



LAKES OF BRIGHTWATER
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

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Brightwater Reflections

Coming Events

HOA Monthly Meeting

April 20
May 18

Morning Coffee

April 12
May 10

Neighborhood Garage Sale

April 17

Pool Opening

May 1

Crime Watch Training Session

March 31

Pool Tag Distribution

April 3 & 10
May 1

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Pool Tag Distribution Days!

***April 3rd & 10th from 10 am - 1 pm at the Clubhouse
and May 1 from 11 am - 3 pm at the Pool***

Also ...

- ◆ Learn more about the Brightwater Crime Watch program
- ◆ Register for (or update) your eBulletin information
- ◆ Tennis keys available to interested residents
- ◆ Sign up for Troop 1294 Holiday Flag Service
- ◆ 2010 Brightwater Directory pick-up for residents who have not received their copy.
- ◆ Opportunity to participate in new Medical Reserve Corps

Check It Out: New Ways to Keep Up with Crime

The user-friendly tools can be accessed on the City's website, www.missouricitytx.gov. Click "**Tracking Crime**" under "**Quick Links**" to access the Police Department's four options: Crime Maps, Daily Crime Report, Crime Tip form and House Watch.

The free, crime-mapping national database, called RAIDS Online, allows residents to track all crimes using applications that group offenses by category and type, location and detailed information charts. Select a date range, click the Map tab and then zoom in on the Brightwater neighborhood ... or take a broader view of the City. Clicking on the colored icons on the map brings up specific information on that incident.

Internet users can also log on to report offenses through a new Crime Tip form. Tipsters can remain anonymous while sharing important clues to help the Police Department solve crimes. Or call the new Crime Tip line - 281-403-5868.

Another service is the House Watch program, which helps police safeguard residents' homes while they are away on business or vacation. Requests should be submitted 48 hours before departure and the length of absence should be at least three days and fewer than three weeks in duration. Homes are checked once per police shift (3x/day). For more information or to request the service, call the MCPD at 281-403-8700.

Regular Events

Neighborhood Coffee:

Join us the second Monday of the month from 10-11:30 AM at the Clubhouse for refreshments and a relaxed time to meet and visit with your neighbors! Our last two Coffees before the summer break are April 12 and May 10.

Evening Needleworkers:

Come join us! Bring your hand sewing to work on while visiting. We meet in members' homes the 1st Monday of the month from 7 to 8:30 PM. Call Elaine at 281-499-6660.

HOA Monthly Board Meeting:

Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse. Residents welcome at 6:00 PM.

Brightwater Garden Club:

Meets the 4th Monday, Sept—April, 6:45 PM at the Clubhouse. We invite you to join us for great programs and refreshments! Look for the green signs the week before the meeting!

Last program before summer break--

April 26—All About Daylilies.

New officers for 2010-2011: Pres. Cathy Montoya, 1st VP Sharon Lemons, 2nd VP Betty Grant, Treas. Betty Moll, Sec. Nancy Hudson.

Please note that due to the severe freezes this year, there will be no Yard of the Month selection until April.



The Scoop



Committee Reports

Communications:

- ◆ Our eBulletin, brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net continues to be a popular service for residents by transmitting timely neighborhood news and the popular "Lost and Found" feature.
- ◆ **Last call for 2010 Brightwater Directory:** The Directory will be available at the Pool Tag Distribution Days April 3 and 10 at the Clubhouse and May 1 at the Pool. After that, they will be sent to Crest Management and will have to be ordered and mailed at your expense. As before, only those who were listed are eligible to receive a Directory. You may call Nancy Hudson at 281-403-9269 or Betty Grant at 281-261-5903 to pick one up before Pool Tags.

Grounds:

The flowering Bradford Pear Trees along Brightwater Drive are certainly a pleasant sign that spring is approaching. The Landscape Team, Betty Grant, Nancy Hudson Hudson and Sharon Lemons, have spent several hours with HLS in planning and walking the neighborhood to observe the damage from the extremely cold winter. Many plants are recovering and we are replacing the ones that didn't. The spring color planting will soon be greeting us as we enter Brightwater.

Social: See ad for Garage Sale Information

Super Soup Social: Special thanks to the neighborhood cooks who supplied the yummy soups for this popular event January 31—Carol deBoer, Kent Hudson, Marilyn Langdon, Sharon Lemons, Joseph Mauricio, Ruchira Paul, and Pam Sanders.

Valentine Day Service Project: Park Manor of Quail Valley Nursing Home residents were the recipients of 100 pens decorated with silk flowers and arranged in decorative pots for the residents to mark their daily meal menus. Student volunteers who spent their Saturday morning to provide a bit of cheer for our nursing home neighbors were Depth Bannai, Olivia Kuligowski, Stephanie Liu, Haley Magar, Vidya Persad, Vindra Persad, Annie Tao, Allen Thai, Brian Thai, Joanna Yuen, and Sherry Zeng. Brightwater should be proud of these caring young people!

Coming events:

Garage Sale, April 17, 8 am to noon, Clubhouse parking lot.

Pool Opening Day, May 1, 11 am to 3 pm, with ice cream treats.

Middle School Pool Party June 7, 7-9 pm.

Crime and Security Report

February 2010: Total number of incidents requiring response=31

Nature of calls and complaints included city ordinance violations, animal-related calls, traffic complaints, suspicious persons or vehicles, noise disturbance, residents requesting assistance, burglar alarms, one case of assault. Of the 31 calls, 30 were dismissed, disregarded, or deemed false alarms. In one remaining case, a resident requested and received police assistance.

Recent News: On Wednesday, March 3rd, a burglary took place on Tradewinds Drive between 11 am and 1 pm when no one was home. An MCPD officer on patrol duty in Brightwater responded to the police dispatcher's call. The suspects were gone when he arrived at the scene. The entry was through the back door. Some valuables like a big screen TV and computers were taken. The incident is currently under investigation.

Brightwater Crime Watch Report

Officer Dan Flagg, MCPD Community Liaison, has this advice for our residents:

- ◆ Be sure all doors and windows are locked.
- ◆ Place secondary or auxiliary locks on downstairs windows.
- ◆ If you have an alarm, use it!
- ◆ Record serial numbers on all items of value.
- ◆ Consider having a home security inspection by the Missouri City Police Department.



Vacation Watch is available through the Brightwater Crime Watch by contacting Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 or Rose Lindsey at 281-499-3981. Or call MCPD at 281-403-8700.

BCW TRAINING SESSION — Officer Flagg will conduct a training session at the Clubhouse on March 31 from 6:30—7:15 pm. Interested residents are welcome to learn more about this program and its intention to make Brightwater one of the safest neighborhoods in Missouri City. Volunteers commit to patrolling as a two person team once a month on a day of their choosing for two hours convenient to their schedules. The more teams that patrol, the more emphatic the message that Brightwater is serious about taking a stand against crime in our neighborhood.

For more information, contact Diane Giltner 281-499-0695 or Rose Lindsey at 281-499-3981.

Garbage Collection Vote

City-wide Garbage Collection - The May 8 ballot will carry a proposition for city-wide garbage collection. Currently, Brightwater residents receive garbage pick-up (2x/week plus recycling) through a MUD #42 contract with WCA at an approximate cost of \$16.25. Under the City's proposal, if the WCA base contract price becomes higher than the City garbage contract (after the current contract expires), all residents in Brightwater and MUD#42 would be required to receive City collection.

Specific details on City-wide collection have not been finalized. These include: (1) Will the City service provide once or twice per week pick-up? (2) Will recycling service be included? and (3) Will residents have to use the large green garbage containers in the event the City goes with an automated service? The City has stated that public discussion will be included for future decisions on garbage collection.

Be an informed citizen and make sure to vote on Saturday, May 8!



*Saturday, April 17 8 AM to 12 Noon
Clubhouse/Tennis Court Parking Lot*

**Clean out the garage and load up those gently used treasures for
this sure-fire opportunity to make a few bucks!**

Open to all residents in good standing. Set-up is from 6:30 to 7:30 AM.

You will need to bring your own tables, chairs, racks, etc.

**Any merchandise you do not want to take home will be donated to
the Ft. Bend Women's Shelter Thrift Shop.**

To reserve a spot, call Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 by April 11

If you have usable items to donate (no clothing, please), the Brightwater Garden Club will gladly accept them and use the proceeds for their programs and their work with the Ft. Bend Women's Center and Lexington Creek Elementary. Call Carol deBoer at 281-403-1044 to schedule a time to drop off your items at the Clubhouse on Friday April 16.

OPENING DAY AT THE POOL!

ICE CREAM PARTY



during Pool Tag Distribution

11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

***One free ice cream with ticket from Gate Guard
while supplies last!***

Help us kick off 2010 Pool Season!

SPRING IMPROVEMENTS?

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) works to ensure that residential improvements comply with the neighborhood's deed restrictions and guidelines. If you plan a spring project (exterior painting, deck or patio, new windows, roofing, etc.), please complete an ACC form and submit to Crest Management. Forms can be obtained through www.lakesofbrightwater.com or by calling Crest.

Spring is a great time to make those home improvements you have been wanting! By getting your ACC application approved prior to construction, you ensure that your project (and investment) complies with Brightwater covenants.

NEW CONTACT NUMBERS

Rachel Schmutz with Crest Management is the new Account Manager for the Brightwater Homeowners Association. If you have any correspondence, issues or questions, please direct those to her attention at:

**Rachel Schmutz, Brightwater Acct. Manager
Crest Management
17171 Park Row, Suite 310
Houston TX 77084
281-579-0761, ext. 618**

For Architectural Control (ACC) applications and/or Clubhouse rentals, please contact :

**Michael Barrera, Agent for Brightwater HOA
281-579-0761 ext. 632
281-579-7062 (fax)**

The Board of Directors would like to recognize and applaud Kent Hudson for his service to the neighborhood over the past 2-1/2 years. Kent recently completed his term as Chair of the Operations Committee (now Facilities) and under his direction, our assets were inspected and then repaired, refurbished and/or replaced as necessary. He put in numerous hours with his committee, contractors and often with hands-on projects and the Brightwater community is better looking for his efforts!

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**Remember to complete and mail back your
Census form – for more info, visit:
<http://2010.census.gov>. Census explanations
and answers to common questions are
available in all languages on the website.**

 **Newsbites** 

Holiday Flag Service: Once again the Boy Scouts of Troop 1294 will provide Brightwater with Holiday Flag Service. Residents can sign up for the service during Pool Tag Distribution Days (See Page One). The service is \$30.00 for four holiday postings of the American Flag—Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. For more information, contact Veniece Griffin at 281-451-5403.

Tennis Reminder: Tennis players are asked to please follow Rule No. 4 which states that a player cannot sign up to reserve a court more than 24 hours in advance.

Citizens' Police & Fire Academy: starts April 13 and offers an inside look at the jobs of firefighters and police officers. Applicants receive hands-on training in public safety operations and the free, seven-week program is open to City residents. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. at the Public Safety Headquarters, 3849 Cartwright Road. For more information, call Officer Dan Flagg at 281-403-8705 or Emergency Management Coordinator John Sheffield at 281-403-4305.

Transportation Code Rules: Note that, except momentarily to pick up a passenger, drivers may not park an occupied vehicle within 30 feet of a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal.



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March-April 2010

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