

Lakes of Brightwater



COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 28

Southminster Presbyterian
Church, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17

Tuesday, August 21

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN

CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 23

EVENING

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 7

Monday, June 4

BRIGHTWATER CANCER

SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Wednesday, June 6

Wednesday, July 11

Wednesday, August 1

POOL TAGS

Clubhouse

Saturday, April 28

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 14

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Starts at Frost Lake Court &
Brightwater to Clubhouse

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 4

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Neighborhood Watch Training



On February 19, more than a dozen new and returning Brightwater Neighborhood Watch volunteers met at the Clubhouse for training by officers from the Missouri City Police Department. Eight new volunteers will serve as team members and substitutes. Brightwater now has 14 active teams, which consist of two residents each.

It is the policy of the Missouri City Police Department to form partnerships with the community to reduce crime, fear of crime and enhance the overall quality of life in the community. This is achieved through watch programs and citizens patrolling their local neighborhoods, which are a visible deterrent to criminal conduct. Neighborhood Watch teams alert the police department about any hazardous situation discovered or potential criminal activity.

Brightwater's police liaison, Diane Giltner, works directly with MCPD Lieutenant Kevin Burleson to help ensure that Brightwater has one of the lowest crime rates in the area. Lt. Burleson acknowledged the strength of the partnership by sharing that police respond with special interest on the rare occasions when they receive a call pertaining to Brightwater.

Numerous national studies have shown the positive effect neighborhood watch programs have on crime rates. Brightwater organized its "Crime Watch" program in 2009 and recently began referring to the Watch as a "Neighborhood Watch." This more accurately reflects the reality of safe living we all enjoy.

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Tips for Exterior Home Maintenance in the Spring

A new feature that will appear in future issues of the Beacon

Mosquitos are attracted to areas where water pools, which offers them a breeding ground. Look on the ground around your home's foundation and other areas in your yard and fill in these pools to discourage mosquito growth.

Gutters often get clogged with leaves, seeds and other debris. This can lead to problems including overflow, mold, rot, pest infestations and flooding damage. Cleaning gutters will prolong the life of your shingles and paint.

Irrigation systems should be checked for line leaks and damage. Turn on your system one zone at a time and look at each rotor and head to make sure they're spraying in the proper direction while distributing water evenly.

Painting the exterior of your home will seal surfaces and protect your home from moisture damage. Keep an eye out for areas that frequently peel or lose paint, as this can be a sign of a more serious moisture issue. Follow Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Guidelines at www.lakesofbrightwater.com to receive approval for paint color.

Air conditioner units need to be cleaned of dirt and weeds for the best airflow and efficiency.

Brightwater Garden Club

Do not miss the final meeting of the 2017-2018 Brightwater Garden Club year, as it will feature special guest speaker Boone Holladay, Ft. Bend County Extension Agent, in a program entitled "Ask the Expert." Boone has extensive experience providing solutions to the challenges facing gardeners in Ft. Bend County. Please join us on Monday, April 23, 6:30 p.m., at the Clubhouse.

Annual membership in the Brightwater Garden Club is only \$25 per individual or \$35 per couple. Membership benefits include a booklet listing the Garden Club's members, valuable gardening resources and a directory of local gardening retailers offering discounts to members. On Monday, May 7, members are invited to attend an end-of-the-year garden tour, followed by dinner in the host's garden. To learn how you can become a member, visit www.brightwatergardenclub.com, or contact President Joanne Downing at downing56@yahoo.com or by phone at 281-499-9942.



Garden Club members enjoying the 2017 garden tour

After the summer recess, the new 2018-2019 Brightwater Garden Club year will begin on Monday, September 24, with a lineup of topical programs presented by local experts. The group is open to all area residents who are interested in growing their gardening skills.

Fourth of July Celebration

Calling all kids! Decorate your bikes, trikes, scooters, wagons, strollers and yourselves and join the neighborhood parade. We will march along Brightwater Drive beginning at Frost Lake Court starting promptly at 10:30 a.m. The parade will end at the flag pole in front of the Clubhouse. There will be swimming and a cold treat immediately after the parade.



March Yard of the Month



4306 Lakefront Court

Plants for your Summer Garden

by Pam Allen, Garden Club



Angelonia (aka “summer snapdragons”) is a charming , tough plant which blooms continuously from Spring through frost. For best results, plant in full to partial sun. Reaching a height of 18-24 inches, this plant is perfect for edging garden beds. Its blooms come in white, purple, lavender and pink.

Lantana produce masses of brightly colored golden yellow blooms from May until frost. This plant is extremely heat and drought tolerant, disease resistant and reaches a height of two feet.



Blue salvia blooms continuously from Spring to frost with masses of bright blue flower spires. This plant is tolerant of both heat and humidity and is not bothered by pests or diseases; however, it does require good drainage. It grows to be 18-30 inches tall.

Thyrallis is an evergreen shrub that blooms continuously from Spring until frost with delicate yellow flowers and glossy green foliage. This plant benefits from full sun to very light shade and is also a great screening plant that can be shaped into a hedge.



Plumbago is a perennial that enjoys full to partial sun and produces clusters of soft blue flowers all Summer long. This plant thrives in heat, is disease resistant and is a vigorous plant. It benefits from occasional pruning to keep its shape and reaches a height of 3-4 feet and a width of up to 5 feet.

Pool Tag Registration

Pool tag registration dates are Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 5, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. That’s it! Don’t miss out. If you are unable to register on one of these dates, tags will be issued by Crest Management by mail, and there will be a \$20.00 processing fee! When you pick up your pool tags, you may also get your keys to the tennis courts by paying a \$25 deposit, sign up to receive the Brightwater eBulletin, express your interest in being a Neighborhood Watch volunteer and subscribe to the Boy Scouts flag service.



Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

	May	June	July	August
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	8 th & 22 nd	5 th & 19 th	3 rd , 17 th & 31 st	14 th & 28 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	8 th & 22 nd	5 th & 19 th	3 rd , 17 th & 31 st	14 th & 28 th

Boy Scout Flag Service

For the 16th year, Boy Scout Troop #1294 will offer subscriptions to their flag service during pool tag registration days. Subscribers to the service will have flags placed in their yards on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. For more information, contact Scout Leader Doyle DeBow at doyledebow@gmail.com.

Subscribe to eBulletin

To sign up for free Brightwater eBulletins, contact Susan Ramirez, ramirezsusan51@gmail.com.

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Art Show Returns

It's time to enjoy the talent we have in the Lakes of Brightwater! In 2009, local artists displayed their creations at a Brightwater Art Show. The event is being revived under the leadership of Brightwater artist, Fangming Zhu. Contact her at fmzhu123@gmail.com to learn preliminary details.

The show will be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday, October 14, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Artists will not be permitted to sell their work at the show, but their business cards will be available for anyone who wants to contact them after the show.



Cancer Support Group

The Brightwater Cancer Support Group completed its first cycle of six weekly meetings on April 4. In the future, the group will meet the first Wednesday of each month, beginning May 2. If you are interested in attending meetings, or would like additional information, contact Susan Ramirez at ramirezsusan51@gmail.com or call 281-208-1864.

Annual Meeting

Be an involved citizen in your community. Brightwater's Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday June 28 at 7:00 p.m. Elections will be held for the Board of Directors. See you at the Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Religious and Political Signage

Religious symbols are permitted year-round if they are no greater than 25 square inches and are attached to an entry door or door frame of a residence. Any other religious symbols are allowed only during the celebration of specific events and the acceptable time leading up to that event. Examples may include Diwali, Christmas, etc. Political or "issue" signs affiliated with political elections are permissible 90 days before and 10 days after an election.

Residents should refer to the deed restrictions or contact Crest Management if they have any questions regarding a sign or display.

Missouri City Police Department and...

MCPD January - March 2018

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

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| 1 | Accident (minor) | 1 | Noise ordinance |
| 1 | Animal call | 11 | Ordinance violations |
| 2 | Assisted other city department | 1 | Ordinance sign removal |
| 1 | Assisted citizen | 4 | Parking violations |
| 1 | Disturbance (person) | 1 | Solicitor |
| 6 | Follow-ups | 6 | Suspicious activities |
| 3 | Forgeries | 2 | Suspicious vehicles |
| 1 | Found property | 2 | Traffic complaints |
| 1 | Harassment | 23 | Traffic stops |

CREST MANAGEMENT

Tammy McMillan 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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Neighborhood Watch Report

January – March 2018

Lakeside Meadow Drive: Multiple residences had bags of landscape debris curbside six days prior to WCA collection.

Northshore Drive at Lakefront Drive: Traffic hazard continues at intersection due to long-term parked vehicles.

Westshore Drive at Tradewinds: Following 13 traffic stops, Public Works contacted about marking crosswalk at intersection.

Vacation Watch: Call the Missouri City Police Department at 281-403-8700 and Brightwater Neighborhood Watch at 281-499-0695.

Thank you Neighborhood Watch volunteers, August 2009 – March 2018!

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Dogs on Leashes, Please!



Attention!!!

We have had another dog without a leash nearly drown in Frost Lake. Only because a noble Brightwater resident was jogging along the lake and was willing to jump in and rescue the poor creature, a pet's life was saved. And, it's not the first time this has happened.

It is against the law for your dog to be loose, as it presents a danger to both pets and passersby.

Trash Placement Enforcement Sweep Under Way

[EXCERPTS FROM MISSOURI CITY CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER]

In the months after Hurricane Harvey, the City suspended enforcement of trash placement and fence and debris violations to assure homeowners in all communities had an opportunity to focus on rebuilding and recovering from the storm.



The deferment continued through the end of November. On Friday, December 1, 2017, Code Enforcement Officers resumed issuing warnings and citations for trash placement offenses. On Thursday, February 1, 2018, staff resumed enforcing fence and debris regulations.

Last year, City Council unanimously approved an ordinance that establishes graduated minimum penalties for certain violations, including solid waste and recycling receptacle placement.

Council approved the fines below for violation of the Solid Waste Receptacle Placement ordinance:

- a minimum fine of \$50 for a first conviction
- \$250 for the second conviction
- \$500 for the third and each additional conviction

Any device used for trash collection or storage must be screened from public view. Code of Ordinance also prohibits trash and trash containers being placed at the curb prior to 6:00 p.m. the evening before scheduled collection and after midnight of the scheduled collection day.

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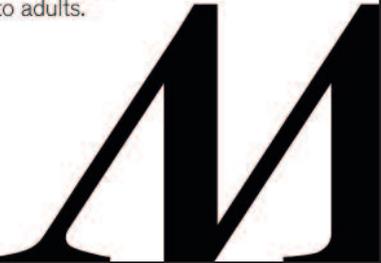
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