

# BRIARGATE BEACON

## WHAT'S NEW IN BRIARGATE

### Projection 2016

Projection per Council Member Larry Green is to begin construction on W. Fuqua and also installation of "Speed Cushions/Speed Bumps" on many streets within Briargate Community. Suggestion to install camera(s) for violators dumping on the far end of Blueridge Road to FM 2234 is also a projected plan.

Trees were planted in median of Chimney Rock (Northside of W. Fuqua) in March 2015.

Potholes reported by Briargate CIA to City of Houston Public Works have been filled.

Many nonworking street lights were reported to CenterPoint by Briargate CIA to replace or repair.

Lighting for Park #2 was initiated and installed by the HOA in March 2015.

Updated security cameras and lighting at the Briargate Clubhouse in March 2015.

Projection to install cameras at Pool #2 due for security due to ongoing vandalism tentatively scheduled.

Monitoring, tagging, and removal by Briargate CIA Security Patrol of illegal parking of Tractor/Trailer vehicles.

City of Houston surveillance of the Strip Center on W. Fuqua to maintain proper beautification of the neighborhood and fine as necessary, if not in compliance.

Pool #1 was resurfaced in June 2015 with minor problems still to be adjusted.

Homeowner files have been updated for audit purposes and old information from previous management that was not removed from homeowner files accumulated to 20 boxes and have now been sent to archives.

### HOA Assessments for 2016

All statements for Briargate HOA Assessments will be mailed by November 15, 2015. **Homeowners can still make their payments by personal check, money order, cashier's check, Master Card or Visa, and bank debit (NO CASH will be accepted).** The fees for credit/bank card transactions are 3.5%. No payment(s) will be accepted by phone or website. You can also place your payment (**NO CASH**) in the mail slot. **All payments must be received by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year after which a \$28.50 will be assessed.**



### Briargate Duplexes

Many complaints from the community have been reported regarding the Duplexes on W. Fuqua; however, the owners have been notified to maintain and upkeep the aesthetic value of the neighborhood. Recently Briargate CIA was notified of a pest infestation and directed the owner to contact the City of Houston to resolve the problem.

### Willowridge High School

Willowridge High School celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 3, 2015 with a parade, tailgate party and homecoming game. This event was also noted on Briargate's marquees with the date. This is a major milestone since Willowridge was scheduled to be transformed into a Technical School or closed down.



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### DEED RESTRICTIONS MOST VIOLATED

**Trash/Trash Can In View** – Section 3.9 of Deed Restrictions: No refuse, garbage, trash, lumber, grass, shrub or tree clippings, plant waste, compost, metal bulk, materials, scrap, or debris of any kind shall be kept, stored, or allowed to accumulate on any Lot including neighbor's Lot except within an enclosed container of a type, size and style approve by the Board of Trustees and appropriately screened from view, except that any such container may be placed in a designated area for garbage or trash pickup no earlier than six o'clock p.m. on the day preceding trash pickup of such garbage and trash, and shall be returned to an enclosed structure or an area appropriately screened from view no later than midnight of the day of pickup of such garbage and trash. Fines may be assessed by the City of Houston if violation is not corrected.

**Prohibited Vehicles** – Vehicles primarily used or designed for commercial purposes, tractors, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, trailers (either with or without wheels), campers, camper trailers, boats, and other watercraft, boat trailers, machinery or equipment of any kind. The City of Houston can and will assess a fine of no greater than \$250.00 per day and towing if not removed within 5 days.

### Heavy Trash Collection

Again this notice has been included in newsletters and deed violation letters. **“Tree Waste”** is defined as “clean wood waste”, which consists of tree limbs, branches and stumps. No lumber will be accepted. Collection will occur every **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday on odd months, i.e., January, March, May, July, September and November.**

**“Solid Waste”** is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, lumber, and other bulky material. Collection will occur every **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday on even Month(s) i.e., February, April, June, August, October and December.** If you receive a letter from Briargate with a City of Houston Case

number, a fine has been assessed to your property in the amount of \$250.00

**Note:** The following streets; **Bazel Brook, Summer Ridge, Raven Trail, Rose Ridge Court, 6403 through 6451 W. Fuqua, Briar Spring, Winter Briar, Summer Briar and Fall Briar, following the same schedule above, except your trash will be picked up on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.**

For questions or more information, please call 311, (713) 837-0311 or **City's Customer Service** or log onto [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org).

### Vehicles Blocking the Sidewalk

The information pertaining to blocking sidewalks was issued in 2012 by The City of Houston, Sec. 545.302, Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Certain Places was provided by Councilman Larry Green's Office.

- (a) An operator may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle;
- (1) On the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street,
  - (2) On a sidewalk,
  - (3) In an intersection,
  - (4) On a crosswalk,
  - (5) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of a place on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless governing body of a municipality designates a different length of signs or marking,
  - (6) Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction if stopping, standing, or parking the vehicle would obstruct traffic.



**Note:** According to Councilmember Larry Green's Office, Briargate was informed that the only time tickets/fines are been issued is because someone has called his office regarding blocking of the sidewalk.