

# Lakes Of Brightwater

SUMMER 2014

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## COMING EVENTS

### HOA Monthly Meetings

Clubhouse 6:00 PM

Tuesday, September 16

Tuesday, October 21

Tuesday, November 18

### Neighborhood Coffee

Clubhouse 10-11:30 AM

Monday, September 8

Monday, October 13

Monday, November 10

### Brightwater Garden Club

Clubhouse 6:30 PM

Monday, September 22

Monday, October 27

Monday, November 17

### Evening Needleworkers

Members' homes 7:00 PM

Monday, September 1

Monday, October 6

Monday, November 3

### National Night Out

Tuesday, October 7

## From The Board Of Directors:

The Board would like to thank the residents who attended the annual meeting in June. We appreciate the support of our neighbors and their input towards the running of the community. We are also very appreciative of Lt. Burleson of MCPD who attends each of our meetings to provide an analysis of our crime statistics as well as comments on

what is happening in and around Missouri City. Please do not hesitate to contact a board member with concerns or attend an HOA meeting for information.



Thank you,  
Rita McMahon

## NEW COMMUNICATION PACKAGE

Welcome to the first issue of *The Brightwater Beacon*. Our neighborhood newsletter has a new face and a new name. The HOA Board and the Communications Committee have been working with Prepared Publications, Inc. (PPI) and their president, Monty Campbell, to design a new improved format for our newsletter, website and eBulletin.

The eBulletin will give you timely information on upcoming events, our neighborhood Crime Watch, MCPD security reports and Lost and Found.

Our website is [www.lakesofbrightwater.com](http://www.lakesofbrightwater.com). It contains a wealth of information about Brightwater and the new design should debut the end of August.

The *Beacon* is distributed quarterly to all residents to keep them informed of recent and future Brightwater happenings, as well as news from the larger community that may affect Brightwater. You will notice the inclusion of paid ads on a few pages of the issue. Further information on that is included in this issue.

These tools are designed to serve our residents. The Communications Committee Co-Chairs Diane Mauricio and Nancy Hudson welcome your questions, comments and suggestions.

If you were not already signed up, you can now subscribe to the eBulletin by sending an email to [ebulletin@lakesofbrightwater.com](mailto:ebulletin@lakesofbrightwater.com).

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In Appreciation  
Grounds Committee Update  
Garden Club Schedule

## Grounds Committee Update:

In June, a large Hackberry Tree fell across a sidewalk on Brightwater Drive. The Grounds Committee felt we needed to have some Hackberry's along Brightwater (on the lake side) professionally assessed for possibly falling. Our Missouri City Forester spent over one hour on our grounds looking at the trees I was concerned about. He felt three of our Hackberry Trees and one Ash tree were "hollow" and could pose a danger if they fell. He recommended removal of these trees. There were also three trees in Northshore Park that should be removed. We have contracted with our tree removal company to have these trees removed very soon.

Betty Grant  
Grounds Chairman

## Ducks Of Brightwater

--They are wild animals and will attack.

---Bread can hurt the digestive system of ducks.

--Do NOT feed the ducks your leftover cupcakes, rice, noodles, etc.

## TRIM THOSE TREES!



Both Missouri City and the Brightwater Homeowners Association require that trees be kept prudently trimmed. How much? Per City ordinance, tree limbs must be at least 8 feet above the sidewalks and 14 feet above the streets. Quite a few trees are bending lower than these heights in Brightwater, especially with the rain we've had this summer. Low hanging branches over streets are catching taller trucks and emergency vehicles. Please take a few minutes, check your tree limbs and prune if they don't meet these requirements. Also trim branches that impede traffic views at street intersections or hang low near our cluster mailboxes. Thank you!

## Evening Needleworkers Group Beginning Its Fourteenth Year!

We meet at members' homes on a rotating basis on the first Monday of the month from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. Upcoming meetings are September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1. If you are interested in getting together with others to work on your hand sewing, knitting, crocheting, or cross-stitching, please come and join us.

For more information, call Elaine at 281-499-6660.



Visit our website for more community information:  
[www.lakesofbrightwater.com](http://www.lakesofbrightwater.com)

## Ripples



**October meeting:** The October meeting will not be held at the clubhouse. It is the annual budget meeting and will be held at the offices of Crest Management.

**Parking on the street:** Please remember that your neighbors, as well as emergency personnel and vehicles, must be able to get down your street. Please park so that your neighbors are able to exit/enter their driveways without the hazard of backing into your vehicle. Remember that all vehicles on public streets must be registered, inspected, and operational. Vehicles must be moved on a regular basis. Brightwater has narrow streets, please be considerate of your neighbors, especially brand new drivers.

**Flag service:** Have you seen the American flags flying in Brightwater? That service is coordinated by local Boy Scouts Troop #1294 and costs \$35 for the year, which includes planting the flags on Memorial Day, Flag Day (June 14), the 4th of July and Labor Day. If you would like more information about this service, please contact the new BSA Troop leader, Jerry Griffin at 832-978-8160 or [Jgriffin@txtacc.com](mailto:Jgriffin@txtacc.com).

# THANK YOU!

## In Appreciation

The Board of Directors and the residents of Brightwater would like to thank **David Lemons** and **Ruchira Paul** for their past service to the neighborhood. David was elected to the Board in 2008 and has served as the Treasurer for the HOA and the Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee. He has also put in countless hours on the Association's facilities, including the Clubhouse, Pool, Tennis Courts, Parks and Grounds.

Ruchira Paul served as Chair of the Communications Committee since 2006 and was the editor of the eBulletin for the past two years, ensuring that our residents knew about timely events, security issues and lost and found pets. Recently, she worked on the transition of the HOA's communication tools to Prepared Publications. Brightwater is appreciative for the volunteer hours both David and Ruchira have given to our neighborhood and wishes them the best in their future endeavors!

## MISSOURI CITY POLICE CHIEF CHOSEN

Mike Berezin has been chosen by Council as the City's new Police Chief, succeeding Joel Fitzgerald. Well-known for his leadership and exemplary service, Chief Berezin was promoted from Assistant Chief, which included command of the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions. He began his law-enforcement career with the Missouri City Police Department in January 1989 as a Patrol Officer and subsequently served as Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant and Captain of the Patrol Division. He oversaw the department's respected community outreach program through which supervisors are assigned to attend homeowners' association meetings and collaborate with residents on crime prevention measures. Chief Berezin is a graduate of the Leadership Command College at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, and of the 236th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Brightwater congratulates Mike Berezin on his promotion to Police Chief and looks forward to continuing the beneficial relationship we have with him and his staff to keep our community safe.

## Brightwater Garden Club Invites You To Join Us!



The Brightwater Garden Club will begin its new year September 22 at 6:30 PM at the Clubhouse with a program on the fall migration of hummingbirds through our area. The speaker will be local birder Janice Scanlan. On October 27, we will have a Fort Bend Master Gardener talk to us about managing a home irrigation system, and on November 17, another Master Gardener will discuss the art of container gardening.

Please see the complete list of our 2014 programs below. Everyone is invited so please join us for interesting topics and great refreshments! For more information, contact Nancy Hudson (281-403-9269) or Diane Giltner (281-499-0695).

### Brightwater Garden Club 2014 Programs

**September 22, 2014:** Janice Scanlan - Hummingbirds

**October 27, 2014:** Patty Chesson and Lisa Rogers - Irrigation

**November 17, 2014:** Kathy Gilmore - Container Gardening

# Yard Of The Months For June, July & August!

## Sidewalk Repair

Uneven sidewalks are a trip hazard. Missouri City sidewalk repair procedures have changed so there is no cost to the homeowner. To request a repair, email Crystal Nix, Public Works Office Manager, at [cnix@missouricitytx.gov](mailto:cnix@missouricitytx.gov) with an address nearest the sidewalk.

The location will be placed on a waiting list for evaluation.

Most uneven sidewalks are caused by tree roots that must be cut prior to repair. The homeowner is expected to sign a form releasing the City of responsibility if the tree dies. A barrier is placed between the root and sidewalk. Be prepared for a waiting period between making your request and the sidewalk repair.

## Neighborhood Coffee

Stop by the Clubhouse to meet new neighbors and get reacquainted with friends after the summer break. Occurs on the 2nd Monday of each month.

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## Missouri City Police Department and...

### MCPD June-July 2014

Police responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. False residential alarms (30) and traffic stops (39) made up most calls. Those requiring Police action:

- 3 Burglaries
- 1 Criminal Mischief
- 1 Vehicle recovered

### BCW Thank You to our Volunteers August 2009 - August 2014

#### June

- Brightwood residence burglarized while residents on vacation. Resident suspicious of vehicle seen days prior to incident.
- Starboard Shores residents reported individual knocking on doors. One resident later noticed damage to door.
- Stillwater vehicle recovered.

## CREST CONTACT NUMBERS

Liz Trapolino 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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<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>281-403-8707</b>
<b>Code Enforcement Hotline</b>	<b>281-403-8560</b>
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## Brightwater Crime Watch

### July

• Mooring Point had two detached garages burglarized through unlocked doors. Stolen items included meat from a freezer. No similar reports in surrounding area.

### Brightwater Patrol (Off-Duty Officers)

• Issued parking warnings and citations  
• Told individuals to leave parks/parking lot during late hours

Lt. Burleson, MCPD liaison to Brightwater, attends monthly HOA meetings. He advises residents to keep garage entry doors locked along with car doors when parked in garage. Report suspicious

activity of items being removed from garages.

### Vacation Watch

MCPD 281-403-8700  
and BCW 281-499-0695.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Consider volunteering two hours monthly. You will become well-informed about our neighborhood and community. Contact Diane at 281-499-0695 or [dgiltner5@comcast.net](mailto:dgiltner5@comcast.net).



# National Night Out

National Night Out is a neighborhood crime prevention event that occurs annually and is celebrated in cities throughout the U.S. National Night Out in Texas will be Tuesday, October 7.



Neighborhoods throughout Missouri City will promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity by spending the evening outdoors with their neighbors and local law enforcement. Police, Fire and City personnel routinely visit Brightwater. The Fire Department's ladder truck is always a treat for both children and adults.

In 2013, Missouri City Police Department awarded Brightwater a plaque for "Best Block Party" in recognition of our 13 block parties. Call Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 for information and to register your party with MCPD.

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