



LAKES OF BRIGHTWATER
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

Jan. - Feb. 2010

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2009 Holiday Decorations Awards

Congratulations to our Brightwater winners of the annual holiday decorations contest. The neighborhood looked truly beautiful, but the following addresses really had sparkle:

First Place: 4623 Lakeside Meadow Drive

Creative and consistent use of lights and motif to present a North Pole snow scene with snow children, seals and polar bears in a blanket of snow peaks and drifts.

Second Place: 1711 Brightlake Way

Beautiful seasonal depiction of Nativity and use of lights

Third Place: 4306 Lakefront Court

Elegant use of lights and motif in a small yard space

Best Street/Cul de Sac: Westshore Court

Best Lights on the Lake: 2011 Tradewinds

Honorable Mention: 4006 Waterstone; 4103 Mainsail Circle; and 4014 Eastshore

Hall of Fame: 4711 Lakeside Meadow Drive; 1719 and 1839 Northshore Drive; 1826 Seabreeze; 1806 Shoreline Drive; and 1710 Starboard Shores Court

Many thanks to the residents who worked so hard to brighten Brightwater!

Please Note: All lights and décor should be removed by mid-January.

Regular Events

Neighborhood Coffee:

(Despite the name, it's not just for Coffee Drinkers!) 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!

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!

Upcoming programs --

January 25: "Trees in Our Area" Paul Wierzbicki, the Missouri City Forester, will answer all your questions about trees in our area!

February 22: "Invasive Plants" by Dr. Shari Koch of the Ft. Bend Extension Service will identify undesirable plants and how to deal with them.

Pres. Carol deBoer
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The Scoop



HOA Board News

TREASURER'S REMINDER: Your 2010 Assessment (Annual Maintenance Fee) of \$630.00 is due by January 31, 2010, to Crest's offices. If not received by that time, the following schedule and fees will apply:

Any account not paid before January 31, 2010, will incur a late fee of \$15.00.

Accounts not paid before February 28, 2010, will incur an added late fee of \$30.00.

All unpaid fees after January 31, 2010, carry a finance charge of 10% per annum.

Accounts not paid by March 31, 2010, may be turned over for legal pursuit in which all costs are the responsibility of the delinquent owner. Legal fees can range from \$150.00 to over \$2000.00.

Brightwater is a great community to live in! It takes your assessments to maintain that status ... please pay before January 31, 2010.

CONTRACTS RENEWED FOR 2010: Crest Management Association; HLS Landscape; Sweetwater Pools; Hurricane Lake and Fountain; Modern Pest Control and Jani-King for Clubhouse services.

CODE INSPECTIONS CONTINUE: A quick reminder that trash cans, garbage bags, and/or landscape debris should not be placed at the curb before on Tuesday for Wednesday collection (this includes recycle bins) or before 6:00 PM on Friday for Saturday collection. All containers must be stored away from public view by the end of collection day. Please remember that landscape debris must be bundled and cannot exceed 4 feet in length. The City of Missouri City continues to inspect neighborhoods for violations and trash containers are still a high priority for some Council members.

Architectural Control (ACC)

David Lemons, Acting Chair

Deed Restriction Bulletin on Garage Doors

In the Covenants that each homeowner contracts to uphold when purchasing their home, Article 3, Section 21 states "Each Owner shall keep all doors to the private garage closed at all times except when persons or vehicles are going into or out of such garage". This is interpreted to mean that your garage door(s) should be closed unless you (or your vehicle) are entering or leaving the garage or you or a family member or guest are actively carrying out an activity in the garage.

In driving around in Brightwater, it is amazing how many people are leaving their garage doors open. Not only does it detract from our neighborhood (and your home), but is an open invitation for someone to burglarize your property.

PLEASE help Brightwater look beautiful, as well as protect your home and property -- keep your garage doors closed unless you are leaving, arriving or working on something in your garage.

Communications Committee

Ruchira Paul, Chair

The eBulletin has had amazing success in reconnecting residents with lost pets or possessions (e.g., cell phones, keys, etc.). If you have lost or found any valuables in the neighborhood or would like to start receiving these electronic news alerts, contact Allen Grant at brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net.

All our communication tools are up and running. The newsletter now comes out every two months, and the website is always at your fingertips at www.lakesofbrightwater.com.

Facilities Committee

Kent Hudson, Chair

2009 was a great year! We spent all the money our budget would allow and got many maintenance items done. The neighborhood looks good, but it can look better. Barring unforeseen circumstances, possible HOA projects for 2010 include: painting all remaining stucco walls, cleaning and repairing several items around the clubhouse, painting the inside of the clubhouse, new roof, remodeling the mechanical room, replacing the lighting in Northshore Park, repairing and painting the benches and trash bins along the greenbelt, power washing selected areas, and adding some new signs.

Grounds Committee

Betty Grant, Chair

After a very hot, dry spring and summer and now a cold, wet winter, our landscape looks a little worse for wear. The Landscape Team, Betty Grant, Sharon Lemons, and Nancy Hudson are optimistic for a lovely spring so many of our freeze-damaged plants will return after a good pruning. We have been advised by HLS not to prune until after the danger of more frost is over. Please bear with us!

The Social Committee Invites You to the ...

Super Soup Social

Sunday, January 31, 2010

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sample great soups from neighborhood cooks and enjoy warm and friendly fellowship!

Bring a few cans of soup for donation to the local area food bank

Adult Residents Only Please



For more information or to reserve a place for your soup, call Joseph at 281-208-1501

Social Committee

Diane Giltner, Acting Chair

Super Soup Social - January 31 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse

We have just the place to be during these cold January days. Plan to join your neighbors in the warm and friendly setting of the Clubhouse sampling delicious hot soups provided by Brightwater cooks. As a community service, residents are asked to bring cans of soup for the local East Fort Bend County Human Needs Ministries to replenish their pantry after the holidays. If you would like to prepare your favorite homemade soup, please contact Joseph Mauricio at 281-208-1501 for more information. This is an adult event.

Valentine Community Project - February 6

A community project to benefit a local nursing home is in the planning stages. Middle and high school students interested in earning community service hours can contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695.

Neighborhood Coffee

February 8: 10-11:30 a.m. Mardi Gras will be celebrated in all its frivolity!

March 8: 10-11:30 a.m. Marylynn Kallina Matthews, Center Point Energy representative, will discuss the Advanced Meter System. She welcomes questions on other Center Point-related issues as well.

Community Garage Sale - April 24 8 a.m. - Noon

Begin your spring cleaning in preparation for this popular event that always draws a CROWD OF SHOPPERS. For more information, contact Diane Giltner, 281-499-0695.

Children's Holiday Party

Santa delighted Brightwater children and their parents at the Clubhouse on December 5! There was excitement and laughter as children enjoyed refreshments, played games and decorated picture frames for their photos with Santa. The party would not have been possible without the help of all the volunteers! Santa had a great time and all the kids were appreciative. Warm thanks to our student volunteers: Haley Magar, Ashley Eddy, Deepth Banai, Annie Tao, Stephanie Lui, Joanna Yuen, Allen Yuen, Kathleen Lindsey, Vidya Persad, and Vindra Persad, and Allen Thai.



Security Report

According to the Missouri City Police Department, Brightwater had no reportable crime incidents in the month of December. There were the usual number of false alarms and officers responded to a few "assistance needed" calls, but all in all, a quiet month.

In our Neighborhood Crime Watch program, patrol teams have noted two areas of concern. Many home address plates are not visible from the street due to tree branches or overgrown shrubbery and a large number homes do not have clearly marked curb addresses. This could impede a timely response from emergency personnel.

Also individuals occasionally drive through the neighborhood on trash collection days to claim items left at the curb. A recent sighting included a person sifting through trash cans and bags. This could result in identity theft if financial and government documents containing personal information are not shredded prior to disposal in household trash.

MCPD continues to encourage the public to contact their non-emergency number, 281-403-8700 regarding suspicious behavior.

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Newsbites

Community Involvement: Brightwater needs its residents' input and involvement to help the Board make decisions that benefit us all. We have a number of upcoming projects that could use homeowners' opinions and feedback. And it would be great to get someone to report on the progress from the perspective of the neighborhood. If you have the inclination and time, please contact a Board member or come to a HOA monthly meeting. We are looking for short-term oversight, but long-term interest is welcome as well.

Walkers' Watch: We have many residents who walk the lake and sidewalks regularly. If you happen to notice a problem with sprinklers, trash, lighting, etc., please let one of the Board members know, so he or she can get word to the appropriate people as soon as possible.

Brightwater Crime Watch: If anyone would like to join in our monthly patrols, please contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695. A new training session is scheduled for late January/early February.

2010 Good Neighbor Tip: Why not start off 2010 by making it a habit to pick up litter (fliers, old newspapers, cups, bags, etc.) from your part of the street, and even for neighbors who may be out of town or just failed to notice it? You'll feel good about it; it's neighborly; and it helps make Brightwater SHINE!



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