## BRAEBURN VALLEY

#### **Important Numbers**

- Constable: 713-643-6602
- Non-emergency Police: 713-884-3131
- Store front Police: 713-773-7555
- Trash, Junk waste, trees: Call 3-1-1

\*\*Next monthly Board meeting will be held on December 13th. We will be having light refreshments starting at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow at 7:00pm.\*\*

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Newsletter please reach out to Kari from Sterling. Her email address is kari@sterlingasi.co m

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#### HOMEOWNER ASSESSMENTS

Statements for the 2019 Braeburn Valley West Association dues have all been mailed to homeowners. If you did not receive a copy please contact Sterling at servicedesk@sterlingasi.com or 832-678-4500.

#### Common Area Upkeep-

Homeowner assessments go toward the common areas i.e., clubhouse, community pool, pavilion, basketball court, parks for the community. Landscape of the common areas.

#### Special Events-

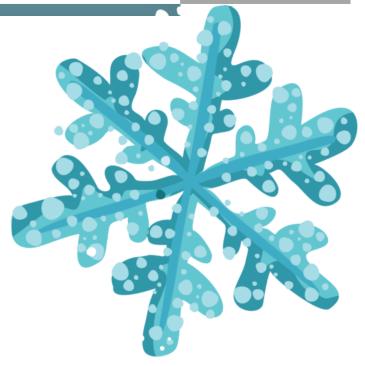
HOA assessments cover the costs for the community to hold events throughout the year.

#### Administrative Costs—

The annual dues help to pay for the management company to pay the required bills for the upkeep of the common areas, enforce the

deed restrictions, taxes, and utilities.

\*\*\*Reminder the annual dues are due by January 31st call Sterling on ways to make your payment. \*\*\*



# Www.braeburnvalleywest.com

Register for email blasts for community updates!

#### TRASH AND OTHER PICKUP INFORMATION

- ⇒ Trash pickup is EVERY Thursday (Black Bin)
- ⇒ Recycling pickup is every OTHER Thursday (Green Bin)
- ⇒ Junk Waste pick up is on the 2nd Friday of EVEN months (February, April, June, August, October and December)
- ⇒ Tree waste pickup is the 2nd Friday of EVERY month
- \*Junk/tree waste cannot be out earlier than 6:00pm one week before the 2nd Friday of each month.
- \*\*Trash, junk and other waste may not be visible.
- \*\*\* Please see the recycling schedule on the next page
- \*\*\*\* Please move your trash bin and recycle bin out of public view when there is not a service day!

#### The Braeburn Valley West community will follow schedule A for recycle pickup.



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### Management Company:

Sterling ASI 11201 Lake Woodbridge Drive Sugar Land, TX 77498

Contact us kari@sterlingasi.com

Ph.: 832-678-4500 Fax: 832-678-4543

#### **Board of Directors**

Karen Dollahon – Board President

Pat Dorsey- Vice President

Angel Morin—Secretary

Rodney Clements— Treasurer

Sally Bercu- Director

Claudia Hernandez— Director

Jennifer Dewhirst— Director

#### Website Registration

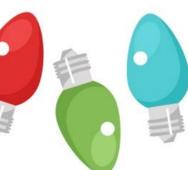
Please visit
www.braeburnvalleyw
est.com to register
your email address to
receive community
updates and important information

#### WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Take advantage of heat from the Sun. Open curtains on your southfacing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- Seal air leaks around utility cut-trough's for pipes, gaps around chimneys and recessed lights. Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.
- When your home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is

Comfortable. When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills.

- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning.
- Use light-emitting diode or LED holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decorating your home for the winter holidays.



#### EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS

When making any exterior modifications or repainting of your property, please do not order work crews or contractors to begin until you have received approval from the ACC. The ACC has thirty days to respond to your request, and typically the turnaround process is much faster. This is dependent, however, on the complexity of your request and the availability of ACC members to process it. The ACC is charged with ensuring that proposed changes are consistent with the Braeburn

Valley West community and per the Declarations. On average, repainting with the existing or similar colors take the least time. Complex structures or major modifications take the most. For any requests that use contractors, please include the list of materials and specifications along with your form so we can make a determination as quickly as possible. Occasionally, proposed modifications or exterior colors do not fit within our guidelines. We consider all proposals, but we must act for the benefit of the entire community. Every effort is made to allow you the flexibility necessary to achieve the desired look of your home and property. Please know that our goal is to keep property values and neighborhood appearance at their best. We pledge to work with you for a smooth and friendly process.

\*You can get an application from the website or the management company.

#### HOLIDAY LIGHTING COMPETITION!



As the Holidays draw closer and the weather cools down, people begin to decorate their homes and yards. This year we are going to hold a friendly competition for the best decorated homes. If you wish to participate please have your home decorated by December 8th 2018. Be sure to keep your house lit from December 8th to December 12 for the Board to judge. Final decisions will be made at the December board meeting. If you wish to nominate a home email that over to kari@sterlingasi.com

1st place prize: \$75 Gift Card 2nd place prize: \$50 Gift Card 3rd place prize: \$25 Gift Card Braeburn Valley West Page 4

#### STOP! DON'T CHOP...

- Prune in late winter. February is ideal.
- For crepe myrtles, remove suckers at the base, crossing or rubbing branches, and branches growing inward toward the center of the plant.
- Cut back to another branch, to just above an outward-facing bud on a branch, or to the branch collar (a swollen area where the branch joins the trunk.) Never leave lone or clustered stubs.
- Try to remove unwanted branches before they get thicker than a pencil.

- Plant cool season annuals, such as pansies, ornamental kale, and snapdragons.
- Plant herbs like cilantro and parsley for harvest throughout autumn.



#### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TIPS...

- ⇒ Become familiar with your neighbors' schedules for work and school.
- ⇒ Be familiar with whose kids play outside and which ones ride the bus and those whose parents are at the bus stops with them. Know the bus stops near you and pick-up and drop-off times. Be familiar with the vehicles parked near them during pick-up and drop-off times.
- ⇒ Have an emergency plan in place for your children. Make sure they know where to go if you are not home.
- ⇒ Tell your adult neighbors (not neighbors'

- children) when and how long you are going to be out of town and make sure they can contact you or someone you delegate if needed.
- ⇒ Keep vehicles locked at all times and if you leave valuables in the car, make sure they are well concealed. Do not park on the street.
- ⇒ Keep garage doors closed at all times and lock inside doors to garages. Lock attic entrances in garages.
- ⇒ Don't keep keys hi9dden in obvious places. You may want to consider giving a key to your neighbor.
- ⇒ Add extra motion-

- sensitive lights in areas where intruders may hide.
- ⇒ Consider getting surveillance cameras.
- ⇒ If you hear or see something outside or whenever going outside at night, turn your outside lights on, wait a few minutes and then check.
- ⇒ Use Facebook to communicate anything suspicious, alarming or concerning.
- ⇒ Get the license plate number on any vehicle that is speeding or suspicious. You never know when it may be needed due to a crime that was committed.

#### **Animals**

Do you know about the leash law?

All animals must be on a leash if they are outside the home and/or the backyard.

#### Animal waste disposal

Please be courteous of your neighbors. Do not permit your pet to defecate on private property unless it is immediately removed and properly disposed of in a poop bag.

#### Unreasonably noisy animals

It has been declared a nuisance for any owner or person to allow their pet to bark, growl, howl, and whine or make any other sound loud and long enough to unreasonably disturb the peace of other people.

The neighborhood clubhouse is available for your use. The rental cost is \$125 plus a \$150 damage cleaning deposit. If the clubhouse is left as clean as at the start, the deposit check is torn up. The \$125 is nonrefundable if the homeowner cancels. If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please call Kari at 832-678-4500.

PLEASE NOTE: The pool is not part of the clubhouse rental nor can the pool be reserved.

If you wish to have a recipe published in the newspaper please contact Kari Lemoine with Sterling ASI at: kari@sterlingasi.com or 832-678-4500



#### Snowballs

#### Ingredients-

1 cup butter 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

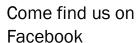
1/4 tsp salt 1 tsp vanilla extract

2 1/4 cups all purpose flour 1 cup chopped pecans

1/3 cup confectioners' sugar for dusting, or as needed

1/4 cup finely crushed peppermint candy canes (optional)

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
- Cream the butter with 1/2 cup of the confectioners' sugar and the vanilla. Mix in the flour, pecans and salt. Roll about 1 tablespoon or so of dough into balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet.
- 3. Bake in preheated oven until bottoms are golden, about 15 minutes, Do not allow these cookies to get too brown: it's better to undercook them than to overcook them. While cookies are still hot, roll them in confectioners' sugar. Once they have cooled, roll them in confectioners' sugar once more.



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