

## BATS IN THE FOREST OF FRIENDSWOOD

**by resident Cathy Barido**

Our neighbor on Hackberry Lane came and told us that they have bats in their garage; we just checked our garage, and we also have them.

They were told that they probably have hundreds, but nothing can be done until August, due to the mating season. They were also told that by law, the bats cannot be exterminated - they have to be removed and then the area sealed, which is basically the whole outside of your house. They are most likely NOT rabid.

**by Board Member Mira Bush**

It has come to our attention that the problem with bats in our neighborhood is greater than anticipated as several homeowners have or have had them in their attic. Unfortunately they cannot be removed until September as the bats have "babies" right now and making their parents disappear would leave the babies to die inside the homes as they, yet, cannot fly. The second issue is that the bats are protected by State law and cannot be terminated.

The best way to prevent the bats from residing inside your home is to get your house seal!