

Lakes of Brightwater

Fall 2017

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7

Tuesday, December 19

Tuesday, January 16

Tuesday, February 20

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 13

Monday, January 22

Monday, February 26

No meeting in December

EVENING

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4

Monday, January 8

Monday, February 5

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Clubhouse, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2

Parent and student volunteers interested in helping with the Children's Holiday Party, contact Diane at 281-499-0695 or dgiltner5@comcast.net

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 8

HOA Board Meets on Budget for 2018



Brightwater HOA Board (left to right) Liz Trapolino, Crest Management; Robert Higgins, Secretary; Judy Kay, At Large; Rita McMahon, President; Manish Patel, Vice President; Dylan Russel, Treasurer

In October each year, the Brightwater Homeowners Association Board of Directors meets to review the budget and to determine property owners' assessment fees for the following year. The good news is that our assessment fees have not increased since 2015 and will remain the same for 2018.

The Brightwater HOA maintains two types of reserve accounts, Capital and Operational. Capital reserves are used to replace big-ticket items such as playground equipment or the roof on the Clubhouse. Operational reserve funds are used for maintenance of our parks, playground, public spaces (e.g. the walking trail along Frost Lake), the pool, tennis courts and the Clubhouse. The money in our reserve accounts is only used for expenditures that will benefit the entire community.

Brightwater hires an outside firm to conduct a Reserve Study which is key to planning for repair and replacement work to maintain Brightwater's amenities. Each of our physical assets has a life span that can be predicted. Due to wise planning and responsible stewardship of our funds, homeowners are not burdened with special assessment fees when unexpected expenses arise.

Phase III of Brightwater's Refresh Project is about to begin. It will involve cleaning and retiling the stucco columns along Brightwater Drive. Crest Management has contacted all residents with columns on their properties to get authorization granting access to their properties. If you have not completed your documentation to grant access and need assistance, please contact Liz Trapolino at Crest Management, 281-945-4645 or liz.trapolino@crest-management.com.

Brightwater Garden Club

Electronics Recycling

On Saturday, December 9, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Missouri City Green and the city of Missouri City will host their 5th annual recycling event at the Public Safety Headquarters, 3849 Cartwright Road. Volunteers will be on hand to unload your car. The event is FREE; however, donations will be accepted to help fund future community-wide recycling events. To learn more about acceptable items to drop off and to find out more about the event, visit www.missouricitygreen.org.

Missouri City Green is a Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate and a 501(c)3 nonprofit. They seek to engage, educate and inspire residents, businesses and local leaders to join together to create a clean, green and environmentally friendly city.

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The Brightwater Garden Club is a place for gardeners and wannabe gardeners to meet other residents and learn how to become better gardeners. Guest speakers, who are experts in their fields, address a wide variety of gardening topics. Meetings are held at the Lakes of Brightwater Clubhouse starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

Monday, November 13 – “Succulents for Gift Giving” – Kathy Gilmore. Learn how to create affordable gifts for the holidays using trendy succulents.

Monday, January 22 – “Earthkind Roses” – Barbara Buckley. Roses can be difficult to grow in Houston’s heat and humidity. Earthkind roses are extremely hardy, disease-resistant roses that are top performers. Come join us to learn more.

Monday, February 26 – “How to Grow and Use Herbs” – Tricia Bradbury. Discover the benefits of homegrown herbs and the many uses for them in your kitchen. Learn which herbs thrive in our area and how to successfully cultivate an herb garden.

To learn more about Brightwater Garden Club and the benefits of becoming a member, visit www.brightwatergardenclub.com or contact President Joanne Downing, 281-499-9942 or jdowning56@yahoo.com.

Halloween in Brightwater



Brightwater's National Night Out



Westshore Drive and Court



Come one, come all!



Midstream Drive



Jetty Terrace



Waterside Drive and Court



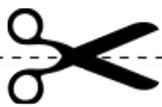
Waterside Drive and Court

Children's Holiday Open House



December 2, 2-4 p.m.
Clubhouse

Photo with Santa, Ornament Craft and Refreshments. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Trash Days - Lest We Forget

Schedule of Trash Collection Days to Post at Home

	November	December	January	February
Garbage Pick-up – Blue bin provided by WCA, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday
Recycling – Gray bin provided by WCA, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov	7 th & 21 st	5 th & 19 th	2 nd & 16 th & 30 th	13 th & 27 th
Yard refuse – in CLEAR biodegradable bags; branches tied in bunches or personal garbage container of leaves, grass, etc.	Every Tuesday	Every Tuesday	Every Tuesday	Every Tuesday
Bulk Waste – Regular garbage bags of yard waste; large trash items that do not fit in garbage bins	7 th & 21 st	5 th & 19 th	2 nd & 16 th & 30 th	13 th & 27 th

Holiday Decorations

The Brightwater Garden Club Holiday Awards Committee will conduct its annual judging of homes for outdoor holiday decorations. Design originality, creativity, lighting and the use of color in decorating are all considered in selecting the winners. Recognition will be given for individual homes, outstanding street, cul-de-sac or block. Winners will be announced in a mid-December e-Bulletin, published in the Winter 2018 "Beacon" and will be on the Brightwater website. **Decorations must be completed by December 12 to be eligible for the competition.** Continue to make Brightwater the destination everyone comes to when driving around looking at outstanding holiday displays!

Needleworkers

If you still enjoy the sewing, knitting, crocheting and needlework skills your mother and grandmother taught you, then you probably are not a millennial. Brightwater has an exceptional gathering of ladies who have been getting together for nearly two decades and welcome anyone to join them once a month to celebrate the dying art of handwork. Bring the needlework you have yet to finish, or bring whatever is in your mending basket. You are welcome to practice your craft with a delightful group of Brightwater women who meet once a month to visit and to sew a stitch or two. Call Elaine at 281-499-6660 for more information.

Being Neighborly

Brightwater is a thriving community of nearly 800 homes, and the rules and regulations we live by are intended to maintain harmony among neighbors and keep our surroundings attractive.



Good neighbors on Midstream Drive

- Parking can be a headache, especially on our smaller cul-de-sacs. Please respect your neighbor's turf, and park in your own driveway or in front of your house. We are not supposed to park along the esplanades, and when the large WCA garbage trucks, or worse yet, emergency vehicles cannot gain access to a cul-de-sac, it's not a good thing.
- We love our kids, and want them to enjoy playing outside. Remember that basketball goals can be mounted on garages but not on houses. Free-standing goals must be kept out of streets, and you want to position the goal so the ball does not go into your neighbor's yard. Strollers and toys should never obstruct a sidewalk interfering with a jogger's or wheelchair-bound individual's path.
- After the hurricanes this fall, everyone is thinking ahead to the likelihood of another one. It's wise to keep your trees thinned out to minimize the possibility that large limbs will come crashing down onto your house, your car or your neighbor's house. High winds do much less damage if they can blow through trees.

Finally, when you have a conflict with a neighbor, how about approaching him or her with a plate of cookies in hand? Your requests will have a better chance of being heard if they are delivered with some sugar and a smile on your face.

Missouri City Police Department and...

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

- 1 Animal
- 1 Assist Citizen
- 4 Forgeries
- 6 Ordinance violations
- 1 Parking violation
- 5 Suspicious activities
- 2 Suspicious vehicles
- 17 Traffic stops

Lieutenant Burleson: "The majority of recent car burglaries are due to vehicles left unlocked. The suspects walk around our neighborhoods and pull door handles looking for unlocked cars. When they find an open car, they rummage through it for items to take."

CREST MANAGEMENT

Liz Trapolino 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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Brightwater Crime Watch Report

8-14-17 Waterside Court: Child's bike stolen from closed garage

8-14-17 Westshore Court: Lawn crew's blower and mower bag stolen from open trailer

Vacation Watch: Call MCPD at 281-403-8700 and BCW at 281-499-0695.

Watch for a notice announcing the next Brightwater Crime Watch Training. By giving just two hours a month to patrol the neighborhood, you will provide an important community service. Training will take only 45 minutes. Stay tuned!

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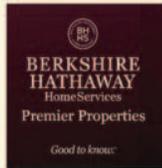
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Interesting facts...

- In 2016, home sale prices in Brightwater ranged from a low of \$250,000 to a high of \$385,000.
- The average length of time for a house to sell was 75 days.
- There are typically no more than ten homes on the market at any given time.
- Brightwater has a relatively low turnover, because people love this neighborhood!

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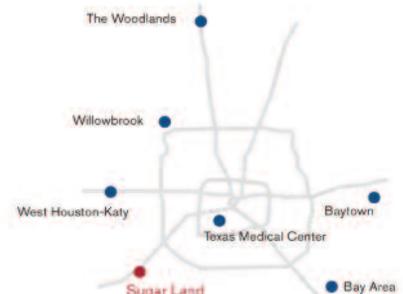


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