

Lakes of Brightwater

SUMMER 2018

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 21

Tuesday, September 18

Tuesday, October 16

Tuesday, November 13

(Note date change.)

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 24

Monday, October 22

Monday, November 12

(Note date change.)

No meeting in December

EVENING

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 3

Monday, October 8

Monday, November 5

BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1

Wednesday, September 5

Wednesday, October 3

Wednesday, November 14

(Note date change.)

FINE ARTS SHOW

Clubhouse, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 14

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 10

Brightwater Cancer Support Group



Some of those who attended Sam Sium's presentation

On February 28, the Brightwater Cancer Support Group held its inaugural meeting at the Clubhouse. Attendees included patients living with cancer, their caregivers and individuals with a history of cancer. The objective of the group is to share information and provide social and emotional support to anyone whom cancer has affected.

On June 6, the Group hosted its first guest speaker, Samrawit ("Sam") Sium, LCSW, a social work counselor who facilitates MD Anderson-Sugar Land's cancer support group. She gave a presentation entitled "The Emotional Impact of a Cancer Diagnosis," and many of the seventeen individuals in attendance shared their personal experiences.

In addition to the physical impacts of cancer, survivors can experience emotional, social and spiritual effects. Emotional distress can happen at any time during the cancer journey, even long after the initial diagnosis. Professionals advise that it is important to allow yourself to experience your feelings by reaching out to others, accessing support and discussion groups or by getting professional counseling.

The Brightwater Cancer Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Contact Susan Ramirez at 281-208-1864 or ramirezsusana51@gmail.com for additional information.

Be on the Alert!!!

Door-to-door soliciting is legal in Missouri City, and approved individuals are issued permits by the City. Residents uncomfortable with solicitors should tell them through a closed door that they are not interested. Appearing as if no one is home could be an opportunity for a criminal, posing as a solicitor, to break into a home.

Multiple incidents have been reported on social media regarding individuals in unmarked vehicles soliciting for an unidentified pest control company or mulching services throughout First Colony and Missouri City. One solicitor requested entrance to the backyard and another asked for personal information to secure a contract.

A Brightwater resident reported suspicious behavior by a solicitor who offered power washing services. However, he could not provide a business card and had no evidence of equipment. His vehicle had neither business signage nor license plates.

Report all suspicious activity to the Missouri City Police Department, 281-403-8700, and inform Brightwater Neighborhood Watch, 281-499-0695 or dgiltner5@comcast.net.

Fine Arts Show

Enter your artwork into consideration for the 2018 Brightwater Fine Arts Show by filling out the blue application form in this newsletter. Mail it to Susan Ramirez, 4311 Westshore Ct., or email ramirezsusan51@gmail.com.

Brightwater Garden Club

The Brightwater Garden Club offers monthly programs on all kinds of gardening topics. The Club meets the fourth Monday of the month in the Clubhouse from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. It is open to all residents of Brightwater and surrounding communities and is one of the oldest organizations in Brightwater, having been started by Brightwater gardeners in 1990.

Chatting over refreshments, members and guests share tips on how to make sure their plants survive and thrive in Houston's challenging climate. Enthusiastic "green thumbs" exchange plant cuttings along with advice on how to care for the new offspring.

To learn more about the Brightwater Garden Club and how to become a member, please visit www.brightwatergardenclub.com or contact President Joanne Downing, 281-499-9942 or jdowning56@yahoo.com.

Beware!

There are two types of poison ivy: Eastern and Western. The type that grows in the Houston area is Eastern poison ivy. It grows on the ground, climbs, and sometimes appears as a shrub. Poison ivy has been spotted growing along the edges of properties on Brightwater Drive. Watch your step!



Eastern poison ivy



National Night Out is an annual community building event which promotes police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Encourage your neighbors to co-host a block party on **Tuesday, October 2**, to become better acquainted. Missouri City Police, fire and city personnel look forward to stopping by

and meeting you. Contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 or dgiltner5@comcast.net for more information and to register your block party with the Missouri City Police.

Hurricane Season

Late summer weather can produce strong hurricanes. Go to the Missouri City emergency management website, www.MissouriCityReady.com, to sign up for emergency alerts and to learn how to prepare your hurricane supply kits. Residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts at [Twitter.com/MissouriCityEM](https://twitter.com/MissouriCityEM).

HOA Board Report

The final phase of the Brightwater Refresh project has begun. The column refurbishment along the east side of Brightwater Drive has started at the Cartwright entrance and is continuing north toward Lexington. Brightwater will soon have an updated look to its entrances, Clubhouse complex, and columns in the development.

Grateful thanks to members of the Refresh Committee for their countless hours in meetings, decision-making and follow-through. The HOA Board also appreciates resident feedback on the project. A special shout out to David Lemons and Bob Higgins who worked with contractors who needed access to Brightwater amenities.

Seven strategically located lights have been placed along Brightwater Drive to enhance visibility in the evenings.

Stay tuned for future projects aimed at addressing the lifespan and wear and tear on our facilities. These include new benches, trash receptacles and tables along Brightwater Drive and other common areas, an update of Northshore Park, resurfacing the pool, and cleaning and repainting mailboxes.

We welcome two new board members, Laura Parks and Robert Thorman, and thank former board members, Bob Higgins and Judy Kay, for their years of service to our community.

Lt. Burluson of the Missouri City Police Department reported at our HOA Annual Meeting in June that during the previous year, there were only three reported property crimes in Brightwater: a car break-in, a stolen bike and the BB gun shooting of a residence's window. He said our extremely low crime rate can be attributed to our active Neighborhood Watch volunteer program and to hiring extra police patrols.

What to do if you see this...



Trash in Northshore Park

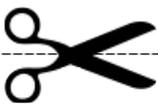


Fish remains in Breezeway Park

There is not much that can be done if you come across these unfortunate scenes on Brightwater property after those responsible have left. However, if you see something in progress, snap a photo of the vandals and send it to our police liaison, Diane Giltner, at dgiltner5@comcast.net. Please report location, date and time of incident.

Your attention, please! On trash days, no one should park on the street in front of trash cans. If too many cans are obstructed by parked cars, the trash on the entire street may not be picked up.

Pet leash law. It is the law that your dog must wear a leash when being walked. Too many times loose dogs have terrified Brightwater residents and have attacked other leashed dogs. Don't be the first Brightwater resident to be fined, because you have ignored the law.



Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

	August	September	October	November
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	14 th & 28 th	11 th & 25 th	9 th & 23 rd	6 th & 20 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	14 th & 28 th	11 th & 25 th	9 th & 23 rd	6 th & 20 th

Needleworkers

The Brightwater Needleworkers Group will begin its 18th year in September. Come meet our terrific members who share your enthusiasm for needlework. We meet in members' homes on the first Monday of the month from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Pool Schedule

Aug. 13 – Sept. 1

Mon. – Fri.: Closed

Sat.: 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sun.: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Sun., Sept 2: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Mon., Sept 3: (Labor Day)

Last day: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tennis Courts

Reservations to use the Brightwater Tennis Courts can be made no more than 24 hours in advance.

Please write legibly when making your reservations and when signing in.

Children's Events

If you are a parent or student interested in volunteering to help plan and assist with Brightwater children's Halloween and/or Holiday parties, contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 or dgiltner5@comcast.net.

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Yards of the Month



April – 4306 Lakefront Court



May – 4115 Jetty Terrace Circle



June – 1806 Shoreline Drive



July – 2015 Tradewinds Drive

Missouri City Police Department and...

April – June 2018 MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action:

6	Animal call	1	Indecent exposure
5	Assist citizen	1	Missing person
5	Assist other agency/dept.	59	Ordinance violation
1	Assault	10	Parking violation
1	Death – natural	1	Runaway
2	Disturbance – noise	4	Suspicious activity
1	Disturbance – person	3	Suspicious vehicle
1	Failure to stop to render aid	1	Theft
4	Forgery	11	Traffic stop
4	Harassment		

CREST MANAGEMENT

Tammy McMillan 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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Police and Fire Emergency	911
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
Electricity Problems	713-207-2222

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Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

Lake Ct.: Resident reported suspicious activity re a male inquiring if car in driveway was for sale. Suspect observed driving street-to-street.

Northshore Dr.: White SUV speeding recklessly and cutting between vehicles was registered to a Brightwater address.

Westshore Park/Pool: MCPD assisted family with disoriented elderly female requiring medical attention.

Pool: Burglary of a motor vehicle with ongoing investigation.

Northshore Dr. at Lakefront Dr.: Traffic hazard due to vehicles parked long-term at intersection.

Westshore Dr. at Tradewinds Dr.: Police monitoring failure to observe stop sign.



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Tips for Exterior Home Maintenance in the Summer

Trim back vegetation – In Houston’s climate, vegetation can go wild. Make certain tree branches aren’t hanging over your roof and damaging shingles. You should keep at least a foot or two of space in between vegetation and your home.

Check weatherstripping – In our area, most of the year we are interested in keeping the heat out. You want to maximize the effect of your air conditioning and reduce energy costs by sealing your windows and doors.

Inspect foundation for cracks – Houston’s gumbo soil is not friendly to any aging structure. As our homes get older, your foundation may deteriorate. Inspect your foundation, and identify issues before they become a big problem.

Clean your driveway and walkways – Eliminate dirt, grime, mold, mildew and toxins which can be tracked into your home. Pressure washing your driveway, walkway and patio removes harmful buildup.

Inspect for termites – Keep in mind that the dreaded termite can eat plaster and metal siding as well as wood. Check for telltale indications of termite infestation especially around your foundation. These critters often invade your home through weep holes near the ground.

Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms – Check every smoke and carbon monoxide alarm in your home at least once a year. If they aren’t working properly, you’ll need to change the batteries or have the alarms replaced.

Check air filters and ducts – A proper heating and air conditioning unit means clean ducts and filters to circulate the cold air throughout the home. Check the ducts and filters for any dirt and clean and replace as needed. This should be a top priority for anyone who has allergies.



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