may help with life in our little village.

Briar Village Youth for Hire ...The Possibilities are Endless

BV young folks who want to work have a special spot on the BV Website. If you need a babysitter, pet sitter, lawn help or general assistance, please check this web page, which is only available to residents, and hire a Village kid! If you would like to add your name to the Youth for Hire list, contact the BV Webmaster; instructions are on the Youth for Hire web page.

Problem Resolution

The Board asks residents not to contact service providers directly for problem resolution; please contact the Director over that area on the BPCIA Board of Directors and let that Director handle the problem.

Diane McConnon, President BPCIA

Community Pool

Access Card required for admittance, see box at right. Pool is open weekends in May and September, and Tues – Sun in June – August.

Rent the BV Clubhouse Great for Parties!

Rent for an event is \$50 weekdays - \$100 weekend days. A \$200 deposit is required and will be returned pending a post-event inspection. Rental Agreement is on the BV Website under *For Residents* tab, or call GMI, phone at right. Remember: YOU own the clubhouse, treat it the way you'd treat your own home.

Board Members, Newsletter Team, Activities Team are Volunteers.

**Would you like to volunteer too?
Contact a Board Member.**

Advertise

Business Advertising is welcome in this Newsletter Rates and details in box at the right

**Support Our Advertisers!
Income from advertising helps offset cost of our Newsletter**

Briar Village ~ April 2019



Clip and Save for Future Reference!

Board Director's areas of responsibility change periodically. Make sure you have a current Newsletter before contacting a Director.

BPCIA – Briar Park Community Improvement Assoc.

Meetings 7:00 p.m. at BV Clubhouse on 4th Thursday of Month

BPCIA Position, Name, Term Years, Primary Area, Backup Area(s), Contact Info

Pres. Diane McConnon Clubhouse, (to rent Clubhouse DRV call GMI 713-334-8000) 281-794-6482 dee.briarv@gmail.com	2019-20	V.P. Stephen Coad Pool 281-935-5440 stephencoad@yahoo.com	2018-19
Sec. Erin Hardy Activities 832-725-9051 erinbvhoa@gmail.com	2019-20	Treas. Brian Maguire Tennis 832-659-5913 brianjmag@live.com	2019-20
Director Eric Newman Common Areas 713-817-2168 eric_newman@icloud.com	2018-19	Director Alvin Olson Security, Webmaster 832-274-7831 alvin@briarview.com	2018-19
Director Mandi Trumbull Newsletter 832-540-4949 manditrumbullhoa@gmail.com	[2018]-19	Graham Management Inc. (GMI) (BV Mgmt Co. started 4/1/2016) Attn: Carmen Reyes, Community Mgr. 2825 Wilcrest, Ste. 600 Houston, TX 77042 PH 713-334-8000 – FAX 713-334-5055	

BPCIA has 7 Directors who serve 2 year terms and are elected by homeowners at the Annual Meeting in Feb. each year; 4 are elected in even number years; 3 are elected in odd number years. Directors' years of service are unlimited, but they must be elected at 2 year intervals. Interim vacancies may be filled by appointment via Directors' vote.

**Security Patrol – Started October 6, 2014, new name June 2018
Ranger Patrol & Co. Inc. – Dispatch 832-356-3224**

Call 911 for Emergencies 24/7 HPD

HPD Non-Emergency - 713-884-3131

**Vacation Watch – see Important Phone No's section on BV Website
then click on link or Contact Ranger Patrol!**

Juvenile Curfew – Houston Code Of Ordinances

Under 18 years prohibited from being in public from midnight until 6:00 a.m. and from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (M-F Classroom hours)

**Common Areas Open 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. No lingering after hours
(Unless a private party has rented the Clubhouse.) Other Amenities - Hours as Posted**

Garbage – VF Waste Services - 713-787-9790 – Questions & Complaints

Pick-up Tues & Fri - Trash can only be put by the curb:

After 6:00 p.m. on Mon & Thurs or by 7:00 a.m. on Tues & Fri

Trash is not allowed in view any other time (see City Ordinance)

Bagged Lawn Debris is NOT to be left curbside except at above times

Up to 8 bags or cans with weight limit 40# ea for one man to handle.

No construction debris, hazardous waste, tires. Bundle/tie limbs 4' long.

Heavy Trash on Fri Only (dishwashers, water heaters, etc.)

Recycle Day is Thursday - use blue recycle bins only on Thursdays

If Tues, Thurs or Fri are Holidays, pick-up is skipped (NOT re-scheduled)

Holidays are: New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Xmas

Newsletter Team (NLT) Mandi Trumbull - Absent Author's Name = NLT

Briar Village Newsletter

Published Monthly Feb-Dec and sent via U.S. 4th Class Mail to every home in BV; past issues on BV Website. BV residents are welcome to submit articles (450 word max.) However, some editing and/or delay may be required due to space constraints. NLT not responsible for accuracy of submitted articles. Submit articles as an attachment to bvnewsletter2018@gmail.com Articles Monthly Deadline: 3rd Friday

BV Newsletter Monthly Advertising Rates – Everyone Welcome

2 Lines/Residents Only \$5; Bus. Card & 1/4 page \$30; 1/2 page \$60; Full page \$100.

Make checks payable to: BPCIA. Submit payment to:

Briar Village Newsletter, c/o Graham Management Inc. – Address above

Submit artwork/copy to: bvnewsletter2018@gmail.com Ads Monthly Deadline: the 15th

NEW April 2018 - Website/Message Board free to all residents

<https://briarvillage.nabnetwork.com/home.php>

Common Areas - Access Card for Pool & Tennis Courts \$25 - Order from GMI
Must submit completed Order Form to GMI address above, and a check or money order payable to BPCIA. **Order Form on BV Website & some Newsletters**

BV Clubhouse Rental - see paragraph at left

Briar Village – Things to Do: Website, Monthly Community Assoc. Meeting, Youth for Hire, Scrapbook Club, Moms Club, Garden Club, Swim Team, Yard of the Month, semi-annual garage sales, seasonal events. **Open to all residents, owners & renters.**



The Citizen Patrol Needs You! For more information contact Karen Avery at jxb1339@att.net

Volunteers did 623 hours of patrol in 2018

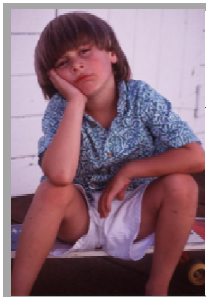
Some of you haven't filed to save money Texas calls it "Homestead Exemption" Every residing homeowner is eligible

Homestead exemptions remove part of your home's value from taxation, so they lower your taxes. For example, your home is appraised at \$100,000, and you qualify for a \$25,000 exemption...

You should file your regular residential homestead exemption application between January 1 and April 30. Early applications will not be accepted.

See HCAD.org for more information.

Harris County Appraisal District 13013 Northwest Freeway (South side of 290 between Hollister & Pinemont) Houston, Texas 77040-6305 Information Center: 713-957-7800 Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Mon - Fri



SOMETIMES... YOU JUST HAVE TO BE DONE. NOT MAD, NOT UPSET. JUST DONE. reddit.com

If you live in Briar Village a 2 Line 'BV Resident' Newsletter Ad is \$5 a month!

THE POOL OPENS WEEKENDS IN MAY ACCESS CARDS REQUIRED FOR POOL & TENNIS COURTS ORDER FORM: THIS NEWSLETTER BV WEBSITE FROM GMI

Trash out at the wrong time lowers the appeal of living in Briar Village See rules about "Garbage" on page 2



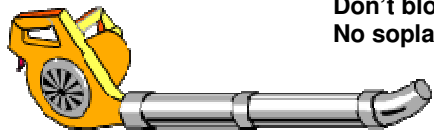
Use the Clip-out below to inform your Lawn Maintenance Crew of important trash and debris information. You are responsible for what your crew leaves behind.

Note: Trash can be put by curb after 6:00 p.m. on Mondays & Thursdays or in the morning on Tuesdays and Fridays. Trash is not allowed in view any other times.

Dear _____: Please do not leave trash bags near the street. It is against City Codes and Deed Restrictions for trash to be in front of my house too long.

It is against the law to blow leaves and debris down the storm sewers in the streets. You and I could be fined if you are seen doing it.

Thank You!



Don't blow into sewer. No soplar el la alcantarilla.

Nota: La basura puede ponerse afuera despues de las 6 de la tarde los Lunes y Jueves o, en la manana los Martes y Viernes. La basura no debe ser vista en otros horarios.

Estimado _____: Por favor no deje bolsas de basura cerca de la calle. Es contra la ley de la Ciudad y los codigos de esta asociacion por dejar basura en frente de la casa por mucho tiempo.

Es contra la ley soplar hojas y sacate dentro de las alcantarillas de la calle. Usted y Nosotros podriamos ser multados de ser vistos. La basura estanca las aguas y causa las inundaciones.

Gracias.

San Jacinto Day

21 April 1836: Texans under Sam Houston routed the Mexican forces of Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto. Thus, Texas' independence was won in one of the most decisive battles in history.



From Timeline of Texas History

What is happening at your Piping Rock McDonald's?

SMALL FRIES PLAYTIME

partnering with

the family **PLAY HOUSE**

- ★ Pre-K Learning (Working on Fine Motor Skills)
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Crafts
- ★ \$1.99 Happy Meals
- ★ Themed Activities
- ★ Coloring Sheets

TUESDAYS 11:30AM -12:30PM
(September - May)



- ★ \$1.99 Happy Meals
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Kiddie Cones

MONDAYS 5:00PM -7:00PM
2303 Hwy 6 S., Houston Texas

Check out our website for more information and details on events.



\$99 for up to 10 kids

- ★ A Host/ Hostess dedicated to your event. (1.5 Hours)
- ★ Reserved tables for your guests in the PlayPlace (The PlayPlace itself will remain open to all guests)
- ★ A Happy Meal of choice for every child
- ★ A McDonald's birthday cake and candles
- ★ A goodie bag with 3 party favors per child
- ★ A special gift for the birthday child from Ronald McDonald
- ★ A balloon for every child
- ★ A sticker for every child
- ★ Each additional child will cost \$6

Reserve your date online now!
www.theglasergroup.net/birthday-parties

www.theglasergroup.net

BV Annual Maintenance Fees

BV Maintenance Fees of \$543.00 were due January 31, 2019. If yours are not paid, please make arrangements to do so. Contact Graham Management (GMI) at 713-334-8000. Installment payments are accepted. Those with delinquent Maintenance Fees may be denied access to certain community features.

Note: from time-to-time everyone has health or other life issues that prevent timely payment. The courtesy of a brief note or phone call from you to make us aware of your special circumstance(s) is much appreciated and will be kept confidential.

VF says "Hands Off!" Blue recycle bins on Tues & Fri

VF Waste Services directs employees as follows:

if there are blue recycle bins sitting on the curb on Tuesday or Friday do not touch them.

So, do not put trash in your recycle container, they will not pick it up.

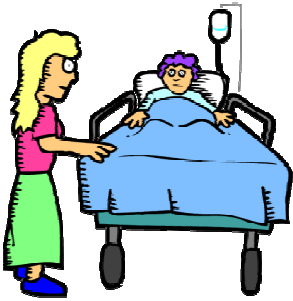


per Jeremy Hernandez, Ofc Mgr - VF Waste Services

Volunteer to sit with a child in the hospital! Join the Child Protective Services Volunteer Team

Are you attentive, empathetic, and engaged?
Are you looking to volunteer with children?

Do you want to help foster youth in a meaningful way?



Child Protective Services is seeking volunteers to sit with children who are in the hospital. At this time the greatest need is at Texas Children's Hospital located in the Medical Center. Children and youth who are in foster care and are hospitalized must be under adult supervision at all times. Our children in the hospital

need a caring adult like you to keep them company, comfort them, read to them or help them eat.

This is a great opportunity for retired medical professionals, first responders, teachers, or anyone who loves nurturing children.

All volunteers are required to complete a background check, attend orientation, and complete online trainings.

Contact Ashley Smalls

Office: 713-394-4219 - Work Cell: 713-410-1384

Cell phones are dialed differently

... For safety's sake, teach your kids how to dial a land line phone.

(For a real challenge use a rotary dial phone too!)



Yard of the Month – April 2019 Congratulations to the Martin Family of 13802 Wickersham



Your neighbors thank you for all your hard work and dedication: your yard is a joy to behold!

Hurricane Katrina (the one that devastated New Orleans) was on August 29, 2005. About September 1, 2005 the Martin's were happily named YOTM for the first time ever. A short while later, on September 23, 2005, Hurricane Rita was en route to Houston. Rita's pending arrival so soon after Katrina frightened a lot of people (millions). Pre-storm anxiety set in motion the largest evacuation in United States' history – and the September 2005 YOTM sign was stashed away for safe keeping until the anxiety and storm threat were gone! That's the Martin's memory of their first time to be YOTM - - hopefully this time will be calm and quiet! Residents since 1997, their yard is beautiful; the vivid green lawn, blooming azaleas, robust monkey grass and variegated ginger all add eye catching interest to this very pretty front yard.

Honorable Mention

13906 Briar Place	2322 Briarlee	13715 Locke Lane
14011 Briar Place	14206 Briarworth	13719 Overbrook
2110 Briargreen	13802 Burgoyne	14011 Overbrook

Thanks to you all!

**Your efforts make coming home enjoyable.
Drive by and take a look at your neighbors' front yards,
You will be inspired.**

~ ~ ~

Yard of the Month (YOTM) ~ Judging

March - November a home is selected for Yard of the Month based on the merits of good maintenance, design, seasonal color and an overall appearance that supports the standards set for BV by our Deed Restrictions. An added consideration for choosing the winner? **What would Briar Village look like if all our homes looked like this one?**

An effort is made to share the honor of YOTM with as many as possible. We try to keep 5 years between repeat honors to the same house. Also, please keep in mind that the home chosen for any month may not have the most beautiful yard in the entire world, but at the moment the YOTM Team saw it, it had something special that set it apart, that deserved special recognition. Many homes are given Honorable Mention each month. December selections are based on Holiday Decorations. Judging usually takes place around the 4th Friday/Saturday/Sunday each month. YOTM is independent of the Board of Directors.

Briar Village Tennis Courts and Swimming Pool Access Card Order Form

Circle One:

New Access Card(s)

Swap

There is no additional fee to simply swap your old card for a new one.

Access Cards work in the scanners outside the Tennis Courts and Swimming Pool
Please observe: Rules posted at the tennis courts and pool for everyone's safety and enjoyment
Limit of 4 pool guests per household at one time, accompanied by a resident

- 1) Maximum of two (2) Access Cards per household
- 2) Access Cards are \$25 each, payable by check or money order only to BPCIA
- 3) Card holder of record is responsible for all activity on their card
- 4) Immediately report lost or stolen cards to Graham Management
- 5) Replacement cards are \$25 each
- 6) Annual Maintenance Fees must current in order to obtain or use Access Cards
- 7) Access Cards will be sent to your home address via U.S. Mail. Please allow time for processing

Date this order submitted:		Number of cards requested: (Max. 2 per household)	
Name:		Circle One:	Owner
			Tenant*
Street address of Briar Village residence:			77077
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Emergency Contact Name/Relationship			
Emergency Contact Phone(s)			

Please list each of your family members, including the name above

	First and Last Name	Birth Date if under 18 years of age
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		

Please include the following documents:

- ✓ **Completed form**
- ✓ **Tenants, please provide the owners name, address and the owner's signed statement that you are the tenant**
- ✓ **For new cards, a check or money order payable to BPCIA**

Mail to: BPCIA. c/o Graham Management, 2825 Wilcrest Dr, Suite 600, Houston, TX 77042

Below for Office Use Only

Card(s) issued:		Account paid in full?	
Issued by:		Date:	



2019 All New Access Cards for Tennis Courts and Pool

The access control system for the tennis courts, pool and clubhouse was updated, requiring all cards from the previous system to be swapped for new Access Cards.

Note:
There is no additional fee to simply swap your old card for a new one.



First time cards are \$25 each, limit 2, see ordering details on the left.

Management will be at the BV Clubhouse to distribute new Access Cards as detailed below.

Day	Date	Times	
Thurs	April 11	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thurs	April 25	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	-

Bring your old cards and the completed Access Card form to be issued new cards. The form is on the opposite page, and on the BV Website under Resources, Forms (Downloadable).

You may swap your card(s) at the Graham Management office, see below. You may also mail your old card(s) in with the completed form, and new card(s) will be mailed back to you; however, there is no guarantee of receipt for cards that are mailed.

If you have never had a card and would like to purchase one, please complete the form and either bring it to the Clubhouse or management office, or mail it in with the payment for the card(s) to be mailed back to you.

You must be current with Annual Maintenance Fees to be eligible to have card(s) replaced. Residents with a past due balance must first pay their balance before a new card will be issued.

Please contact the management company at the phone number or email address below with any questions.

BPCIA c/o Graham Management
2825 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 600
Houston, Texas 77042
713-334-8000

creyes@grahammanagementhouston.com

BPCIA Meeting Highlights – March 28, 2019

Resident attendance totaled 6. 2019 Annual Maintenance Fees are 84% collected. Most of the painting work inside the clubhouse has been completed by dedicated volunteers; see “A Million Thanks” at the left below.

Deed Restriction Violations: through March 27th, 1st letter = 162; 2nd letter = 42; Certified letters = 26. ACC approvals: 7 submitted, 2 approved, 2 pending, 3 denied.

Two residents had comments as follows: many issues of cars parked too long in the street blocking neighbor’s driveway access, abandoned cars, people running a car detailing business out of their residence, many cars sitting for extended periods of time in driveways; clogged storm sewers in the Panagard, Locke Lane area. Residents wanted to know what can be done to alleviate these problems; BV has increasing rental property and we need to tighten up on enforcing deed restrictions and finding some way to better inform renters and landlords about the requirements of deed restrictions. A suggestion was made to put more information on the subject in this newsletter.

A third resident presented a preliminary proposal, asking if the Board is receptive to possibly changing to another Website provider that costs less, and brings back features we had and liked with our old website, before we signed on with Nabr one year ago. The Board said yes to the idea, so a more detailed proposal will be presented as soon as possible. For lower cost, the new website would include, for example: private messaging; messages sorted with newest posts at top - which are features not available from Nabr.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

All improvements visible from the street must have ACC approval BEFORE work starts. Get the ACC Approval Form on the BV Website or from GMI.

Deed Restriction Violations (DRV)

Please review your Deed Restrictions, which are on the BV Website. If you receive a DRV Letter, please take it seriously, but please do not take it personally. The best course of action is to simply fix the problem and move on.

If you are uncomfortable in any manner with a letter you received, please feel welcome to contact me or GMI - our management company - to discuss it.

Diane McConnon, DRV - President BPCIA

Community Association Meeting

The best way to learn about and comment on BV business is in person, by regular attendance at Monthly Meetings, which are held in the BV Clubhouse, on the 4th Thursday of each month (*except Nov & Dec*), and start at 7 p.m. Attire is casual, everyone welcome.



Next Meeting: April 25, 2019



**Time to sign up for
Fun Fair Positive Soccer
FFPS.org ~ Phone 281-347-5425**



THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU

A Million Thanks!



I would like to thank the BPCIA Board for their support and help with painting inside the Clubhouse, and a HUGE thank you to our 3 neighbors who pushed this project over the top to completion: Irene Olson, Tommy Bailey and Gale Antoinette.
Diane “Dee” McConnon, President BPCIA

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Briar Village
A family neighborhood in far west Houston
 2825 Wilcrest Drive, Ste 600
 Houston, Texas 77042

*See this Newsletter
 in color on the BV Website
 Join today, it's free!*

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April 2019 Neighborhood Newsletter

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Please open and read if you live at this address. This is not advertising, it is your community news.

**Have a Fun & Safe April
 ~ At a Glance ~**

Apr 6	Neighborhood Garage Sales
Apr 11	Access Cards - BV Clubhouse
Apr 13	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 19	HISD Spring Holiday
Apr 21	Easter & San Jacinto Day
Apr 25	Access Cards - BV Clubhouse
Apr 25	Community Association Meeting
Apr 27	Spring Fling
May 4	BV Pool Open Weekends
May 4	Rain Date 'hood Garage Sales
May 31	HISD Last Day of School

**Spring is here!
 Watch out for our playing children!**

**SEE INSIDE
 ALL NEW ACCESS CARDS REQUIRED THIS YEAR**

To Our Briar Village Neighbor at:
(Address here)

kw ENERGY CORRIDOR

LOURDES CODINA
 REALTOR®

Ask me about Realty in Houston!

281-723-0068
REALTYINHOUSTON.COM

EACH OFFICE IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

Note to Recent Owners: Any change visible from the street must have ACC approval BEFORE work starts