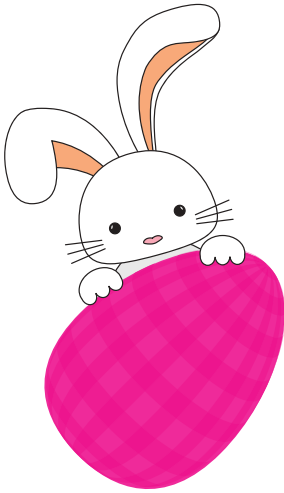


BRIAR VILLAGE

A Neighborhood Newsletter



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All April Events Canceled

In light of the growing concern over the global pandemic, COVID-19 (Coronavirus), HOA Meetings and Briar Village events have been cancelled for the month of April. This includes the Easter Party on April 4, 2020, the Spring Fling scheduled for April 18th, and the Spring Garage Sale on April 25th. These event were cancelled in an effort to follow CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to keep us all safe during this difficult time. After things have returned to the new normal, we will look at scheduling replacement events. The Board is also looking into ways to hold the May Board meeting in a remote fashion if conditions still require it.

Please also remember that in accordance with Harris County's Stay at Home order, the BV playground, pool, and clubhouse are closed for the safety of the community. The area has now been taped off. Do not enter the playground or use the play equipment until the Harris County Directive has been lifted. The Harris County directive is currently scheduled to last through April 30th, however it is expected to be extended. This closure does not apply to the Tennis Courts.

Stay Social at a Distance: Join Us on Facebook!

While we are staying home to stay safe we can still keep in touch. Briar Village has a few Facebook groups to help you stay connected and in the loop on happenings in the hood. The Briarvillage Moms group is very active on Facebook and is a great way to stay in the know, find volunteer needs, and have a laugh. This is an inclusive group - all BV residents welcome! The BV Garden Club is also returning (virtually for now)! Join the BV Garden Club Facebook group to show off your garden and admire your neighbors. Just plant love, pictures, and talk. Thank you Kelly Foster for creating these spaces for BV residents to come together! Kelly is constantly working to make BV a great place to live for us all!

 **Briar Village - April 2020**
 Clip and Save for Future Reference!

BPCIA Position, Name, Primary Area, Contact Info	
BPCIA – Briar Park Community Improvement Assoc. Meetings 7:00 p.m. at BV Clubhouse on 4th Thursday of Month	
Pres. Alvin Olson 832-274-7831 alvin@briarview.com Security Webmaster Clubhouse	V.P. Timothy Cook 281-536-4362 timcookhoa@gmail.com Newsletter
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Ranger Patrol & Co. Inc. – Dispatch 832-356-3224
 Call 911 for Emergencies 24/7
 HPD Non-Emergency - 713-884-3131

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

NEW! Website and Message Board free to all residents
<https://briarvillage.com>

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.

Alvin Olson, President BPCIA

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.

Alvin Olson, President BPCIA

Community Pool & Tennis Courts

Access Card required for admittance, and can be ordered for \$25 from GMI. Form is on the BV website. Pool is open 7:00 am – 8:30 pm through October 25th, 2019.

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.

BV Governing Docs & Forms

Under the "Resources" tab of the Briar Village website, there are links to important BV documents, including: deed restrictions, amendments and guidelines, and the CIA's formation documents. The Board also regularly posts the approved meeting minutes, past newsletters and important forms. under this tab.

Briar Village Newsletter

Want to contribute to your BV newsletter? BV residents can submit articles and other content to Newsletter@briarvillage.com.

Being a friendly neighbor and keeping our community beautiful is easy! Just read below to find out one simple thing you can do to be the best neighbor you can be!



Briar Village is truly a "gem" in this big, sprawling city. We here in Briar Village have large lots, beautiful tree-lined streets, and well-maintained amenities. Most importantly, we are a community of people who, for the most part, are caring neighbors and good people. As a community, we can all do our share to keep Briar Village the great community it is and, of course, the best way to do that is to abide by our deed restrictions and the Exterior Maintenance Guidelines. One such restriction is storing your trash and recycling receptacles out of public view.

There has been a proliferation of homes in Briar Village where the trash and recycling containers are stored in public view, either on the side of a home or in front of the residence. These containers are an eye sore (especially when they are overflowing with trash!) and storing them in public view is not in accordance with our deed restrictions - restrictions that we all abide by to maintain the beauty of this neighborhood.

Residents are responsible for removing trash and recycling receptacles from public view and placing them behind their homes, their garage, or in approved, covered storage areas at all times except

- Monday at 6 p.m. through Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- Thursday from 6 p.m. through Friday at 6 p.m.

By placing the trash and recycling containers out of public view, we not only improve the appearance of our homes, but we also do our part to maintain the beauty of our neighborhood generally. Failure to place these containers out of public view will result in violation letters and repeated notices can result in loss of privileges and fines.

Let's all do our part to keep Briar Village looking beautiful by placing our trash and recycling receptacles out of public view!

- Diane Guillerman, BV Resident

**BRIAR VILLAGE
REAL ESTATE UPDATE
FEBRUARY 16, 2020 - MARCH 15 2020**

<p>HOMES SOLD 2</p> <p>AVERAGE SOLD PRICE \$136</p> <p>AVERAGE SOLD PRICE PER SQ. FT. 146</p> <p>HOMES PENDING 5</p> <p>ACTIVE HOMES 9</p> <p>MONTHS OF INVENTORY 3.5 MONTHS</p> <p>ACTIVE RENTAL HOMES 5</p> <p>NUMBER OF LEASED HOMES 7</p> <p>AVERAGE LEASE PRICE \$1821</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>This past month was a great month in real estate for Briar Village. Two homes were sold, five are now pending and seven homes were leased! It looks like people are really taking advantage of the crazy low interest rates and the spring moving season.</p> <p>February's numbers for Houston real estate were very positive. The average home sale price for the month of February reached an all-time record high at just under \$302,000. Single-family home sales are up 13% year over year and inventory dropped slightly to 3.5 months of inventory (seller's market). It will be interesting to see how our current challenges effect real estate in the coming months. Stay healthy!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Paul Holub, Briar Village Resident</i></p>
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Support Local Businesses, Eat Like a King

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has not only had an effect on our health but has greatly impacted our economy. Restaurants surrounding our neighborhood already seem to have a tough time keeping the doors open, they especially need our support during this trying time. There is currently no evidence of food being associated with COVID-19 transmission, according to both the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); the risks are largely associated with interacting with other people. To further eliminate contact with people, remember many restaurants offer delivery through companies like Doordash or Grubhub.

One of these local business' is also working hard to support BV residents. London Cafe, which has quickly become a neighborhood favorite for many in our neighborhood is offering meals for BV residents that have lost their jobs. Use code BV when you call in your order (limit 2 orders). For those who can, consider donating to this cause when you place your order at London Cafe. This great little neighborhood spot is fighting to stay open, and this is an easy (and delicious) way to support a local business and your neighbors.

London Cafe is located right outside our neighborhood near Hwy 6 & Piping Rock at 2310 Hwy 6 #B, Houston, TX 77077. Place an order for pick up by calling (346) 774-2817. Delivery is available through Seamless, Grubhub, and Doordash. You can find the menu on their website, <http://londoncafehouston.com/>

Swim at Your Own Risk



The Houston heat will be here soon! We would like to remind all residents that our neighborhood pool is "Swim at You Own Risk." This means that there are no lifeguards on staff at the pool. BV made the decision mid season last summer after increasing difficulty finding reliable lifeguards. Making the decision to make our pool SAYOR means that we can enjoy this neighborhood amenity longer into the year, but please make sure that you and your family are following the posted pool rules. Propping the gate open or allowing other residents in who do not have an access card is prohibited. Only residents and their guests, who have current access cards are allowed to use the BV Pool. Additionally, only residents of homes current on BV Maintenance Fees are eligible for access cards. Access cards cost \$25 for each household and can be ordered from Graham Management. You can find the order form on briarvillage.com.

OUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for a committed group of people who are interested in helping with our community newsletter.

Contact us at Newsletter@briarvillage.com for more information.



Cooks Corner: Zucchini Cakes



INGREDIENTS

2 large zucchini
2 large eggs
1/2 c. bread crumbs
1/2 c. ricotta
1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Vegetable oil, for cooking

DIRECTIONS

Grate zucchini on box grater, then use a clean kitchen towel to ring out as much excess water as possible. Work in batches as necessary.

In a large bowl, combine zucchini, eggs, bread crumbs, ricotta, Parmesan, garlic powder, and red pepper flakes. Season with salt and pepper.

In a large skillet over medium heat, add enough oil to come 1/2" up the sides. Scoop about a 1/4 cup of zucchini mixture and add to skillet. Carefully flatten with a spatula and cook until golden, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Place on a paper towel-lined plate, sprinkle with salt and serve.

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a27572667/easy-zucchini-cakes-recipe/>

Homemade Playdough

Ingredients

2 c all-purpose flour
3/4 c salt
4 tsp cream of tartar
2 c lukewarm water
2 Tbps vegetable oil (coconut oil works too)
Food coloring (optional)

Instructions

Stir together the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large pot. Next add the water and oil. If you're only making one color, stir in the the color now.

Cook over medium-heat, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a ball. Remove from heat and then place inside a bowl, gallon sized bag or onto wax paper.

Allow to cool slightly and then knead until smooth. If you're adding colors after, divide the dough into balls (for how many colors you want) and then add the dough into the quart sized bags. Start with about 5 drops of color and add more to brighten it. Knead the dough, while inside the bag so it doesn't stain your hands. Once it's all mixed together, you're ready to PLAY.

Store the play dough inside the bags to keep soft. If stored properly it will keep soft for up to 3 months.

BV Bear Hunt

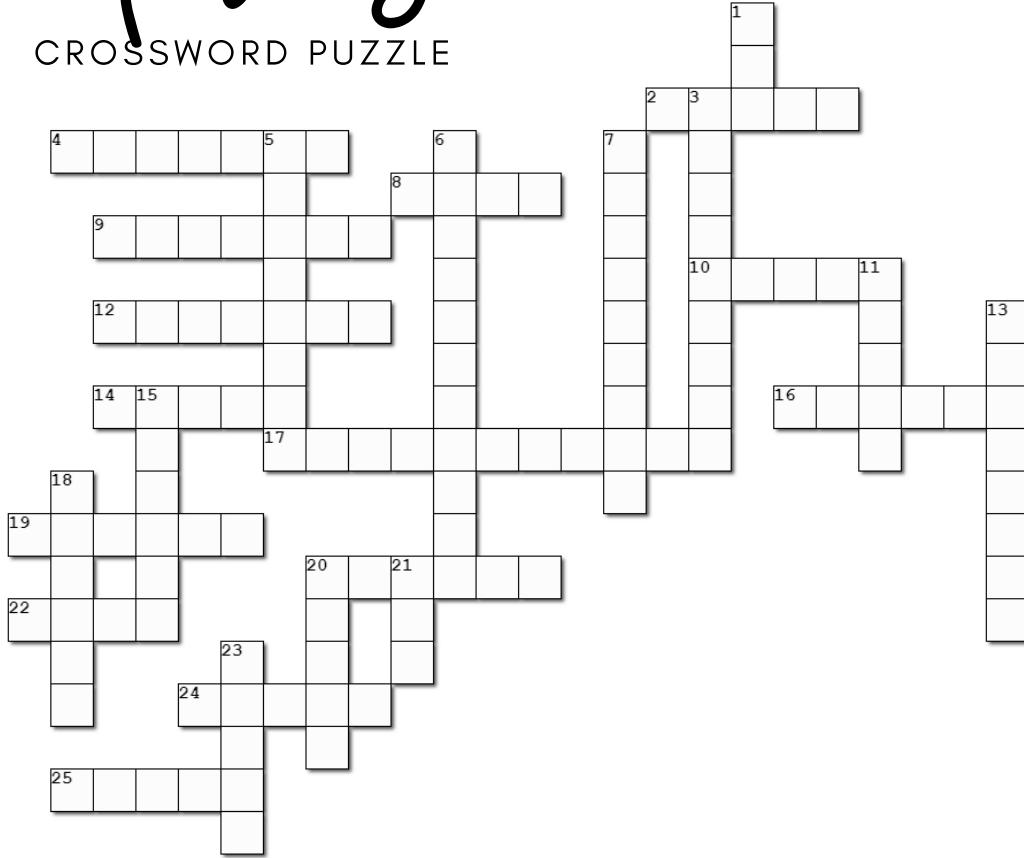
Looks like we will all be home for a while, so let's come together (while still practicing social distancing) and bring some joy to our littles! Put a Teddy Bear at your window



from April 5-11, and let the kids have some fun as they search for Bears on a Bear Hunt walk. Lots of our smaller BV residents had a blast searching for shamrocks around the neighborhood on St. Patty's Day. This is a great opportunity to get the family outside to enjoy the beautiful weather and some fresh air.

Spring

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 2. Spring _ _ _ _ _; vacation.
- 4. Small round beetles that are often red with black spots
- 8. Young sheep
- 9. What you see sometimes after rain stops
- 10. Flowers _ _ _ _ _ in Spring
- 12. April showers bring May _ _ _ _ _ .
- 14. A month in Spring
- 16. When you bring food and a blanket to a park and sit on the grass
- 17. A day for pranks
- 19. These bugs have eight legs and spin webs
- 20. _ _ _ _ _ blossom trees.
- 22. What you can fly on a windy day
- 24. What do eggs eventually do?
- 25. Birds that fly north in Spring; black, grey, and white

Down

- 1. Bumble _ _ _
- 3. Shoes you wear in the rain
- 5. You use this to keep you dry from the rain
- 6. The larva of a butterfly or moth
- 7. An animal that wakes up in Spring
- 11. The first month of spring.
- 13. Baby duck
- 15. A small pool of water
- 18. The season after Winter
- 20. Baby chicken
- 21. Easter _ _ _ .
- 23. In spring, farmers _ _ _ _ _ crops.



Message Board Guidelines

The Message Board is a great place to share information and read about what's happening close to home. Since there are so many different types of people in our membership and since we can have a lot of posts on any given day, please keep the following in mind to help keep messages organized and friendly:

Good Things

Threads - When responding to a posted message, be sure to post it in the thread where you read it as opposed to starting a new thread.

Be nice - Everyone has an opinion, respect theirs and they will respect yours.

Share your knowledge - If someone is asking a question about something you know, please chime in!

Bad Things

No advertising - This is a private community board, please don't post to promote your own business or specials, unless you are responding to a posted question or request.

Personal attacks - Please don't get into flaming matches publicly! Send them an email or private message.

Excessive Font sizes - Please try to keep the message board looking good. Excessively large fonts or pictures not allowed.

The Main message board is monitored more than the other Categories and is restricted more.

The Board has the right to monitor and hide/remove any message that it feels is not appropriate for the message board. Membership has the right to appeal to the Board at any board meeting.

The Board has the right to suspend any member from use of the site for up to 60 days for any violation of its rules or policies (See the B.P.C.I.A. By-Laws Article VII, Section 1 (b)). Membership has the right to appeal to the Board at any board meeting.



Hello Briar Village!! Property owners and renters are all welcome to fill out this survey!!!! We want to make our great neighborhood even better!!

Name _____ Address _____

Meanwhile, please rank these issues one through five in the order of their importance to you and return or mail to Graham Management at 2825 Wilcrest Drive Ste. 600 Houston, TX 77042 Attention: Carmen, bring to HOA meeting, or put in mailbox at the clubhouse. You can also scan and e-mail to Graham Management - creyes@grahammanagementhouston.com We are trying to determine what you are most concerned about to improve our neighborhood. If your concern is about an individual resident or specific address, this is not the forum. Those concerns should be addressed through Graham Management.

- _____ Crime
- _____ Cracked streets/sidewalks
- _____ Designation of rankings for schools our children attend (such as Recognized, Exemplary etc.
- _____ Super neighborhood involvement
- _____ Acoustics in clubhouse

Please indicate one or two other issues of concern to you.

1. _____

2. _____



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