



LAKES OF BRIGHTWATER
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

Sept.-Oct. 2010

Brightwater Reflections

Coming Events

HOA Monthly Meetings

Tuesday, September 21
Clubhouse, 6:00 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 19, Budget Meeting at Crest— HOA Board only

Neighborhood Coffee

Monday, September 13
Monday, October 11
Clubhouse, 10-11:30 AM

Brightwater Garden Club

Monday, September 27
Monday, October 25
Clubhouse, 6:45 PM

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 5

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National Night Out In Texas

National Night Out is a community-targeted program that occurs nationwide the first of August. NNO for Texas was moved to Tuesday, October 5 this year to avoid the hot summer weather. It is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Residents are asked to turn on porch lights and join their neighbors for a block party using a format such as a cookout, pizza delivery, simple snacks or a dessert party. Missouri City Police and Fire Department personnel will visit registered block parties. Brightwater families have enjoyed visits from the Bike Patrol, McGruff the Crime Dog or a fire truck.

Register your block party with Diane Giltner at 281 499-0695 or emailing dgiltner5@comcast.net.

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*There are many ways to hold a block party. Here is just one example that worked well for some of our Brightwater neighbors:*

Preferring not to be rushed on a week night, Northshore Court has held their annual NNO event on Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon for the past two years. Neighbors choose a driveway, bring tables and chairs and ask each family to provide a dish to share and their own beverages. There has been a large sampling from the grill, potato salad and Greek salad as well as bruschetta, homemade fried rice, dumplings, Indian delicacies, spanakopita and a variety of desserts.

Both venues give neighbors an opportunity to know one another and keep in touch on a regular basis. Crime prevention is a main concern, but hurricane season is another time when Brightwater neighbors have rallied together. [Get friendly with the neighbor who has a generator or an extra long extension cord! HA!]

For more ideas about an individual block party in October or during the year, contact Rita McMahon at 281 208-5849.



# The Scoop



## Regular Events

### Neighborhood Coffee:

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

### Evening Needleworkers:

We invite you to join us and bring your sewing projects to work on while visiting. We meet at members' homes on a rotating basis the first Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 PM. 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. (October 19 meeting held at Crest Mgt, HOA Board only.)

### Brightwater Garden Club:

Meets the 4th Monday, Sept—April, 6:45 PM at the Clubhouse. Join us September 27 for helpful programs and great refreshments! Our September speaker is Betty Lenderman, owner of Enchanted Forest Nursery, on herb gardening. The October 25 speaker is Paul Wierzbicki, the Missouri City Forester, on the Missouri City Memorial Tree Program and the City's Edible Arbor Trail. There will be a question and answer session for both speakers.

For more information call Pres. Cathy Montoya (281-261-4770) or Membership Chair Betty Grant (281-261-5913).

## Committee Reports

### Communications:

***brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net*** provides timely e-bulletins about events, meetings, security issues, Brightwater-related information, and Lost and Found. Your email inquiries are forwarded to the HOA Board or appropriate committee. To subscribe, you need only send your email address to Allen Grant at ***brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net***. If you stopped receiving the eBulletin and want to be reinstated, just follow the same procedure.

### Architectural Control:

Remember that any change to your property which affects its exterior, whether modifications or cosmetic, requires ACC approval PRIOR to beginning the project. This includes lighting, doors and fences as well as many other items. Go to our website for more information and forms.

If you have any concerns over neighborhood covenants/deed restrictions/rules and regulations or questions about financial obligations, you may contact Crest Management at 281-579-0761.

Please note: All contractor signs should be removed from your yard once the work is completed.

### Social:

National Night Out in Texas is Tuesday, October 5. We had 16 registered Block Parties last year and hope to have even more this year. Please consider being a Block Party host. You and your neighbors will develop a sense of camaraderie and knowledge of who is coming and going in our neighborhood. This helps us to look out for one another and makes it nice to know our neighbors by more than just a casual wave.

Help wanted! The Monthly Brightwater Coffee, a long standing tradition in our neighborhood, is in need of a committee of two or three people to facilitate this popular social event. The HOA underwrites the Starbucks coffee service and attendees take turns providing light refreshments. The format has changed many times over the years and is set by the committee members. It can be as simple as "A Cup and a Cookie" with pleasant conversation. On occasion, we have had speakers such as our City Councilman, a Center Point Energy representative and a Missouri City Police officer. Many a Brightwater friendship began at these Coffees and it would be a shame to see them end.

If you are interested in volunteering or want information about NNO or the Coffees, contact Diane Giltner at 281 499-0695

**Hurricane Preparedness Information:** We are now entering the most active part of our hurricane season. To be ready in case of weather related emergencies, check the website of the Missouri City Office of Emergency Management for useful tips and up to the minute information. Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30, so be prepared. We still have a long way to go!

## ***Missouri City Sponsored HOA Meeting***

***Brightwater Board members attended the Missouri City - Sponsored Homeowners Association Meeting held in the City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, August 26. Three topics of particular interest to Brightwater residents were discussed extensively:***

### **City-wide solid waste collection and implementation plans**

HOA Boards were told neighborhoods with a contract requiring them to pay less than the City contract for comparable service will be allowed to stay with their current contracted companies. **[Our contract with WCA, expiring in June 2011, is less than the City contract.]**

### **Code Enforcement**

Missouri City Code Enforcement guidelines were discussed. Code Enforcement Officers following up reports of violations, give a warning for the first violation and a citation to court for a second violation of:

1. Grass or weeds higher than nine inches
2. Pools not properly maintained
3. Fences in poor condition
4. Vehicles parked on grass
5. Junk or abandoned vehicles, including expired license plates or inspection stickers
6. Garbage pick up violations:

Trash or debris in the yard or street

Trash containers left out before or after the designated times for trash collection.

*In Brightwater, trash containers can be put out after 6 p.m. the night before collection (Tuesdays and Fridays) and should be brought in by midnight on the day of collection.*

Trash containers that are visible from a public or private roadway outside of times for trash pick up

**Lawn services coming at times other than the day before pick up should be directed to leave bags in the backyard to be brought out by the homeowner the night before collection**

**As a courtesy, offer to transport receptacles/bags for an older or disabled neighbor**

### **Crime Prevention**

Missouri City Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald and Community Relation Officer Dan Flagg spoke about safety and security issues. They stated a Police Officer is assign to every HOA. Brightwater's liaison, Lt. Kevin Burleson, makes an effort to attend our monthly meetings to inform us of any local crime events and to answer questions by residents. Chief Fitzgerald and Officer Flagg stressed the importance of having a Citizens Crime Watch program and recognized Brightwater as being a fine example of neighborhood participation.

[Brightwater owes special thanks to Diane Giltner and Rose Lindsey for the many hours they spent establishing our Crime Watch program and continuing to facilitate it!]

## YARD OF THE MONTH

### August YOM: 4002 Dock Court

As you enter Dock Court you are greeted by a lovely yard that is splashed with several vibrant color plants—pink caladiums, vinca, verbena, and crape myrtles which are partnered with bright yellow marigolds and esperanzas. Foxtail ferns, nandinas and loropetalum round out the spectrum by blending with the other greens and pinks. It is a welcoming yard which will make you smile!

### September YOM: 4214 Harbor View Court

As you approach this home, your attention is drawn to a cool, shady yard dressed in a palette of shades of green. Gray/green cedars line the walkway, and are joined by sculpted ligustrum, boxwoods and azaleas across the front of the house. Pockets of pink caladiums, white caladiums, and dusty miller add color and texture to the overall picture. A parade of pink crape myrtles along the driveway round out this lovely yard.

### Timely Gardening Tips



The summer heat is taking its toll on our yards. Now is the time to watch for signs of chinch bugs—areas of shriveled grass in an otherwise seemingly healthy lawn. They can quickly spread to the entire yard if not treated with an appropriate pesticide. Water and add nutrients as needed.

Unightly dead shrubs and trees should be removed. They encourage disease that can spread to healthy plants and they are unattractive.



As a courtesy to our many walkers, tree branches that hang low over the sidewalk should be cut back.

Check that your sprinklers are not wasting water on streets and drive-ways. Mulching also helps conserve moisture and keeps out weeds.



## SECURITY REPORT—June and July 2010

Total number of incidents requiring police response in June—36, and July—43. Of these, all 36 in June and 42 in July were resolved, dismissed, or deemed false alarms. One case of assault remains open and active.

To report a criminal incident (after contacting the police), please send to [lobsecurity@gmail.com](mailto:lobsecurity@gmail.com) or call

Brightwater Crime Watch at 281-499-0695

### CRIME WATCH REPORT

BCW was contacted regarding these incidents:



6/14—attempted burglary through Master Bedroom window at 11 PM while owner was home.

6/15—BMW driver who seemed to intentionally hit ducks, dragging one several blocks.

6/19—occupant parked in vehicle at night for a long period.

6/22—hitchhiker on Brightwater Drive, eventually approached resident in driveway and given a ride.

7/25—vehicle broken into while parked near the tennis courts at 4:45 PM. Resident left her purse on floor in the backseat thinking it would not be seen through tinted windows. Although there was activity at pool, tennis courts and park, no one witnessed the crime or heard breaking glass.

**Volunteers:** Eleven residents were trained in July and will begin monthly 2-hour Team Patrols.

**Vacation Watch:** Utilized by 16 homeowners during June and July. Contact BCW at 281-499-0695 to make a request.

As always, residents are encouraged to contact police regarding all suspicious and threatening activities as well as for other security related matters. For reporting violations of city ordinances, contact Missouri City Code Enforcement; for deed restrictions, call Crest Management (See Contact Numbers). MCPD contact is 281-403-8700.

**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:

**Rachel Schmutz, Brightwater Acct. Manager**  
**Crest Management**  
**17171 Park Row, Suite 310**  
**Houston TX 77084**  
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For Architectural Control (ACC) applications  
**Michael Barrera, Agent for Brightwater HOA**  
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| <b>Police &amp; Fire Emergency:</b> | <b>911</b>   |
| <b>Police</b>                       | 281-403-8700 |
| <b>Fire</b>                         | 281-403-4300 |
| <b>City Hall</b>                    | 281-403-8500 |
| <b>Animal Control</b>               | 281-403-8707 |
| <b>Code Enforcement Hotline</b>     | 281-403-8560 |
| <b>Gas Services</b>                 | 713-659-2111 |
| <b>Mail Delivery</b>                | 281-208-1832 |
| <b>Electricity Problem</b>          | 713-207-2222 |

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 **Newsbites** 

**BSA Troop 1294** wants to thank Brightwater residents for their participation in the Holiday Flag Service. Funds raised helped send three crews of scouts (10 youths and 2 advisors per crew) backpacking in New Mexico at the BSA Philmont High Adventure Camp. Included on the trek were Brightwater residents Veniece Griffin and son Matthew.

**Schools Now Open:** Residents should exercise caution during early morning and mid-afternoon hours.

**Garbage Timing:** If you or your lawn crews put refuse at the curb before 6 PM the day before collection, you can and will be ticketed by the City. It is the homeowner's responsibility to communicate with the lawn crew.

**Speeders!** For the safety of our residents, the HOA Board has spoken to Lt. Bursleson about the recurrence of speeders in Brightwater. We asked for increased awareness and patrol by the MCPD. The Board is looking into legal options within Missouri City regulations to address this problem.

**Curb Addresses:** The Dulles High School Honor Society will be offering to paint house numbers on curbs as a service for the price of the supplies. Details will be printed in the next Newsletter.

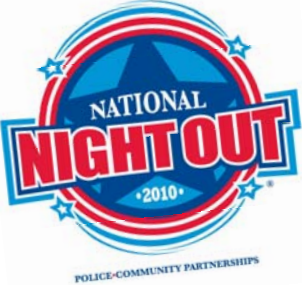


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