

# Lakes of Brightwater

SUMMER 2021

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## Playgrounds and More



*Northshore Park after improvements*

Brightwater is known for its beautifully maintained grounds with exquisite beds of colorful flowers and attractive plants. Of equal importance is safety, especially at the playgrounds little ones frequent. Community volunteers spend many hours attending to both beautification projects as well as making certain that amenities are safe to use. Examples of playground upgrades and repairs in recent months include the following:

- Safety inspections performed by an outside vendor and all safety issues rectified
- Mats installed under belt swings at all three playgrounds
- Wood chip safety surfacing added to all playgrounds
- Westshore Park toddler swing seats replaced; other swing seats are on order
- Spring rider repaired at Westshore Park

As the HOA continues to work on maintenance and improvements of our assets, the Brightwater Board and Operations Committee has the following projects pending:

- The Clubhouse roof replacement is in bid process, and a structural engineer has inspected the Pavilion. Once the inspection report is received, the Board will discuss how to proceed with renovation.
- Some of the bulkhead top caps along the lake on HOA common property need to be replaced. The replacements have been ordered, and the project should be completed by Labor Day.
- The pool guardroom will have two new windows installed this month.
- Portions of the walkways around the Clubhouse, tennis courts and pool area need repair and three cluster mailbox pads need to be re-poured. Contractors are being identified for bid proposals.
- Parking lot light poles around the Clubhouse and tennis courts will be upgraded to LED lights.

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### COMING EVENTS

#### HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 25**

**Wednesday, September 22**

**Wednesday, October 27**

**Wednesday, November 17**

#### BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, September 27**

**Monday, October 25**

**Monday, November 15**

#### BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

**Thursday, September 9**

**Thursday, October 14**

**Thursday, November 11**

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#### NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 6**

**Monday, October 4**

**Monday, November 1**

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# From the Board

Brightwater has added two new Directors to the HOA Board. Al Robinson fills the open slot, formerly held by Michael McDonald. Al brings a varied portfolio of work experience in the building codes, electrical installations and transportation arenas. Recently retired, he looks forward to giving back to the neighborhood using his skills and expertise.

Neeta Sane was elected to the Board at the June annual meeting. Neeta has served in various positions with Houston Community College, the Fort Bend YMCA, the ASPIRE network and Rotary to name a few.

Both Al and Neeta are long-time residents of Brightwater, and we welcome them to the Board.

## Garden Club

The Brightwater Garden Club will tentatively resume meeting at the Clubhouse in September. Watch eBulletins for possible changes to this plan. A wonderful source of information for local gardeners, the club has members from both Brightwater and surrounding communities.



A committee of Garden Club members chooses a Yard of the Month based on the following criteria: exceptional curb appeal, healthy and well-maintained landscaping, good use of color, balanced blending of plants and no obvious violations of the Brightwater Architectural Guidelines. (See page 4 for Yards of the Month.)

## Landscape Report



The historic freeze and heavy rains have made gardening especially difficult this year. Brightwater common areas lost hundreds of plants, some that had thrived for decades. A committee of volunteers has worked overtime to bring back the many flower beds and the entrances to the subdivision. Last spring, volunteers refurbished some areas along Brightwater Drive, personally purchasing and planting shrubs and perennials. They supervised the removal of freeze-damaged plants and revived the bed at Breezeway Park with plants donated by residents or salvaged from other areas. Plants have been in short supply from greenhouses due to heavy demand. More plants will be added to fill in existing gaps.

Special recognition goes to Nancy Hudson (landscape committee chair), Nancy Schoepf (HOA Board member and committee member), Diane Mauricio (HOA Board president and tree expert) and Kathy Renfrow (“field agent,” continually surveying the community on her three-wheeler and reporting on anything needing attention). Stay tuned for potential news of “Neighborhood Gardening Days” in Brightwater.

## Residential Directory Update

With nearly 500 Directory forms received, the goal of achieving 95% participation in the 2021 Brightwater Residential Directory seems achievable. The next phase of the project involves matching volunteer block captains to each of the 50 streets in Brightwater. Some of the longest streets will need more than one captain: Lakeside Meadow Drive, Lakewinds Drive and Northshore Drive all have 50 or more home addresses.

Block captains will receive a list of addresses of those who have not yet turned in a directory form and will personally contact their neighbors to encourage participation. They will have Brightwater Directory credentials to identify themselves and it’s hoped that residents will choose to include their information.

If you would like the challenge of being a block captain and are interested in getting to know more of your neighbors, contact Susan Ramirez, at [ramirezsusan51@gmail.com](mailto:ramirezsusan51@gmail.com), or one of the following Section Coordinators: Nancy Hudson, at [nancyhudson007@comcast.net](mailto:nancyhudson007@comcast.net); Diane Giltner, at [dgiltner5@comcast.net](mailto:dgiltner5@comcast.net); or Diane Mauricio, at [d6mauricio@gmail.com](mailto:d6mauricio@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Appreciation

On behalf of the Brightwater HOA Board and residents, sincere appreciation is extended to Kent Hudson for his service to the neighborhood as Director, June 2019—June 2021. Kent worked with the Operations Committee to maintain and improve HOA assets, including the Clubhouse, tennis courts, pool and splash pad; cluster mailbox pads, lakeside walkways and many other items. He was also instrumental in establishing a procurement policy for HOA projects and was available to take on issues that arose on a day-to-day basis. His dedication to Brightwater was exemplary and Brightwater wishes him the very best in the future.

Kudos to Diane Giltner for shepherding the streetlight project for the HOA. Centerpoint recently installed three new poles between Lakeside Meadow and Lexington which will help illuminate the northern entrance of Brightwater.

## Business Park Update

The Oyster Creek Office Condo project is on track to begin construction of three buildings this September, followed by two per month thereafter depending on sales. To date, 17 units of the 48 total (located in 11 buildings) have been spoken for. Several residents complained about weeds on the property and the developer has since cleaned it up.

## Frontier Project

The Frontier Communications fiber optic project is in full swing in the neighborhood. In addition to residential property owners' concerns, the HOA has also dealt with several necessary irrigation repairs due to the construction. Residents who have an issue with the Frontier project can contact Jeremy Davis, Missouri City's Assistant Engineer, at [jeremy.davis@missouricitytx.gov](mailto:jeremy.davis@missouricitytx.gov) with an explanation of the problems encountered and photos showing any damage to personal property.

## Sidewalks

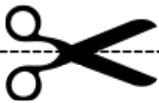
If you have a broken sidewalk or have sections that have tilted, lifted or dropped, please submit a photo, description of problem and its location to [info@lakesofbrightwater.com](mailto:info@lakesofbrightwater.com). The HOA is compiling a list of sidewalks needing repairs to submit to the City for them to prioritize in their next round of sidewalk improvements.

## WCA now GFL

WCA is now GFL Environmental, and their green-logo trucks are now operating in Brightwater and throughout Missouri City. Any further information received will be passed along.



Brightwater community spirit in action as Missouri City Fire and Rescue teams train on Frost Lake.



### Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

	August	September	October	November
<b>Garbage Pick-up</b> – Blue bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, <a href="http://www.missouricitytx.gov">www.missouricitytx.gov</a>	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday
<b>Recycling</b> – Gray bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, <a href="http://www.missouricitytx.gov">www.missouricitytx.gov</a>	10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Yard refuse</b> – in CLEAR biodegradable bags; branches tied in bunches or personal garbage container of leaves, grass, etc.	Every Tuesday	Every Tuesday	Every Tuesday	Every Tuesday
<b>Bulk Waste</b> – Regular garbage bags of yard waste; large trash items that do not fit in garbage bins	10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>

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## Brightwater Cancer Support Group

In 2018, Brightwater volunteers established a cancer support group which more than 30 patients and their caregivers have attended. The purpose of the group is to offer emotional support. "We honor each other's unique ways of dealing with our situations and don't presume to advise or fix or save each other." For information, contact Susan at 713-899-3471 or ramirezsusana51@gmail.com.

## Tennis Court Rules

**Court reservations may be made no more than 24 hours in advance.** Violation of this rule may result in forfeiture of the time reserved. For a complete list of rules, go to lakesofbrightwater.com, click on "Forms and Documents," and go to "Tennis Court Rules Policy" at the bottom of the page.

## Neighborhood Watch



The Brightwater Neighborhood Watch program began in August 2009 and currently has 14 teams patrolling the community. If interested in volunteering, contact Diane Giltner at dgiltner5@comcast.net for information.

# Yards of the Month



**May**  
4115 Jetty Terrace



**June**  
1710 Starboard Shores Court



**July**  
2115 Westshore Drive



**August**  
4623 Lakeside Meadow Drive

## Missouri City Police Department and...

**April – June 2021** MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action:

13	911 calls	2	Harassments
1	Accident - minor	3	Ordinance violations
1	Assault	3	Suspicious activities
2	Criminal mischiefs	4	Suspicious vehicles
1	Death - natural	1	Traffic complaint
2	Disturbances - persons	20	Traffic stops
3	Forgeries		

# CREST MANAGEMENT

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<b>Fire</b>	<b>281-403-4300</b>
<b>City Hall</b>	<b>281-403-8500</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>281-403-8707</b>
<b>Code Enforcement Hotline</b>	<b>281-403-8560</b>
<b>Gas Services</b>	<b>713-659-2111</b>
<b>Mail Delivery</b>	<b>281-208-1832</b>
<b>Electricity Problems</b>	<b>713-207-2222</b>

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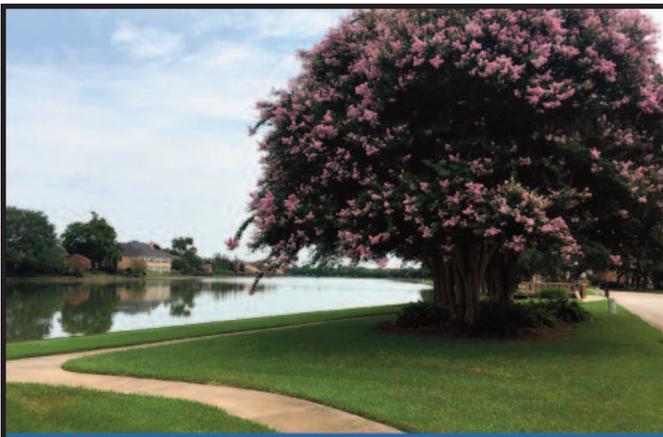
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## Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

- GFL containers, landscape debris and bulk waste is in violation of City ordinance, placed at curb before or after designated time/days for collection.
- Vacant residence with access to unsafe backyard pool reported to Code Enforcement.
- Residents reported screws along Brightwater Drive causing tire damage.
- Residents report low-hanging tree branches obstructing sidewalks.
- Traffic patrol responded to parking complaints.
- Streetlight outages reported to Center Point.
- Resident reported unleashed dogs.
- Flyers removed from mailboxes. They are not community message boards.



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

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## Construction Project



First Colony Levy Improvement District owns the property south of Lexington and west of Brightwater. Currently they have a 60-day project underway to increase the detention capacity of this area. The project entails removing dirt which will be used to bolster surrounding levy systems and in turn will allow more water to be held during heavy rain events. Water flow eventually drains into Oyster Creek. The land will be hydro-seeded after construction.

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