



Briar Village Newsletter

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

2019 Annual Maintenance Fees \$543



Payment is due January 1, 2019, after January 31, interest and fees for certified mail will be additional.

Arrangements for quarterly payments (no extra fee required) can be made prior to December 31, 2018, contact Graham Management, at 713-334-8000 or email: AR@GRAHAMMANAGEMENTHOUSTON.COM.

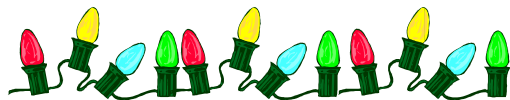
Statements with payment details have been mailed to each homeowner, if you did not receive one, contact Graham Management.

Christmas Decoration Judging Dec 23rd



Please keep your lights on from dark until about 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 23rd as the Judging Team will be driving the village deciding which homes to honor this year.

Help out by having your house number easily viewable/no cars parked in front of it!



2017 Overall Most Outstanding



Come shop, meet your neighbors, Have some cheer!

Everyone is welcome at our Holiday Gathering!

BV Clubhouse
Sunday, December 2nd - 1pm - 4pm

Combination Neighborhood Meet and Greet
&
Craft Market



Holiday Snacks, Wine - Treats for the Children

It's a family gathering, a time to give holiday greetings to your friends and meet new neighbors - and see the talent of many of our residents, who will be selling handmade items, and other goodies! Find neat things to help Santa stuff those stockings, or get your office Secret Santa items in one-stop shopping!

If you would like to participate as a vendor, contact Amy Abdallah amya3377@yahoo.com, let her know that you are a BV resident and that you would like to have a booth.

New Passcards Coming Soon

The original card readers are being replaced. Everyone who has already paid for passcard(s) to access the tennis courts and pool will be issued new passcard(s) at no additional charge. The kick-off date for distributing the new cards is currently undecided, but will begin once the bathhouse renovation is complete, and the pool's new card reader has been installed. Watch this Newsletter and the BV Website for more news. If you need to order passcards, contact GMI, see page 2, or on the BV Website go to: Resources, Forms (Downloadable), Tennis Courts and Pool Access Card Application, then complete and submit the form as directed.



**HONORING OUR VETERANS - NOVEMBER 12 IS VETERANS DAY
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THANKS GUYS!**



"How to" for Briar Village



Below paragraphs and the Information Box to the right are valuable resources for all things Briar Village. In addition to contact information for our Board of Directors and our management company, you'll

find specifics about trash and recycling, security and police contact information, curfew and amenity hours, clubhouse rental and other things that may help with life in our little village.

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

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

Problem Resolution

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

Diane McConnon, President BPCIA

Community Pool

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

Rent the BV Clubhouse Great for Parties!

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

Board Members, Newsletter Team, Activities Team are Volunteers.

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

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Briar Village ~ November



Clip and Save for Future Reference!

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

**BPCIA – Briar Park Community Improvement Assoc.
Meetings 7:00 p.m. at BV Clubhouse on 4th Thursday of Month**

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

Pres. Diane McConnon Clubhouse (to rent Clubhouse call GMI 713-334-8000) 281-794-6482 dee.briarv@gmail.com	2017-18	V.P. Stephen Coad Pool 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, Common Areas, Tennis, Clubhouse 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, new name June 2018
Ranger Patrol & Co. Inc. – Dispatch 832-356-3224**

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

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

Juvenile Curfew – Houston Code Of Ordinances

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

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

**Garbage – VF Waste Services - 713-787-9790 – Questions & Complaints
Pick-up Tues & Fri - Trash can only be put by the curb:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recycle Day is Thursday

**If Tues, Thurs or Fri are Holidays, pick-up is skipped (NOT re-scheduled)
Holidays are: New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Xmas**

Newsletter Team (NLT) 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 bvnewsletter2018@gmail.com Articles Monthly Deadline: 3rd Friday

BV Newsletter Monthly Advertising Rates – Everyone Welcome

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

Make checks payable to: BPCIA. Submit payment to:

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

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

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

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

Common Areas - Access Card for Pool & Tennis Courts \$25 - Order from GMI

Must submit completed Order Form to GMI address above, and a check or money order payable to BPCIA. **Order Form on BV Website & past Newsletters**

BV Clubhouse Rental - see paragraph at left

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



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

Books Books Books Books Books

The fall Briar Village garage sale is over and many of you made some money selling your books. Would you consider donating the books that didn't sell to the West Houston Hospital volunteers who operate the Gift Shop for their book sale?



The hospital volunteers sell these books to provide money for student medical scholarships. Long time Chevy Chase residents and hospital volunteers,

Ken and Patty Couch, collect these donated books and take them to the hospital.

Ken or Patty may be reached at 281-497-5848 to co-ordinate picking up your books. This donation will free space in your home and allow you to give to a worthy cause that benefits others.

Joanne Bailey, BV Resident

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Fall Community-wide Garage Sales Big Success!



On October 13th all the neighborhood entrances had signs advertising our semiannual Garage Sales.



We'll be doing this again in the spring. Watch this Newsletter and the BV Website for the date and plan ahead so you'll have some things set aside for your own sale.

Thanks to all who quickly removed their signs!

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

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BV 2018 Lemonade Stand Update



The Briar Village 12th Annual Lemonade Stand held on September 1 was another outstanding success! This year's total – \$601!! Just an amazing neighborhood effort.

As always the money has been donated to the Texas Children's Cancer Center family emergency fund, which helps those in need with the many expenses that come with cancer treatment. (See accompanying thank you letter from TCH.)

This BV Lemonade stand was started by the Mom's Club as a fundraiser for our family while daughter Nicole was undergoing treatments for Leukemia at TCH. She is now a junior at Westside High School for the 2018-2019 school year, a long term survivor, and doing great.

Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who lent a hand – Brenda Deschner, Diane McConnon, Sarah Castro, and Michel and Elizabeth Hinton. We could not do this without your help.

Way to go Briar Village! Watch for announcements of our next event sometime during 2019.

Thanks again so much for everyone's help!
Steve, Carolina, Ryan & Nicole Cant



Official Gift Receipt

September 14, 2018

Mr. and Mrs. Steven W. Cant
2024 Briargreen Dr
Houston, TX 77077-5333

Amount Received:	\$	601.00
Value of Goods/Services Received:	\$	0.00
Deductible Amount:	\$	601.00
Year Gift Received:		2018

Gift Purpose: Cancer and Hematology Center Patient and Family Support

Please retain this receipt for tax purposes.

Thank You

With your help, we are meeting the unique needs of all our patients. We could not accomplish what we do without partners like you who are our best advocates and are dedicated to helping us advance Texas Children's mission.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Amber L. Tabora
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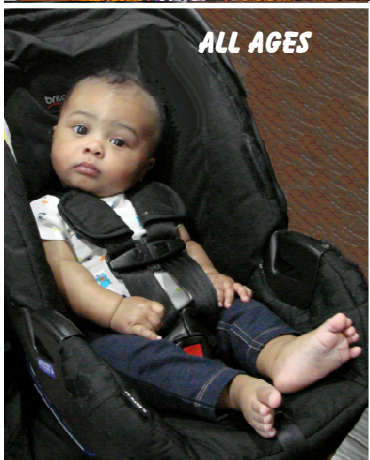
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BV Annual Halloween Party Oct 27, 2018

 Our Halloween Party was great fun! Many thanks to all of the neighbors who volunteered their time to make this party a success.

*Lourdes Codina,
Activities Director - BPCIA*



Yard of the Month – November 2018

Congratulations to the Alaniz Family
of 13706 Wickersham



Wowza!! This perfectly placed and scaled display of autumn foliage, flowers, pumpkins, gourds, rustic containers and seasonal "objets d'art" is drop-dead gorgeous. The Alaniz family arrived in BV in 2002 and this is their first time to be YOTM; they are thrilled. Turns out two of the grown children are artists, and it was they who designed, shopped for and created this enchanting front yard that really livens up their corner of Briar Village - - amazing!

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

Honorable Mention

1902 Briarturn	14302 Burgoyne	14114 Locke Lane
13819 Burgoyne	14222 Chevy Chase	13718 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.*

Sight to See

14106 Briarworth – Citrus tree laden with fruit!
Magnificent!

~ ~ ~
Memory Lane ~ November 1989
2014 Briarcrest was Yard of the Month

**December 23rd is Christmas Decoration Judging
YOTM resumes in Spring for March 2019**

Please support the following residents and businesses who donated money, prizes, goodies to our Halloween Party!

- ★ Edible Designs by Jessie
- ★ KW Solar
- ★ Lourdes Codina, Realtor BV
- ★ Room redesign – Hillary Roy BV
- ★ Salt & Light Construction – Eric Newman BV
- ★ United Ranger
- ★ VF Waste Services



*Special thanks to
Lourdes Codina
for another fantastic event!*

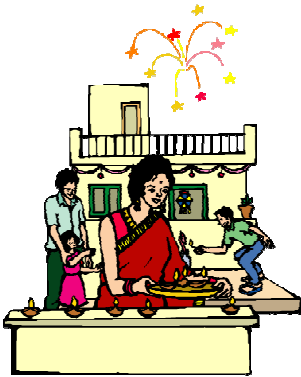


Diwali – November 7, 2018 Very Important Holiday of India

This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians.

Diwali, or Dipawali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (*avali*) of clay lamps (*deepa*) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.

Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that is enjoyed by most Indians regardless of faith: Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs.



Hindus interpret the Diwali story based upon where they live. In northern India they celebrate the story of King Rama's return to Ayodhya after he defeated Ravana by lighting rows of clay lamps. Southern India celebrates it as the day that Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura. In western India the festival marks the day that

Lord Vishnu, the Preserver (one of the main gods of the Hindu trinity) sent the demon King Bali to rule the nether world.

In all interpretations, one common thread rings true - **the festival marks the victory of good over evil.**

Non-Hindu communities have other reasons for celebrating the holiday: In Jainism, it marks the nirvana or spiritual awakening of Lord Mahavira on October 15, 527 B.C. In Sikhism it marks the day that Guru Hargobind Ji, the Sixth Sikh Guru was freed from imprisonment.

The Five Days of Diwali

On the first day of Diwali, people consider it auspicious to spring clean the home and shop for gold or kitchen utensils.

On the second day, people decorate their homes with clay lamps and create design patterns called *rangoli* on the floor using colored powders or sand.

The third day is the main day of the festival when families gather together for *Lakshmi puja*, a prayer to Goddess Lakshmi followed by mouth-watering feasts and firework festivities.

The fourth day is the first day of the new year when friends and relatives visit with gifts and best wishes for the season.

On the last day of Diwali, brothers visit their married sisters who welcome them with love and a lavish meal.

www.nationalgeographic.com/explore/diwali

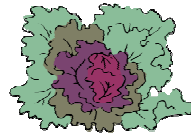
Utility Construction in BV

Currently part of BV is getting new underground gas lines. The lines used to run in the easement at the back of properties, but lines are being moved to the front easement. Minimal visible digging is involved. All utility lines are marked with different colors, as detailed below. In the United States, the American Public Works Association (APWA) Uniform Color Codes for temporary marking of underground utilities are:

Red	electric power lines, cables, conduit, and lighting cables
Orange	telecommunication, alarm or signal lines, cables, or conduit
Yellow	natural gas, oil, steam, petroleum, or other gaseous or flammable material
Green	sewers and drain lines
Blue	drinking water
Purple	reclaimed water, irrigation, and slurry lines
Pink	temporary survey markings, unknown/unidentified facilities
White	proposed excavation limits or route

Some municipalities use pink paint to make lines and codes on the pavements related to required street improvements such as ramp replacement, asphalt grinding and form injection. These markings are not related to utility locating.

wikipedia.org/wiki/Utility_location



Until it became part of the health food craze, the largest purchaser of Kale in the country was Pizza Hut - - just for decorating the food bar.



Volunteer! There's a lot to do.

Help with BV activities
is always welcome!

Who will do it, if you don't?



As of 2016, according to the spokesperson for the Hindus of Greater Houston, there were about 120,000 Hindus in the Houston area. In 1969 the first Hindu institution, ISKCON Houston of the Hare Krishnas, opened, and in the following decade there was an increase in Houston's Hindus. The original Hindu places of worship in the Houston area were private residences; later dedicated buildings opened in the area.

Wikipedia

Just south of Briar Village is the Nithyanandeshwara Hindu Temple at 14140 Westheimer. This temple opened in early 2017.

BPCIA Meeting Highlights – October 25, 2018

Common Areas: all but one of the four “No Soliciting” signs had been installed. The Free Little Library is complete.

Clubhouse: awaiting bids to repair siding. Approved bid from AIC Security for camera for new Brivo system.

Pool/Tennis Courts: Eric Newman will re-hang one windscreen. Pool bathhouse renovation has begun, the target for completion is 90 days; a change order to this contract for \$165,694 was approved.

Security: on 10/17/18 at 11pm there was a breaking and entering in the 14200 block of Wickersham. Super Neighborhood reported a substantial increase in thefts from unlocked vehicles in driveways, typically between 2-5am. Some vandalism/destruction of mailboxes and mail theft. Citizen Patrol is going well, one new member was added last month; ongoing training for new members held at the HPD Westside Command Station.

Activities: Holiday social gathering on 12/2 from 1-4 pm; it is also an opportunity for craft vendors to offer their products.

Newsletter: everything is running smoothly. A reminder was given to submit articles by the 3rd Friday of each month.

Website: is running smoothly, participation continues to increase. A web page was added for progress updates on the bathhouse renovation.

Deed Restrictions: violation notices sent since September 27th, 42 1st letters, 12 2nd letters, 4 3rd letters, and 7 “nice yard” letters were sent.

ACC: 11 requests received, 5 approved, 3 pending, 2 denied. To streamline the process, the Board created a checklist for Graham Management to use when initially processing ACC applications. The names of two documents on the BV website will be changed to “Common Paint/Shingle Colors” rather than “Approved Colors” to prevent confusion.

Financial: Operating Funds = \$487,893; Reserve Funds = \$342,835; Accounts Receivable = \$66,890; 2018 collection rate = 97%. The Study about BV’s Financial Reserve has been received, the Board is reviewing it.

Open Forum: a resident asked if coyotes have been seen in BV. No one on the Board has seen coyotes, but they have heard them.

Board Elections in Early February 2019 Is this the year you decide to get involved?

In 2019 three director positions are up for re-election and one director will be resigning mid-term, so we’ll need a volunteer to complete the one year left on that term.

Request for biographical data will go out in December for all candidates, so they can be included in the mailing with the Annual Proxy, then the election takes place at the Annual Meeting in early February.

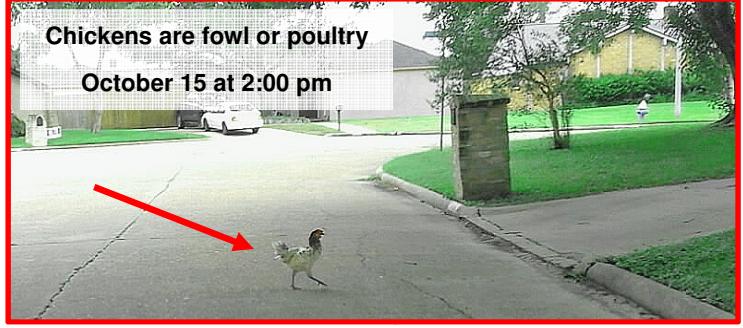
After the Annual Meeting all the Directors meet and decide amongst themselves who will fill the various officer and director positions.

Please give it some thought, as we need new people to share their time and talents keeping our neighborhood the special place it always has been.

Cock-a-doodle-doo!



BV Deed Restrictions and City Ordinances are very clear that the keeping of fowl is NOT allowed, but...this brazen guy is happily living in the Briarview-Locke Lane area. Residents claim he is wild and doesn’t bother anyone.



He somehow eludes the coyotes, so he must be a smart rooster, but is he smart enough to not crow at the crack of dawn? They are hard-wired to do that. If this guy belongs to someone, who doesn’t know, here’s the Deed Restriction:

Animal Husbandry

No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot except that dogs, cats or other common household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes.

Here’s the fowl excerpt from City Ordinance Section 6.31:

It is unlawful, except as provided in sections 6-33 and 6-34 of this Code, for any person to keep, possess or maintain in the city any chickens...

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

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

Deed Restriction Violations (DRV)

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

If you are uncomfortable in any manner with a letter you received, please feel welcome to contact 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: December 6, 2018

(No meeting in November due to Thanksgiving)

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Everyone!



Briar Village
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Have a Fun & Safe November
 ~ At a Glance ~

Nov 6	Vote General Election Harris County
Nov 9	HISD Early Dismissal
Nov 12	Veterans Day
Nov	No Community Association Mtg
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Nov 19-23	HISD Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 2	Holiday Meet & Greet and Market
Dec 6	Community Association Mtg Nov/Dec
Dec 23	Christmas Decoration Judging
Jan 1	Annual Maintenance Fees Due \$543
Jan 24 '19	Community Assoc Mtg

Security Alert from Ranger Patrol:
Be on the lookout for someone destroying mailboxes



Happy Thanksgiving!

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



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Recent 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. I have purchased five houses in my lifetime and Lourdes is the only realtor that I would trust to sell or help purchase a home. 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 have referred her to a neighbor (home already sold), sold my home, and sold my wife's home in a very short time. I would say that is a remarkable job and all because of her professionalism and *Customer Service*. I guess the best thing I can say is that she will be my Realtor for my next investment and I think that says it all!"

Jesse Gonzales