

Lakes of Brightwater



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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

... will now be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, May 27

Wednesday, July 22

Wednesday, August 26

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 25

(to be confirmed)

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.

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SUPPORT GROUP

Virtual meetings, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3

Wednesday, July 1

Wednesday, August 5

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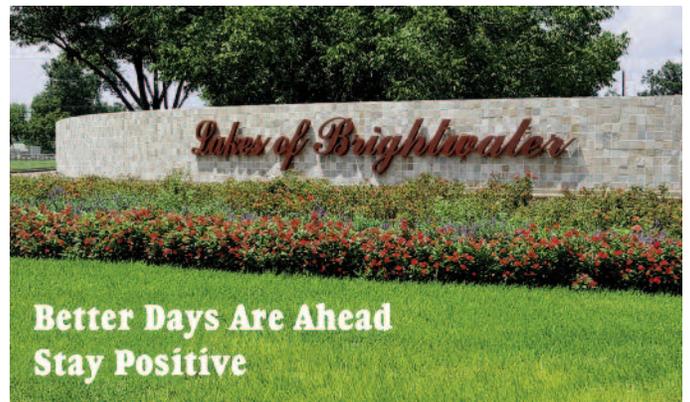
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Message from the Brightwater HOA Board of Directors

We hope our residents are staying safe and healthy and are rising above the many coronavirus challenges facing us all. HOA meetings, events and activities that normally would have occurred in March and April were cancelled, replaced with "stay-at-home" recommendations. As we move into May and June, we continue to encourage respectful social distancing using common sense and are optimistic we can come together again soon.



The most important news in this issue is the decision the Board made to cancel the 2020 pool season. They received regular updates from our pool contractor, A-Beautiful Pools, which included essential considerations and tips from industry swimming pool experts and organizations. With the number of issues associated with opening the HOA pool -- additional disinfecting, social distancing, limiting attendees and possible mask requirements -- the Board did not feel comfortable putting our residents or lifeguards at risk. It was a difficult choice, but we believe the right one for this summer. (Note: Savings from the amended pool contract will be directed to additional maintenance/improvement projects for our HOA assets.)

Secondly, the Brightwater HOA Annual Meeting is held in June. We have received approval from Southminster Presbyterian Church to hold our event there again on Thursday, June 25. Keep in mind this date may change based on government recommendations. Options could include converting to a teleconference format or postponing the meeting until later this summer. There are two Board positions open this year. We will keep you informed, and Crest Management will send meeting notices and ballots when we have final confirmation of the date.

Tips for the upcoming months:

- Respect your neighbors and keep a safe distance when walking, especially along the lake.
- Be careful driving through the neighborhood, as both our younger and older residents are out and about.
- If you have any concerns about your account or property, contact Heather Esteban at Crest Management, 281-945-4630 or heathere@crest-management.com.

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The Lakes of Brightwater HOA has recently changed contractors for our landscaping services. Westco Grounds and Maintenance Company, Inc. will now:

- Provide services to include mowing, trimming shrubs and bushes and groundcover care
- Plant seasonal flowers three times a year and manage turf to ensure optimum health
- Maintain all parks in Brightwater to reflect a neat, tidy appearance
- Administer insect control services

Lighting



bollard light

CenterPoint Energy has been changing the HOA's street lights to LED, and the HOA has installed LED lights in the bollards next to the Clubhouse. Consider changing your porch lights to LED. They are up to 80% more efficient than incandescents. A 60-watt incandescent bulb draws more than \$150 worth of electricity per year, providing about 800 lumens of light; an equivalent compact fluorescent (CFL) uses less than 15 watts and costs only about \$35 per year. LED bulbs are even better, drawing about 8.5 watts of power, costing around \$21 per year and lasting 25,000 hours or longer. Good lighting is important for your home, not only to help the good guys find their way in but also to keep the bad guys away. Don't be yellow. Go bright white!

Gas Leaks



A Brightwater resident discovered that his outside gas piping was leaking. A gas leak smells like rotten eggs or sulfur. He called CenterPoint Energy, and they replaced the valve and meter. The next day, he smelled gas outside a neighbor's home, and CenterPoint also fixed that problem. Since our homes are reaching the quarter-century mark, it's a good idea to do an odor check near your outside meter.

According to CenterPoint, if you smell gas, move to a safe place and call 911. The emergency hotline for CenterPoint is 800-992-7552.

Flag Service



Boy Scout Troop 731 will offer flag service to residents of Brightwater for a donation of \$35 for the 2020 calendar year. Funds help to support youth in their scouting activities. Flags will be placed in subscribers' yards on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

You may sign up by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/6oboe4eada92faaf49-20203>, or there is a white lockbox on the porch at 1727 Shoreline Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459. Make checks payable to BSA Troop 731, and include the coupon below.

For additional information, contact Joanna Ouderkerk, 281-845-4155 or jejouderkerk@gmail.com.

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Drop coupon into the white lockbox at 1727 Shoreline Dr. Make out check to BSA Troop 731.

Brightwater Residents Help Address Coronavirus Challenge

Sino Professionals Association

The Sino Professionals Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in Houston in 1992. They have purchased and delivered over 92,440 supplies, including protective cover-all suits with hoods and boots, surgical masks, KN masks, N95 masks and face shields to more than 58 locations, most of which are in the Houston area. These include the Missouri City Police Department, Memorial Hermann-SW Hospital, Memorial Hermann-Katy Hospital, Houston Methodist Hospital, Baylor-St. Luke's Hospital, City of Houston, City of Sugar Land, Signature Care Emergency Rooms, Kelsey-Seybold Clinics, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Bellaire Police/Fire Department. One sub-point of the distribution network was in Brightwater. To donate, go to sinoprofessionals.org.

Needleworkers

The Needleworkers of Brightwater have been meeting for 20 years. Their handiwork includes knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, and many of the ladies are expert seamstresses. The masks the Needleworkers make will protect family and friends. Brightwater resident Elaine Smith is shown making a face mask.



Captain Paul Poulton, MCPD, receiving 500 face masks from the Sino Professionals Association



The Lakes of Brightwater thanks all medical professionals for their hard work.



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	5 th & 19 th	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th	14 th & 28 th	11 th & 25 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	5 th & 19 th	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th	14 th & 28 th	11 th & 25 th

Safety Tips

Brightwater has a superb group of volunteers who participate in Neighborhood Watch. The Missouri City Police Department encourages subdivisions to form watch patrols and trains volunteers on what to look for when they patrol.

We are fortunate to have a low crime rate in Brightwater; however, we should not take it for granted.

Burglars almost never try to enter a home if it appears to be occupied. Therefore, it is important to pick up the community newspapers that are delivered to your home, so it doesn't look as if you have gone on vacation.

Turning on outside lights after dark and turning them off in the morning is another sign of activity in your house.

Finally, put your garage doors down when you are not nearby. Stealing something from your garage can happen in a split second. Don't invite thieves into your garage.

Tennis Courts

As part of safe distancing efforts, the Board has temporarily suspended lessons at the tennis courts. This decision will be reviewed in coming months.

The "Beacon"

The Lakes of Brightwater subdivision newsletter is published four times a year, in January, April, August and November.

Yards of the Month

The Brightwater Garden Club is a great resource for those who want to improve their gardening skills. Annual membership is only \$25 per individual or \$35 per couple. Members receive a directory with monthly program descriptions for the year, a list of gardening resources and local gardening retailers.



February
1902 Lakewinds Drive



March
4111 Waterview Court



April
1846 Lakewinds Drive

Missouri City Police Department and...

January - March 2020: MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action:

1	Accident	1	Shots fired
1	Criminal activity	1	Solicitor
6	Disturbances	2	Suspicious activities
1	Forgery	4	Suspicious vehicles
1	Harassment	2	Thefts
52	Ordinance violations	5	Traffic complaints
1	Parking violation	68	Traffic stops

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Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

One of the side-effects of the Coronavirus shutdown of schools and businesses has been an increase in the number of pedestrians, bike riders, and baby strollers in Brightwater. Most people are aware of social distancing, but extra precautions should be taken when walking in the neighborhood. The Missouri City Police Dept. notes that pedestrians in the roadway can be a traffic hazard. Brightwater has sidewalks throughout the subdivision, and residents should use them instead of walking in the street, which violates city law and poses a safety risk. Additionally, please be courteous and make sure your vehicle does not block the sidewalk in front of your house.

Finally, vehicles that don't make a complete stop at stop signs are a hazard to everyone. Missouri City Police are aware of complaints from Brightwater residents about loud speeding vehicles in the neighborhood and are monitoring the situation. Please be careful and be safe.



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- Have the Spider Pods and Mud Dobbers Taken Over **YOUR** Home?

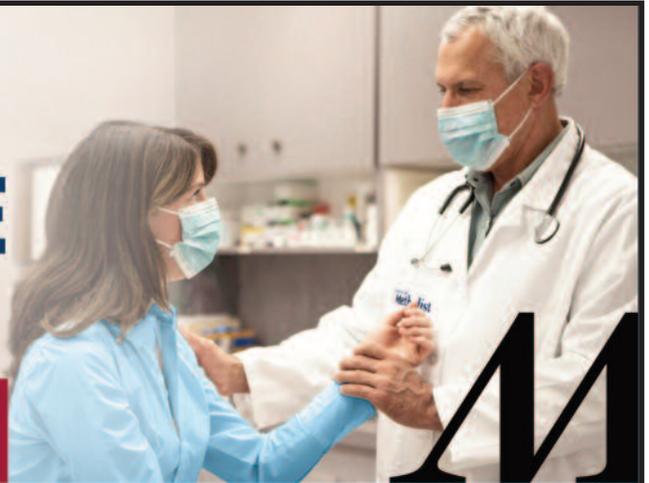
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COVID-19 UPDATE – We are committed to you, even during these challenging times. Our orthopedic specialists are available to safely see patients **virtually** or **in person**, as needed.



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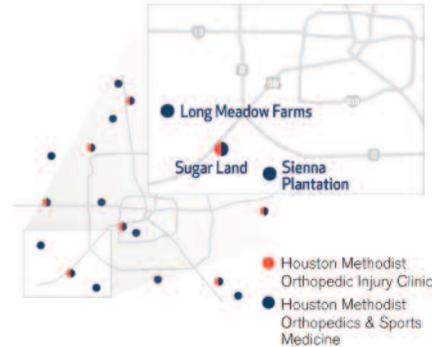
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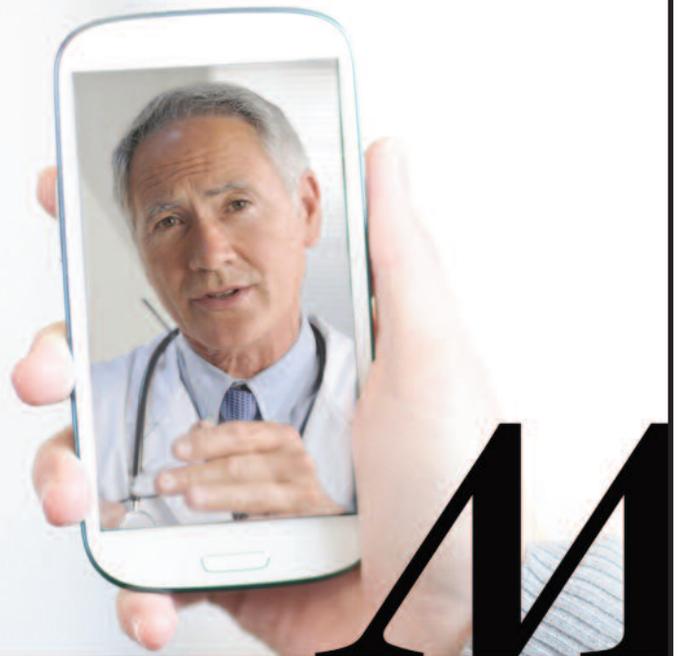
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