

BRIAR VILLAGE

A Neighborhood Newsletter



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New Businesses Are Moving In!

Seismique, an out-of-this-world art museum featuring more than 40 alien-themed rooms, will open this fall in the 40,000-square foot retail space at 2306 South Highway 6 that formerly held a Bed Bath & Beyond. Seismique is a new concept from Steve Kopelman, a principal and COO of Escape the Room, the nation's largest reality entertainment game room company. The intergalactic playground, will feature immersive experiences, gaming, projection mapping, sculptures of extraterrestrials, lighting displays, pieces created by Houston-based artists and more.

Alief ISD has begun working to transform the old Burlington Coat Factory into the new Center For Talent Development. The renovated facility will serve a variety of functions for the District with a focus on professional development and continuing education for Alief ISD teachers.

Blastacars will be opening this month in the Enchiluda's strip center across from Briar Village. Blastacars describes itself as "the ultimate karting experience. Not to be confused with regular go karts, these are hand crafted, powerful karts that drift on purpose built, indoor tracks. We offer an adrenaline pumping experience all about getting sideways." Blastacars is coming to our neighborhood all the way from New Zealand and the Houston location is their first in United States.

London Cafe recently opened at 2310 Hwy 6 #B near the piping rock intersection. This cozy family run spot serves traditional American favorites from breakfast to dinner. So far, online reviews have been stellar, most notably for their breakfast menu. From reviews left on the neighborhood message board it appears to also be a favorite spot of many residents of Briar Village. So, make sure to go out and give it a try and say hi if you see a neighbor!

 **Briar Village - February 2020**
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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	
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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.

Diane McConnon, Secretary 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.

Diane McConnon, Secretary 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)

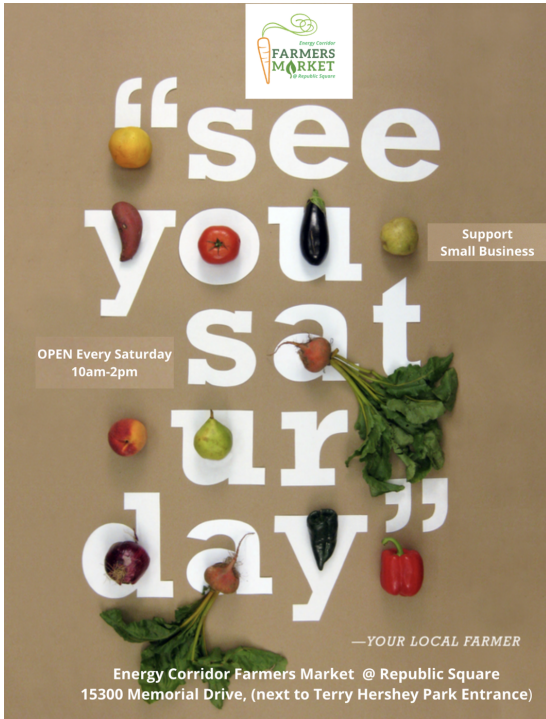
All improvements visible from the street must have ACC approval BEFORE work starts. Get the ACC Approval Form on the BV Website or from GMI.

BV Governing Docs & Forms

Under the "Resources" tab of the Nabr 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.



The Energy Corridor Farmers Market re-opened on February 28!

The Energy Corridor Farmers Market will be re-opening on February 28, 2020 and will be open every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m at its new location: Republic Square, 15300 Memorial Drive, Houston (next to Terry Hershey Park Entrance). With the backdrop of the lake and a beautiful setting the market is sure to become a favorite destination within the Energy Corridor and surrounding communities. You will see some familiar faces but also some new ones, all of them have a broad range of offerings. Fresh produce from the farm, local honey, artisanal foods, pasture raised eggs, beef, chicken and more are available at the farmer's market. The new site is paved and larger which will allow for additional vendors, food trucks and other family activities for the community to enjoy. Parking at this new location is a breeze!

A rotating group of food trucks will also be present to provide you with another option for great food. Hungry yet? Come out to support local Texas Agriculture and your neighborhood small businesses by shopping local! Bring the entire family, a picnic blanket and enjoy :)

Additionally, the Houston Mobile Library will be at the Farmers Market to provide fun learning activities for the family on March 14 & 28 as well as April 11 & 25. Meet Your Neighbor, Enjoy Your Community, Breathe Fresh Air! Additionally, the Houston Mobile Library will be at the Farmers Market to provide fun learning activities for the family on March 14 & 28 as well as April 11 & 25.



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Annual BV Easter Party Saturday, April 4th



Ages 3 and under:
10:15 am
4 – 7 years:
10:30 am
8 – 12 years:
10:45 am

The Annual BV Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:15 a.m. sharp on Saturday, April 4th. Residents and their kids are encouraged to be early so they can talk to Swim Team representatives about signing up for the 2020 season. As usual, the little ones will hunt eggs first. Parents are encouraged to help the little ones if needed. Come join your neighbors and the Easter bunny for some light refreshments and a fun filled day!

Neighborhood Garage Sale April 25th; Rain Date May 2nd

It's time for the semi-annual garage sale! Here's how it works: BPCIA does the advertising and 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 Citizen Patrol Needs You! For more information contact Karen Avery at jxb1339@att.net

Citizen Patrol is actively seeking new members. No experience is required, but a background check and attendance at a one-night training session are required.

Come Celebrate 'SPRING FLING'

**Saturday April 18th, 2020
1pm-5pm**

Briar Village Pool
13902 Piping Rock Ln, Houston, TX 77077



Large Inflatible Water Slide



Tasty Concessions



Great Family Fun

Swim Team Registration
(no expearence necessary)

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**BRIAR FLYERS
SWIM TEAM**



Swim Team Registration Starts Soon!



Attention all Briar Flyers and future Flyers!!! We are excited to announce that 2020 swim team registration opens on April

1st! Sign up at briarflyers.swimtopia.com or reach out to the reps via email at briarflyers@gmail.com. We are looking forward to a fun new season with more games, prizes and fun than ever before!

Flyer parents, if any of you are interested in getting your volunteer role out of the way now, we are looking for help with sponsorships. Please reach out via email if you are interested in helping out.

Be on the look out for Spring Fling posts in upcoming newsletters.

Cooks Corner: Ravioli with Sausage and Brussels Sprouts



INGREDIENTS

1 lb. cheese ravioli
2 tbsp. olive oil
1/2 lb. Italian turkey sausage
12 oz. Brussels sprouts
kosher salt
Pepper
1/2 c. low-sodium chicken broth
grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

DIRECTIONS

Cook the ravioli according to package directions.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and cook, breaking it up with a spoon, until browned, 6 to 7 minutes.

Add the Brussels sprouts, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper and cook, tossing, for 2 minutes.

Add the chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Serve over the ravioli and sprinkle with cheese, if desired.

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a35375/ravioli-sausage-brussels-sprouts-recipe-wdy0113/>

Houston Happenings

Selena Movie Night & Market: March 8, 2020, 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

East End Studio Gallery will be hosting an inspired art market in the Biergarten from 12-6PM with local vendors, food trucks, and DJ Mexican Blackbird spinning your favorites while you shop and drink. Chris Perez will be taking the stage for a live show. Following the market and music, Alamo Drafthouse Houston's Rolling Roadshow will be screening "Selena" on their big screen at 7:30PM. Make sure to bring your chairs and blankets to lounge on our lawn!

Karbach Brewery
2032 Karbach St | Houston, Texas 77092

AZALEA TRAIL: March 6-8 from 11 am-5 pm

The 85th Azalea Trail will herald the beginning of Spring! Tickets to the trail will be available for purchase later this Fall. The Trail features the Famous Bayou Bend Home and Gardens, Rienzi Home and Gardens, The Forum of Civics building and 4 homes and gardens.

River Oaks Garden Club
2503 Westheimer Road | Houston, TX 77098

Animals Up Close: March 27 from 6-10 p.m.

Join for our first After Dark of the season! Guests will have access to exclusive Keeper Talks featuring special animal enrichment activities and feedings. Enjoy a live dueling piano show by Fun Pianos!, participate in an enrichment activity of your own by creating "brain wave" art, get a photo in our roaming photo booth, play lawn games, and more.

Houston Zoo
6200 Hermann Park Dr | Houston, TX 77030

The Rink: Rolling at Discovery Green: March 6 - April 12

First 50 skaters skate for FREE! Free skate rentals ALL night. Enjoy the French Cultures Festival with music from French-speaking countries while skating outdoors.

Discovery Green
1500 McKinney | Houston, TX 77010

The Origin of St Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic

feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours.



History Channel, History of St. Patrick's Day (Feb. 26, 2020)

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.



Congratulations to Miriam Cohen-Munoz!

On February 20, 2020, the Board of the Briar Park Community Improvement Association held a special meeting to appoint a seventh member to the Board to fill a vacant position. The position was left open by a Board member who resigned and was not able to be filled by a homeowner vote during the annual meeting.

After discussion, the Board agreed that Miriam Cohen-Munoz would be appointed as the seventh member to the Board. Miriam will be assisting in the position of webmaster, clubhouse, and DRV.

Miriam is an active member of the BV community and brings a wealth of experience to this position. She has a diverse skill set through her success as a small business owner and advertising, marketing corporate veteran.

Congratulations and good luck in your new position!



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. _____

Briar Village Real Estate Update January 16, 2020 - February 15, 2020

Homes Sold	2
Average Sold Price	\$223,000
Average Sold Price per square foot	\$97
Average Days on Market (sold)	435
Homes Pending	3
Active Homes	8
Months of Inventory	3.5 Months
Active Rental Homes	8
Number of Leased Homes	1
Average Lease Price	\$1700



Two homes were sold last month and there are currently eight homes for sale. The average days on market of the two homes sold was dramatically increased due one listing sitting on the market for over 2.5 years. Thankfully, that is not how long most homes in Briar Village take to sell. The Greater Houston Area Market is seeing low home inventory and tons of buyer activity. Historically low interest rates have been helping to increase buyer demand. If you have considered refinancing your home mortgage, now would be a great time to get a quote. Cheers!



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

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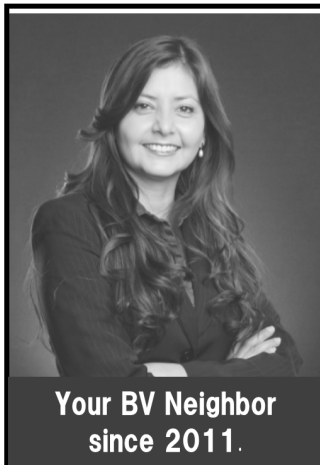
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- March 8 Day Light Savings Begins
- March 16-20 HISD Spring Break
- March 19 First Day of Spring
- March 26 Community Association Meeting
- March 30 César Chávez-Dolores Huerta Day
- April 4 Easter Party



**Your BV Neighbor
 since 2011.**

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Neighbor Recommendation: (13811 Wickersham)

"Lourdes, you have done a great job and stood up to your word - selling as quickly as you did and without my presence. You went over and above my expectations and made what I thought would be a difficult endeavor much easier than I ever thought possible. I liked your professional work, immediate responses and knowledge of the local real estate.."

Tony Six

Neighbor Recommendation: (13731 Overbrook)

"My experience with Lourdes Codina and Keller Williams is Trademark. The Level of Service was Fast, Proficient and Professional. They have certainly set the industry benchmark for outstanding customer service. I will definitely recommend to neighbors looking for a class realtor."

Sammy Almaquer

Neighbor Recommendation: (13802 Ella Lee)

As a woman in her 70's Lourdes help me tremendously. There is no way I could have found the quality of people to prepare my home for sale on my own. I can not give her enough praise; she helped guide me and calmed my anxiety through out this process."

Linda Gremillion

Neighbor Recommendation: (13735 Overbrook)

"I had my home up For-Sale-By-Owner and wasn't getting any real interest. *Lourdes Codina* called and explained her process. The next day she had a sign up, posted it on HAR, and started a social media conversation. That same day I had several offers. Talk about someone that goes above and beyond. I wish all realtors were like her. She really cares and understands the value of *Customer Service*. I would say that is a remarkable job and all because of her professionalism and *Customer Service*."

Jesse Gonzales