



LAKES OF BRIGHTWATER
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

May—June 2010

Brightwater Reflections

Coming Events

HOA Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 18

Tuesday, July 20

Clubhouse, 6:00

Middle School Pool Party

Monday, June 7

7—9 PM

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 8

Southminster Church

7—8:30 PM

Pool Splash Day

July 4

4—6 PM

Middle School

End of Summer Party

Monday, August 23

Crime Watch Training

TBA

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HOA Annual Meeting 7-8:30 PM, June 8 Southminster Church

Be sure to attend our Annual Meeting for a recap of the past year and plans for the coming year. Rachel Schmutz, Crest Management Account Manager will conduct the meeting. Joanne McIntyre, Crest Accountant, will be available to answer questions regarding the Annual Financial Report.

Guest Speakers: Robin Elackatt, Missouri City Councilman, District C; Lt. Kevin Burleson, MCPD; Stacie Walker, Missouri City Public Information Manager; and Idalia Gutierrez, Code Enforcement Inspector.

Election of HOA Officers: Incumbents Manish Patel and David Lemons; nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

Homeowners Forum: Provides an opportunity for residents' questions and comments.

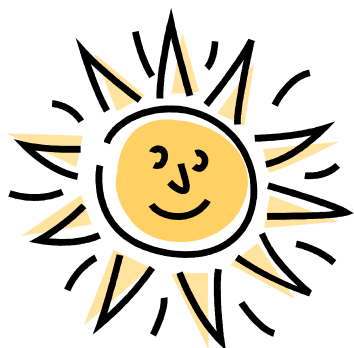
A Special Note of Thanks to Diane Mauricio

At the March HOA meeting, Diane Mauricio resigned as a Board Member due to increased duties concerning her elderly parents. The Board thanked her for her 2 1/2 years of service on the Board during a period of community growth and progress. Diane and her husband Joseph are longtime residents who have volunteered in many capacities for Brightwater.

Early on, Diane was the editor of *The Brightwater Times Newsletter* and a one-woman Landscape Committee, logging countless hours on our behalf. Later, as a Board member, she held the positions of Secretary and President. She also served on the Finance Committee and the Communications Committee. She was instrumental in setting up the Brightwater Website and refining the *Brightwater Reflections* and the *eBulletin*.

Brightwater is a better place to live because of Diane's willingness to volunteer her time and talents to our community!

Kathy Renfrow was appointed by the Board at the April meeting to fill the remainder of Diane's term expiring June 2011, in accordance with HOA By-Laws.



The Scoop



Committee Reports

Facilities and Grounds

Your Facilities and Grounds committees have been busy since the last Brightwater Reflections was sent out.

Regular Events

Neighborhood Coffee:

Will restart September 13 — the second Monday of the month from 10-11:30 AM at the Clubhouse.

Evening Needleworkers:

Our evening sewing group will meet on Monday, June 7 at 7 PM. We'll break for July and August and resume on Monday, September 6. For more information, 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. **NOTE: Annual Meeting will be held June 8 at Southminster Church.**

Brightwater Garden

Club: Meets the 4th Monday, Sept—April, 6:45 PM at the Clubhouse. We invite you to join us next September for great programs and refreshments! For more information call Pres. Cathy Montoya (281-261-4770) or Membership Chair Betty Grant (281-261-5913).

Bollard Lights: Last August, four bollard lights on Brightwater Drive at Waterview Court were knocked down by a very poor (or intoxicated) driver. Replacements were recently located and the remaining six bollards are being refurbished. All lights will soon be in place to light our way into Brightwater.

Clubhouse: The Clubhouse interior was repainted in neutral shades to update its appearance. The restroom and kitchen were updated last year and received a final touch-up. Plan to attend a community event to see the new Clubhouse look.

Grounds: Summer is almost here with splashes of new color in our landscape making it even brighter. After the hard winter, much work was required to get Brightwater in top form once again. Our landscape was refreshed with new flowering plants and lots of beautiful greenery. We hope you enjoy and appreciate the effort put forth by our landscape company, HLS. We are adding perennials to our annual plantings in order to save money in the future. Be patient with the gingers, they are coming back!

Pool: Residents celebrated Opening Day on May 1st with free frozen treats from an ice cream cart. Over 1500 pool tags were given out during three distribution dates. In preparation for summer, the deck was cleaned and the pool furniture spiffed up. The deck expansion joints will be redone in late May. Come and enjoy your pool this summer!

Tennis Courts: Our tennis courts are a popular place but are showing some wear. CL Sports was contracted to repair the court surface for better play. The Sign-In Box was replaced and the wind screens were repaired. Contact Joanie Sharp at 281-499-3889 to obtain a tennis key for \$15.00.

Parks: The playground surround at Northshore Park is being repaired. Ike destroyed portions of the fence, much of the lighting and contributed to the demise of several trees, along with an invasion of "soaptree borers." The fence will be repaired in early summer and there are plans to repair/replace lighting. Our "Forest Park" is slowly returning for those of us who truly love its beauty.

CITY GARBAGE COLLECTION VOTE

On May 8, Missouri City voters passed the city-wide garbage collection proposition by 54.57% of the vote. City Council will determine the exact wording of the ordinance after considering residents' input. Although cost for city-wide collection has not been decided, neighborhoods currently paying more than the City contract requires will become part of the new plan. Those with a lower-priced contract for comparable service will keep their existing plan. Brightwater residents pay approximately \$16.25 monthly through a MUD #42 contract with the WCA. Watch local media outlets for specifics on city service.

Communications

Our eBulletin has 471 participants with only half opening it. If you receive it under multiple addresses or wish to unsubscribe, please contact Allen Grant at brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net to remove your email address from the list.

2009 Brightwater Directory was incorrectly referred to as a 2010 Directory in the last Newsletter. Due to time and expense, our residential directory is only updated every five years or so. The 2009 Directories will be available for final distribution at the June 8 Annual Meeting. Remaining directories will be sent to Crest Management and can be mailed to residents at their own expense.

Architectural Control

Repainting, reroofing, re-fencing, etc.? If you are planning to change or renovate the exterior of your property a **Request for Home Improvement Approval** must be submitted. This form can be found at www.lakesofbrightwater.com/forms. Print the ACC Request Form, complete the section pertaining to your project and mail, fax or email it to Crest Management. The ACC Committee will review your request to assure it complies with Brightwater ACC Guidelines and notify you of approval or reason for denial. This process must be completed prior to implementing your project to assure a no-hassle renovation and to maintain the standards of our neighborhood.

Social

Middle School Party will kick off summer fun for youngsters completing grades 6—8. Lifeguards will assure their safety while adult volunteers supervise and serve pizza. No Parents Allowed!

Splash Day at the pool will be a red, white and blue celebration on July 4 at 4 to 6 PM with games, prizes and sno-cones for all!

The Community Garage Sale was a success due to beautiful weather and participation of the Brightwater Garden Club and homeowners anxious to part with unwanted items in exchange for a little cash.

Opening Day at the Pool was sunny and bright, but cooler than expected as residents were treated to a variety of frozen items from an Ice Cream Cart.



Cool Start to Summer Fun!

Middle School

Pool Party

Monday, June 7

7 to 9 PM

PIZZA & MUSIC

For more information call
Diane Giltner



Splash Day

Sunday, July 4

4:00 to 6:00 PM at the
Pool

GAMES!

SNO-CONES!

FUN!

YARD OF THE MONTH

After a long winter break, the Garden Club has resumed awarding Yard of the Month to homes that the YOM committee deems noteworthy. April and May were unusual in that the winners were on one street, and, for the first time, there were two winners for the month of May. The two yards were a joint project by the families and presented a unified continuous look.

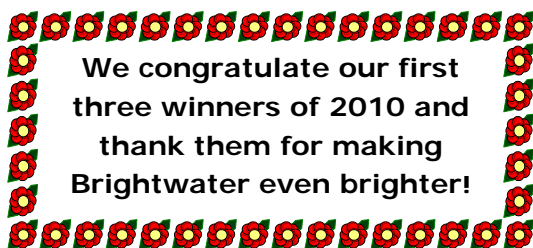
Because photos of our YOMs have not translated well into black and white, we are returning to our previous policy of describing the yards. We encourage residents to drive by and see them in full color!

April YOM: 4105 Waterview

Texture and color make this yard a standout. Several types and colors of river rock and boulders are used to define and enhance the shrubs and colorful plantings. The driveway is flanked by stately cedars in wide curving beds with red knockout roses and lovely groupings of yellow pansies, mixed snapdragons, magenta dianthus and purple verbena, accented by cool white dusty millers. A welcoming and well manicured sight!

May YOMs: 4106 and 4110 Waterview

The multi-generational families here have joined their gardens for a stunning look of both formal manicured plants and informal beds flowing with islands of color. Both homes line their sidewalk entries with white rocks surrounding beds of neatly trimmed boxwoods edged with annuals in an array of colors. Different shades of petunias, begonias and dianthus mix with yellow marigolds and white impatiens to supply pleasing splashes of color. The shrubs are artfully manicured at different levels and in varied shapes for a cool and interesting look. A central rock lined bed with two stately sago palms and flax lilies accentuating red and pink begonias bordered with dwarf white impatiens unifies these two outstanding yards.



SECURITY REPORT—March and April 2010

Total number of incidents requiring police response—102. Calls and complaints included city ordinance or parking violations, traffic hazards, minor accidents, animal-related calls, suspicious persons or vehicles, residents requesting assistance, burglar alarms, fraud and theft. One major burglary and one homicide took place in Brightwater during these two months.

Of the 102 incidents, 96 were dismissed, disregarded, or deemed false alarms. For the rest, reports were taken and citations issued for minor accidents, parking violations and traffic hazard. A case of break-in and burglary in March is active and under investigation. An arrest was made for the homicide in April.

CRIME WATCH REPORT

We have 17 active Crime Watch Teams in Brightwater. A summer training session is planned for residents expressing an interest during the pool tag distributions. Off-duty MCPD officers patrol Brightwater 4 days a month and on random nights.



Missouri City Police are concerned about the parking situation in neighborhoods. Emergency vehicles must have clearance turning onto streets, turning in cul de sacs and moving between parked vehicles. They warn that personal vehicles will be damaged if blocking the way of emergency personnel. Be alert to these rules to avoid being ticketed by MCPD:

- park more than 15 ft. from a fire hydrant
- park more than 20 ft. from a corner with traffic device
- park right tires to curb - front end to curb in cul de sacs
- parking left tires to curb—illegal
- parking along cul de sac esplanade — illegal
- operable vehicles on public streets are to be moved every 48 hours
- inoperable vehicles are not allowed on public streets and will be towed after given a 48 hour warning

Residents are advised to park in their garage or driveway at night. If possible, avoid parking on the street during the day to give full access to emergency vehicles. As a courtesy to neighbors, do not park in front of their homes or directly across from their driveways.

For more information call Diane Giltner, 281-499-0695.

CREST CONTACT NUMBERS

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

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 **Newsbites** 

Volunteer recognition: The Social Committee thanks student volunteers Vidya and Vindra Persad for assisting with the Community Garage Sale and the Pool Opening events while earning YES service hours.

Clubhouse Rental: Note the change from Crest Management to Joanie Sharp for rental arrangements. Information is available at www.lakesofbrightwater.com Committees/Clubhouse.

Tennis Courts: Reserve a court by signing up no more than 24 hours in advance. Sheets are in the box inside the tennis courts.

Pool Tags: Late registration forms are available during pool hours. Complete and send to Crest Management to have tags mailed for a fee of \$20 plus postage.

Ducks on the Dock: If you want to feed the ducks, please do it only on the grassy areas away from the Clubhouse, parking lot, sidewalks, pier, and dock. This will provide a healthier environment for everyone by eliminating duck waste on the benches and walkways in our common areas.



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Southminster Church

May-June 2010

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