

Lakes of Brightwater



SUMMER 2022

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 28
Wednesday, October 26
Wednesday, November 16

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, September 26
Monday, October 24
Monday, November 14

BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

(Virtual meetings, 6:30 p.m.)
Thursday, September 8
Thursday, October 13
Thursday, November 10
Thursday, December 8
For information, contact ramirezsus51@gmail.com

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 5
Monday, October 3
Monday, November 7
For information, contact Elaine Smith, 281-499-6660, emchabert@comcast.net

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 4

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m..
Monday, September 12

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Update from the HOA Board

The Brightwater HOA held its Annual Meeting on Monday, June 20, at the Southminster Presbyterian Church. Resident attendance was good—not as many as in previous years due to the COVID resurgence, but with an active homeowners' forum. Two Directors were chosen: Congratulations to Al Robinson who was re-elected and to Joe Downing who joins the Board as a new Director. We extend our appreciation to Nancy Schoepf for her past service and work on the Board. Nancy continues to be active on the Grounds Committee, and the HOA benefits from her time, talent and knowledge. Neeta Sane and her husband recently moved from Brightwater. At the July monthly meeting, the Board appointed Ginger Wright to fill her unexpired term.



Crest Management has assigned new account managers to serve Brightwater. The HOA welcomes Sunni West as Account Manager and Sandy Skarritt as Assistant Manager, and we extend a sincere thank you to Heather and Katie for their past work on behalf of our community. Tammy remains as Brightwater's Accounting Manager. Please see the updated contact information for Crest on page 5 of this newsletter.

Asset Improvements

A number of HOA assets have been getting a facelift. The fence in Northshore Park is being cleaned, repaired and painted. Electrical units were refurbished at one of the half walls. They power both the decorative streetlights and a portion of the irrigation system. The lights around the Pool and Clubhouse area were upgraded and a new pole light was installed. Switching to LED fixtures added a lot of extra light at a reduced cost to operate.

Future projects include more renovations to electrical units near the small lake and on the business condo park site, the latter powering the wall signs at Cartwright. The Board will review lighting options on the medians near the south entrance, which include the bollard fixtures. With two bollards hit in an accident and an electrical wire cut on the business park property, the Cartwright entrance has been especially dark the last couple of months. Tiles that fell from the east wall at Lexington will be re-installed, and Clubhouse windows in the cupola and second floor will be replaced this winter.

The HOA Board meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. Brightwater residents have an open invitation to attend these meetings, whether to hear the latest news and activities, or to share their neighborhood concerns.

Fourth of July Festivities



Garden Club

The Brightwater Garden Club is a great place to meet other residents who enjoy plants and gardening. Members range in their skill levels from first-time gardeners to Master Gardeners. One of the things members enjoy most is sharing tips on how to become more successful.

From September to April (except December), the Club meets in the Brightwater Clubhouse with socializing and light refreshments from 6:30 – 6:45 p.m. followed by a guest speaker who is a local expert. A wide variety of topics are covered including recommended plants for our area, growing fruits and vegetables, garden design, attracting local birds and pollinators, dealing with garden pests and creating colorful planters.

After a hiatus during the past couple years, the Brightwater Garden Club will resume meeting in person on Monday, September 26 with a presentation about birds found in Ft. Bend County and how to attract them to your yard. The presentation is free and open to all. To learn more about the Brightwater Garden Club and how to become a member, visit www.brightwatergardenclub.com or contact President Pam Allan, 832-439-8944.



Photo courtesy of Peter Allan

REMINDER

School started on August 10 and the community pool will be open on weekends only, closing after Labor Day weekend. As kids are back in school, please be careful when driving near pick-up and drop-off locations in the neighborhood.

Police Alert

Do not leave anything of value in your vehicles if they are parked outside your garage day or night. Thieves are still stealing catalytic converters and committing car burglaries. Keep an eye out for suspicious acting people in and around cars.

QR codes have become increasingly popular in recent years, due to the need for social distancing and services that do not require direct contact. Unfortunately, cybercriminals have taken advantage of this tool, creating fake QR codes that trick you into providing your personal information.

If packages addressed to someone else are delivered to your house, and the same name is on multiple deliveries, report it to the police. It may be a scam they will want to investigate.

Hurricane Season Helpful Information

With hurricane season picking up steam in the weeks to come, please make sure you and your household are ready. This is a Texas link with information, including a checklist:

www.hhs.texas.gov/news/2022/06/plan-hurricane-season-disaster-hits

Outages and alerts from utility companies are important, especially in a storm. For Houston Metro power outages, call CenterPoint Energy at 800-332-7143. The CenterPoint Outage Tracker Map provides a local map and the status of electric outages at the street level – visit gis.centerpointenergy.com/outagetracker to either view the map or add your specific address. You can also receive timely alerts and status reports by signing up at

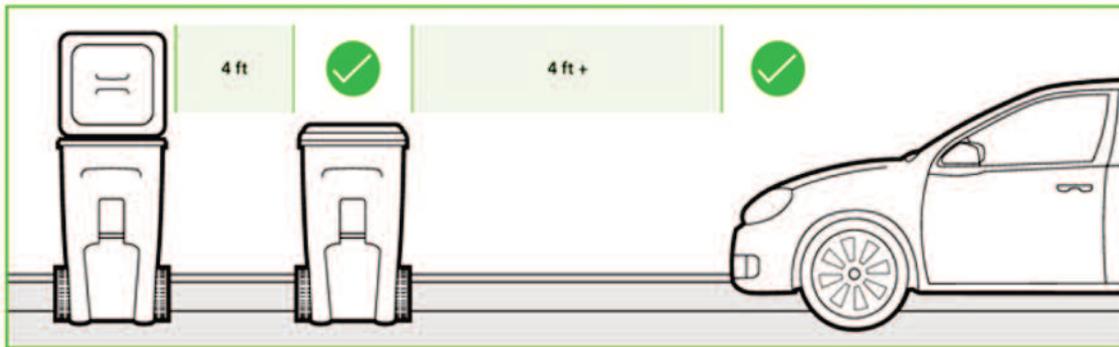
www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/residential/services/electric-utility/outage-center/power-alert-service

Quail Valley Utility District, which is the operator for MUD #42, has introduced an emergency alert notification option. If you would like to receive alerts pertaining to #42 emergency water and sewer updates, go to quailvalleyud.org and click the link at the top right of the home page.

Reminder

Residents who play singles tennis cannot play for more than one hour. The rule is that a resident cannot reserve a court for more than three days a week. Playing with another resident and booking the courts under each other's name limits other residents who want to play. Please be courteous.

GFL Trash and Recycling Can Placement



NOTE:

GFL now recycles glass bottles & jars.

Put them in the gray bin on trash recycling days.

There should be four (4) feet of space between the blue and gray cans and that or more from a parked car to ensure the drivers can collect the waste and recycling.



Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

	September	October	November	December
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	6 th & 20 th	4 th & 18 th	1 st , 15 th & 29 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	6 th & 20 th	4 th & 18 th	1 st , 15 th & 29 th	13 th & 27 th

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

To register your block party, contact Diane Giltner, dgiltner5@comcast.net.

The Lakes of Brightwater is a deed-restricted community. A list of the "covenants, conditions and restrictions" can be found at www.lakesofbrightwater.com under Forms and Documents.

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Yards of the Month



May: 1923 Lakefront Drive



June: 4110 Mainsail Circle



July: 4111 Jetty Terrace Circle



August: 1902 Lakewinds Drive

A committee of Brightwater Garden Club members chooses Yards of the Month based on the following criteria: exceptional curb appeal, healthy and well-maintained landscaping, use of color, balanced blending of plants, and no obvious violations of the Brightwater Architectural Guidelines.

Landscape Report

It's been a long hot summer. Westco is adjusting the irrigation to water as frequently as necessary to get us through the dry spells. You may see the sprinklers going off at unusual times for a while. Some shrubs have been removed in the Pool and Pavilion areas to allow for repairs and new lighting. The landscape will be restored when these projects are completed and the weather is suitable for planting. Despite the heat and drought, some plants are thriving. Our Crape Myrtles have been especially colorful this year, and some of the new hardy hibiscus along Brightwater Drive are putting on quite a show.



Missouri City Police Department and...

April - June 2022 MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action:

1	Accident	1	Harassment
2	Assaults	3	Ordinance violations
2	Criminal mischief incidents	2	Parking violations
3	Deaths - natural	4	Suspicious activities
1	Disturbance – noise	2	Suspicious vehicles
2	Disturbances – persons	3	Traffic complaints
1	Forgery	10	Traffic stops

Missouri City Code Enforcement Officer issued 36 violations in April. Many of these citations were for GFL bins and yard debris at curbside before or after trash collection days.

CREST MANAGEMENT

Crest Management manages the day-to-day operations and accounts of the Brightwater Homeowners Association. If you have correspondence issues, questions or concerns, please contact the HOA account managers:

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Police	281-403-8700
Fire	281-403-4300
City Hall	281-403-8500
Animal Control	281-403-8707
Code Enforcement Hotline	281-403-8560
Gas Services	713-659-2111
Mail Delivery	281-208-1832
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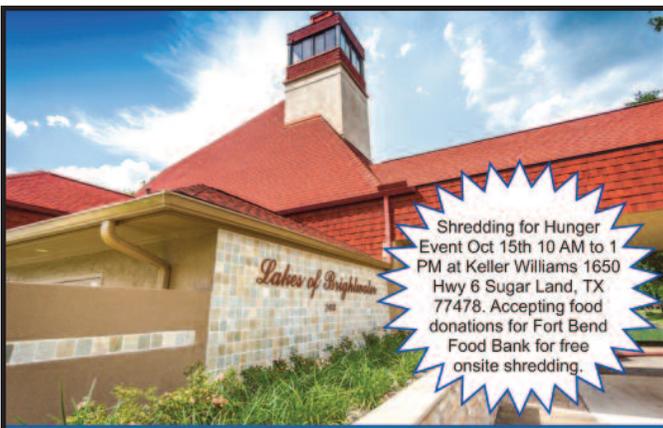
Angela Harris
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Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

- Lakewinds Park – Neighbors reported young males playing loud music and littering. Vehicles blocked driveway. MCPD checked license plates and found they were non-residents
- Landscape debris curbside days before or after scheduled trash collection days
- Resident reported vehicle damaged by hit-and-run driver
- Bollard lights destroyed by vehicle on Brightwater Drive
- The City requires solicitors to have a permit. Complaints can be made to MCPD if permit is not displayed



Vacation Watch – Call MCPD at 281-403-8700 or BCW at 281-499-0695



Shredding for Hunger
 Event Oct 15th 10 AM to 1
 PM at Keller Williams 1650
 Hwy 6 Sugar Land, TX
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 donations for Fort Bend
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 onsite shredding.

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 Brightwater Residents



This group of friends gets together early every morning at the Westshore playground to stretch, exercise and thereby get off to a good start each day.

Did you know . . .

- Brightwater has 795 homes, the first built in the mid-1980s and the last two constructed in 2002. No home has an address on Breezeway Drive, which is why the HOA named the park on Lakeside Meadow after the street.
- The Brightwater Neighborhood Watch program began in 2009 and has 16 active two-person teams. Drives take about 1.5 hours once a month, and members say they enjoy seeing the activity in the subdivision. Interested residents can become BNW members by contacting Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695.
- Each month, Architectural Control Committee members review resident applications for exterior home maintenance and/or improvement projects to ensure they meet ACC Guidelines and HOA Covenants. In 2019 and 2020, the committee handled around 70 applications annually, but 2021 saw that number jump to 131. The ACC has reviewed more than 95 applications thus far in 2022.
- The Brightwater Cancer Support Group is in its fifth year of holding monthly meetings. Nearly 40 cancer survivors and their caregivers have attended Group in person at the Clubhouse and now on Zoom for the time being.
- It's been 20 years since the old wooden bulkheads were replaced with new vinyl sheets along HOA common property. Subsequently, in 2008-2009, a majority of residents participated in a community-wide project organized by a former Brightwater homeowner to install similar vinyl bulkheads on their respective properties.

**2022-2023
 Lexington Blvd Mobility
 Project**

City of Missouri City
 and Fort Bend County

Public Meeting
 Southminster Church
 2310 Brightwater Drive
 Missouri City, TX 77459
Monday, September 12
from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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 events, including proposed
 upgrade to the infrastructure and
 reconstruction of
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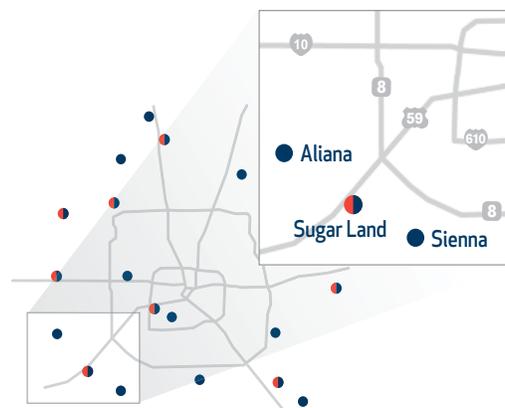
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