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Old Braeswood News

A Letter from the President by Susan Froehly Teich

Many thanks to Jenny Tavor for her heartfelt letter, included on page 3, and her willingness to make her misfortune into a learning moment for the rest of us. Her plea for increased security and for a reliable means of paying for it dovetails with the results of Marcella Watkins' survey conducted last summer. Both the letter and the survey results appear in this newsletter.

The burglary at the Tavor home occurred at a time when Old Braeswood's security patrol was not on duty. We have noticed in the past that burglars are aware of when we have a patrol presence and when we don't. On one occasion a burglary occurred shortly after our patrol had completed its tour for the day and left. In the Tavor's case, SEAL was called immediately. Even though SEAL was not scheduled for our neighborhood at the time, an officer was pulled from another neighborhood and sent to the Tavor's. The perpetrators had gone, but SEAL arrived well before HPD. As in the past, SEAL did not bill Old Braeswood for the additional service.

The survey results are presented in full so that you may draw your own conclusions. Comments from respondents and a more detailed version of the results are posted on our website. The results are reliable given that a third of households replied, a significant response given the excess of surveys floating around and everyone's general resistance to answering yet another one. The survey shows that most residents want more hours of patrol and are willing to pay the added cost. Also, most residents want payment for both patrol service and POA dues to be mandatory. They recognize that they get only the number of patrol hours that we can pay for and that the small amount of dues assessed is stretched very far due to the many hundreds of hours of volunteer service by residents.

I am nearing the end of my third and last year as president of the POA. A new president will be elected at the Annual Meeting on November 9. I look forward to seeing you there.

Save the date ...

Old Braeswood POA

Annual Meeting

7 p.m. Wed., November 9

2348 Maroneal Blvd.

Mark your calendars for the meeting. There will be reports on neighborhood matters and an election of officers.

Special thanks to Barbie and Don Schaffer for opening their home for this event. Watch for your official meeting notice and related materials in the mail.

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Captain Charles O'Brien was already a local legend when he and his wife, Mathilda B., moved into 2108 Glen Haven Blvd as its first owners. They began appearing in the City Directory at that address in 1939.

From 1920 until his retirement in 1952, Charles worked as a pilot on the Houston Ship Channel. He was the name plaintiff in the lawsuit *O'Brien et al. vs. Ammerman et al.* seeking a temporary injunction against the 1921 "pilot law." The law gave control of the Houston Ship Channel pilots to Houston's mayor and city council. The pilots worried that such control would politicize their jobs. They lost the battle but won the war. The Texas Supreme Court upheld the law, but with the help of sympathetic legislators the pilots got a new law in 1921. The law applied only to Texas cities of 100,000 or more in population at a time when only Houston fit that description. It created a Pilot Commission that set standards and allowed the pilots to operate as an independent group. The Houston Pilots began keeping official records of their meetings in 1923 and elected Charles O'Brien as their first President and Presiding Officer. On April 5, 2001, the Texas Senate passed a resolution concurrently with the Texas House of Representatives honoring the retired pilots of the Houston Ship Channel. Charles O'Brien was named in the resolution.

In 1960, Mathilda began appearing in the City Directory as "widow" and curiously the spelling of her given name in the Directory changed to "Matilda" for her remaining four years in the house. Then in 1964 the house had a listing of "no return," meaning that no one responded for that address. The house may have been empty.

It was soon occupied however by Hermann and Glory Belle Krevit. He was an architectural engineer. The City Directory initialized Mrs. Krevit's middle name, referring to her in parentheses with the uplifting designation of "Glory B."

In 1969, the house took on a role played by many houses in Old Braeswood. It became home to someone who had grown up in the neighborhood and wanted to return. The new owner was Jack Earthman, whose childhood was spent on the other

side of the street at 2215 Glen Haven (the subject of this column in the June/July 2014 issue of the newsletter). Jack had not followed his parents into the funeral home business,

but instead had become an architect. Initially, he shared the house with a friend, Michael Lynn Parks. But then Jack married Angela Donohue, a dentist, and the directory listing in 1981 and thereafter was for Jack and Angela.

In about 1993, the Earthmans sold the house to Mary and Patrick Lynch, both medical doctors. Their move here from the Woodside Subdivision took them only about 3

miles from their old home, but it was an important 3 miles. Now they could dispense with a car for getting to work. Dr. Patrick Lynch is a gastroenterologist at M.D. Anderson and bicycles to work. Dr. Mary Lynch is a pathologist and usually walks to work (at Park Plaza in 1993 and now at Kelsey Seybold).

The move to Glen Haven gave the Lynches not only an easy commute, but also a bigger house for their family of three sons and a daughter. Besides its location and size (5 bedrooms), they liked the house's open floor plan, the result of remodeling by architect Earthman, and the generous side yard.

Mary remembers their first years in Old Braeswood as a transitional time for the neighborhood. Many of the original residents were still living here and were elderly. There were few children in the neighborhood, unlike today.

The Lynches are looking forward to retirement, or at least partial retirement, and are building a house in Oregon to enjoy cool summers near one of their sons. Winters will still be in Houston, but nearby in a smaller place befitting their empty nest. Ownership of 2108 Glen Haven will pass to Conor Lynch, another of their sons. His return continues the house's familiar role of bringing back to Old Braeswood those who grew up here. Conor works for Hess Corporation as Director of Global Tax Accounting and Compliance.

[This is the 43rd article in a series on houses and people in Old Braeswood. Suggestions for future columns are welcome.]



A Letter from Sam & Jenny Tavor

I am writing this letter to address a serious problem in our neighborhood, and, indeed, all over the City of Houston.

We live at 2355 Blue Bonnet Blvd. and we were broken into and burgled back on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 11:02 in the morning.

We do all the recommended things: Alarm, Cameras, Locked Gates, Locked Doors and yet three criminals, dressed in the bright yellow vests similar to those worn by city workers, still managed to break into our house and steal all my jewelry that was not in the safe. They climbed over a locked side gate, smashed a glass door into our outdoor room which is closed up and locked, smashed the glass door into our living room and went straight up to my closet. They tried to get into the safe using my steel tipped stepladder in my closet. They trashed my closet and destroyed the safe (and the ladder), but thankfully, were unable to open it or remove it as it is nailed into the wall. Adding insult to injury, they removed a pillow from its case and emptied my jewelry drawer into the case. They left the house through the front door.

It was hard enough to be burglarized, but the invasion into our privacy and our home is difficult to deal with

The point of this letter is to try and convince those residents who voted against compulsory security patrols to reconsider and to help us prevent these incidents from happening.

The criminals knew that they had 4-5 minutes to get to our closet and take what they could. The alarm was blaring and they simply did not care.

SEAL was NOT on patrol at the time, because OBPOA Security does not have the funds and support of our residents to have 24/7 patrols. Dispatch had to call someone from another area to assist. That officer had to call for back up. HPD came AFTER SEAL did and the officer also had to call for back up. Four officers plus a K9 officer went into the house, but the burglars were long gone.

I firmly believe that if SEAL was patrolling at the time, they would have been alerted by the very loud alarm we have and would have had a far greater opportunity to apprehend this gang.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOTING FOR COMPLUSORY SECURITY PATROLS.

We thank those of you who pay the yearly dues and who voted "YES" on the last ballot!

The cost is about \$ 1.00 or so per day.

The emotional and monetary costs of what happened to us and to other residents of Old Braeswood are far, far higher!!

Appreciate your consideration,

Jenny & Sam Tavor

Specks Celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Old Braeswood residents Joy and Norman Speck, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August. Old Braeswood residents since 1955, they lived at 2201 Maroneal before moving to 7506 Morningside in 1963. Norman is a retired orthodontist. Joy, after raising five sons (Pat, Don, Mark, Kirk and Eric) worked in art education by bringing works of art to Houston public schools as part of a program supported by Dominique de Menil.

Why is it That We Drink 50,000 Year Old Water? by Len Teich

The September meeting of Brays Bayou Association featured the General Manager of the Houston-Galveston Subsidence District, Michael Turco, who gave an assessment of ground water in Harris, Galveston, and surrounding counties. The area sits on two enormous aquifers, the Evangeline and beneath that the Chicot. Evangeline is the main aquifer that this region of Texas has tapped for the last 120 years and is made up of interwoven layers of clay and sand. This sand and clay gets thicker as it approaches the coast, 35000 feet thick at Houston. Houston currently gets 10 to 20 percent of its water from the aquifer, and that water is from a very deep layer, some of the cleanest ground water in the U.S. The Evangeline water varies from 20,000 years old at the top of the aquifer to 50,000 years old in the deepest part. And we don't need to worry about subsidence in this neighborhood. Most of the subsidence in this part of Houston occurred before 1980, at which point the District Control Authority shut down most of the wells and regulated the remaining ones. Right now, they project that at most we will see additional subsidence of less than six inches by the year 2070. I'll be around to check that number and will let you all know in the 2070 Old Braeswood newsletter.



Thank You, 2016 Old Braeswood POA Members & Patrol Subscribers

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Shao Yun Zhang & Yong Gin

[* Denotes neighbors who made additional contributions toward the Old Braeswood Patrol for 2016.]

Old Braeswood Survey Results: Summer 2016

MANDATORY DUES/PATROL

Which of the following would you support making mandatory?

Nothing	19.61%
Patrol Subscription only	15.69%
POA dues and Patrol	64.70%

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Are more security patrol shifts needed? Current coverage is 56 hrs/wk	81%	19%
Are you willing to pay for more patrol shifts than we currently have?	77%	26%

QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES

	<u>Less</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>More Needed</u>
Social events: Are there enough n'hood social events?	2%	84%	14%
Street lighting: How's the level of public street lighting in the n'hood?	2%	47%	51%

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Lighting impact: Should there be limits on private exterior lighting that affects others' property?	65%	35%
Noise: Should there be n'hood rules limiting noise during certain hours?	47%	53%
Tree Protection: Should there be rules protecting neighborhood trees?	31%	69%
Pet Waste: Should more neighbors pick up after their dogs?	22%	78%

	<u>Don't like it</u>	<u>Don't care</u>
Trash bins on the street: Thoughts on trash cans being set out too early?	13%	87%

PUBLICATIONS

	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Electronic Okay</u>
Newsletter: How do you feel about the OBPOA newsletter?	7%	93%	54%
Directory: What's your experience with the OB Directory?	24%	76%	N/A

COMMITTEES

<u>Rate your experience with COMMITTEES:</u>	<u>No Experience</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Positive</u>
ARC	44%	18%	14%	23%
Enforcement	68%	11%	11%	11%
Park	48%	0%	18%	34%
Security	58%	4%	8%	30%
Social	46%	0%	17%	38%
Tree	34%	6%	14%	46%
Welcome	57%	3%	11%	30%

Would you VOLUTNEER on a committee? % Yes

Social	11%
ARC (Skilled)	7%
ARC (Other)	15%
Enforcement / Park / Trees	8 - 9%
Directory	5%
Security / Welcome	16% - 18%
Exec. Comm. / Officer	14%

Last summer, Old Braeswood resident Marcella Watkins prepared a survey that was sent to all households in the neighborhood. The survey was intended as a tool for taking a measure of how people felt about the current services and opportunities provided by the Property Owners Association and about what changes they might support. About one third of all households in Old Braeswood answered the survey and the results are presented here. Most people are happy with the POA. At the same time, most people want expanded security patrol coverage. How to pay for any expansion of coverage remains an area of disagreement and will be the subject of continued discussion.

University Place

Your POA president represents Old Braeswood at meetings of the University Place Super Neighborhood Council, including quarterly breakfasts to which law enforcement and neighborhood patrol representatives are invited. The purpose of the breakfasts is to discuss crime and security measures within the neighborhoods.

A number of items from the October breakfast are worth reporting. Home burglaries are generally down. Increasingly burglars are using rental cars to blend in with cars used by residents. Homeowners usually don't install motion sensors on the upper floor of two story homes, so burglars are now using ladders to access homes from second story windows. Electronics and other items with serial numbers are usually not taken. Jewelry and other small unmarked items of value are targeted.

Until recently KUSH addicts were congregating in Hermann Park at a pavilion near the children's playground. Through increased HPD patrol in the Park, that pavilion is no longer a gathering place for KUSH users. They have simply moved to new areas up and down Main Street well north and south of Old Braeswood. The fence around the large undeveloped land on the east side of South Main, across from Old Braeswood, has deterred KUSH encampments from cropping up there.

The police and security patrols in attendance at the meeting stressed that the installation of motion activated surveillance cameras by homeowners is of great benefit in identifying burglars. Cameras installed in public areas (e.g., in streets) are not as effective because of the many man hours needed to view tapes. For example, if a burglary occurred during a 10 or 12-hour period in which a homeowner was absent, it might be necessary to view 10 to 12 hours of tape from each of several cameras to access those 2 or 3 seconds in which the perpetrator passed within camera range. Speeding up the tapes would not help because the brief recording of the perpetrator would pass too quickly to be noticed. Motion activated cameras are preferred.

Tree Program gets early start for the 2016-17 planting season

Trees for Old Braeswood (aka Old Braeswood's Tree Committee) is getting an early start this year and is excited to be expanding the street tree plantings to the northern and western streets in the neighborhood. The program is in its 6th year of a 10 year plan to plant all missing street trees. This year efforts are being focused on Maroneal, Bellefontaine and Gramercy. The first tree order will be submitted in October with trees planted in November or December by Trees for Houston. More than 65 sites have been marked for planting this fall.

Trees are incredibly beneficial to our environment. They help to prevent heat islands, which form in areas with large paved surfaces. They purify our air, absorb many gallons of water from flood run-off, and lower ambient temperatures. You can order a tree or make a tax-deductible contribution to this program via our website at www.OldBraeswood.com. Watch your mail for the annual street tree solicitation.

National Trust Home Tour of Old Braeswood: November 18

Old Braeswood is honored to be recognized for its history and its architecture by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Trust for the first time is holding its annual convention in Houston. The theme is PastForward and the featured event, the culmination of the convention, will be a tour of 8 Old Braeswood houses between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm on Friday, November 18th.

Trust members attending the convention can buy tickets when they register for the convention. Old Braeswood residents and members of HoustonMod, the coordinator for the tour, can also buy tickets. In late October members will be sent an invitation to purchase tickets online. Information will also be mailed soon. There are no plans to sell tickets to walk ups.

It is important to know that the number of tickets available to conferees, Old Braeswood residents and HoustonMod members will be capped at 250 tickets total. After that number is sold, those wanting tickets will be added to a waiting list. Tickets are \$45 each.

The houses being toured are located at:

2523 Maroneal	2418 Maroneal
2115 Glen Haven	2318 Blue Bonnet
2307 Blue Bonnet	2309 Blue Bonnet
2335 Blue Bonnet	2337 Blue Bonnet

HoustonMod is supplying docents at the tour homes. Organizers are coordinating security and there will be an extra Patrol officer on duty during the event. Trust conferees will arrive by bus and their arrival and departure times will be staggered.

Emanu El Hosts Car Show: Oct. 30

Congregation Emanu El is holding their **4th Annual Classic and Collectible Car Show & Food Truck Event** on **Sunday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m.** The whole community is invited. The event will be held in front of the Temple at 1500 Sunset Blvd. Cars from every era belonging to members and community members will be represented. Whether you are a devotee of cars or just want to have fun, you are invited to come and enjoy the camaraderie with the car owners, renew friendships and schmooze with other car enthusiasts. A diverse group of food trucks will be available in the West Parking Lot (Rain Date: Sunday, November 6 at 11 a.m.)



If you are interested in placing your car in the show or volunteering on the day of this event, contact Lenny Holzband at lenny.adventures@gmail.com. For general information about Congregation Emanu El or other events open to the community, contact **Jason Plotkin** at **713-535-6414** or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Old Braeswood Book Club: November 8

November 8, 2016, will discuss *The Children Act* (240 pages) by Ian McEwan. For further information contact Annette Brown, netteyduplechain@yahoo.com.

Annual OBPOA Meeting: Wednesday, November 9

This year the annual POA meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, at the home of Barbie and Don Schaffer, 2348 Maroneal. Many thanks in advance to the Schaffers for offering their home for this occasion.

Nominated to serve in 2017 are:

<i>President:</i> Andrea Lapsley	<i>At Large:</i> David Leathers
<i>Vice Pres.:</i> Joe Manca	<i>At Large:</i> John Eldridge
<i>Vice Pres.:</i> Buddy Steves	<i>Treasurer:</i> Bill Marchbank
<i>Vice Pres.:</i> Courtney Steves	<i>Secretary:</i> Julie Cohn

The immediate past president serves unelected on the Executive Committee. Susan Teich, the current president, will fill that slot once the new officers are installed.

Committee chairs are appointed by the POA president and once elected the new president will make those appointments. A very good way to ease into the work of the Board is to volunteer to serve under a Committee chair.

Old Braeswood Garden Club: November 29

November 29, 2016, with a program on Mexican Holiday Traditions and theme appropriate food. For further information contact Nancy Eisenmenger, at info.obgc@gmail.com.

Thank you Myron Steves Insurance Solution!

Special thanks to Myron Steves for printing the 2016-17 neighborhood directory. Buddy and Fred Steves grew up in Old Braeswood and still call the neighborhood home. Please help us thank Buddy & Rowena and Fred & Courtney when you see them.

2016 OBPOA Officers & Chairpersons

President	Susan Teich
Vice Pres.	Andrea Lapsley
Vice Pres.	Joe Manca
Vice Pres.	Buddy Steves
At-Large	G.G. Hsieh
At-Large	Courtney Steves
Treasurer	David Leathers
Secretary	Dawn Gervais
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Block Captains	Christine Manca
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Flood Control	Kathy Lord & Len Teich
Garden Club	Nancy Eisemenger
Newsletter	Evalyn Krudy
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Plan Review	Marilyn Archer
Preservation	Joe Manca
Patrol	Dee Murray
Rice U Liaison	Susan Teich
Social Events	GG Hsieh
Trees	Carroll Shaddock
University Place	Susan Teich
Welcome	Dawn Gervais

WELCOME

Please help us welcome new neighbors. Please contact the office when you see a moving van in the neighborhood. Just call or email us and tell us the address and we'll ensure the new family on your block receives a welcome packet.



Old Braeswood gets Creepy for Halloween



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Garden Club Begins New Year

The Old Braeswood Garden Club celebrated the start of its new club year with the annual Fall Kickoff BBQ on September 25 at the home of Anne & Joe Garnett. Attendance reflected the growing popularity of the club. Many thanks to all who brought food and wine. The next big party will be December 11 to celebrate the holidays and now is a good time to join to be included. For information and to check on the topics of monthly meetings, contact Nancy at info.obgc@gmail.com.



Rice University Report

The long awaited reconstruction of Greenbriar between Rice Blvd. and Holcombe will begin right after the February 2017 Super Bowl. For obvious reasons, the City of Houston did not want to disrupt Super Bowl traffic with construction along a major artery and is varying slightly its original February start date. Because this project will be a reconstruction and not just a repaving, the City will replace infrastructure beneath the street (water lines, storm drains etc.). The original plan was to widen this section of Greenbriar, removing trees on either side in the process. Community opposition resulted in a decision to keep Greenbriar at its current width and to retain all street trees. However, traffic calming improvements are included in the project to help improve safety around Roberts Elementary. Once this Greenbriar project is completed, the City will begin reconstruction of University Blvd. from Main to Kirby.

Our sister neighborhood Southgate faces some of the same problems with cut through traffic that we face. It has a request before the City of Houston for speed bumps and for a partial street closure on Dryden at Travis. Southgate's previous request for additional stop signs was turned down by the City. A lack of consensus among Southgate residents regarding the partial street closing may impact the City's decision. Traffic calming efforts by our sister neighborhoods and whether those efforts succeed will impact future efforts by OBPOA.

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Night Out on October 4, 2016

Old Braeswood celebrated National Night Out on October 4th with its always popular event featuring ice cream and balloon art. Thank you to GG Hsieh for coordinating the effort and thanks to helpful neighbors Michelina Cairo, Regina Duarte Brito and girls, and Board members Sally Miller and Courtney Steves for contributing to the success of the evening. Thanks to Dawn Gervais for co-sponsoring the event organized by Old Braeswood POA.

