

Lakes Of Brightwater

WINTER 2016

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 PM
Tuesday, February 16
Tuesday, March 15
Tuesday, April 19

EVENING NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7 PM
Monday, February 1
Monday, March 7
Monday, April 4

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 PM
Monday, January 25, 2016
Monday, February 22
Monday, March 28
Monday, April 25

SOUP SOCIAL

Clubhouse, 12-2:30 PM
Sunday, January 31, 2016

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 10-11:30 AM
Monday, April 11

Brightwater Soup Social

Sunday, January 31, 2016

12 Noon - 2:30 p.m.



Stop in to sample a variety of great soups from our community cooks and visit with your neighbors! Bring a few cans of soup to donate to the Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry Food Bank.

For more information or to contribute a soup, contact Kent Hudson at 281-403-9269.

Adult Residents Only Please

Children's Holiday Party

Brightwater's Social Committee hosted the annual Children's Holiday Party on December 5, 2015 from 2 - 4 pm at the Clubhouse. Over 50 kids and their families enjoyed playing holiday games, creating a photo craft ornament, munching on yummy holiday snacks, and socializing with neighbors. The kids received prizes for taking part in games and also received a complimentary photo with Santa. A big "thank you" to the Committee members who volunteered for the event: Rupal Patel, Rose Pasnik, Rachana Shah and Linda Higgins who assisted Santa. A special thanks to HOA Board members Manish Patel and Bob Higgins for also volunteering and to Board President Rita McMahon for recruiting Dulles High School students Ashley Clopton, Andrew Liu, Ashley Nguyen and Chris Hu to help with the games and crafts.



Evening Needleworkers:

We invite you to bring your needlework and enjoy the company of fellow stitchers. Our handiwork includes knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, mending or any other project that requires hand sewing. We meet in members' homes on a rotating basis at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Upcoming meetings are February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6. Come and join us! For more information, call Elaine at 281-499-6660.

HOA Annual Assessment:

As of February 1st, all assessments are late and fees will be added. Ignoring your 2016 assessment results in accruals of interest, fines and eventually large attorney's fees. Residents' assessments help maintain and improve all of Brightwater.

Brightwater e-Bulletin

We send timely, pertinent information to residents on neighborhood events, City actions that directly affect us, and lost & found animals. To subscribe, just send an email to the following email address: monty@preparedpublications.com

Board Report

Communications from Crest Management or the Lakes of Brightwater: Please read the letters and newsletters you receive so you can find out what is new and changing in the neighborhood. If you receive a Crest Management letter about an incident that may be corrected, all you need to do is contact them at 281-579-0761.

NEW Pool Tags and Pool Policy: In the April newsletter, we will be announcing a new process and new policies for acquiring 2016 pool tags. We are trying to update and streamline the pool tag distribution process. Details on the changes will be in the newsletter, sent as an eBulletin, and posted on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. If residents do not follow these new procedures, they will **not** receive pool tags in a timely fashion and may have to pay a fee to acquire the tags.

Lake Updates: The Board is working with Lake Management, the company that does our routine lake maintenance, to restore our lake color to Brightwater Blue. The water has been tested and currently has a high level of sedimentation which is affecting our color.

Bulkheads: We are currently working on repairing two holes where the bulkhead has separated from the bank. One area is close to the Clubhouse and the other is along Brightwater Drive near the outlet from the small lake. Please be careful if you are in either of these areas around the lake.

Police Recommendations: Our police liaisons continually remind residents to stay alert, lock their cars, and report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number-- 281-403-8700. Please remember that the speed limit is 30 mph and be sure to STOP at the stop signs. Many residents and guests have been ticketed recently for rolling through the stop signs—the police watch to see if your tires are moving. If they are, you will be ticketed.

Boat Park Construction: Final plans for the Boat Park on Westshore were submitted to the City, approved and demolition began January 8. Weather permitting, the new park will be complete by mid-February.

Refresh Project: We are currently waiting for a final bid from the architect on phase one of the Refresh Project which will include improvements to our entrances, plantings, medians and columns/pillars.

2015 HOLIDAY DECORATION AWARDS

The Brightwater Garden Club Holiday Judging Committee is pleased to announce our winners for 2015. So many yards were a pleasure to see that we wish we had more awards to present! Decorations had to be completed by December 13 and, of course, the lights had to be turned on to be eligible for judging. Thanks to all our residents who decorated as they made Brightwater a cheerful, colorful place this Holiday Season!

1st Place - 4747 Lakeside Meadow Drive

2nd Place - 4010 Brightwood Court

3rd Place - 1834 Seabreeze Court

Hall of Fame

4111 Harbor Point Drive - Roller Coaster

1711 Brightlake Way

1719 Northshore Drive

1839 Northshore Drive

1710 Starboard Shores Court

1806 Shoreline Drive

4306 Lakefront Court

1826 Seabreeze Court

4623 Lakeside Meadow Drive

1902 Lakewinds Drive

Best Cul-de-Sac

Westshore Court

Brightwater Garden Club

The Brightwater Garden Club recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a reception attended by five past presidents – Betty Grant, Cathy Montoya VanHoose, Grace Clarke, Carol De Boer and Nancy Hudson (current president). The club was started by former Brightwater resident, Janet Love, as a way for residents in the newly-created subdivision to connect and develop their gardening skills together. Today the club has over 35 members of men and women ranging from beginners to Master Gardeners. Guest speakers address a wide variety of topics ranging from garden design to plant selection to vegetable gardening. Periodically the club offers field trips exploring points of interest such as the new McGovern Gardens at Hermann Park.

Brightwater Garden Club meets at the Brightwater Clubhouse at 6:45 p.m. Meetings are open to anyone interested in learning how to be a better gardener. For more information, call 281-403-9269 or visit www.brightwatergardenclub.com. Click on the ‘Garden Snapshots’ tab to see which plants are currently blooming in members’ gardens. Check out our upcoming meetings:

Monday, Jan. 25: “Garden Redesign – How to Create a Backyard Oasis”

Master Gardener Paula Goodwin will show how she transformed her 30-year old garden into a low maintenance backyard oasis to fit her changing lifestyle and travel schedule. Paula will share tips on how to make the most of the services of a landscape contractor when doing a garden makeover.

Monday, Feb. 22: “Grow Your Own – Vegetable Gardening 101”

Master Gardener and vegetable expert Al Glos will show you how easy it is to set up a simple backyard vegetable bed where you can grow your own produce. Al is a vendor at local farmers’ markets where his produce is highly sought after.

Monday, March 28: “How to Select & Build Your Own Water Feature”

Pat Lowrie, Master Gardener, will provide step-by-step instructions on how to design, build, install and maintain a backyard water feature that will add a peaceful ambience to your backyard. Pat’s garden has been featured on several garden tours.

Monday, April 25: “Makeovers that Make Sense to You”

Janice Scanlan will provide ideas, inspiration and practical tips on how to make changes to your garden that make sense. Using illustrations from members’ gardens, Janice will highlight simple changes that can make a big impact in a garden.

Ripples

Tree-trimming time: January, February and March are the best months to trim your trees, along with many shrubs that are not spring bloomers. Remember, there is a Missouri City code which requires trees have a minimum of 13-feet of clearance over streets and 8-feet over sidewalks. The City's Code Enforcement staff check neighborhoods for violations so periodically review your tree limb heights and prune as necessary.



Fish Stockings: The City's Parks & Recreation Dept. in conjunction with Texas Parks & Wildlife will stock Community Park, 1700 Glenn Lakes Blvd. with rainbow trout on February 5 and 19 and March 4.

Renting the Clubhouse: If you leave a recorded message inquiring about renting the Clubhouse, please clearly spell your last name and phone number so your call can be returned.

Senior Housing Project

A proposed Tuscany Park senior housing project is being considered by City Council in the coming months. This development will be located east of Brightwater along Murphy Road and be similar to its sister facility, the Huntington just north of Cartwright on Murphy. A rezoning request by the Planning & Zoning Commission was approved on January 13. For more information, visit the city website and click on the top tab "Government" and "Agendas" in the drop-down menu.

Listen Up!

Residents, we continue to have a serious problem with people feeding the ducks in Brightwater! We regularly receive complaints from our homeowners who see others dumping leftover meals and junk food for the ducks. This looks disgusting, attracts rats and is very unhealthy to the ducks! The HOA may consider its options to limit this problem in the community.

Newsletter Advertising

Grow Your Business! Advertise in The Beacon. For advertising rates, please contact Prepared Publications at 281-652-5802, or via email at: info@preparedpublications.com

Brightwater Directory

Please find enclosed a 2016 Brightwater Directory form. If you did not return the one in your annual assessment, please complete this one and send it to Crest Management or drop it off to one of the six volunteers listed on the bottom of the form. The more complete our Directory, the more useful it is to our community!

Our new directory will include limited advertising to offset the cost of printing. Brightwater residents are being given the opportunity to purchase ad space before the Committee goes out to other advertisers. Our ad rates are:

Location	Size	Ad Space Available	Cost
Inside Front Cover	1/4 page	4	\$ 250.00
Inside Back Cover	1/4 page	4	250.00
Pages 58-61 (partial page)	Business card	12	100.00

If you would like to have your business listed, please call Nancy Hudson at 281-403-9269 or Diane Mauricio at 281-208-1501. Advertising will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Ads should be submitted as camera-ready artwork and be accompanied by payment to be included in the Directory.

Where are the winter birds? Particularly the ducks, geese, white pelicans, and the cranes? It seems the warmer weather up north and late rains that brought later food supplies has them lollygagging in central Texas. A couple of weeks ago due to colder temps, more birds started coming into Fort Bend and other Texas coastal counties. See if you can locate some of these species in the coming weeks.

Missouri City Police Department and...

MCPD November - December 2015

Police responded to numerous calls that were either resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring Police action:

- 3 Accidents
- 1 Burglary-Motor Vehicle
- 1 Burglary-Residential
- 2 Criminal Mischief
- 1 Parking Violation
- 1 Suspicious Vehicle
- 6 Traffic Violations

UPDATE RE TRASH COLLECTION

There has been some confusion about trash collection in Brightwater. To clarify, our subdivision, along with four others that fall within Municipal Utility District #42, are currently serviced by WCA under the terms of a MUD #42 and WCA contract. That contract is expected to expire in August, 2016. The City of Missouri City's contract with Republic Services expired December 31, 2015. Last summer, the City accepted proposals for new solid waste collection to begin January, 2016 and WCA won the seven-year contract.

Currently, the services provided to MUD #42's neighborhoods are better than the City's new contract with WCA, the cost is under the City's "price to beat" formula and therefore, the District can continue their contract with WCA. It is expected that the five subdivisions will merge under the City's contract in August when MUD #42's contact expires. Look for more information regarding this change in subsequent newsletters.

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Brightwater Crime Watch Report

BCW

January: Shoreline resident reported home was burglarized through a smashed master bedroom window. No other rooms were entered. Electronics and jewelry were stolen.



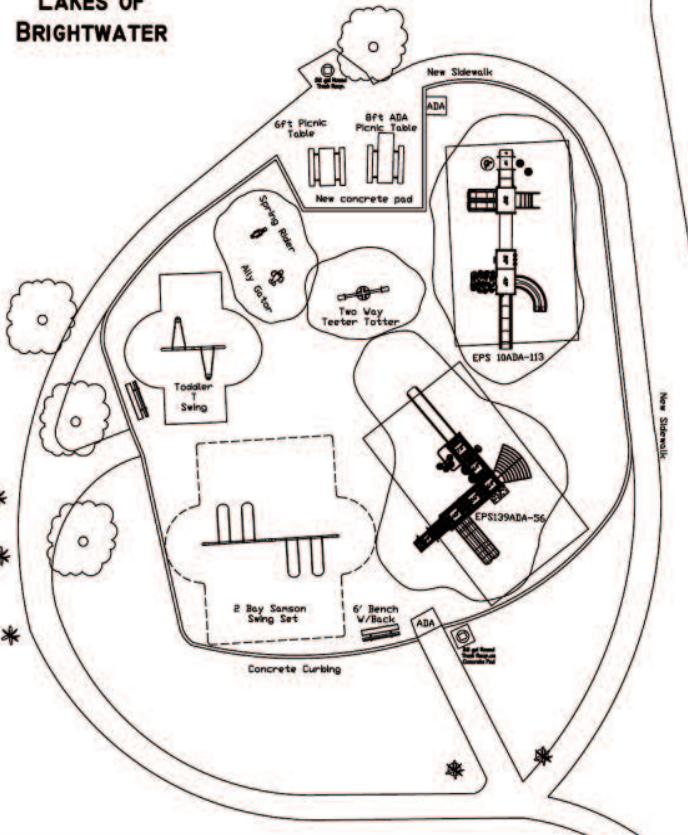
Tips:

- Keep lighting on around your front and back entries
- Record serial numbers on new electronics and break down the boxes for recycling
- Thieves often pose as solicitors. If they don't get a response, they try to enter through a back door or window. Don't open the door, but say loudly that you're not interested in their product or service. Never allow a stranger into your home!

Vacation Watch:

MCPD 281-403-8700
BCW 281-499-0695

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Brightwater's old Boat Park has been demolished and will be replaced by a new playground. The park will have assorted play stations (see layout) with two main structures. There may be slight modifications to the design in final construction.



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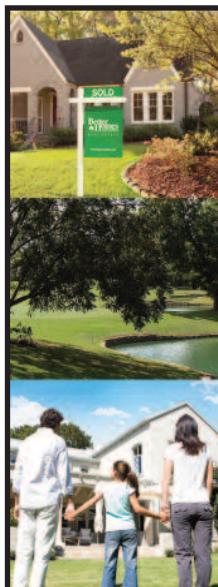
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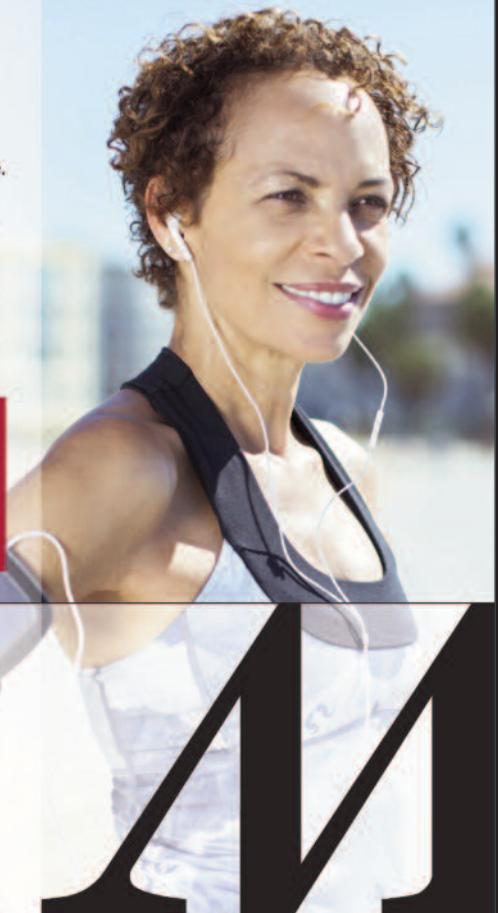
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