

BRIAR VILLAGE

A Neighborhood Newsletter



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Board Election Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual meeting held on February 4, 2021. Whether you attended in person or submitted a proxy – your contribution is essential and appreciated. We more than met quorum with 122 homes represented. Congratulations to returning members Miriam Cohen-Munoz and Brian Maguire, and to new member Casey Collins.

The 2021 HOA Board looks forward to serving the Briar Village community! Check page two of this newsletter for updated board member positions and contact information.

Food Truck Nights Are Back!


Come to the Briar Village clubhouse the second Thursday of every month for delicious food, drinks, and fun! This is an outdoor event and the clubhouse will remain closed. This event has been cleared by the HOA but is not a sponsored event. Remember that we are still in a pandemic so bring your mask and if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19 please stay home.

March 11th: Mingo's Latin Kitchen

At Mingo's Latin Kitchen, it's all in the name. This Houston-based truck has a ton of Latin American specialties on board, as well as a horde of fans who swear by the heat that Mingo's is packing.

April 8th: Rich Boy PoBoy

Rich Boy Po'Boy is Houston's Global Po'Boy Food truck, offering a variety of classic and tasty interpretations of the famous Louisiana sandwich.



Briar Village
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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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Carrie Bivins hoacarriebivins@gmail.com Pool Social DRV	Casey Collins ACC & DRV Common Areas Clubhouse Pool
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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

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

Problem Resolution

The Board asks residents not to contact service providers or board members directly for problem resolution; please contact Graham Management as the first stop for resolution of problems.

Miriam Munoz, President BPCIA

Deed Restriction Violations (DRV)

Please review your Deed Restrictions, which are on the BV Website. If you receive a DRV Letter, please take it seriously, but please do not take it personally. The best course of action is to simply fix the problem and move on. If you are uncomfortable in any manner with a letter you received, please feel welcome to contact me or GMI - our management company - to discuss it.

Miriam Munoz, President BPCIA

Community Pool & Tennis Courts

Access Card required for admittance, and can be ordered for \$25 from GMI. Form is on the BV website. The pool is currently closed for the season.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

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

BV Governing Docs & Forms

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

Briar Village Newsletter

Want to contribute to the BV newsletter? BV residents can submit content to briarvillagenewsletter@gmail.com.

BPCIA Meeting Minutes January 28, 2021

On January 28, 2021, the Board held its monthly meeting *via* Zoom which was open to the community.

The Board approved several actions taken outside of the meeting including Board approval for the use of the clubhouse as meeting place for a local Boy Scouts Troop on Mondays and for tutoring for school aged children on Tuesday and Wednesday.

These events are open to all children who are residents of the community to attend.

At the meeting, the Board discussed how the annual meeting scheduled for February 6, 2021 would be handled and decided they would prefer it be held in person outdoors. The Board approved change to pool management companies and approved a pool attendant who will help close the pool during pool season. The Board also discussed the need to find a new head for drafting the newsletter. Several volunteers stepped up at the meeting to help with the drafting of the newsletter.

The official Meeting Minutes for October will be posted on the BV Website shortly after approval under the "Neighborhood Stuff" tab.

The next meeting will be held on March 25, 2021. At this time, it is expected that the meeting will be held *via* Zoom. Information on how to access the Zoom meeting will be posted on the message board prior to the meeting.

Winter Storm Damage

Unfortunately, during the recent winter storm, several pipes burst in both of the pool bathhouses and some minor damages were incurred on the clubhouse. Board members have kept an eye on the property and quickly turned off the main lines to prevent further damage however, a City of Houston main line also burst which continued spewing water for over a week. A claim has been made with the Association's insurance carrier and repairs have already begun. Luckily, a resident of the neighborhood was able to prioritize our facility in repairs so that we did not have to wait weeks for a plumber as many in the city have had to do so. The bathhouses should be repaired and ready for the opening of the pool season in May.

BPCIA ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS February 6, 2021

The Briar Park Community Improvement Association (BPCIA) held its Annual Meeting in person at the pool on February 6, 2020, the main purpose of which was election of new Board members.

There were three seats up for election this year and several candidates running, two of which were incumbents. One incumbent did not decide to run for re-election: Diane McConnon. We thank her for her many years of service to the Board and community and her presence on the Board will be missed. Dee will continue to assist the community in a new role, as she will be joining the Newsletter team.

The candidates who were elected were:

- 1) Miram Munoz
- 2) Brian Maguire
- 3) Casey Collins

After the public part of the meeting was adjourned, the Board met privately to discuss officer election and selection of director positions. The Board decided that its next President would be Miriam Munoz, the Vice President would be Timothy Cook, the Secretary would be Gale Antoinette and that Brian Maguire would continue as Treasurer. Director oversight positions were chosen as shown below:

- Common Areas - Casey Collins
- Clubhouse - Casey Collins
- Pool - Carrie Bivins
- Tennis Courts - Brian Maguire
- Newsletter - Timothy Cook
- Website - Miriam Cohen-Munoz
- Security - Alvin Olson
- Social - Carrie Bivins
- ACC - Gale Antoinette, Casey Collins, & Resident (to be decided at March meeting)
- DRV - Gale Antoinette, Casey Collins, and Alvin Olson

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help on any of the committees.

Cook's Corner:

Sweet Chili Garlic Roasted Brussels Sprouts



Ingredients:

2 pounds brussels sprouts
2 tablespoons olive oil
3/4 teaspoon granulated garlic or garlic powder
fresh ground black pepper to taste
1/3 cup sweet chili sauce
3 tablespoons chopped cocktail peanuts

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Rinse and drain the brussels sprouts. Trim tough ends, if necessary. To ensure even roasting, slice larger sprouts in half from top to bottom.

Place sprouts on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with granulated garlic and pepper. Stir to coat evenly and place baking sheet in the oven.

Roast for 10 to 20 minutes. Stir once through the cooking time to ensure even browning. When tender when pierced with the tip of sharp knife, pull the baking sheet out of the oven.

Pour sweet chili sauce over the sprouts toss to combine. Return to the oven and roast for an additional 3 minutes to thicken and caramelize the sauce.

Sprinkle with chopped peanuts before serving.

BV: Building Value

By Amy Hill

Many years ago I met an exceptional woman named Vi. She always looked on the bright side of life. One day I asked her how she could always find the positive in any situation.

She told me that every night before she went to bed, she would ask herself one question: What was good about today? Sometimes she could remember lots of things and other times she would struggle. But she was always able to come up with something good while falling asleep.

I tried this technique and it worked! Here are some good things about living in our Briar Village.

I am thankful for all the HOA board members who spend hours every week working without pay to make out neighborhood a fantastic place to live.

I am thankful for this newsletter and to Mandi for all her time spent putting it together.

I am thankful for people who make sure their dog is on a leash and show respect to their neighbors by picking up their poop.

I am thankful for our neighborhood police officer who helps us in many ways. I am thankful for people who take pride in the appearance of their homes and the street and drain in front of their homes. It truly helps the value of our homes stay high.

I am thankful for people who drive safely and stop and stop signs, thus keeping us all safe, especially our children whom we love dearly. I am thankful for the kind and generous people who live here and reach out to others who are going through hard times.

These are some of the reasons I love living in our Briar Village. Perhaps you will want to stop for a moment and think of reasons you love living here.



Coyotes in Briar Village

Coyotes are not a new occurrence for our neighborhood and the surrounding areas. They are often seen in the ditch that divides Briar Village, but recently there have been a number of coyote sightings in our yards. Unfortunately, many residents have lost family pets to coyotes.



While the coyotes probably won't be moving out anytime soon, there are some precautions we can take to minimize the effect they have on our community and keep our pets safe. It may seem like obvious advice, but do not feed them! This is the most effective way to keep the coyote presence low. BV residents are probably not intentionally feeding these unwelcome visitors but leaving food and water outside for your pets is an invitation for coyotes. This also applies to feeding other natural wildlife and feral cats. If you feed birds for example, keep the seed off the ground in a feeder, this way the coyotes will not be attracted by the seed or the rodents that inevitably come for the spilled seed on the ground. It is also crucial not to feed the feral cat population. Coyotes are attracted to the food you leave out for the cats, but this also encourages the coyotes to prey on cats. Open compost bins, especially those containing animal products, will also be received as an invitation by coyotes so it's important to keep these bins securely closed.

It's important to avoid coyotes if possible as they are at a high risk of carrying rabies. If you do come across a coyote, don't panic! Making loud noises and appearing larger can scare of the coyote for good.

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/nuisance/coyote/>

DANGER:

Animal Kill Trap Found in BV

It was reported to the BV message board on January 29th that some evil miscreant set a trap for animals (Dogs) in the intersection of Chevy Chase @ Briarview Dr. at 10:00 PM. They were wearing a robe or long coat and driving a late model blue sedan. Thankfully, it was found by a neighbor shortly after it was left and no animal was harmed.

The trap was a tin foil cooking dish with ground meat/dog food laced with shards of glass and tacks. There might have been more than that, but the neighbor who reported it, didn't know what it was and disposed of it in a dumpster thinking it was something else. This has been reported to Ranger Patrol and will be reported to HPD. The purpose of a trap like this is to kill dogs in a horrible way.

Be aware of your surrounding and if you see anything unusual, report to HPD or Ranger - Do not attempt to handle the situation yourself.



The Citizen Patrol Needs You! For more information contact Maurice Townsend at Mtowns7557@aol.com.

Citizen Patrol is actively seeking new members. Join this great group of residents who volunteer some of their free time to drive our neighborhood keeping an eye on things on our behalf.

No experience is required, but a background check and attendance at a one-night training session are required.

Easter Scavenger Hunt & 'Grab and Go' Easter Goody Bags

Saturday, April 3rd - times listed below!



There will be TWO different scavenger hunts on April 3rd available to participate in based on age.

Infant to 6 years old

This scavenger hunt caters to smaller children, with less walking involved. The scavenger hunt will span the common areas, including the playground, around the tennis courts, and pool parking lot area. Children will get a card with Easter-themed items to find and check off their list. Please leave the cardboard cut-outs for the next person to find. To start your hunt, pick up a scavenger hunt card and pencil - supplies will be on a marked table in the clubhouse parking lot.

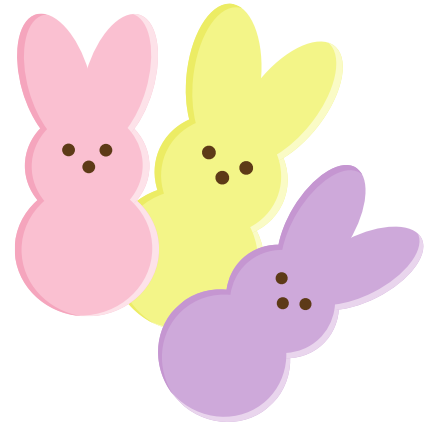
To promote social distancing, please use the following time guidelines to start your scavenger hunt:

10:00 am: 0 - 3 years old

10:30 am: 3 - 6 years old

7 years old and up

This scavenger hunt is for older children who can walk, bike, or those parents who want to drive to find clues and encompasses more of the neighborhood. Participants will use a series of Easter-themed clues to lead them to the next location and clue. The goal is to find all 8 clues. Please leave the clues for the next person to find - **DO NOT TAKE THEM WITH YOU.** Use a phone to take a picture of the clue if you need to! The first clue will be in the tennis court parking lot on the Book Nook.



To promote social distancing, please use the following time guidelines to start your scavenger hunt:

11:00 am: 7 - 11 years old

11:30 am: 12 years old and up

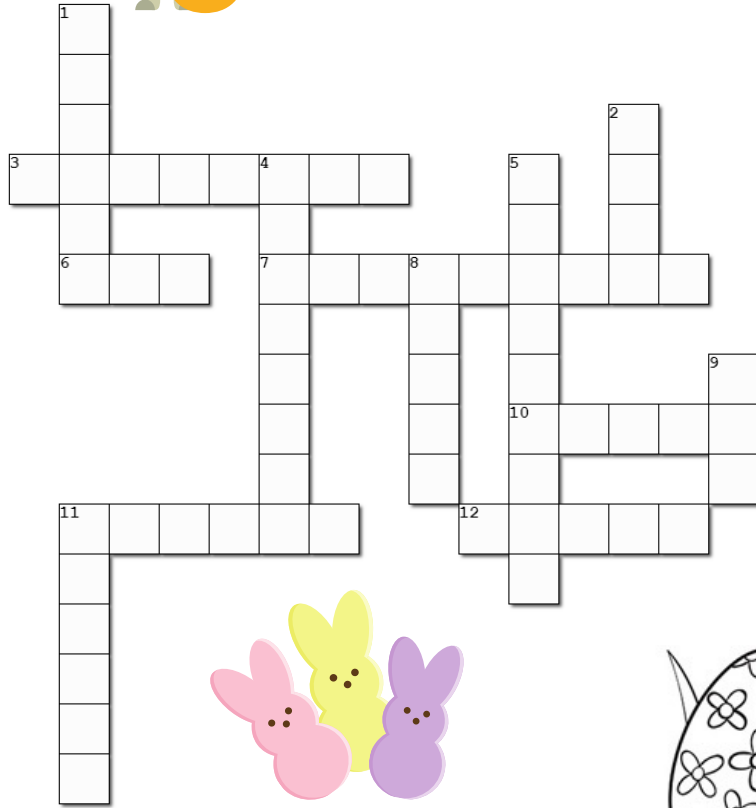
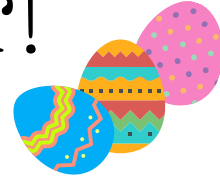
To keep the scavenger hunts Covid friendly, there won't be prizes or a "treasure" associated with any clues. The scavenger hunts are for entertainment purposes only. If you have children divided by start times because of different age groups, please choose one start time. If you have younger children (7-10) who prefer to participate in the scavenger hunt designed for younger children, this is also acceptable.

There will be 'grab and go' Easter goody bags with pre-filled eggs, and small toys available for children of all ages handed out in the clubhouse parking lot from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Please wear masks while 'hunting' around with other residents & when picking up Easter goody bags!



Happy Easter!

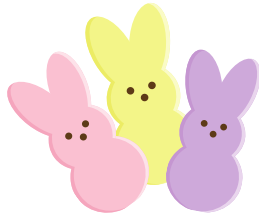


Across

- 3. Spring flowers grown from a bulb
- 6. Which came first the chicken or the ____?
- 7. Cadbury eggs have a shell made of...
- 10. Peter cottontail is a...
- 11. Pretty hat worn on Easter
- 12. Don't eat too much _____ or you may get a belly ache

Down

- 1. An Easter day event
- 2. Searching for eggs
- 4. You might do this to eggs around Easter
- 5. Colorful candy you find in your Easter basket
- 8. The hens baby
- 9. Used to color eggs
- 11. What the Easter bunny brings



Easter Word Scramble

- ndusya _____
- gesg _____
- olrewfs _____
- takebs _____
- nuynb _____
- snirgp _____
- traroc _____
- nuth _____
- ihkcc _____
- cortdeea _____



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