



LAKES OF BRIGHTWATER
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

Jan.-Feb. 2011

Brightwater Reflections

Coming Events

HOA Monthly Meetings

Tuesday, Jan 18

Tuesday, Feb 15

Tuesday, March 15

Clubhouse 6:00 PM

Neighborhood Coffee

Monday, February 14

Monday, March 14

Clubhouse 10-11:30 AM

Brightwater Garden Club

Monday, January 24

Monday, February 28

Monday, March 28

NOTE: The Souper Soup Social and January Coffee were canceled due to construction in the pool complex

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HOLIDAY DECORATION AWARDS

Once again, Brightwater residents decked out the neighborhood in a fine array of lights and color. The winners were posted on the eBulletin in mid-December and we hope you had a chance to see all of them.

1st Place: 4306 Lakefront Court

A beautiful display of white lights outlining the flowerbeds and three lighted white Christmas trees provided a backdrop for a lovely white Nativity Scene. This yard invoked a feeling of peace and calm.

2nd Place: 4535 Northshore Court

A roofline of multicolored icicle lights made one think of a gingerbread house. A white lighted tree, a grouping of lighted gift packages and two lighted white deer added to the quiet peace of this Holiday display.

3rd Place: 4711 Dockside Court

This home and yard exuded a warm seasonal feeling. There were four white lighted trees, deer and candy canes lining the sidewalk and entrance and wreaths on the windows and doors. To the side was a beautiful Nativity honoring the reason for the season.

Best Block/Cul de Sac: Westshore Court

Best Lights on Lake: 2011 Tradewinds

Best Esplanade: Starboard Shores Court

Thanks to all the residents on this cul-de-sac for brightening our neighborhood by decorating their median. It was very festive!

Honorable Mention:

4114 Brightwood Drive

2322 Reflection Court

4114 Waterstone Drive

And a special thanks to all our Hall of Famers!



The Scoop



Regular Events

Construction in the pool area affecting Clubhouse utilities has temporarily suspended rentals. Other meetings and events are subject to change for a few weeks.

Neighborhood Coffee:

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month from 10-11:30 AM at the Clubhouse. Feb. 14, topic is "Decorating Trends"; March 14 topic is "Organizing Tips".

Evening Needleworkers:

The evening sewing group meets in members' homes on the first Monday of each month at 7 PM. The next three meetings are: February 7, March 7 and April 4. We'd love to have you join us! For more information, call 281-499-6660.

HOA Monthly Board Meeting:

Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse. Residents welcome at 6:00 PM. January 18, Feb. 15, and March 15.

Brightwater Garden Club:

Meets the 4th Monday, Sept—Nov., and Jan. — April, 6:45 PM at the Clubhouse. January program is on composting by a Ft. Bend Master Gardener; February program will have an HCC speaker on Floral Design. For more information call Pres. Cathy Montoya (281-261-4770) or Membership Chair Betty Grant (281-261-5913).

Committee Reports

Communications:

brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net provides timely e-bulletins about events, meetings, security issues, Brightwater-related information, and Lost and Found. Your inquiries are forwarded to the HOA Board or appropriate committee. To subscribe, just send your email address to Allen Grant at ***brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net***. If you stopped receiving the eBulletin and want to be reinstated, follow the same procedure.

Facilities:

The Facilities Committee had a good year and spent your money judiciously maintaining Brightwater's wonderful facilities.

The following large projects were completed along with numerous normal/minor projects.

- ◆ Painting the Clubhouse Interior
- ◆ Replacement of the Expansion Joint Filler in the Pool Deck
- ◆ Replacing /Refurbishing the Bollard Lights on Brightwater Drive
- ◆ Rebuilding/Painting the Iron Fence in Northshore Park
- ◆ Beginning Pool Pump House Remodel to be completed in 2011

Possible HOA projects in 2011: Clean and paint stucco walls and Clubhouse exterior; re-roof the Clubhouse; address Northshore Park lighting and drainage; plan for irrigation system overhaul; refresh benches and trash bins along the Greenbelt; and power-wash selected facilities.

Pool Pump Room Remodel Project: Rebuilding and remodeling the current Clubhouse Pool Pump Room is underway. The square footage will be roughly doubled to 260 sq. ft. The new floor will include 3 separate rooms: pool pump room, storage room, and electrical room. The electrical room services all of our facilities in the Clubhouse complex. When completed the remodeled facility will provide a safe and secure environment and will be up to the current Missouri City codes.

Social:

Children's Holiday Party: You just have to look at the bright shining faces and smiles of the student volunteers (and one jolly Santa) on the following page to know what a good time was had by all the children at the Holiday Party.

The **Super Soup Social** planned for January 30 has been **canceled** due to the construction in the Clubhouse complex. Other new social events are being planned. Details soon!

Valentine Community Project to benefit a local nursing home. Middle and high school students interested in earning community service hours can contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695.

Neighborhood Coffee was canceled in January because of the construction. February's meeting will feature Terri Mitchell of *Picture Perfect Setting* discussing decorating trends. Our March speaker will be Lisa Giesler, author of *My Life is a Mess: Organizing 101*, offering tips on organizing our spaces and lives. Both programs will

YARD OF THE MONTH

December 2011: 1826 Lakefront Drive: Lovely pink petunias flank the sidewalk by the entrance. Multi-color snapdragons and pansies let the color flow into the front tree wells. Large magnolias stand guard at each edge of the house to complete this lovely and festive yard.

January 2011: 4106 Frost Lake Court: This attractive yard is notable for its appealing design and careful execution. Each bed and shrub is well planned and well tended, resulting in a neat and pristine presentation that proves that, even in winter, a yard can be inviting.

SECURITY REPORT—November-December 2010

November: 40 incidents were reported requiring police response. The calls and complaints included burglary, suspicious vehicles, persons, or activities, burglar alarms, animal related call, shots fired, sex offense, minor accident, and assault. In three cases residents requested and received assistance from the police, one of them requiring attending to a natural death. Out of the 40, 36 were resolved, dismissed, or disregarded. One case each of assault, sex offense, burglary and traffic accident remain open and active.

December: 33 incidents required police response. These included suspicious vehicles, burglar alarms, assault, disturbance, and fraud. In three cases residents requested and received police assistance. All 33 incidents were resolved, dismissed, disregarded or deemed false alarms.

To report a criminal incident (after contacting the police), please send to lobsecurity@gmail.com or call BCW at 281-499-0695

CRIME WATCH REPORT



Solicitation incidents:

Residents reported a group soliciting for a needy family and a young man selling magazine subscriptions who was overly persistent even after being told residents were not interested. The State of Texas allows door-to-door sales from 9 AM to 9 PM. A Missouri City Ordinance requires individuals to register and display a permit with a photo and identifying information. MCPD can be notified of rude conduct or absence of a City permit. *Residents have the option to decline to open their doors to solicitors.*

Lieutenant Kevin Burlison, MCPD Neighborhood Liaison to Brightwater, stated the majority of solicitors are harmless, maybe annoying, but not a threat to us or our property. The issue of answering the door is difficult. Opening the door gives the rare chance of forced entry. If you do not answer, it could be assumed no one is home and a break-in will go unnoticed. He advises informing solicitors through locked doors that you are not interested and watch to be sure they leave your property. He says the key is to have proper lighting and locked doors.

—MCPD to report all suspicious or threatening activities: 281-403-8700

—Code Enforcement to report violations of City ordinances: 281-403-8560

—Crest Management to report deed violations: 281-579-0761 ext.632

—Vacation Watch: 281-499-0695



These are the fine amounts for the most common traffic violations in Brightwater:

Speeding—\$179

Running stop sign—\$204

Parking facing wrong direction—\$75

Parking nose to curb—\$75

Parking within 30 feet of traffic sign—\$75



Missouri City Recycling Expands with the Help of Local Businesses

As part of its "Clean and Green" program, Missouri City offers a way to allow residents to be environmentally conscious in disposing of their old electronics (working and/or broken). To recycle televisions, computers, radar detectors, GPS systems, gaming consoles, cell phones, and the like, take them to these local businesses for "green" processing:

Radio Shack, 5936 Highway 6, Missouri City 281-499-8944

*Accepts the following recyclables free of charge: MP3 players, cameras, camcorders, radar detectors, car amps, GPS systems, gaming systems (Nintendo and PlayStation), Personal Digital Assistants, and Tablet personal computers. Residents will receive store credit equal to the value of the items.

J&L Photography/Video, 614 Texas Pkwy, #200 281-794-2102

*Accepts the following recyclables free of charge and by appointment only: Cameras, camcorders, printers, fax machines, small ink cartridges (no toners), and scanners

Target, 6000 Highway 6, Missouri City 281-403-6662

*Accepts the following recyclables free of charge: ink cartridges and cell phones. Items must be placed in bins at the front of the store near the Electronics Dept.

Office Depot, 5766 Highway 6, Missouri City 281-403-1171

*Charges for small (\$5), medium (\$10) and large (\$15) boxes to store and ship recyclables. Accepts the following items: Televisions (19" and smaller), cell phones, ink cartridges, and computers, including hard drives and monitors. Residents who sign up for a free rewards card will receive \$2 for each item, up to \$20 per month.

Cartridge World, 6202 Hwy 6, #B, Missouri City 281-303-5702

*Accepts the following recyclables free of charge: ink cartridges, toners, printers and fax machines.

Best Buy, 16980 Southwest Frwy, Sugar Land 281-240-1110

*Charges a \$10 fee that is refunded with a \$10 gift card for the following recyclables: Televisions (32" and smaller), cell phones, computers (hard drives must be removed; keyboards and monitors accepted).

Takin' Out the Trash

Clarifications and Updates

WCA **does** accept glass containers and bottles, but will not pick up broken glass, glass panes or windows, mirrors or light bulbs. Feel free to add clear or colored glass soda/wine bottles or food jars to the recycling bins.

As noted earlier, recycling bins need to be at the curb by 7 AM. If you have items that will not fit in the bin, you can put them in a box or paper bag next to the blue bin.

LARGE CART OPTION: Residents in MUD #42 have the option of purchasing a 48-gallon wheeled recycling container from WCA for a cost of \$48.00. The new 48-gallon cart is 267% larger than the standard 18-gallon bin, making it easier to recycle all of your acceptable material. The 3-foot high cart comes assembled with wheels making it also easier to roll to the street; it carries a 10-year warranty from WCA.



For additional information on purchasing a recycling cart or for any questions you may have related to garbage/recycling collection, please contact WCA's Residential Office at (281) 368-8397. You can also visit the website at <http://www.wcawaste.com/Houston/houston-residential.html>.

Fort Bend County Recycling & Environmental Center, 1200 Blume Road, Rosenberg 281-633-7581

*Accepts the following recyclables for various fees: Televisions (\$5 per unit up to 19"; \$10 for sets 20" to 32", \$20 for sets 32" and larger); computers (\$5 for CPUs, \$5 for printers, \$10 for monitors 20" and smaller and \$20 for monitors larger than 20"); and copiers (\$20 for 1-tray units and \$25 four multiple-tray units.) **Missouri City residents who visit the Center are eligible to receive a credit of up to \$50.** Vouchers are available through the City Parks Department by calling 281-403-8645.

CREST CONTACT NUMBERS

Rachel Schmutz 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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For Architectural Control (ACC) applications

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Police	281-403-8700
Fire	281-403-4300
City Hall	281-403-8500
Animal Control	281-403-8707
Code Enforcement Hotline	281-403-8560
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 **Newsbites** 

2011 HOA Assessments: The **final due date** for the annual assessments is **January 30, 2011**. After that, fees will begin to accumulate. To avoid unnecessary interest, penalties, and possible legal fees please pay your assessment promptly.

Missouri City News: Coming this Spring, the City will host a “**Clean, Green and “E” Recycle Community Garage Sale**” on **Saturday, March 26, from 8 a.m. until noon** at the City Hall complex. Residents will be able to drop off their household hazardous materials and electronics free of charge. Registrations will be accepted for vendor booths beginning Tuesday, January 25, and booths can be rented for \$15 each through Feb. 28.

Dulles Teacher of the Year: Congratulations to HOA Board Member Rita McMahon for being selected as Dulles High School’s Teacher of the Year! We are very proud of you!

Construction Project: Construction at the Clubhouse will require a contractor dumpster for several weeks. Please do not place any personal household refuse in the dumpster. It is only for the use of our contractor.