



Briar Village Newsletter

Houston, Texas June/July 2019

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

Don't want the Blue Recycle Bin?



Homeowners who do not want the blue recycle bin that was delivered to their address: here's your ONE TIME opportunity! Starting July 6th, bring the new, blue recycle bin to the BV Clubhouse and leave it near the trash can area. We are collecting the bins on July 6-7-8-9-10; VF Waste Services will be picking them up on July 11th.

This is open to property owner/residents only. The bin belongs with the house, so if you are a leasing resident, please keep the blue bin and leave it when you leave us.

...that said: the blue bins have been a huge success! More people are recycling than ever before. The amount of household trash that can be recycled is astounding – and great for our tiny planet.



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

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.

Pool Schedule

June, July, August (until school starts)
Open Tues-Sun 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Closed Mondays)

Access cards are required to use the Pool (and Tennis Courts) and are available through Graham Management. Order form is in previous Newsletters and under the BV Website's Resources Tab. Access cards will be mailed to you. Don't wait to order, allow time for delivery! No Access cards will be sold in the subdivision. Access cards are NOT available from Board Members or Lifeguards.



Enjoy our Pool
this summer



OSHA on Thunderstorm / Lightning Swimmer and Lifeguard Safety

If caught outside in a thunderstorm, there may be nothing you can do to prevent being struck by lightning. There simply is no safe place outside in a thunderstorm. This is why it is very important to get to a safe place at the first signs of a thunderstorm. If you are caught outside follow NOAA's recommendations to decrease the risk of being struck.

- ✓ Lightning is likely to strike the tallest objects in a given area—you should not be the tallest object.
- ✓ Avoid water, and immediately get out of and away from bodies of water (e.g., pools, lakes). Water does not attract lightning, but it is an excellent conductor of electricity...
- ✓ Do not shelter in sheds, pavilions*, tents, or covered porches as they do not provide adequate protection from lightning.
- ✓ Seek fully-enclosed, substantial buildings with wiring and plumbing. In modern buildings, the interior wiring and plumbing will act as an earth ground. A building is a safe shelter as long as you are not in contact with anything that can conduct electricity (e.g., electrical equipment or cords, plumbing fixtures, corded phones). Do not lean against concrete walls or floors (which may have metal bars inside).
- ✓ Avoid wiring, plumbing, and fencing. Lightning can travel long distances through metal, which is an excellent conductor of electricity. Stay away from all metal objects, equipment, and surfaces that can conduct electricity.
- ✓ Avoid isolated tall trees, hilltops, utility poles, cell phone towers, cranes, large equipment, ladders, scaffolding, or rooftops.
- ✓ Avoid open areas, such as fields. Never lie flat on the ground.
- ✓ Retreat to dense areas of smaller trees that are surrounded by larger trees, or retreat to low lying areas (e.g., valleys, ditches) but watch for flooding.

From: https://www.weather.gov/media/owlie/OSHA_FS-3863_Lightning_Safety_05-2016.pdf

**The Gazebo at our pool is tall
The Gazebo at our pool is a pavilion
Do not shelter there in a thunderstorm**

“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.**

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 ~ June 2019



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, Deed Restrictions (to rent Clubhouse call GMI) 281-794-6482 dee.briarv@gmail.com	2019-20	V.P. Stephen Coad Pool 281-935-5440 stephencoad@yahoo.com	2018-19
Sec. Erin Hardy Socials 832-725-9051 erinbvhoa@gmail.com	2019-20	Treas. Brian Maguire Tennis 832-659-5913 brianjmag@live.com	2019-20
Director Eric Newman Common Areas 713-817-2168 eric_newman@icloud.com	2018-19	Director Alvin Olson Security, Webmaster 832-274-7831 alvin@briarview.com	2018-19
Director Mandi Trumbull Newsletter 832-540-4949 manditrumbullhoa@gmail.com	[2018]-19	Graham Management Inc. (GMI) (BV Mgmt. Co. started 4/1/2016) Attn: Carmen Reyes, Com. 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 - use blue recycle bins only on Thursdays

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) Mandi Trumbull - 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 manditrumbullhoa@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.nabrnnetwork.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 & some Newsletters**

Briar Village Real Estate Update

April 16 - May 15, 2019

Homes Sold	2
Average Sold Price	\$216,000
Average Sold Price per square foot	\$105
Average Days on Market (sold)	33
Homes Pending	2
Active Homes	23
Months of Inventory	4.0 Months
Active Rental Homes	9
Number of Leased Homes	2
Average Lease Price	\$1850



Briar Village has a ton of wonderful homes for sale! 23 to be exact. This is the peak of the home buying and selling season, so share these wonderful listings with your friends and family.

The Greater Houston Real Estate Market saw the home inventory level increase to 4.0 months in April. This is up from 3.5 months of home inventory in January. However, Houston did sell a record number of homes in April at just over 9,000 single family houses. Cheers!

Paul Holub, Briar Village Resident

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift that is why it is called the present.

Unknown

Chess Club!

Interested in CHESS CLUB in the Briar Village area?

Email BV resident sherylkhussey@gmail.com

All ages welcome. Beginners to advanced.

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Remember our fabulous 4th of July Parade !




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What's wrong with this picture?



Most of us are good at respecting our neighbors and following the rules for when trash can be in view. There are always a few who don't follow the rules.

Why live in a neighborhood if you don't follow the neighborhood's standards and/or rules?

Rules for garbage are on page 2 of every newsletter, and on the outside page of this month's newsletter.

Note: trash must be screened from view even when it is inside your building line. For example, trash cans or bags or even the blue recycle bin, that are inside a wrought iron driveway gate are still clearly visible by passersby; they must be completely out of view.

OUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A COMMITTED GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO IS WILLING TO HELP WITH OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

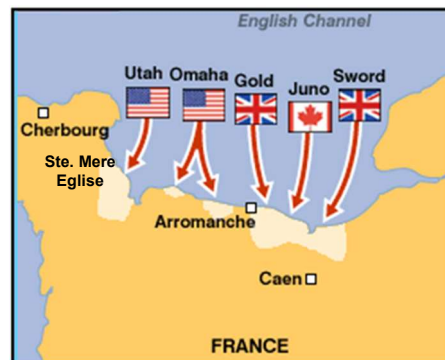
CONTACT MANDI TRUMBULL FOR INFORMATION
MANDITRUMBULLHOA@GMAIL.COM

June 6, 1944 was D Day in Northern France 24,000 Young men parachuted in after midnight 150,000 Young men landed on the beaches at dawn

...We wonder what they'd be making movies and TV shows about if there'd never been a World War II. We've all heard about D-Day, but here are a few things you may not know.

Top secret, code name "Operation Overlord" began on D-Day, June 6th and continued until Allied forces crossed the River Seine on August 19th. The goal of every soldier was to drive the German military back. The allied invasion on D-Day achieved complete surprise – amazing considering the planning, and massive numbers of ships, planes and men involved.

Allied code names for the beaches along the 50-mile stretch of Normandy coast targeted for landing were Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. (50 miles is about the distance from Houston to Galveston.)



Utah and Omaha beaches were where Americans landed. Legend has it that these beaches were named for the places of origin of two American G.I. carpenters who hurriedly built General Bradley's London headquarters for planning the invasion.

The British landed at Gold and Sword Beaches. Juno Beach was the landfall for Canadians. The code names for these beaches were taken from types of fish: Goldfish, Swordfish and Jellyfish, but Winston Churchill felt Jelly was inappropriate, so it was changed to Juno.

From the naval perspective: the Normandy landing operations during Operation Overlord were code named "Operation Neptune." It was the largest seaborne invasion in history. In history!

Paratroopers on land: The British 6th Airborne, with one Canadian battalion, on the left flank, landed near Caen. The US 82nd and 101st Airborne, on the right flank, landed around Sainte-Mère-Église. This is where the paratrooper John Steele hung from the church steeple for 2 hours playing dead. Sainte Mere Eglise means Holy Mother Church in English – it claims to be one of the first French villages liberated. Today a dummy paratrooper hangs from the church spire, commemorating the story of John Steele.

The D simply stands for day. The designation was traditionally used for the date of any important military operation or invasion, according to the National World War II Museum. Thus, the day before June 6, 1944, was known as D-1 and the days after were D+1, D+2, D+3 and so on.



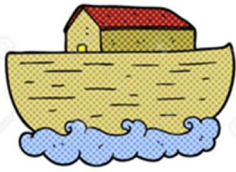
From remarks to Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force before D Day: "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

General Dwight D. Eisenhower
wikivoyage.org historyonthenet.com/the-5-d-day-beaches

Flood? No, don't build an arc – but do this:

Write your address on your garbage cans and recycle bins.

Covers for water meters and lawn sprinkler systems float away in a flood, so take the lid off, then tie it to the pipe(s) inside, allowing for it to be loose enough to still open, but tight enough that it won't float away. Zip ties linked together, or nylon rope/string will work very well.



Pay attention to weather reports and if it is going to rain don't let anything sit outside on your curb. Small trash bags and empty garbage or recycle cans may float away and clog storm sewers causing streets to not drain - - and sometimes homes to flood! It's not the end of the world if your 1 or 2 little garbage bags have to wait until the next pick up day, but if your little bags clog the storm sewer and cause someone else's house to flood – now that is a BIG deal.

If the storm sewer inlet is in the street near your house, you are the steward of that inlet. Keep it clear of obstructions at all times and don't let anyone put lawn debris in it.

Annual July 4th Parade & Picnic

Flags are waving, and our pride is high.
Please join us on the Fourth of July!

Rain or shine meet at the pool at 9:30 a.m. on July 4th with decorated bikes, scooters, wagons, strollers, pets, kids, parents, hot rods, convertibles, and Veterans too! The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. SHARP! The Fire Truck leads the way on a short, walking, flag waving parade. Don't miss it! Family, friends, and visitors are certainly welcome!!! Remember – Houston summer heats up early, don't forget your hat and sunscreen!

After the parade, come cool off with your neighbors and enjoy refreshments at the club house.

If you would like to help with treats this year, please contact Erin Hardy, see page 2 for contact details.

NO FIREWORKS IN BRIAR VILLAGE!!!

Please be respectful of your neighbors and refrain from setting off fireworks in Briar Village. Not only are fireworks a nuisance, they are illegal to use in the City of Houston. It is not only dangerous to set off fireworks in the neighborhood but doing so could cost you seriously. The fine for setting off fireworks in the city is as much as \$2000 for each firework. Our security officer will be patrolling additional hours during the holiday and will report persons breaking the law.

<https://houstontx.gov/fire/safetyinfo/fireworks.html>

Yard of the Month – June 2019

Congratulations to the Hull Family
of 2123 Briarcrest



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

Exactly one year ago in May 2018, the Hulls joined us all the way from El Paso; this is their first time to be Yard of the Month and records indicate this is the first time this home has ever been so honored. Landscaping and planting in Houston are very different than in El Paso, so they've had to try some new things, but this energetic couple has worked miracles with new beds and lots of pretty flowers too - on a big corner lot. They were pleased to be honored and we welcome them to our little village. Great job!

Honorable Mention

14011 Briar Place	13819 Ella Lee	13919 Locke Ln
2007 Briargreen	13806 Locke Ln	13702 Wickersham

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.**



Too many doo dads, gee gaws, tchotchkes, 99 cent and discount store 'decorative' items, miscellaneous pots in various sizes and styles, little plastic fences, little figures/statues or purchased-cutesy signs of any kind, spread across your front yard may thrill your senses, but not everyone shares your enthusiasm.

Some of our front yards are beginning to look like some other kind of neighborhood - not Briar Village USA.

We've always tried to hit the middle of the road on appearances and the "early yard sale" look is not where it is at. Knock yourself out inside your fence – make your backyard a little statue / whirly gig paradise - - a few discreet things up by the house are ok too, but consider others – and your impact on their potential resale value – when decorating your front yard. Less is more.

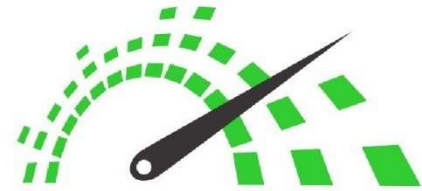


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FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE WITH APPOINTMENT

SHOP HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8AM-6PM
SATURDAY: 9AM-2PM

2019 All new Access Cards required for Tennis Courts and Pool

The access control system for the tennis courts, pool and clubhouse was updated, requiring all cards from the previous system to be swapped for new Access Cards.

Note: There is no additional fee to simply swap your old card for a new one. 

First time cards are \$25 each, limit 2, see ordering details on the order form.

The order form is on the BV Website under Resources, Forms (Downloadable), from GMI, and in previous Newsletters.

You may swap your card(s) at the GMI office, see below. You may also mail your old card(s) in with the completed form, and new card(s) will be mailed back to you; however, there is no guarantee of receipt for cards that are mailed.

If you have never had a card and would like to purchase one, please complete the form and either bring it to the GMI office, or mail it in with the payment for the card(s) to be mailed back to you.

You must be current with Annual Maintenance Fees to be eligible to have card(s) replaced. Residents with a past due balance must first pay their balance before a new card will be issued.

Please contact GMI at the phone number or email address below with any questions.

BPCIA c/o Graham Management (GMI)
2825 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 600 ~ Houston, Texas 77042
713-334-8000
creyes@grahammanagementhouston.com

Pool Opening Delay – Sorry!

The board would like to apologize for some of the confusion surrounding the pool opening delay.

The pool was scheduled to open weekends on May 4th, but the Board received an email from Aquatic (the third-party we have hired to provide lifeguards), that there would be no lifeguards available for the pools until Memorial Day weekend. Without lifeguards, we would not be able to open the pools and residents were alerted as such. On May 15th, the Board was alerted by a resident that the pool was indeed open on May 11th & 12th; however, the Board received no email from Aquatic alerting us of any changes. On May 16th, after confirming the availability of lifeguards going forward, we announced the revised pool schedule on the message board, sorry again for the confusion.

Houston's Population & Demographics

- 7.0 million residents live in the nine-county Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land area
- The Houston metro is the nation's 5th most populous metro area, larger than Missouri or Maryland
- Approximate number of city of Houston residents: 2.3 million
- Houston is the nation's 4th most populous city
- Nearly 1 in 4 Houstonians are foreign born
- Ninety nations have consular representation in Houston, the third largest representation in the nation



www.houston.org/houston-data/talking-points

BPCIA Meeting Highlights – May 23, 2019

2019 Maintenance Fees are 94% paid. Pool opens for summer schedule on Saturday, May 25th. A resident expressed concern about number of large commercial trucks and trailers at various homes – Deed Restrictions are very precise about commercial vehicles. Another resident repeated his request to address the trailers and other vehicles parked blocking clear exit from his driveway. One tennis court net will be replaced; tattered screens will be addressed later. Proposal for new website was presented; the Board will make their decision on whether to change websites once they are finished with details of bathroom renovations.

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 me or GMI - our management company - to discuss it.

Diane McConnon, DRV - President 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: June 27, 2019

➤ BV Security - United Ranger ◀
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Have a Fun & Safe June
 ~ At a Glance ~

June 1,3, 8,15,21,22	Home Swim Meets
June 19	Juneteenth
June 21	Summer Solstice - longest day of yr
June 27	Community Association Meeting
July 4	Annual Parade - muster at Pool

For specifics about our contracted security, come to a monthly meeting, details are never made public. You may call HPD any time, all the time.



Putting garbage at the curb at any time must stop. Here are the rules.

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