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Review: Brivo Onair Pass for Bayside Users

One of the perks from upgrading the entrance/security system to a fully Internet-based system is that we can access it using a mobile phone app. The app is called Brivo Onair Pass and is available for both the iPhone (iOS) and Android. With it, you don't need a key fob, you can just use your phone to open any of the doors, including the vehicle gates. The app does require an active Internet connection to operate.

To install, contact our manager, Brandon, at Brivo@BaysideCommons.org to receive your credentials. When you receive them, go to your phone's app store and search for Brivo Onair Pass, and install. Then open the Brivo app and enter the credentials as indicated.

The Brivo app, by default, shows you a listing of the four buildings. You will want to find the entrances you use most often, and they may not be where you expect to find them. For instance, the swing gates are found in the Bldg. 3 listing, marked as SG Exit and SG Entrance. The pool shower room doors are located in the Bldg. 5 listing. If you have any trouble finding what you need, please contact Brandon.

To use, touch and hold the button for the door until the circle around the button goes completely around the circle 360 degrees (you'll understand when you see it). When the lock is open the screen will change color (If your Internet connection is spotty in that area it may take a few seconds to unlock). Green is the default color for open.

You can "favorite" your important doors by selecting the "star" in the upper right corner of the door in question. Then, when you select the "star" in the toolbar at the bottom of the screen, you will only see the doors you have favorited. You can always touch the "list" icon in the lower left corner of the toolbar to return to the "home" screen with the four buildings.

Also, you can change the look and description of each door to make it easier to identify. By default, each door has a colored block next to the name in the upper left corner. If you touch the block, you will go to a screen where you can 1) change the color of the block; 2) add a graphic image to the block; 3) change the name to something more descriptive for you. For instance, I made all my vehicle gates orange and used the gate icon for them, making them easy to identify. For the men's shower room I used the "man" icon. Etc.

The app works pretty well. As noted above, if your Internet connection doesn't work well in a certain location then the app won't work well either. For instance, I can't open the door to the building 2 stairwell from the garage because my phone can't connect to the Internet there.

For more information, please see the online document at: www.baysidecommons.org