



# Brays Village Voice

## BV Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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Office Hours: 9am-2 pm Monday-Thursday, closed Friday

📍 [www.BraysVillageHouston.com](http://www.BraysVillageHouston.com) (hosted by Louis Hemmi)


**May Monthly Meeting Thursday, May 11, 2017—7:00 PM** Come to the meeting & learn what's going on in your neighborhood. Agenda items may include common area repairs, financials, minutes, procedures that we follow, security, delinquencies, and DCCR (Deed Restrictions) violations, etc.

**Links** on our website: Houston International District, Westpark Recycling Center, ACC Forms, minutes, groundcover info, regulations, and so much more!

### DCCR HEARINGS

- Thursday, May 4, 7 pm
- Saturday, May 6, 10 am
- Thursday, May 11 (after Monthly Board meeting)
- Saturday, May 20, 7 pm
- Wednesday, May 24, 10 am

**Heavy Trash pickup: First Wednesday of each month**

1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Waste Type	BV Recycle Dates (Green Mondays)			
May 3	Tree	May	8	22	
Jun 5	Junk	Jun	5	19	
Jul 5	Tree	Jul	3	17	

## Landscaping: A good investment

• **First impressions are as important for houses as they are for people.** If you are considering selling, good landscape design can add up to 20% of value to your home. Make sure to follow these basic rules in order to get the best return on your investment.

• **A professionally landscaped property is a sure ticket to quick resale.** It gives a home curb appeal, a sense of place and value. "It's the first thing you see," says Joan Honeyman, of Honeyman Landscape Architecture in Washington, D.C. That first impression can add 20 percent to your home's value, a figure that rivals the return on a new kitchen or bath.

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★ Constable: 281-463-6666

**Alief Super Neighborhood Council-** Meets 23-May-2017 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) at the Alief Community Center, corner of Bellaire and Kirkwood.

### Yard of the Month

**Rebecca Liao**

**4135 Sun Meadow**

Rebecca wins a \$25 Home Depot Gift Card!



Get your

**pool passes done early!** We start providing free pool passes in May, & issue them until August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a photo id, we can put a renewal sticker on it. No photo IDs will be issued on opening day.

• **You will need a pool photo ID to attend the pool party.** • **All family members need a pass (even babies).** We just replastered the pool this winter and it looks very inviting.

• **Lifeguards Needed** • BV Needs lifeguards with Red Cross or equivalent certification to work throughout the season. Competitive pay, wonderful people!

**Contact the office** by calling 281-495-8625 or send an email to BraysVillage@Yahoo.com. You can also come to the office at 11203 Oakcenter.

May is the start of the warm weather that we enjoy most of the year, time for vacations, and celebrating Memorial Day which honors our veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice.

During the dry spells, be sure to water unless prohibited or restricted by the City of Houston. Keep it green if you have traditional groundcover. It is important to protect your landscaping investment and keep your property looking its very best. A landscape designer or landscaper can help you devise a schedule for upkeep and maintenance. Be honest with yourself—if you do not have the time or the inclination to maintain your exterior plantings, engage the regular services of a landscaping maintenance company. Also, make sure that you discuss maintenance with your landscape designer, who can specify low-maintenance vegetation if gardening and backyard puttering are not your thing. Most of all, remember that everything doesn't have to happen at once. Consider a five-year plan that has plantings maturing at varying rates and adds various features each year. This way you can remain within your budget—time-wise and cost-wise—while still progressing toward a complete landscape renovation.

• Board Members •

- Rickey Bircher
- Ole Donaho
- Pete Gebhardt
- Arlen Hamby
- Louis Hemmi
- Tara Jordan
- Patricia Kennedy
- Zak Miller
- Vivien Sugar

Approval Form:

Homeowners must have an approved work-request form prior to making any changes of any kind that can be seen from the street. That includes painting — even if the color is the same, replacing siding or trim, replacing roofs or fences, additions to the property, burglar bars, etc. The form is your proof that the work was approved. Failure to obtain approval will result in an immediate fine. If not approved, you may have to repaint, reroof, or take your work down. Homeowners are reminded that the Board has 30 days to approve requests



• May 13 • June 10 • July 8

☞ Is your airbag defective?

Tens of millions of defective airbag inflators are under recall. Even a fender bender can cause these airbags to rupture, spraying shrapnel into drivers and passengers. DON'T RISK INJURY OR DEATH! CHECK YOUR VEHICLE TODAY. Go to this website: [www.Airbagrecall.com](http://www.Airbagrecall.com). Enter your VIN number. If you see a text that reads, "Recall Incomplete," your airbag inflator will be replaced for free.

☞ Jury Duty Scam

If you get a call from anyone claiming to be an officer of the courts claiming you have ignored a call to jury duty, HANG UP! The courts NEVER call you on the phone. If they claim you owe money because there is a warrant out for your arrest, HANG UP. Never send money to anyone. IT IS A SCAM.



- 1 home is "Active" for sale, list price \$165k
- 3 Pending sales, listed for \$130-\$168k with no sales settled in calendar April (as of 4/23/2017)