

Lakes of Brightwater

WINTER 2023

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Holiday Decorating Contest

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25

Wednesday, February 22

Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday, April 26

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 23

Monday, February 27

Monday, March 27

Monday, April 24

BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

(Virtual meetings, 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday, February 9

Thursday, March 9

Thursday, April 13

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NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 6

Monday, March 6

Monday, April 3

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First Place

4519 Northshore Court

It was delightful to see so many beautifully decorated homes in Brightwater during the holidays. This year's first place winner displayed two tall toy soldiers which flanked the home's entry, and the yard was filled with colorful lights that ringed the oaks and bordered the walkway. Lollipops and candy canes added a sweet touch along with a smiling snowman waving a welcome. Charlie Brown and his Peanuts friends celebrated the holiday, and Winnie the Pooh characters dashed toward the driveway where the iron gate was festooned with large, old-fashioned light bulbs on a lighted wreath with a red bow. Gifts under a beautifully decorated Christmas tree waited patiently to be opened.

Other awards are Honorable Mention, Best Block or Street and Best Cul de Sac. Once a home has placed three times—winning first, second or third-place awards—it is eligible to enter the Hall of Fame the following year, provided the home is suitably decorated and owned by the same residents.

The Brightwater Garden Club chooses four of its members each year to serve on a committee to judge outdoor holiday decorations. It is an enormous job to survey all 795 homes in Brightwater and choose first, second and third-place winners.

REMINDER:

January 31 is the deadline for submitting your annual Homeowners Association dues to avoid late fees. Residents' assessments help maintain and improve all of Brightwater. If you have any questions, contact Sunni at Crest Management, 281-945-4615.

Holiday Decorations



Second Place
1706 Lakewinds Drive

Lights shone brightly throughout this beautiful yard. A lovely nativity scene was accompanied by seasonal messages of “Joy,” “Noel” and “Happy Holidays.” The sago palms were wrapped with lights as were the landscape beds, and a dove and star lit the walls of the home. A reindeer pulling a gift-laden sleigh was joined by a singing mouse family, toy soldier, wrapped gifts, peppermints and a green spiral tree. A large lighted wreath above the door and green wreaths in all the windows rounded out the display.



Third Place
1710 Lakewinds Drive

Signs of the season were evident at this home with two large Christmas banners. Red holiday ornaments were posted on each oak, and words of “Hope” and “Joy” sat near a full nativity scene. A beautiful silver decorated tree was surrounded by Noel candles, wrapped presents and Santa with a teddy bear and small elf. Lighted candelabras shone from upstairs windows with pretty wreaths below and toy soldiers at the door. The driveway was lighted with colorful bulbs, and a lighted green wreath was hung above the garage door.

Best Block	Honorable Mention		Hall of Fame	
1835-1852 Brightlake Way	1802 Brightlake Way	1711 Lakewinds Dr.	1711 Brightlake Way	4747 Lakeside Meadow
	4114 Eastshore Circle	1731 Northshore Dr.	4111 Harbor Point	1806 Shoreline Dr.
	4110 Jetty Terrace	4139 Stillwater Dr.	4219 Harbourview Ct.	1826 Sea Breeze Ct.
Best Cul de Sac Sea Breeze Court	4714 Lakeside Meadow	4406 Waterlily Ct.	1902 Lakewinds Dr.	1710 Starboard Shores Ct.
			4322 Lakeside Meadow	

According to Brightwater’s Architectural Control Guidelines, “decorations must be removed within four (4) weeks after the date of the holiday.”



Years ago, Brightwater coordinated Community Yard Sales, which allowed residents to set up their wares in the Clubhouse parking lot. This was a great option to having multiple garage sales in the neighborhood and encouraged more potential buyers who could one-stop shop. We’re gauging the interest in another one. If you are interested in participating in a Brightwater Yard Sale, please contact Diane Giltner at dgiltner5@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Brightwater has three playgrounds for our young residents: Westshore Park near the Clubhouse, Northshore Park at the Reserve, and Lakewinds Park on the east side of Lakewinds Drive. We would like to have residents who can monitor each park on a monthly basis for any possible hazards such as broken or missing playground equipment, excessive leaves or mulch in the playground areas, fire ant beds in the mulch, or wasp nests in and under the playground equipment, plus any graffiti or other defacements. This should take no more than two hours a month, and findings will be reported to the Landscape Committee. Contact Nancy Hudson at 832-656-1686 if you are interested.

DRONE NEEDED! We would like someone who has a drone with a camera to take photos of our landscape areas. If you can help, contact Diane Mauricio at d6mauricio@gmail.com.

From the Board

As HOA assets are being reviewed and inspected, there are several projects for the first half of 2023 that we'd like to share.

The Pavilion (or "boathouse" as some long-time residents call it) is located behind the Clubhouse and is now over 25 years old. It hasn't had a definitive use for some time, and discussions in the past left its future questionable. In an effort to move forward with either renovation or demolition, the Board approved a construction contractor to remove two feet at the bottom of the columns to determine the extent of deterioration. It now appears the structure has much more damage than originally thought, and it is not stable enough to refurbish without a large expense. Therefore, bids are being requested to demolish the Pavilion. The Board will discuss what should be done with that space, if anything, later this spring after demolition.

As briefly noted in an earlier newsletter, the upstairs windows in the Clubhouse need to be replaced. The original double-pane seals have failed, and there are areas of water damage in the flooring beneath them. Once the new windows are installed, the floor underlayment will be repaired and the carpet replaced with vinyl or linoleum flooring. The cupola's windows will also be replaced during this project.

The fence that runs along the western side of the northern greenbelt (from Lexington to Lakeside Meadow) is now over 12 years old and needs replacing. Crest is getting bids on the long run of fence and it should be completed before this summer, as sections are beginning to lean.

Another project covers sections of concrete that need to be replaced. The steps from the Clubhouse circle to the dock have cracked, as well as the back steps into the pool area. Sections of sidewalk around the Clubhouse also need to be levelled, and there are four mailbox slabs that need to be removed and repoured.

Finally, this spring should see the renovation of the bollard lights on one of the Brightwater Drive medians north of Cartwright and the addition of two light poles in the same area. Our committee members have been working on this project, but a problem with the availability of the bollard fixtures has delayed the installation.

Landscape Report

The Landscape Committee had the first meeting with new contractors, Superior LawnCare, to discuss plans for the coming year and to address the December freeze. Superior will mow and tend beds and irrigation on Thursdays, and their employees will wear



orange shirts. We will begin replanting shrubs and annuals as appropriate, taking into consideration new weather norms. We look forward to working with them to beautify Brightwater.

Eddie's Tree Service has finished pruning and cleaning out many of our existing trees, and they removed several diseased or dying trees. We plan to plant several more along the Frost Lake greenbelt in February or March.

Anyone who needs to plant a tree to replace one that has died or has been removed from the front yard has until the end of March to do so.

The Brightwater Garden Club is now maintaining the three landscape pots by the Clubhouse. (Photo was taken before the December freeze.)



December Freeze Event

Our area suffered a significant drought over the summer. Despite rain in the fall, woody shrubs and trees are still dealing with the effects of the drought, and this could magnify freeze damage. You must be patient to see if your specific tree or shrub will survive. Prune only plant material that has turned mushy. Leave everything else until spring. In other words, embrace ugly.

Don't be too quick to dig up tropical plants that appear severely damaged. They may eventually resprout from the base of the plant or the roots in April or May.

Wait to prune palm fronds until the last chance of frost has passed. Browned fronds provide winter protection in case of another temperature drop, and we may see additional freezes before it's over.

Continue to protect what you can when needed.

See page 7 for Brightwater Trash Schedule – 2023

Social Activities

As COVID permits, Brightwater Social Committee will host family-friendly events for neighbors to meet or reconnect. New ideas are being considered in addition to our Neighborhood Coffee, July 4th Family Parade and Children's Holiday Open House. For instance, a Diversity Dinner would highlight favorite dishes from around the world. If you are interested in planning and implementing social events, contact Diane Giltner at dgiltner5@comcast.net.

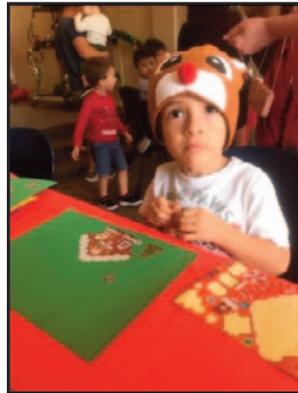
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Children's Holiday Party



Missouri City Police Department and...

October – December 2022 MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action:

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|---|------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Accident-minor | 3 | Harassments |
| 5 | Assist citizens | 1 | Missing person |
| 1 | Assault | 3 | Suspicious vehicles |
| 1 | Burglary | 2 | Thefts |
| 1 | Death-natural | 5 | Traffic stops |
| 3 | Disturbances - persons | 1 | Welfare check |
| 2 | Forgeries | | |

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

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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Animal Control	281-403-8707
Code Enforcement Hotline	281-403-8560
Gas Services	713-659-2111
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Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

- Mailbox flyers advertising a business were removed. Mailboxes are federal property and are not for posting advertisements. The tape leaves an unsightly residue.
- Streetlight outage was reported to Center Point.
- Suspicious vehicle parked illegally was reported to Police.
- Vacation watch for eight homes.



Vacation Watch Registration – Police: 281-403-8700 – BNW: 281-499-0695

Consider volunteering two hours a month with Neighborhood Watch. For information, contact Diane Giltner at dgiltner5@comcast.net.



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GIFT CARD SCAMS

Someone might ask you to pay for something by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the numbers on the back of the card. If they ask you to do this, they're trying to scam you. No real business or government agency will ever insist you pay them with a gift card. Anyone who demands to be paid with a gift card is a scammer.

Gift cards are popular with scammers because they're easy for people to find and buy. They also have fewer protections for buyers compared to some other payment options. They're more like cash—once you use a gift card, the money on it is gone.

Scammers may tell you different stories to get you to pay them with gift cards, but this is what usually happens:

1. The callers says it's urgent. They say you have to pay right away or something terrible will happen. They want to scare you into acting quickly, so you don't have time to think or talk to someone you trust. Don't pay.
2. The caller usually tells you which gift card to buy. They might say to put money on an eBay, Google Play, iTunes, Walmart, Target, DVS or Walgreens gift card. Sometimes they will tell you to buy cards at several stores, so cashiers won't get suspicious. The caller might stay on the phone with you while you go to the store and load money onto the card. If this happens to you, stop. It's a scam.
3. The caller asks you for the gift card number and PIN. The card number and PIN on the back of the card let the scammer get the money you loaded onto the card. Don't give them those numbers. You'll lose your money, and you won't be able to get it back.

**For further information, go to the Federal Trade Commission's website at:
<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/gift-card-scams>**

Brightwater Trash Schedule – 2023

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 Garbage, Recycling, Yard refuse, Bulk waste

 Garbage, Yard refuse

 Garbage

Garbage – Blue bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov

Recycling – Gray bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov

Bulk waste – Regular garbage bags of yard waste; large trash items that do not fit in garbage bins

Yard refuse – In CLEAR biodegradable bags; branches tied in bunches or personal garbage container of leaves, grass, etc.

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