



# Briar Village Newsletter

Houston, Texas January & February 2018

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Community Association (BPCIA) Meets Regularly on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Everyone Welcome !

## Christmas Decorations 2017

Congratulations to the Winner! And thanks to all our participating neighbors.



**Winner**  
**Overall**  
**Most Outstanding**  
**Lights and Design**  
**2106 Briarview**

### Runners-Up

2011 Briarcrest ❄️ 2003 Briargreen ❄️ 2010 Briarturn ❄️ 13923 Ella Lee

### Honorable Mention

Briar Place: 14003	Briarport: 2210
Briarcrest: 2106	Briarstem: 2003, 2102, 2107, 2110
Briargreen: 2020, 2024, 2103	Briarturn: 1902
Briarlee: 2011, 2303, 2310, 2314	Briarview: 2110, 2114, 2303
Briarworth: 13918, 14006, 14014	
Burgoyne: 13722, 13730, 13802, 13803, 13807, 13811, 13823, 14214, 14310, 14314, 14319, 14403	
Chevy Chase: 14219, 14222, 14226, 14230, 14303, 14310, 14314	
Ella Lee: 13706, 13718, 13719, 13730, 13806, 13810, 13815, 13819, 13826, 13910, 13922, 13930, 13935, 14002, 14010, 14011, 14103, 14106, 14207, 14211	
Joel Wheaton: 2322, 2334	
Locke Lane: 13707, 13710, 13803, 13806, 13807, 13915, 13919, 13926, 13930, 13931, 14011, 14014, 14018, 14110, 14114, 14119, 14210, 14406	
Overbrook: 13715, 13811, 13815, 13827, 14019, 14022, 14102, 14111, 14114, 14307	
Piping Rock: 13702, 13727, 13731, 13735, 13743, 13811, 13815, 13827, 13911, 13931	
Wickersham: 13706, 13814, 13819, 13826, 13911, 14102, 14103, 14107, 14118, 14311	

**Briar Village was beautiful for the holidays. Our apologies if we missed anyone.  
 Thanks to all who got in the spirit – you are wonderful!**

**See Pages 2 & 6 for information on 2018 BPCIA Board of Directors**

## “How to” for Briar Village



The Information Box to the right on this page is a valuable resource 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.

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## 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.

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## 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, or call GMI, phone at right. Remember: YOU own the clubhouse, treat it the way you'd treat your own home.

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## 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*

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## 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 ~ February 2018

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Month

BPCIA Position, Name, Term Years, Primary Area, Backup Area(s), Contact Info			
Pres. Diane McConnon Clubhouse (Contact GMI to Rent Clubhouse) dee.briarv@gmail.com	2017-18	V.P. Stephen Coad Common Areas, Pool, Tennis stephencoad@yahoo.com	2018-19
Sec. Alvin Olson Security alvin@briarview.com	2018-19	Treas. Gale Antoinette Newsletter, DRV bvhoagale@gmail.com	2017-18
Director Lourdes Codina Activities thecodinas@hotmail.com	2018-19	Director Nara Jeffus Webmaster, Activities narabvhoa@gmail.com	2017-18
Director Eric Newman DRV, Pool, Tennis eric_newman@icloud.com	2018-19	Graham Management Inc. (GMI) (BV Mgmt Co.) 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 United Ranger LLC – Dispatch 832-356-3224

Call 911 for Emergencies 24/7 HPD  
HPD Non-Emergency - 713-884-3131

Vacation Watch – see Security tab BV Website or Contact United Ranger

## 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

Limit weight to 45# per bag or can 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

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

Holidays are: New Years, Good Fri, Thanksgiving, Xmas

Newsletter Team (NLT) Gale Antoinette - Absent Author's Name = NLT

## Briar Village Newsletter

Published Monthly Feb-Dec and sent via U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 newsletter@briarvillage.com. Articles Monthly Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

## BV Newsletter Monthly Advertising Rates – Everyone Welcome

2 Lines/Residents Only \$5; Bus. Card & 1/4 page \$30; 1/3 page \$35; 1/2 page \$60;

Full page \$100. Make checks payable to: BPCIA. Submit payment to:

Briar Village Newsletter, 14103 Wickersham Ln, Houston, TX 77077

Submit artwork/copy to: newsletter@briarvillage.com Ads Monthly Deadline: the 15<sup>th</sup>

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

Website/Message Board free to all residents

## Common Areas Access Cards 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 & in previous Newsletters**

## BV Clubhouse Rental \$50-100 per Day/Event + Security Deposit – Contact GMI

**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.**



### Briar Village Real Estate Update

December 16, 2017 - January 15, 2018



0 Homes Sold  
 Avg Active Home List Price: \$267,000  
 Avg Price per Square Foot: \$128  
 Avg Days on Market (Active): 162  
 Homes Pending: 3  
 Active Homes: 10  
 Houston Months of Inventory: 3.2 = "Seller's Market"  
 5 Active Rental Homes  
 Number of Leased Homes: 0  
 Avg Lease Price: \$1,883

With the start of 2018, Briar Village has 10 active listings for sale and 3 homes pending. The average list price of the active homes is \$267,000 at \$128/sf and an average of 163 days on market.

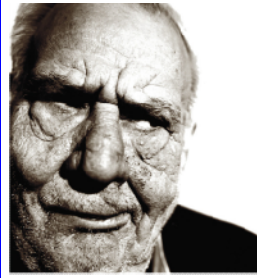
Experts are predicting 2018 to continue to be a positive year for real estate in Houston with an expected 2.4% increase in the number of jobs for Texans, continued increase of energy prices, increase in population and a post Hurricane Harvey rebound. Houston is currently in a seller's market at 3.2 months of inventory, but the inventory levels should rise as flooded homes begin to hit the market in the coming months as many remodeling projects finish.

#### Tip of the Month

Make your glass shower door look shiny and new by scrubbing it down with Barkeeper's Friend.

Sources: Houston Assoc. of Realtors, BuzzFeed.com  
*Paul Holub, BV Resident*

### Point of View



When property values go up...  
 Younger folks think it's wonderful!  
 Older folks on a fixed income mostly think "oh great, my taxes will go up."



### Why didn't they pick up my trash?

Was it a big pile of tree trimmings? The guys on the trucks move fast and ask us to have the trash ready for them to grab and go. If you leave a loose pile of debris that takes more handling, they may pass you by.

Remember the trash rules: tree and plant trimmings should be no longer than 4 feet and they must be tied with string, twine, rope or wire into manageable bundles -- easy to grab and go!

**Also remember that Friday is heavy-trash pick-up day, not Tuesday.**

*Cindy Lewis, BV Resident*



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**Briar Village  
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 &  
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 is Easy**

**Garbage Days  
 are  
 Tuesday & Friday**

**Recycle Day  
 is Thursday**

**If a holiday falls  
 on Tues, Thurs or  
 Fri, pick up is  
 skipped and NOT  
 rescheduled**

**Holidays are:  
 New Years,  
 Good Fri,  
 Thanksgiving,  
 Christmas**

**This info and  
 more is on page 2  
 of every  
 Newsletter.**

### Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) Houston Police Department

The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) started as a pilot program in January 2011. It was made a permanent program in the department after a very successful six-month pilot. Sgt. Stephen Wick, the team's current supervisor, and Senior Police Officer Jaime Giraldo developed and implemented the program.



To contact the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) e-mail:  
**HPD.HOT@Houstonpolice.org**

**Everyone on the Team sees these emails, so this is the quickest way to get a response.**

HOT is comprised of one sergeant, four police officers, and three mental health professionals from The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. The team helps the homeless with the following: housing, Soc. Sec. Cards, passports, birth certificates, shelter referrals, medical equipment, employment, bus fare, medical care, mental health treatment.

The team works with several organizations, such as: SEARCH Homeless Services, Salvation Army, Healthcare for the Homeless, US Vets, Lord of the Streets, DeGeorge Veterans Housing, Palmer Way Station, Main Street Ministries, Star of Hope, Goodwill, Bread of Life.

**The Goal of HOT is to obtain housing for the chronic homeless. [www.houstoncit.org](http://www.houstoncit.org)**

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### Street People, Homeless, Panhandlers, etc.



If a business has a "No Trespassing" sign posted the police can legally advise loiterers to move on. If you see anyone, street people, homeless, panhandlers, loitering near local establishments, check for the sign, then call

HPD's non emergency no. 713-884-3131 and report it. It may take reporting more than once for a change to happen, but don't give up. You may also contact HOT for assistance, see detail above.

**The Citizen Patrol Needs You!**  
Contact Karen Avery at  
[jxb1339@att.net](mailto:jxb1339@att.net)  
for more information.



### New Briar Village Website

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

The new website, including the Message Board, is up and running and transition to it has begun. If you do not personally receive information on how to sign up for it, contact Graham Management, Carmen Reyes. Also, contact the Webmaster with your input and questions, which are always welcome. See page 2 for contact details.

Membership in the old website does not transfer to the new website, you have to register again. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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No no no no no no no  
No no no no no no no

**Stop It!**

**Raggedy old signs hanging on posts all over our neighborhood look trashy.**

**BUT Lost Pet signs made by heart sick pet owners are disappearing the SAME DAY they are put up!**


New Lost Pet signs have been disappearing for about 2 years and it has to stop now. This has never been the spirit of Briar Village; we have always tried to help each other. Finding lost pets and kids is something we do well.

**Losing a pet is akin to losing a family member.**

Lost Pet signs need to stay up for about 2 weeks, so put a date on your signs, then our self-appointed sign Gestapo will have a dateline for removal - - and you, you well-intentioned, busy body sign destroyer - - it is time to back off. Stop interfering in your neighbors' attempts to find their beloved pet.

*Note to all: Let's all pitch in to stop this unwanted assistance. Put the date posted on all signs, and remove your own signs after your garage sale, etc. It would be nice if you'd remove leftover tape, nails, wire etc. from posts too!*

NO ONE DOES THIS.



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### Who cleans Briar Village streets?

For any newcomers to Briar Village (and to remind the rest of us) **we are each responsible for keeping the street in front of our home clean and safe.** That could mean cleaning up any spilled trash or raking up old leaves before they start to rot in the gutter or removing broken pieces of concrete (or rebar) that have made their way into the roadway.

Too many leaves left in the street can be washed onto drains and cause flooding during storms. Plus, over time they become slippery as they rot and can cause someone to lose their footing and fall. (It happened to this writer.) Loose concrete pieces in the street are especially dangerous for walkers and cars.

Exposed rebar (or anything else) that protrudes into the street could possibly harm people, kids on bikes, or cars as they pass by.

Please, take a moment and look at the street in front of your home and help to make it clean and safe for us all. No one else is going to do it.

*Thank You So Much!  
Cindy Lewis, BV Resident*

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### **A Blast from the Past ~ 2012 !**

### **New Parking Lot at Tennis Courts**

On December 22, 2012 new concrete was poured for the parking lot at the neighborhood Tennis Courts. The weather was perfect for pouring concrete, and for having it cure properly, so our new parking lot got a great start. Photo below shows the workmen doing the finishing touches. Big thanks to Steve Coad for his vigilant hours of "wet-concrete guard duty," there are NO names, footprints or handprints etched in our new concrete!



*If a friendship lasts longer than 7 years, you are no longer just friends, you are family. Quotesgate.com*

### **Yard of the Month – February 2018 Congratulations to the Baxter Family Of 2007 Briarturn**



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

The Yard of the Month over the course of the past year transitioned into a "Curb Appeal" theme and has highlighted the creative assortment of exteriors that many of our residents have. This month the selected home is showcasing a simpler appearance, but one that shows pride and care on the part of the homeowners, Charles and Debbie Baxter; Charles even wondered if their yard was "pretty" enough to win.

The concept of curb appeal can embrace "pretty", but it should go beyond that. It reflects landscaping that is well cared for and was placed where it will compliment the façade of the home. It also embraces a yard that is maintained. Not all of us elect to have a yard, but The Baxters demonstrate how a gorgeous, healthy, luxurious lawn ties the rest of your landscape together. Even after the multiple freezes, their outdoor setting is very inviting, and beckons you to take off your shoes and run through the grass.

### **Honorable Mention ~ 13919 Ella Lee**

**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.**



Each month (Feb thru Nov) a home is selected for this honor based on the merits of good maintenance, design, seasonal color and an overall appearance that supports the standards set for our community by our Deed Restrictions. In December, YOTM selections are based on Holiday Decorations.

**The temperature in Houston dropped to 5°F on January 18, 1930.**

**The coldest temperature ever recorded at George Bush Intercontinental Airport was 7°F on December 23, 1989.**



## Ever hear a disappointed Texan say "I got the black bean"?

*Here's the background story, it is uniquely Texan!*

During the days of the Republic of Texas, one of the last raiding expeditions from Texas into Mexico was on December 23, 1842. 261 Texans crossed the Rio Grande river, attacking Mexican forces at the town of Mier. The Texans were outnumbered almost ten to one. Mexican losses were 600 killed and 200 wounded, against thirty Texans killed and wounded; but after such a fight the Texans were hungry and thirsty due to low supplies, their gun powder was almost exhausted, and their discipline had begun to crack. A Mexican Officer suggested sending a white flag to the Texans and demanding their surrender; the ruse was successful. All the Texans surrendered.



The able-bodied Texan prisoners were marched through river towns to Matamoros, where they were held until ordered to Mexico City. En route to the capital they planned their escape frequently. Finally, at Salado, on February 11, 1843, a successful break was carried out. The Texans fled north through the mountains, but became separated and lost and suffered for lack of water, and finally 176 of the men were recaptured within about a week.

Santa Anna (*whom we whipped at the battle of San Jacinto in 1836*) decreed that all who participated in the break out were to be executed, but his more sensible underlings got the order modified to an order to kill every tenth man. The 17 victims were chosen by each blindfolded Texan drawing a bean from an earthen jar containing 176 beans, seventeen black beans being the tokens signifying death.



Commissioned officers were ordered to draw first; then the enlisted men were called as their names appeared on the muster rolls. William A. A. (Bigfoot) Wallace, standing close to the scene of the drawing, decided that the black beans were the larger and fingered the tokens successfully to draw a white bean. Observers of the drawing later described the dignity, the firmness, the light temper, and general courage of the men who drew the black beans of death. They were again blindfolded and then shot.



Captain William Kinchen Davis, came to Texas at age 8 in February 1830 and was one of the founding settlers/leading citizens of the town of Richmond in Ft. Bend County, Texas. He was also one of the Texans who escaped from Salado - he drew a white bean. He was only 22 when he escaped from Salado in 1843, and wasn't released by Santa Anna until September of 1844, when he was given one dollar and told to find his own way home over 1000+ miles from Mexico City to Texas. He died in 1891 and is buried at Richmond, Texas, with other early Texas notables. (*Morton Cemetery, 401 N. 2nd Street, 16.5 miles from Briar Village.*)

[tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles](http://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles)

***If you live In Briar Village  
A 2 Line 'BV Resident' Newsletter Ad  
Is \$5 a month!***

## BPCIA Board of Directors 2018

The Briar Park Community Improvement Association (BPCIA) held its Annual Meeting in the BV Clubhouse on February 8, 2018, the main purpose of which was election of new Board members. About 80 residents attended, and a quorum of votes was easily received at the check-in desk. Some years it is difficult to get a quorum (10% of homeowners) vote, and the meeting is put on hold while interested residents go knocking on doors to get enough votes.

There are seven members on our Board of Directors, they each serve a two year term, but the number of incoming members is staggered so that we always have experienced people on the board to assist any newcomers and keep things running smoothly. This year, four board positions were up for election, next year there will be three.

1]	Steve Coad was re-elected and will now serve as Vice President.
2]	Lourdes Codina was re-elected and will serve as Activities Director again.
3]	New to the Board are Alvin Olson, Secretary, Security and Eric Newman, Director, DRV, Pool, Tennis.

Board of Directors' duty areas are detailed in the information box on page 2. We all thank these dedicated residents for serving as volunteers and keeping Briar Village functioning, and a special welcome to Eric Newman and Alvin Olson. Good luck to you all this year.

Thanks to former board members Ray Ledbetter and Dave Snook, whose time, efforts, talent and dedication are very much appreciated by the neighborhood!



### 2018 Maintenance Fees

**Make Check for \$543.00**

**Payable to: Briar Park CIA  
(Checks only, no Cash)**

**Were due January 1, 2018**

**Late Fees after January 31, 2018**

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P.O. Box 879**

**Richmond, Texas 77406-0022**

**Pay by: Credit card (fee 2.95%)  
Debit Card (fee \$4.95), or eCheck  
at [www.grahammanagementhouston.com](http://www.grahammanagementhouston.com)  
Questions?**

**Or if you need payment arrangements  
Call Carmen Reyes, GMI Community Mgr.  
713-334-8000**

Graham Management Inc. (GMI) is the management company with which BV contracts for a variety of tasks, including issuing Deed Restriction Violation Letters and collecting Maintenance Fees.

Yes, English can be weird.  
It can be understood through tough  
thorough thought, though.  
iFunny





### Winter - the perfect time for TLC for roses and hibiscus

Roses and hibiscus do very well in our area and are landscape jewels. Here are a few caring basics.

Roses require sunlight in order to bloom adequately. Choose a location that receives at least 6 hours of direct sunlight each day and ample space to allow plenty of air to circulate. Any sun loving plants make great companions for roses. They can complement the blossom color and shape as well as extend the bloom season. Roses thrive in well-drained soil that is high in organic matter; you'll need to add organic matter to our soil for best results.



You'll need to dig your hole 12" deep and twice as wide as the root ball. The plant's crown (where the roots meet the woody cane or trunk) should be at ground level for our mild climate. Fill the hole with water, amended soil, and water thoroughly again. Cover the area around the rose with mulch to help with water retention and weed control.

Most roses require about one inch of rain weekly during their growing season. When it's necessary to water your roses, it is best to do so in the morning to give the sun a chance to dry out any moisture on the foliage. Water at the base of the plant and not overhead; that will help prevent disease.

Winter is the traditional time for pruning roses. Cut canes back 12" to 16", and cut about 1/2" above a leaf node (where a leaf is growing). Remove all dead canes for a healthier plant. Fertilize around Valentine's Day; spread the appropriate fertilizer around the perimeter of the plant.

Hibiscuses should be planted following the instructions in past articles: full sun requirements, watering adequately, and mulching. Hibiscuses also require fertilization; products labeled for hibiscus are readily available and should be applied according to the label.



Hibiscuses do not need to be pruned; however, they bloom on new growth. Pruning causes new branches, and new branches mean blooms. When pruning make each cut just above leaf node. This causes new growth to be directed up and away from the interior of the plant. Pruning can begin about mid-February in our area. Once again we have had a freeze which killed the upper branches of the hibiscus. If you prune them back to the ground, new growth will appear once the shrub begins a growth cycle.

Hibiscuses get yellow leaves as a part of their life cycle. They are not a concern.

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*Look after the pennies,  
and the dollars will look after themselves*

**➤ BV SECURITY - UNITED RANGER ◀**  
**832-356-3224**

### Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

All visible improvements 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 Deed Restriction Violation 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 us or GMI - our management company - to discuss it.

*Gale Antoinette & Eric Newman, DRV Directors BPCIA*

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### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (except Nov & Dec), and start at 7 p.m. Attire is casual, everyone welcome.



**Next Meeting: February 22, 2018**

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### Transient Encampment

Since about mid-December 2017, a gypsy-like caravan, including a derelict school bus, miscellaneous other vehicles, several people and animals, and mounds of trash have made their campsite-home near BV, sometimes south of Westheimer, and frequently in the parking lot adjoining Conn's, Jack In the Box and Taco Bell. It is hard to miss - follow the trash piles!



Concerned residents have contacted Houston Police, but the police can only take firm action if contacted by the property owner or tenant. If you would like to join other stalwart BV residents in addressing these squatters living within 1/2 mile - or 1/2 block - of your home, follows is the nearby parking lot property's owner, tenant and City of Houston contact information as given by various residents posting on the BV Website's Message Board.

<b>Owner</b> (from HCAD.org website)	Cole as Houston TX LLC c/o Academy Corp. 16767 N. Perimeter Dr, Ste 210 Scottsdale, AZ 85260-1062
<b>Tenant</b>	Conn's Home Plus 14500 Westheimer Rd 281-497-2258
<b>Home Office Website</b> <b>Conn's CEO email address</b>	<a href="http://www.conns.com/contacts/index/">www.conns.com/contacts/index/</a> <a href="mailto:norm.miller@conns.com">norm.miller@conns.com</a>
<b>City email to report illegal dumping</b>	City of Houston at <a href="mailto:311@houstontx.gov.com">311@houstontx.gov.com</a>

For more on help with homeless, see page 4.



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

*See this Newsletter  
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 Join today, it's free!*

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**January & February 2018 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 February  
 ~ At a Glance ~**

Feb 19	Presidents Day
Feb 22	Community Association Meeting
Mar 11	Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 12-16	HIISD Spring Break
Mar 22	Community Association Meeting
Mar 30	HIISD Spring Holiday
Apr 1	Easter

*Brrrr on winter! Come on spring!*

**Swim Team Starts in May  
 Registration will be  
 in Mar/Apr  
 Sign Up at the Annual  
 BV Easter Egg Hunt**



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