



Briar Village Newsletter

Houston, Texas March 2018

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

New Briar Village Website

<https://briarvillage.nabnetwork.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 the Webmaster at briarvillagewebsite@gmail.com for a temporary password. Feel welcome to contact the Webmaster with your input and any questions.

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

Final roll over to the new website will be on March 30, 2018. After that date the old website will no longer allow any new activity. However, it will display a link to take you to the new website where you may find further instructions to obtain access, and/or you can then log on.

Spring Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales

April 21, 2018 (Rain date April 28th)

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. The BV Website's Message Board will be asking for addresses for those who want to be on the Garage Sale Map for that day. Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales are held in the Spring and Fall each year.

Coming Soon! BV I.D. Stickers for your vehicle



This newly designed sticker is for the back of your vehicle; put it either on the back bumper or the back window, to identify you as a Briar Village Resident. Stickers are optional, they are NOT required.

How to get your sticker?

Stickers will be available at BPCIA Monthly Meetings, the March 24th Easter Egg Hunt, and the May 5th Spring Fling. If you are not able to attend those events, you may contact a Board Member to arrange obtaining your sticker, or get one from one of our volunteers doing Citizens on Patrol.

Briar Village 2018 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24th ~ 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!
Grandparents Welcome too!**

The Annual BV Easter Egg Hunt starts at 9:15 a.m. sharp on Saturday, March 24th.

Residents and their kids are encouraged to be early so they can talk to Swim Team representatives about signing up for the 2018 season. As usual, the little ones will hunt eggs first. The Easter Bunny will 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.

**It's
The Great
Easter Egg
Hunt!**

There are many volunteering opportunities: help fill eggs prior to the 24th; setup the clubhouse the night before; spread eggs the morning of; oversee three egg hunts; clean up after the event. Contact Lourdes Codina 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!

Lourdes Codina, Activities Director BPCIA

**Also at the Easter Egg Hunt – Sign up for Swim Team
Swim Team Practice begins in May !**

Join the BV Swim Team - The Briar Flyers

"Swim Team" has been an important activity for BV children (and parent volunteers) for over 3 decades - friends are made and so are lifelong memories. BV Children ages 4 thru 18 are invited to participate, no prior experience required. For more information or to register for the 2018 season see us at the Easter Egg Hunt. Other registration events will be held



(look for the signs) and watch the BV Website and this Newsletter for more Swim Team news. Practices begin in May and several swim meets are held in June. Feel welcome to contact us at briarflyers@gmail.com.

Go Flyers!

“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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Board Members, Newsletter Team, Activities Team are Volunteers.

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

Advertisement

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

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Briar Village ~ March 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 4th Thursday of Month

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

Pres. Diane McConnon Clubhouse (Contact GMI to Rent Clubhouse) 281-794-6482 dee.briarv@gmail.com	2017-18	V.P. Stephen Coad Common Areas, Pool, Tennis 281-935-5440 stephencoad@yahoo.com	2018-19
Sec. Alvin Olson Security 832-274-7831 alvin@briarview.com	2018-19	Treas. Gale Antoinette Newsletter, DRV 281-543-0840 bvhoagale@gmail.com	2017-18
Director Lourdes Codina Activities 281-723-0068 thecodinas@hotmail.com	2018-19	Director Nara Jeffus Webmaster, Activities 832-755-8337 narabhvoa@gmail.com	2017-18
Director Eric Newman DRV, Pool, Tennis 713-817-2168 eric_newman@icloud.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 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. 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 newsletter@briarvillage.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, 14103 Wickersham Ln, Houston, TX 77077

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

<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

January 16 - February 15, 2018

1 Home Sold
Homes Pending: 5
Active Homes: 10
Houston Months of Inventory: 3.3 =
"Seller's Market"
5 Active Rental Homes
Number of Leased Homes: 0



Only one home sold in the past month in Briar Village, but more are on the way! There are currently 5 homes pending and 10 active listings. This time last year Briar Village had 4 pending and 16 active homes, so there is a decent drop in inventory from last year.

Currently, the average days on market are around 128 for active homes, which is just slightly up from 116 this time last year. Look for more homes to spring up and some strong buyer activity in the next couple of months.

Tip of the Month

Hire a professional photographer to show off your home when selling it; It makes all the difference to attracting great buyers.

Source: Houston Association of Realtors

Paul Holub, BV Resident

Volunteer!

Help with BV activities is always welcome! Who will do it, if you don't? ...Start by helping with the March 24th Easter Egg Hunt! See page 1.

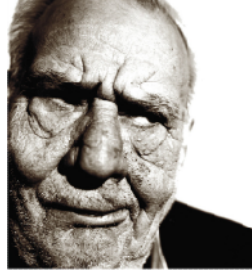
Here's a thought...

If you've been thinking you need a little exercise, or maybe you need to get out more, how about spending a few minutes now and then picking up the inevitable litter that graces our entry streets? You don't need any special permission to do this, and it doesn't have to be an organized effort. Just grab some gloves and get after it. It is surprisingly rewarding, and you may get a few thumbs up from passing residents. Oh, and the exercise has to be good for you!



If you are really into this idea - - you might want to tackle the alleyway that runs behind the 99 Cent Store and Conn's - that area is a mess. Unfortunately the businesses aren't very proactive without our prodding, and the unsightly accumulation of litter just invites more of the same.

Point of View



Lots of seasonal flowers at entry ways and in common areas...

Some folks think they are wonderful and increase sale-ability of homes!

Other folks think they don't do a thing for sale-ability, but they do attract attention of the wrong kind AND unnecessarily raise the cost of landscaping and watering!

Don't forget...

**Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
February 27 - March 18
NRG Park**



Review the Rules - Tennis Courts

Parents: please review #3 with your school age athletes!
...Sometimes, somebody plays baseball on the courts.



New Benches at Tennis Courts

The Garden Club of the earlier 2000s has graciously seen to it that their legacy will live on. With the last of their profits from Neighborhood Plant Sales, they purchased and donated the benches in front of the tennis courts! Well done, and thanks to all of you for the lovely gift.



March & April ~ Big Months in Texas History

The Texas Revolution

March 2, 1836 ~ Texas Declares Independence!

The Texas Declaration of Independence was framed and issued by the 1836 at Brazos. As soon was organized a committee to draw independence.



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president of the appointed George C. Childress, James Gaines, Edward Conrad, Collin McKinney, and Bailey Hardeman to the committee. Childress was named chairman, and it is generally conceded that he wrote the instrument with little help from the other members. In fact there is some evidence that he brought to the convention a proposed declaration that was adopted with little change by the committee and the convention, a view which is substantiated by the fact that the committee was appointed on March 1 and the declaration was presented to the convention on March 2.

According to the declaration, the Mexican government had invaded Texas to lay waste to the territory and had a large mercenary army advancing to carry on a war of extermination. The final grievance listed in justification of revolution charged that the Mexican government had been "the contemptible sport and victim of successive military revolutions and hath continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt, and tyrannical government."

After the signing of the original declaration by fifty-nine delegates, five copies of the document were dispatched to the designated Texas towns of Bexar, Goliad, Nacogdoches, Brazoria, and San Felipe. The printer at San Felipe was also instructed to make 1,000 copies in handbill form. The original was deposited with the United States Department of State in Washington, D.C., and was not returned to Texas until sometime after June 1896. In 1929 the original document was transferred from the office of the secretary of state to the Board of Control to be displayed in a niche at the Capitol, where it was unveiled on March 2, 1930.

<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/TT/mjtce.html>



Sam Houston (1793-1863) Leader of Texas who fought in the War of 1812 and led the charge to free Texas from Mexico; well known for his command at the San Jacinto battle. He was the governor of Texas once it became a state until the Civil War; he was deposed when he refused to swear allegiance to the Confederate States of America.



Plan a day's outing to hilly Huntsville, Texas, about 83 miles north of Briar Village. The Sam Houston Memorial Museum is a scenic 15 acre complex located on General Houston's homestead. It is a combination of historic buildings, beautiful grounds, ducks to feed, and traditional gallery-style buildings. Wear comfortable shoes, plan to walk, and bring your camera. General Sam is buried in historic Oakwood Cemetery, a few blocks away from the Museum complex.

The Texas Revolution, or Texas War of Independence, was fought from October 2, 1835 to April 21, 1836 between Mexico and the Tejas portion of the Mexican state of Coahuila y Tejas.

The war ended April 21, 1836 with the 18 minute long, decisive battle of the Texas Revolution – the Battle of San Jacinto (*about 45 miles east of Briar Village*), where General Sam Houston, leading the Texian Army, engaged and defeated a portion of the Mexican Army led by General Antonio López de Santa Anna – who, lulled into overconfidence by his initial easy victories, was taken by surprise; shortly after the battle, he was captured in disguise, and fearing execution, willingly signed an order calling for all Mexican troops to withdraw. This Texian victory resulted in Mexican surrender and retreat to the south of the Rio Grande.

The conclusion of the war resulted in the creation of the Republic of Texas. The Republic was never recognized by the government of Mexico, and during its brief existence it teetered between collapse and invasion from Mexico. Texas was annexed by the United States of America in 1845, and it was not until the Mexican-American War ending in 1848 that the "Texan Question" was resolved.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Revolution



Flags of Texas

Six different national flags have flown over Texas representing the countries which have ruled it (France, Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America). Texans proudly wave all six official flags for public displays and expositions.



The 6 flags that have flown over Texas

**Spain
France
Mexico
Republic of Texas
Confederate States
United States**

In 1993, the Texas statutes concerning the flag were revisited and the official description of the state flag was revised.

The state flag consists of a rectangle with a width to length ratio of two to three containing: (1) a blue vertical stripe one-third the entire length of the flag wide, and two equal horizontal stripes, the upper stripe white, the lower red, each two-thirds the entire length of the flag long; and (2) a white, regular five-pointed star in the center of the blue stripe, oriented so that one point faces upward, and of such a size that the diameter of a circle passing through the five points of the star is equal to three-fourths the width of the blue stripe.

The colors of the flag were also stipulated as being "Old Glory Red" and "Old Glory Blue", the same colors found in the flag of the United States. These colors are defined in the Standard Color Reference of America.

http://www.netstate.com/states/symb/flags/tx_flag.htm

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YOUR COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL

Yard of the Month – March 2018 Congratulations to the Deloya - Gharatappeh Family Of 2207 Briarview



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

Bright green, sparkling grass, colorful pansies circling mature pine trees - this home says Spring is Here! The Deloya - Gharatappehs have lived here for 17 years and this is their first time to be YOTM; our records indicate this is this home's first time too. Considering our recent unfriendly weather, having a lawn, shrubs and flower beds in pristine condition indicates wise selections of hearty plants and proper maintenance.

While their front yard is attractive, their favorite spot for an abundance of exciting landscaping is their back yard, but the freezes weren't kind to their many plants; they are really looking forward to getting out there and making it beautiful again. The Deloya – Gharatappehs are thrilled to be YOTM and made it a point to express their thanks for the honor, and to also thank all the volunteers – including our Board of Directors – for all they do for our community.

Honorable Mention

13906 Briar Place	14114 Briarworth
2022 Briarcrest	13802 Burgoyne
13914 Briarworth	13931 Piping Rock

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.*

*March 2008, Yard of the Month was
13711 Ella Lee Lane*



~ Texas Wildflowers ~

Bluebonnet Season is almost here! Peak blooming is in late March and early April; depending on the spring weather. Take a drive out toward Austin and see for yourself - there is nothing more beautiful than Texas in the Springtime.



BV Sights To See

There is beauty all around BV this time of year. Here are some highlights. Yellow Carolina Jasmine in bloom at 14302 Wickersham and 13811 Locke Lane. Azaleas about to burst into bloom at 2011 Briarcrest. At 2010 Briarcrest, a low, full, almost Bonzai-id, multi trunk dwarf Yaupon Holly is covered with red berries. At 14111 Briar Place is a classic Magnolia tree with full branches all the way to the ground - beautiful! A harbinger of Texas Spring – a Red Bud tree - in full bloom at 14211 Locke Lane. A Saucer Magnolia (*Magnolia x soulangiana*) showing off its blooms that come before leaves at 14307 Ella Lee.

How's Your Environmental Stewardship Score? Do You Recycle?

Our waste service, VF Waste Services Inc., has a recycling educational program for residents, educators and students. They have agreed to do a short presentation to help us increase our recycling savvy. Everyone welcome!

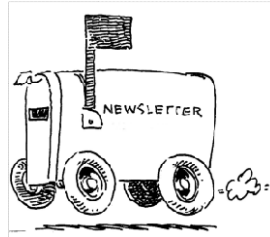


Thursday, March 15th
BV Clubhouse
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.,
Presentation starts
at 6:30 sharp

**Attire is casual and refreshments will be served.
Join us to learn more about recycling!**

BV is pushing 48 ! So is this Newsletter !

February through December, the Briar Village Newsletter is mailed 4th class to all 768 homes in Briar Village. It is the best method for communicating directly with 100% of actual residents – homeowners, as well as renters. It has historically been important enough that we budget around \$6,000 every year for printing and postage. Advertising revenue helps offset the cost. Advertising is by residents, nearby businesses, and from varied services; it's a good value to reach 768 potential customers or clients. The Newsletter is composed by resident volunteers.



Because some people read it only occasionally, while others may be reading it for the first time, a certain amount of redundancy is necessary to make sure all the news, facts and data are available to all. Apologies for what may seem repetitive to those who read it regularly. Of course there are always those who read it, but it goes in one eye and out the other! Keeping the most current Newsletter around for quick reference is always a good idea. You never know when something will happen and you will need those phone numbers! Electronic copies are on the neighborhood's website too; they are a valuable resource for details on past events or our expenditures.

By now we've pretty much figured out what needs to be in each issue and how far ahead events or activities need to be publicized. However, input from residents is always welcome. See the information box on page 2 of every Newsletter for instructions on how to contribute. If you have questions or comments, you may direct them to the Board Director over the Newsletter, who is also found on page 2.

While we have no agenda, we do have some goals, which include producing an informative neighborhood newsletter, delivered on time. A broad goal for our Newsletter is to increase cultural awareness. Each issue we try to run something that many may find interesting, that is related to activities, events, or holidays, the history or condition of Briar Village or Houston or Texas or the USA. For example, those who were educated in Texas may enjoy reminiscing while reading the pieces on Texas history, and those who arrived here after their formal schooling, will – we hope – gain some new insight into why things are the way they are.

Another history that has grown in importance over the years is the history of Briar Village. Whenever possible, we try to include photos or stories about our past in our Newsletter. The first owners moved into their new homes in the early 1970s, and it is believed a few of the original owners still live here – over 40 years in the same house! Children who were raised here – they refer to it as “The Village” – have grown up, and gone away, but some have come back to buy their first home, to start a 3rd generation in The Village! Kids who grew up here also have a BV website where they can catch up with each other from afar. Some of these kids are now pushing 50! Their only connection is having grown up in Briar Village and they cherish the memories of swim team, their friendships and childhood freedom to safely roam this neighborhood.

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...tripping down memory lane

The Briar Village of the 70s and 80s was like a small town, complete with Easter Egg Hunts and 4th of July parades – we do love that parade!! Sometimes it's not easy, but we've managed to maintain some of our special small town flavor right through until today, our Newsletter helps with that!

40+ years ago we were stuck out here all alone, and just as today, we were not attached to anything. Our detachment made and makes our neighborhood unique; but way back then we weren't surrounded by anything except open land. There was no West Oaks Mall, no Best Buy and no Bush Park - in its current form. Sometimes on weekends, horse riders from a nearby stable would saunter through – you could hear them coming by their hooves clomping on the concrete streets. You could also hear the cattle mooing while grazing on the Gassaway Ranch that used to be where the mall was built; sometimes a few cattle would escape and passersby would help herd them out of the middle of the much smaller, but still busy, intersection of Highway 6 and Westheimer. Sounds of distant trains drifted in from railroad tracks on both the Westpark Toll Road land, and what is now the widened Interstate 10 feeder road.

Back in the early days, the Briar Village Newsletter was hand delivered by neighborhood kids, they hung it on your door knob with a rubber band! There was no internet – or computers either – back then, so the Newsletter was the way to communicate with residents. We read it eagerly for news.

We weren't in the city until about 1989, so we had the Alief Volunteer Fire Department to call on in emergencies, a water district – MUD - that was a lot less expensive than city water turned out to be, and the main 911 police protection was the Harris County Sheriff - their lone officer serving our area at night might be as 'close' as Almeda Mall - really! The one absolute benefit of being annexed by the city was that we were finally able to get City of Houston Library Cards!

The old days stories are not complete without mention of our patrolling Harris County Constable “Bob” who had immense influence on our lives and this Village for years. If you had any kind of problem he was the guy! As town cop, he knew all the kids and dogs, all the cars, and all the scuttlebutt too! What a treasure he was for us, and how hard it was when he moved on. ...Never been the same, he set the bar impossibly high.

While these things may have no interest or importance to recent residents, or to those of a certain mind set, they are what made Briar Village what it is today. They are our history, hanging on to the good parts is a pretty good idea. It would be hard to find another subdivision quite like ours any place. We need to treasure and protect this specialness as our legacy to those yet to come – especially the kids.

The guy who prints our Newsletter, and he does lots of newsletters, says ours is the best he sees. He doesn't have to say anything, so the compliment is much appreciated. We've always wished there were some way to count how many actually read the Newsletter, but then, if you operate on the “no news is good news” theory, and by how many show up for Easter Egg Hunts for example, we must have a sizable readership and we thank you for your support.

The Newsletter Team

BPCIA Meeting Highlights – February 22, 2018

Briar Flyers Swim Team Schedule was presented by Sarah Snook.

Common Areas: Eric Newman discussed having the entry monuments cleaned and refurbished.

Security: burglary of a motor vehicle on Briarview January 5; two incidents on February 7th. Citizen Patrol is averaging ~ 50 Volunteer hours per month.

Activities: Spring Fling is May 5. Easter Egg Hunt is March 24 at the Clubhouse, Del Sol will provide breakfast tacos. Other sponsors are always welcome for events, contact the Activities Director or activities@briarvillage.com for information.

Deed Restriction Violation Letters sent for yard maintenance: 24 first letters, 37 second letters, 15 third letters.

Architectural Control Committee: 13 requests received, 12 approved, 1 pending.

Financial: Operating Funds \$637,230.00; Reserve Funds \$340,746.02; Accounts Receivable \$165,972.69; 2018 Maintenance Fees are 82% collected.

Since BV does not have authority to ask the City of Houston to move nearby homeless camps, Diane McConnon discussed having GMI, on behalf of BV, send letters to surrounding businesses requesting they work with us on the issue; there will be further discussion on this by the Board and GMI. Diane also discussed plaques mounted at the new benches near the tennis courts.

The Pool was in better shape than anticipated and won't cost as much to resurface. Pool restroom renovations are postponed until after Swim Season due to recent weather and delays.

Resident discussion and input included: questions and advice to Board regarding motions and voting in proper parliamentary procedures; concerns regarding power washing of entry monuments to avoid doing more damage than good, to which Eric Newman responded that oversight will ensure that safe methods will be used; suggestion to delay closing the old Briar Village Website until more people join the new site; discussion that the ACC Committee requires three members; inquiry about the missing Tennis Court Windscreen, which the Board will address in a future meeting.



A love for tradition has never weakened a nation, indeed it has strengthened nations in their hour of peril.

Sir Winston Churchill

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

Mail to: c/o Bank Lockbox

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

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.

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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

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: March 22, 2018

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



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

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



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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March 2018 Neighborhood Newsletter

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

Mar 11	Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 12-16	HIISD Spring Break
Mar 15	Recycle How tos BV Clubhouse
Mar 22	Community Association Meeting
Mar 24	Easter Egg Hunt BV Clubhouse
Mar 30	HIISD Spring Holiday
Apr 1	Easter
Apr 21	Neighborhood Garage Sales
May 5	Spring Fling

Spring is springing at last !

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

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