

Briar Village Newsletter Houston, Texas June 2018 Serving 768 Homes ~ Since the 1970s

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

Getting Trash Right - Front Page News! Household Waste & Recycling Service for BV

Trash pick up is a major budget item for Briar Village. Because we are in the City of Houston, we are eligible for the City's trash services once per week. However, the City allows us the option of having a private service, for which they reimburse us \$56,304/YR (our tax dollars). We currently pay our private service \$101,760/YR, until October of this year, when that cost will go up substantially. We are still bound by the City's Code of Ordinances regarding when trash can be in view; for those rules see last month's Newsletter, page 7, and the information box on page 2 of every Newsletter.

BV's private contract is with VF Waste Services, which is in Briar Village 3 days a week, two for picking up trash and one for picking up recyclables. VF recently distributed an informative flyer, which can be seen on the BV website. The information from that flyer is included here.



VF Customer Service 713-787-9790 Office Open: M – F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Household Waste Collection Guidelines

Household waste must be in (up to 8) containers or bags not to exceed forty-five (45) gallons or forty (40) pounds at each residence, curbside.

Tree & Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

Tree and yard waste must be in (no more than 8) containers or in bags not to exceed forty (40) pounds at each residence, curbside, combined with household waste. Tree, shrubs, and brush trimmings must be cut in lengths not to exceed four (4) feet and no greater than eighteen (18) inches in diameter, securely tied in bundles. Tree trunks must be split into quarter sections.

Service Collection Schedule

No earlier than 7:00 am and no later than 6:00 pm.

Curbside Service Days

[1] Household & Tree/Yard Waste: Tuesday & Friday [2] Recycling: Thursday [3] Bulk/Heavy Trash: Friday

Bulk/Heavy Trash Collection Guidelines

A limit of four (4) items, combined with household and yard waste per week at each residence, curbside.

Accepted Items for Bulk/Heavy Trash

Household appliances, furniture, stoves, TVs, sofas, doors etc.; refrigerators must have freon drained and be tagged accordingly by a certified technician; grills must be emptied of ash or briquettes; water heaters must be drained.

Resident-generated construction material not to exceed one (1) cubic yard or thirty-five (35) pounds per container.

Recycle Collection Guidelines

Place recycle items in eighteen (18) gallon cartons, curbside at each residence.

Confused about trash pick up on holidays?

★ VF Observes the Following Holidays ★

New Years Day \star Memorial Day \star Independence Day

Labor Day 🕇 Thanksgiving Day 🕇 Christmas Day

If your service day falls on one of the observed holidays, you will be serviced on the next scheduled service day.

Unaccepted Items for Recycling (Thursday)

Plastic Bags	Windows
Coat Hangers	Wet/Soiled Paper
Paper Towels	Wax Containers
Pizza Boxes	Facial & Toilet Tissue
Styrofoam	Disposable Plates & Cups
Light Bulbs	Paint & Solvent Containers
Mirrors	

Unaccepted Items for Bulk/Heavy Trash (Friday)

Dirt	Propane Tanks
Tires	Masonry Debris
Wood	Roofing Material
Carpet	Water Softeners
Concrete	Hazardous Waste
Windows	Animal Excrement
Insulation	Doors of Paneling
Tree Trunks	Sheetrock or Drywall
Stone or Tile	Natural Disaster Debris
Lawn Mowers	Steel/Cast Iron Materials
Dead Animals	Commercial Construction Debris

Accepted Items for Recycling (Thursday)

Glass Bottles or Jars	Aluminum Cans/Foil	Plastics #1-#7	Steel & Tin Cans
Colored Paper	Magazines	Cardboard	Junk Mail
			Gutters,
Phone Books	Paper Bags	Pots & Pans	Copper, Scrap
Paper Boxes	Greeting Cards	Folders	Newspapers

"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 ~ June 2018 Clip and Save for Future Reference!			
Board Director's areas of responsibility change periodically.			
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BPCIA – Briar Park Comn	nunity Improvement Assoc.		
	house on 4 th Thursday of Month		
BPCIA Position, Name, Term Years, Pr	imary Area, Backup Area(s), Contact Info		
Pres. Diane McConnon 2017-18	V.P. Stephen Coad 2018-19		
Clubhouse	Common Areas, Pool, Tennis		
(Contact GMI to Rent Clubhouse)	281-935-5440		
281-794-6482	stephencoad@yahoo.com		
dee.briarv@gmail.com Sec. Alvin Olson 2018-19	Treas. Gale Antoinette 2017-18		
Security 2018-19	Newsletter, DRV		
832-274-7831	281-543-0840		
alvin@briarview.com	bvhoagale@gmail.com		
Director Lourdes Codina 2018-19	Director Nara Jeffus 2017-18		
Activities	Webmaster, Activities		
281-723-0068	832-755-8337		
thecodinas@hotmail.com	narabvhoa@gmail.com		
Director Eric Newman 2018-19	Graham Management Inc. (GMI)		
DRV, Pool, Tennis	(BV Mgmnt Co. started 4/1/2016)		
713-817-2168	Attn: Carmen Reyes, Community Mgr.		
eric_newman@icloud.com	2825 Wilcrest, Ste. 600		
	Houston, TX 77042 PH 713-334-8000 – FAX 713-334-5055		
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	be filled by appointment via Directors' vote.		
Security Patrol – Started October 6, 2014			
	– Dispatch 832-356-3224		
	rgencies 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 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:			

Pick-up lues & Fri - Irash 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

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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.nabrnetwork.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, semiannual garage sales, seasonal events. Open to all residents, owners & renters.

Annual July 4th Parade

Muster at the Pool Parking Lot 9:30 am - Rain or Shine Parade Starts at 10:00 am Sharp

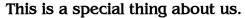
Get your kids, bikes, wagons, hot rods, dogs and grandpa decorated and ready for our old fashioned, much loved, walking parade down Piping Rock and Burgoyne! The fire truck leads the way, usually followed by Tom's classic red convertible, the marchers, bicycle riders and a stroller or two. Young and old alike are outfitted in patriotic red, white and blue and our flag, Old Glory, is abundant too! USA! USA!

After the parade, cooling refreshments are served while we take great photos of the kids exploring the fire truck from our nearby fire station on Briar Forest; and we have an opportunity to meet the great firefighters we otherwise would never get to chat with. Since the 4th falls mid week this year, we are expecting a big turnout!





Celebrate with us in the comfort and safety of home.



A day after the Continental Congress voted for independence in 1776, John Adams, who later became our 2nd President, wrote about it in a letter to his wife.



"It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

Briar Village does old Mr. Adams proud every year! If you don't march, come out and cheer us on!

Volunteer! There's a lot to do.

Help with BV activities is always welcome! Who will do it, if you don't? ...Start by helping with Swim Meets, July 4th Parade, Halloween party







We are proud of our Swim Team!

June 2018 Swim Meet & Activity Schedule

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Mon 06/04	Dual Meet	Walnut Bend	4:30 pm
Sat 06/09	Dual Meet	BV Pool	7:30 am
Wed 06/13	Relay Meet	Briargrove Park	4:30 pm
Sat 06/16	Tri Meet	BV Pool	7:30 am
Thurs 06/21	Car Parade Pasta Dinner	BV Pool	5:30 pm
Fri 06/22	League Championship Prelims	BV Pool	7:30 am
Sat 06/23	League Championship Finals	BV Pool	7:30 am
Sun 06/24	Banquet Awards Celebration	BV Clubhouse	3:00 pm

2018 Swim Team Board & Contact Information

Kelly Foster	kelly@alanandkellyfoster.com	713-515-6131
Sarah Snook	sarahsnook07@gmail.com	915-227-4771
Team email	briarflyers@gmail.com	-
Team website More info	briarflyers.swimtopia.com	-

No one is to be in the Baby Pool during BVST practices or during Meets!

Please honor No Parking signs on Piping Rock

Swim Team is looking for sponsors. Please contact Kelly Foster for details.

Swim Meets – Piping Rock Traffic * Jun 9 &16 Sat * June 22 & 23 Frl & Sat *

In June there are 4 home Swim Meets. The Swim Team parents usually do a good job of traffic control by the use of orange cones and plastic ribbon. but during our children's



Swim Meets, Piping Rock, especially near the pool, can be very congested, often with young swimmers coming and going from their parents' cars. So keep an eye out for children and try to plan around the traffic, if you can.

Plan to visit the concession stand. The Briar Flyers are known to have the best food (barbecue) in the swim league – the hamburgers are excellent!

Pool is Open June – July – August Tuesday thru Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Until School starts Aug 19th - then Weekends thru Sept.



Access cards are required to use the Pool (and Tennis Courts) and are available through Graham Management. Order form is under the BV Website's Resources Tab and in previous Newsletters. Access cards will be mailed to you. Don't Wait to Order, Allow Time for Delivery!

No Access cards will be sold within the subdivision this year. Access cards will NOT be available from Board Members or Lifeguards.

Knowing how to swim is not optional, it is a required survival skill.



Spring Fling – May 5th **Big Success!**

Fun in the sun! Wonderful participation and super volunteers. Thanks to everyone who took part. The kids had a blast on the huge water slide!

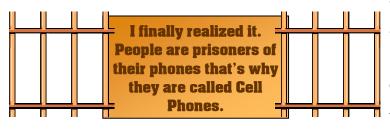


Juneteenth Began in Galveston, Texas



Lincoln freed the slaves in September 1863, but it was not effective in Texas until General Granger stood on a balcony in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 and read General Order No. 3, stating that all slaves are free.

That day is now celebrated across the USA as Juneteenth.





Our neighborhood pool is open and ready for you! A \$25 Access card is required for entry - see the BV Website and past Newsletters for the Order Form or contact Graham Management, instructions on page 2 of this Newsletter.

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, please follow the rules above, which are posted at the pool. Please contact the Board Director over the Pool if you have questions or issues, contact information is on page 2.

Lifeguards are always on duty when the pool is open. The pool has lots of chaises for sunning - the gazebo is a nice

place to have a shady summer lunch - the big pool space allows for many water activities and swimming laps. There is an



outside shower for the required pre-swim rinse off, or a postswim shower. The restrooms are handicap accessible. The last 10 minutes of every hour are Adults Only swim time. It's a very nice set up, so give it a swim!

Party Minded?

Lifeguards for private pool parties can be arranged through our pool management service: Aquatic Management of Houston: 713-446-5003, Houston-pmg.com. See details on their website.

A Good Story

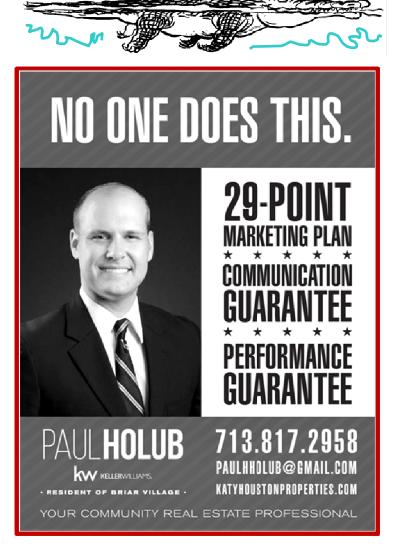
About 5:00 pm on May 4th, several Constable vehicles were seen on the grass beside the lake, just over the levee in Bush Park. Another Constable was stationed a distance away in the nearest parking lot. When asked what was going on? Here is his response:

There was a car chase. In an effort to escape arrest, a perp jumped out of the car, ran and jumped in the lake and began to swim away. Very guickly he realized he wasn't alone in the water, and he returned to shore so shaken an ambulance was called because they felt he might be having a heart attack. The perp willingly consented to be handcuffed and put under arrest. Alligator 1, bad guy 0.

From Ft. Bend Constable Precinct 3's Facebook Page:

"Vehicle pursuit and then foot chase initiated by our office. Fort Bend into Harris County. Don't run, we will catch you. Don't jump into the lake, the alligator will eat you. Thanks to HCSO, HCCO Pct.5, HFD and HCSO helicopter Able 2 for the assistance. 3 suspects in custody, one of which is very wet."





Yard of the Month – June 2018 **Congratulations to the Luhnau Family** Of 14302 Wickersham



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

This front yard is cool and inviting with a relaxed beauty that only a seasoned gardener can create. Not only is the lawn gorgeous, but everywhere your eyes fall, there are delightful surprises of color and texture right up to the front door! Original owners of their home, the Luhnaus have lived here since 1972 - that's 46 years folks! They were Yard of the Month once before, in 1975 - - as she said when she opened the front door, "it has been a long wait!" They were thrilled to be honored, and that makes it fun for the YOTM team too.

Honorable Mention

2010 Briargreen	14302 Burgoyne	1400
2102 Briarview	13710 Locke Lane	1421
14114 Briarworth 13830 Burgoyne	13806 Locke Lane	1430 1431

7 Locke Lane 0 Piping Rock 6 Piping Rock 0 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.



Memory Lane ~ June 1998 13907 Briar Place was Yard of the Month

Parking No-Nos

Repeated parking violations on our streets include: parking on the wrong side of the street, and parking on both sides of the street leaving little room for regular cars, and especially emergency vehicles, to pass. These are ticketable offenses, HPD will be called in the future.





Dear Sign Gestapo - -

Losing a pet is the same as losing a family member. If you see a lost pet sign leave it alone. People are supposed to date their signs and once a sign has been up for 2 weeks, then it can be removed - - until then HANDS OFF.

Storm Drain Maintenance

If you have a storm drain in



front of your home please be diligent keeping leaves and trash clear from the grates so that water

can properly drain from the streets. It takes us all working together to keep the neighborhood looking good and DRY!

The month of June is Revolutionary!

In one thousand years of Russia's existence, its first popular national election ever to be held occurred on June 12, 1991.

Six days later, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performed in Moscow!

Russell M. Nelson

WILL YOU RUN OUT OF MONEY IN RETIREMENT?

No matter how much you've saved, having a sense of security that there will be enough money to last through your retirement may still be a concern. Even those with a lot of money worry about market volatility, inflation, rising taxes, unforeseen medical expenses, and long term care costs. People who should be looking forward to their retirement years may be living in unnecessary fear. Then there are those who know they've not saved enough. They hope and pray they remain healthy so they can work throughout their lives. So which person are you?

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BV I.D. Sticker for the back of your vehicle: This sticker on the back bumper or the back window, identifies you as a Briar Village Resident. Stickers are available at BPCIA Monthly Meetings, from Board Members or Citizens on Patrol Volunteers. Stickers are optional, they are NOT required.



New Briar Village Website: https://briarvillage.nabrnetwork.com/index.php; If you want to sign up for the new website, we are here to help! Please send an email to briarvillagewebsite@gmail.com with your name, BV home address and email address, and we will send you a Welcome email with a temporary password to log in and get started.

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





BPCIA Meeting Highlights - May 5 and May 24, 2018

The Board of Directors held a special meeting on May 5th to discuss and make decisions regarding the following issues important to us all.

Exterior Modifications

The Board voted to ratify the following:

Exterior modifications visible from street view only, will require ACC approval, except for fences (fences will still require ACC approval due to height requirements).

During the process of approving ACC applications, permits will not specifically be requested from the homeowner, however the homeowner is still responsible for obtaining necessary permits.

All three ACC committee members must vote in favor of an application for it to be considered approved.

The Home Improvement Approval Request form (ACC form) will be amended to reflect this change.

Certified Mail - Deed Restriction Violation Letters

Due to an increase in Certified Letter cost, the Board will now closely monitor the Deed Restriction Violation (DRV) Letter process. The neighborhood's 18 streets are divided up amongst the 7 Board Members, who will each monitor their assigned streets, and the DRV report, before a Certified Letter is sent out. At every monthly meeting the Board will communicate any approvals for sending any Certified Letters to homeowners for Deed Restriction Violation issues.

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 28, 2018

Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there. Franklin P. Jones



Monthly Meeting, May 24, 2018

Common Areas: after bid review, the Board chose Urban Foresters to trim our trees.

Clubhouse: some damage was noticed after a recent rental, the deposit will be withheld.

Pool/Tennis Courts: costs are sought for new windscreens and/or fence slats; we await repair bids for tennis court foundation; repairs are needed to pool shed's door lock; a trespassing incident at the pool resulted in no damage.

Security: several car burglaries were reported the weekend of May 19-20. Citizen's Patrol has lost a few members and additional volunteers are needed.

Activities: the fire truck is booked for the July 4th parade; there was some discussion to get sponsors for that event.

Deed Restrictions Violation notices sent after 2 drive through inspections since April 26: 38 first letters, 33 second letters, 12 third letters

ACC: 7 requests received, 4 approved, 3 pending. The Board requested that inactive records be closed.

Financial: Operating Funds=\$619,386; Reserve Funds= \$341,403; Accounts Receivable=\$80,262; 2018 Maintenance Fees are 94% collected. The Board asked again if the new assets should be added to the depreciation schedule, GMI will check with the CPA. It was requested to re-class social event expenses into the correct GL account.

Old Business: no update on bathhouse renovations; the architect will send a revised scope of work for each contractor's use so we receive comparable bids.

New Business: The Board requested that Accounts BV42015, BV22109 and BV21140 be set up on a bi-weekly mowing schedule. The Board discussed wanting to reach out to neighbors who may be experiencing hardships and need a helping hand with minor maintenance items. Residents can let a Board Member know if they or a neighbor need help and volunteers will be found to assist. The Board reviewed a list of delinquent owners and voted to wait another month before taking any legal action, with the exception of Account BV22109, which was approved to go to the attorney.

Resident discussion and input included: a suggestion to install "No Soliciting" signs at the entrances.



What kind of neighborhood is this?

Do we want to be the kind of neighborhood that barrages folks with demand letters and forecloses on houses that are behind in annual maintenance fees? Or do we want to be a kind neighborhood?

If the yard next door needs work – go over and work on it. You know that grass runners aren't supposed to be there, trim them. Newspapers aren't supposed to pile up in driveways, pick them up. On and on. Of course, a simple knock on the door and a polite word with the resident should always come first.



If you are experiencing difficulties that keep you from doing your maintenance chores – and especially if you have begun to get Deed Restriction Violation letters – we are sensitive to this and want to help.

Notify our Board Director, Gale Antoinette and she will discreetly arrange a small work crew to come by to get you squared away. If any new materials are required for minor maintenance, you will have to pay for those, but the labor is free.

If you are willing to be on a work crew, let Gale know that too! We are all in this together, so let's be good neighbors.



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



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~ At a Glance ~		
Last Day of School HISD		
Pool open full schedule		
D Day WWII 1944		
Flag Day		
Father's Day		
Juneteenth		
Home Swim Meets		
Community Association Mtg		
Annual Parade		



4 Swim Meets in June

Happy Summer – see you at the July 4th Parade!

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