



Briar Village Newsletter

Houston, Texas March 2019

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

Swim Team Time Fast Approaching BV's Swim Team - The Briar Flyers



All BV children, ages 4 through 18 years are welcome to participate - no prior experience required! Registration starts in early spring, and practices start in May each year. Swim Meets with nearby communities are scheduled for late May and June. Children are awarded ribbons and trophies for participation, friends are made and so are lifelong memories. "Swim Team" has been an important activity for BV children (and parent volunteers) since 1974. **Go Flyers!**

**Swim Team Starts in May
Registration will be in April**

**Sign Up at Spring Fling
& the 2019 Annual
BV Easter Egg Hunt**



BV Sights Worth Seeing

Spring is finally arriving in Briar Village; here are some highlights. Citrus trees laden with fruit are all around, but 2419 Briarlee has 3 mature orange trees in the front yard – loaded with fruit! The best show of a mass of traditional (Indica) Azaleas in bloom is at 14230 & 14306 Chevy Chase. An early spring bloomer is Saucer Magnolia (Magnolia x soulangeana), so pretty and blooming like crazy at 2110 Briargreen. The sign of Texas spring is the Red Bud Tree, 14022 Locke Lane has a beauty. Go see and enjoy!

Briar Village 2019 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13 ~ 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

BV Clubhouse & Playground ~ Three Age Groups

<u>Ages 3 and under</u>	<u>4 – 7 years</u>	<u>8 – 12 years</u>
9:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:45 a.m.

**Don't be late – little kids start at 9:15 a.m. sharp!
Grandparents Welcome too!**

The Annual BV Easter Egg Hunt starts at 9:15 a.m. sharp on Saturday, April 13th. Residents and their kids are encouraged to be early so they can talk to Swim Team representatives about signing up for the 2019 season. As usual, the little ones will hunt eggs first. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand to greet the participants. Parents are encouraged to help the little ones if needed. Light refreshments sponsored by VF Waste Services; El Sol Restaurant will donate breakfast taquitos.

It's The Great Easter Egg Hunt!

There are many volunteering opportunities: help fill eggs prior to the 13th; setup the clubhouse the night before; spread eggs the morning of; oversee three egg hunts; clean up after the event. Contact Erin Hardy if you are willing to help. (Contact info on Page 2.) Thank you to all parents and neighbors who always show their support, and for understanding that it takes a Village to make these events happen!



Erin Hardy, Activities Director BPCIA

Spring Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales April 6, 2019; Rain date May 4, 2019

Join the fun, clean out your garage and make some money! Here's how it works: BPCIA does the advertising / promotion, but you have your own garage sale at your own house, and keep your own profits. If the weather is good, we usually have a big crowd of shoppers. Start gathering things to sell, and mark your calendar to sell and shop on that day.



Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales are held in the Spring and Fall each year.

“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.**

Advertisement

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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 DRV call GMI 713-334-8000) 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 Activities 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, 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) 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 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.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, 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

Volunteers did 623 hours of patrol in 2018



March is a great month to be a Texan!

2 March 1836: The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed by members of the Convention of 1836. An ad interim government was formed for the newly created Republic of Texas.



6 March 1836: Texans under Col. William B. Travis were overwhelmed by the Mexican army after a two-week siege at the Battle of the Alamo in San Antonio. The Runaway Scrape began.

10 March 1836: Sam Houston abandoned Gonzales in a general retreat eastward to avoid the invading Mexican army.

27 March 1836: James Fannin and nearly 400 Texans were executed by the Mexicans at the Goliad Massacre, under order of Santa Anna.

March 1836 events resulted in the next month's - April's - big event.

21 April 1836: Texans under Sam Houston routed the Mexican forces of Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto. Thus, independence was won in one of the most decisive battles in history.

5 March 1842: A Mexican force of over 500 men under Rafael Vasquez invaded Texas for the first time since the revolution. They briefly occupied San Antonio, but soon headed back to the Rio Grande.

25 March 1843: 17 Texans were executed in what became known as the Black Bean Episode, which resulted from the Mier Expedition, a raid by Texans into Mexico.

30 March 1870: The U. S. Congress readmitted Texas into the Union.

2 March 1910: Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois made the first military air flight in a Wright brothers plane at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. The seven-and-a-half-minute flight marks the shaky beginnings of U. S. Air Force.

March 1918: Texas women won the right to vote in primary elections.

18 March 1937: A massive explosion, blamed on a natural-gas leak beneath the London Consolidated School building in Rusk County, killed an estimated 296 students and teachers. Subsequent deaths of people injured in the explosion bring the death count to 311. As a result, the Legislature required that a malodorant be added to the odorless gas so that leaks could be more easily detected.

1 March 1962: NASA opens the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston. The center moved to a new campus-like building complex in 1964. It was renamed Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center on Aug. 17, 1973. From Timeline of Texas History

Advertisement for 'Spring Fling' at Briar Village Pool on Saturday April 27, 2019, 1pm-5pm. Features include a large inflatable water slide, tasty concessions, great family fun, and swim team registration. Hosted by the Briar Flyers Swim Team.



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



Briar Village Real Estate Update December 16, 2018 - January 15, 2019

Table with 2 columns: Metric and Value. Rows include Homes Sold (2), Average Sold Price (\$172,500), Average Sold Price per sf (\$83), Average Days on Market (sold) (10), Homes Pending (1), Active Homes (13), Months of Inventory (3.7 Months), Active Rental Homes (7), Number of Leased Homes (3), and Lease Price (\$1908).

The Briar Village Real Estate Market sold two homes this last month and both of them were fixer uppers. Therefore, the \$83/sf is much lower than the usual average price per square foot, which is often between \$110 and \$120.



The Greater Houston Real Estate Market saw the home inventory level increase to 3.7 months in January. This is due to an increase of active homes on the market, and a slower demand for housing. January is traditionally an up and down month. Therefore, we will see how the home sales play out over the next couple of months to give us a better indication of where the real estate market may be trending in 2019. Paul Holub, Briar Village Resident

Bayou Trails



Houstonians will be able to bike and walk 150 miles of new trails in 2020. Eight bayous will be connected through the \$220 million Bayou Greenways 2020 project.

The construction is a partnership between the nonprofit Houston Parks Board and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with more public and private entities, that is stitching together 150 contiguous miles of hike-and-bike trails—greenways—and linear parks along our eight bayous by the end of next year.

...the project is based on a 100-year-old master plan developed by urban planner and landscape architect Arthur Comey, who in 1913 called for area bayous to serve as the backbone of Houston’s park system. This *sort of* happened...many of our parks already do sit on bayous. But the construction of a comprehensive network “was interrupted by recession and two world wars and growth in Houston, including our preferred mode of transportation - cars.”

When the Bayou Greenways 2020 project started construction in 2014, 77 miles of scattered trails already existed along the bayous. Today the city’s parks board has finished another 24 miles, and has 69 more to go. Despite minor delays due to Harvey, the project is still on track to finish by the end of 2020.

So what’s next? Bayou Greenways 2020 is part of the even bigger Bayou Greenways Initiative, which will continue to expand access to Harris County’s greenways and provide seating, trash and recycling receptacles, paved trails, quarter-mile markers, and signage along our waterways, while supporting indigenous trees, wildflowers, and wildlife.

Briar Village and Brays Bayou

We are in the Brays Bayou Watershed. You’ll be able to take a 35-mile ride from the Katy Hike & Bike Trail out west, to the Ship Channel. The work is 77 percent complete.

from: <https://www.houstoniamag.com/articles/2019/1/28/houston-bike-walking-trails-bayou-greenways-2020-project>



Hold on a minute though...

Before anyone gets too enthusiastic: according to Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), any development or improvements on the banks of our bayou – D-129-00-00 (Tributary 26.20) - that divides Briar Village into east and west sections – (most of you insist on calling it a “ditch” ☺) would have to be paid for and maintained by Briar Village.

Not only that, but the county would no longer mow the flat part, they would only mow the sloped banks up so far – all this is detailed on the HCFCD website.

Additionally, were we to enhance the area between Piping Rock and Westheimer, that would give welcoming access to anyone passing by on Westheimer. The adjoining homeowners on Briarlee and Joel Wheaton probably would not appreciate the new foot traffic right outside their back fences, nor the potential for increased burglaries through their back doors. HCFCD requires public access.

Trash out at the wrong time lowers the appeal of living in Briar Village See rules about “Garbage” on page 2



Use the Clip-out below to inform your Lawn Maintenance Crew of important trash and debris information.

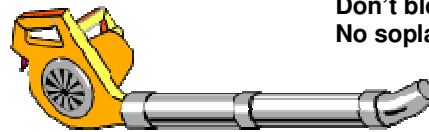
You are responsible for what your crew leaves behind.

Note: Trash can be put by curb after 6:00 p.m. on Mondays & Thursdays or in the morning on Tuesdays and Fridays. Trash is not allowed in view any other times.

Dear _____:
Please do not leave trash bags near the street. It is against City Codes and Deed Restrictions for trash to be in front of my house too long. Please either take them with you or put them inside my gate. I will put the trash out for the garbage men.

It is against the law to blow leaves and debris down the storm sewers in the streets. You and I could be fined if you are seen doing it. Too much debris can stop up the drain and cause flooding.

Thank You!



**Don’t blow into sewer.
No soplar el la alcantarilla.**

Nota: La basura puede ponerse afuera despues de las 6 de la tarde los Lunes y Jueves o, en la mañana los Martes y Viernes. La basura no debe ser vista en otros horarios.

Estimado _____:
Por favor no deje bolsas de basura cerca de la calle. Es contra la ley de la Ciudad y los codigos de esta asociacion por dejar basura en frente de la casa por mucho tiempo. Por favor mantenga la basura fuera de la vista Gracias.

Es contra la ley soplar hojas y sacate dentro de las alcantarillas de la calle.Usted y Nosotros podriamos ser multados de ser vistos. La basura estanca las aguas y causa las inundaciones.

Gracias.



**Be where your feet are.
Sony Michel, Running Back, New England Patriots NFL**

Briar Park Community Improvement Association

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

March 1, 2019

RE: This year – All New Access Cards for Tennis Courts and Pool



Dear Briar Village Resident:

The access control system for the tennis courts, pool and clubhouse has been updated, which requires all residents who had cards for the previous system to swap them out for new Access Cards.

Management will be at the clubhouse on the following days to distribute new Access Cards. Residents wishing to use the recreation facilities will need to bring their old cards and the completed Access Card form to be issued new cards. The form is on the back of this page, and on the BV Website under Resources, Forms (Downloadable).

Day	Date	Times	
Thursday	March 14	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thursday	March 28	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	-
Thursday	April 11	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thursday	April 25	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	-

If you are unable to make it in person on one of the above dates, you can swap your card out at the office of Graham Management at 2825 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77042. You can also mail your cards in with the completed form to have the new cards mailed back to you, but 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 clubhouse or management office, or mail it in with the payment for the cards to be mailed back to you.

Please note that only residents who are up-to-date with their Annual Maintenance Fees are eligible to have their card(s) replaced. Residents with a past due balance must first pay their balance before a new card will be issued.

Please contact the management company at the phone number or email address above with any questions.

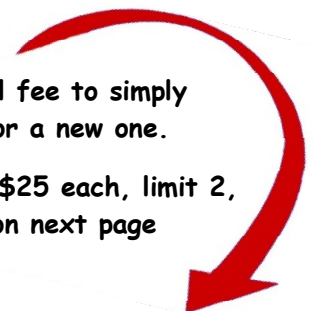
Sincerely,

Briar Park CIA, Board of Directors

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 next page



Briar Village Tennis Courts and Swimming Pool Access Card Order Form

Circle One:

New Access Card(s)

Swap

*Access Cards work in the scanners outside the Tennis Courts and Swimming Pool
Please observe: Rules posted at the tennis courts and pool for everyone's safety and enjoyment
Limit of 4 pool guests per household at one time, accompanied by a resident*

- 1) Maximum of two (2) Access Cards per household
- 2) Access Cards are \$25 each, payable by check or money order only to BPCIA
- 3) Card holder of record is responsible for all activity on their card
- 4) Immediately report lost or stolen cards to Graham Management
- 5) Replacement cards are \$25 each
- 6) Annual Maintenance Fees must current in order to obtain or use Access Cards
- 7) Access Cards will be sent to your home address via U.S. Mail. Please allow time for processing

Date this order submitted:		Number of cards requested: (Max. 2 per household)	
Name:		Circle One:	Owner
			Tenant*
Street address of Briar Village residence:			77077
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Emergency Contact Name/Relationship			
Emergency Contact Phone(s)			

Please list each of your family members, including the name above

	First and Last Name	Birth Date if under 18 years of age
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		

Please include the following documents:

- ✓ **Completed form**
- ✓ **Tenants, please provide the owners name, address and the owner's signed statement that you are the tenant**
- ✓ **For new cards, a check or money order payable to BPCIA**

Mail to: BPCIA. c/o Graham Management, 2825 Wilcrest Dr, Suite 600, Houston, TX 77042

Below for Office Use Only

Card(s) issued:		Account paid in full?	
Issued by:		Date:	

Early History of Houston's Rodeo – EEE Haw!



In the early 1900s, Houston-area ranchers developed a new breed of cattle, the American Brahman, a blend of four breeds of cattle from India. The cattle were well-adapted to the hot, swampy conditions of the Texas Gulf Coast. In the early 1920s, James W. Sartwelle, a stockyard manager from Sealy, Texas, founded the American Brahman Breeders Association. Ranchers had no

opportunities to show their cattle and raise awareness of the breed. Some attempted to show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth, but they weren't allowed into the main arena. [?? Cow prejudice ??!]

In January 1931, Sartwelle invited 6 businessmen to a lunch at the Texas State Hotel, [still standing in downtown Houston]. They decided to host a livestock exposition. Sartwelle was named the first president of the new Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition. Their inaugural event was held in April 1932 at Sam Houston Hall in downtown Houston. It was primarily a regional event, designed to showcase the agriculture and livestock, including Brahmans, in the Houston area. The show lasted one week and ran a deficit of \$2,800. Approximately 2,000 people attended the exposition, where they were entertained by the Future Farmers Band, of 68 high school students from around the state. The Grand Champion Steer was purchased by a local restaurant owner for \$504. (The 2018 Champion Steer sale price was \$410,000.)

The Fat Stock show was held annually for the next 4 years. Realizing they had outgrown the space, organizers began looking for a larger venue. Shortly after the 1936 show ended, Sam Houston Hall was torn down. Sam Houston Coliseum, a 10,000-seat arena, would take its place. To allow for construction time, the 1937 exposition was cancelled. The year off allowed show organizers to solidify plans for a larger event. When the show resumed in 1938, it included a parade through downtown Houston, a carnival and midway, and a rodeo with a total purse of \$640.50.

In the 1940s musical entertainment was added. Local talent was invited to perform after the rodeo on some evenings. In 1942, singing cowboy Gene Autry became the first nationally recognized entertainer to perform at the show.

Attendance flagged in the early 1950s. To attract more attention to the event, organizers decided to hold a cattle drive. In 1952, the media were invited to join cowboys on a 75 mile trek from Brenham, Texas to the Fat Stock show. The publicity stunt was well received. The following year, the Salt Grass Trail Association again held the cattle drive.

Other areas of the state organized their own trail rides to the show. This began the transition from a smaller regional event to larger, statewide notice.

Archer Romero, one of the key proponents of the trail ride, took over as president of the Fat Stock Show in 1954. That year, he founded the Go Texan Committee to further publicize the show. The committee would designate a day shortly before the show commenced as Go Texan Day. They encouraged Houston residents to dress in Western wear. The day had the dual purpose of celebrating Texas culture and advertising the show.

In 1957, the show granted its first major scholarship. Ben Dickerson was given \$2,000 (\$16,000 in 2016) towards his education. This was the first step of a major shift in the show's purpose. Over the next few decades, the show placed increasing emphasis on education and scholarships. In 2018, \$1.4 million in scholarships were given to 70 students.

In 1932 attendance was 2000. In 2018 attendance was 2,408,550. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a huge part of Texas' culture, it has become one of the Texas' most anticipated events.

Yard of the Month – March 2019 Congratulations to the Mulhollan Family of 13718 Piping Rock



The past few weeks have not been good for working in the yard – too cold, too wet, the very few hours of sunshine on a weekend need to be spent with family - not the lawn mower! With this in mind, we thought we might have a challenge finding this month's YOTM. Nope! The Mulhollan's came through for us in fine style. Everything in this front yard is handsome, healthy and manicured. The bonus is lots of seasonal color surrounding the trees. It is fresh, pretty and spirit lifting after our long, cold winter. Residents for over a quarter century, they were YOTM two other times, in July 1999 and March 2010. Interesting timing too! Nice job, well done.

Honorable Mention

2322 Briarlee	13715 Locke Lane
14302 Burgoyne	14102 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.**



Don't forget...

**Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
February 25 – March 17, 2019
NRG Park**



BV Annual Maintenance Fees

BV Maintenance Fees of \$543.00 were due January 31, 2019. If yours are not paid, please make arrangements to do so. Contact Graham Management (GMI) at 713-334-8000. Installment payments are accepted. Those with delinquent Maintenance Fees may be denied access to certain community features.

Note: from time-to-time everyone has health or other life issues that prevent timely payment. The courtesy of a brief note or phone call from you to make us aware of your special circumstance(s) is much appreciated and will be kept confidential.

Defecation by dogs or cats The Pooper Scooper Law



There is an ordinance relating to picking up fecal matter deposited by owned dogs on property which does not belong to the owner of the dog or where the owner has consent to let his/her dog defecate. The text of the ordinances is as follows:

“Section 6-24. Defecation by dogs or cats.

(a) It is the duty of each person in control of a dog or cat to promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by such dog or cat.

(b) It shall be the duty of each person in control of a dog or cat to be in possession of materials to remove feces left by a such dog or cat.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the person in control of the dog or cat is the owner of the premises, or the owner’s agent of the premises, where the dog or cat deposits feces.”

(d) Violation of this section is unlawful and any violation shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75.00 or more than \$500.00. Each act in contravention of this section is a separate offense.”

View the official version of this ordinance on the city’s webpage at www.houstontx.gov. It will be found on the first page of the web site under “City Desk.” When you open that screen, scroll down to “Code of Ordinances;” once there go to Chapter 6 of the Code and scroll down to Section 6-24.

<https://www.houstontx.gov/health/quicktips/scooperlaw.html>



Note: environmentally friendly poo bags are available for purchase. Or, until they are outlawed, 2, 3 or 4 plastic grocery bags can serve as a nice “glove” for picking up, and then storing the poo until you get home. Before use, carry them in a pocket or tie or hang them from your wrist. Remember too, most folks do not want you to put anything in their curbside trash cans, so dispose of it at your house, not some one else’s.

Bathroom renovation + a crash

In early December, plans were solidified, and the bathroom renovation project was a go, when all of a sudden an errant pick up truck careened up the pool sidewalk, bounced off the stone border, crashed into the waterfall boulders, smashed over some bushes, and nailed the stone corner of the bathhouse – hard! Hard enough the stone was knocked off and the truck was stuck. So, not only were we gutting the inside, but thanks to this event, we had to do some unplanned repair outside. The insurance adjuster’s estimate was \$7,000 damage, our deductible was \$1,000. Luckily, no one was hurt.



Above photo shows damage to the stone in December 2018.

Below photo on February 18, 2019, shows the stone being repaired, and some of the new siding, part of the renovation project.



**THE POOL OPENS WEEKENDS IN MAY
ACCESS CARDS REQUIRED
FOR POOL & TENNIS COURTS**

ORDER FORM:

- ✓ **THIS NEWSLETTER**
- ✓ **BV WEBSITE**
- ✓ **FROM GMI**



Volunteer!
There's a lot to do.
 Help is always welcome!
 Who will do it, if you don't?

Spring is finally springing,
Things are getting busy!
Join the fun!



No February BPCIA Open Meeting

The BPCIA Board of Directors opted to not have the regular Open Meeting on the 4th Thursday of February. They met in a closed session on February 17th to review all items pertaining to past, current and future issues with BPCIA, and engaged in a question and answer session to develop a rapport as a group.

It takes as long as it takes, but...
Be prepared and be brief, please.

The Monthly Community Association Meeting is the place to discuss and learn about our neighborhood's business. All residents are welcome to attend and participate. However, if you have something you wish to present, or if you want to make comments during meetings, please keep the following in mind.

A representative from our management company, GMI, attends both the Open Session that everyone is welcome to attend, which starts at 7:00 p.m., and the Executive Session, made up of only the Board Members, starting immediately following the Open Session. At 9:00 p.m. GMI begins charging \$75 per hour to attend our meetings.

Please come to meetings prepared to state things as briefly as possible and keep participation in open discussions on-topic and as succinct as possible. The less money we have to spend for meetings, means more money for improving our neighborhood.



A love for tradition has never weakened a nation, indeed it has strengthened nations in their hour of peril.
Sir Winston Churchill

VF says "Hands Off!"

Blue recycle bins on Tues & Fri

VF Waste Services directs employees as follows:

if there are blue recycle bins sitting on the curb on Tuesday or Friday do not touch them.

So, do not put trash in your recycle container, they will not pick it up.



per Jeremy Hernandez, Ofc Mgr - VF Waste Services



This coyote was captured on a home security camera. He is big and very comfortable strolling through front yards. He is probably finding a lot to eat early on garbage day. The lesson here is to NOT put trash out overnight. It is also not a good idea to feed pets outdoors in reach of Wiley Coyote.

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:

March 28, 2019

~ Note: there was no February Meeting ~

Message Board, Photos, Deed Restrictions to Print and More On Our Own BV Website!

<https://briarvillage.nabrnetwork.com/home.php>





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**Have a Fun & Safe March
 ~ At a Glance ~**

Mar 10	Daylights Savings Time begins
Mar 11-15	HISD Spring Break
Mar 14	Access Cards - BV Clubhouse
Mar 28	Access Cards - BV Clubhouse
Mar 28	Community Association Meeting
Apr 6	Neighborhood Garage Sales
Apr 11	Access Cards - BV Clubhouse
Apr 13	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 19	HISD Spring Holiday
Apr 21	Easter & San Jacinto Day
Apr 25	Access Cards - BV Clubhouse
Apr 27	Spring Fling

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 ALL NEW ACCESS CARDS REQUIRED THIS YEAR**




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