

Brightwater Reflections

A Lakes of Brightwater Publication

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2007 Holiday Decorations Awards

For many years, the Brightwater Garden Club has selected the winners of the Holiday Decoration contest, and it has never been easy. This year, again, Brightwater was truly a bright light on the Missouri City horizon with its dazzling Holiday Decorations!

First Place: 4311 Dockside Court

Paul and Imelda Ysaguirre's yard was tastefully decorated with flying reindeer, playful snowmen, and a ready-for-Christmas tree cut-out. Spiral lighted trees and lit snowflakes set off hundreds of lights in the landscape beds while a beautiful nativity scene under a heavenly star topped off this first place winner.

Second Place: 4623 Lakeside Meadow

Originality in design won the day in **Medel and Lucia del Rosario's** yard. A large snowman with his snow-children shared the scene with polar bears and playful seals, many of them animated. All were decorated in white lights and lay in blankets and peaks of "snow" which gave a truly Artic look and feel to the yard.

Third Place: 2119 Tradewinds

Color was the key in **Andre and Kay Fontenot's** yard as hundreds, if not thousands, of lights twinkled in red, green, blue and white. Icicles hung from the eaves, two lighted reindeer stood watch on the lawn and a beautiful red lit wreath hung on the front door with another in green over the garage. A nice-sized nativity scene completed the scene.

Honorable Mention:

1702 Brightlake Way - Natalio & Norma Ravanzo's Candyland look with red and green spiral trees

1811 Waterside Drive - Zhuo Chen & Gina Li's radiant collection of white lights in front and lakeside

1502 Waterwood Court - Kamal & Abba Nadar's snowmen and unique multi-light presentation

Hall of Fame:

4111 Harbor Point Drive - Tom & Pam Simon's famous "roller coaster" with Santa and Rudolph

4711 Lakeside Meadow - Francisco & Joanne Camacho's drummer boy and nodding snowmen topped with a "movie screen"

1719 Northshore Drive - Jim & Cynthia Kral's nativity creche and full side yard decor (adjacent to park)

Hall of Fame (cont'd):

1839 Northshore Drive - Valentino & Anita Imperial's choir, nativity and Santa & sleigh taking flight

1826 Sea Breeze Court - O.B. & Angela Harris' stately white reindeer under a lighted rooftop star

1806 Shoreline Drive - Lawrence & Nicole Hernandez's decorated Italian cypress and wrapped trees

Outstanding Block or Cul-de-sac: Eastshore Drive

If you didn't get a chance to drive down Eastshore, you missed a beautiful light display!

Thanks to each Brightwater neighbor for making our neighborhood so lovely!

NOTE: There is no Yard of the Month for January and February. Judging resumes in March.

Regular Events

Neighborhood Coffee

Meets the second Monday of each month, September through May at the Clubhouse from 10:00 to 11:30 AM.

There was no Coffee in January, but we will start up again on **February 11**. Please join us for coffee, conversation and great refreshments! We also hope to see you on **March 10, April 14, or May 12!**

Evening Needleworkers

Meet the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM (except July and August). Bring your needlework and come join us on **February 4**. Call Elaine at 281-499-6660 if you want to know more!

HOA Monthly Board Meeting

Held the third Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse. Open to all residents at 6:30 PM.

Brightwater Garden Club (BGC)

Meets the 4th Monday at 6:45 PM, September through April, at the Clubhouse.

Join us for the next four Garden Club Meetings!

January 28: Our speaker is **Bob Patterson**, manager of **Southwest Fertilizer**. He will talk about organic fertilizing, weeding and insect control. This is one you guys will really like, so please join us!

February 25: Brightwater's own **Jim Mercer** will speak on the propagation, care, and feeding of **Plumerias**.

March 24: A representative from the **Gulf Coast Prairie Naturalists** will speak on "wildscaping."

April 28: **Betty Lenderman** owner of **Enchanted Forest Nursery** in Richmond will speak on "Hanging Baskets for Spring and Summer."

For more information, contact Betty Grant, President, 281-261-5913. Watch for the green signs the weekend before the meeting.

HOA Board Report

(Complete approved minutes of monthly HOA meetings are available from Karen Janczak at Crest Management. Call 281-579-0761 for a transcript.)

Board actions in **November and December 2007** not covered in the following Committee Reports include:

- Authorized tree trimming and removal at Northshore Park
- Resolved to purchase Clubhouse flood insurance.

- Reviewed and approved annual contracts, with several bids still under consideration.
- Agreed to have the Boy Scouts provide flag service for 2008 in the common areas.

Communications Report

(The new chairperson for “ComCom” is **Ruchira Paul**. We are fortunate to have such a talented lady heading up this important committee!)

Brand New Website!

A new Brightwater website is currently under construction! We hope it will be ready to launch by mid-February and will be an additional communication tool along with the *Newsletter* and *e-Bulletin*. On it, residents will have access to the following Brightwater information:

- Neighborhood by-laws, deed restrictions, Architectural Control Committee guidelines, forms, maps, pool rules, tennis court rules, clubhouse rental information, etc.
- Contact information and responsibilities of HOA board members, Crest Management, committee chairpersons.
- Current and updated information about HOA and committee meetings, neighborhood clubs and activities, seasonal and special events. A calendar of the activities will be included.

The website is being developed by **Don Moore**, a member of the Communications Committee. The content and layout were designed with input from all committee members. The publication of the site will be announced in the e-Bulletin, on signs near the two entrances and on the Clubhouse announcement board. We hope the website will be a useful resource for residents, as well as prospective home buyers!

Brightwater Bulletin:

A number of residents **have not changed their emails from Roadrunner** and will not receive the Bulletin once Roadrunner completes their conversion. To continue to receive the **security alerts** and **date-sensitive bulletins** about neighborhood events, send your new email address to **Allen Grant** at brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net.

One very successful feature has been **Lost & Found**. In nearly all instances of a lost or found pet, the animal has been returned to its owner within a few hours. This strongly indicates that our residents observe what goes on in the neighborhood and care about each other’s property. Kudos to those who have aided a neighbor in distress!

E-mails are always sent **Blind Copy**. Allen forwards any inquiries to the HOA Board for their response. Alternatively, for questions or complaints, you can contact **Karen at Crest Management at 281-579-0761**

2008 Brightwater Residential Directory:

Betty Grant will head up the team to replace the 2003 Directory edition. To volunteer to help with this very important project, contact her at 281-261-5913.

Security Report

There were no reported security breaches since the last newsletter.

Operations Committee Report

In November and December, we worked on annual contracts for 2008. In addition, several projects were completed: **pressure washing** (parking lot, Clubhouse, piers, sidewalks, and the area around the Clubhouse), **signage** (eighteen new signs were put out replacing some that were heavily aged or damaged), and **painting** (parking lot stripes, flower pots, metal door at front of Clubhouse, and emergency vehicle lane).

Other maintenance projects are planned including repairing and replacing some **benches**; repairing and refinishing the **red pressed concrete tiles** around the Clubhouse; improving the **parks**; clearing the **parking lot drains**; and (YES!) cleaning and repairing the neighborhood **stucco walls**.

We are pleased to announce that **Dee Kappel** is our new Landscape Team Leader. She replaces **Diane Mauricio** who has been diligently managing landscaping responsibilities on an interim basis since June and will continue to loan us her expertise. Brightwater is lucky to have Dee in this important position and we also thank Diane for her service.

To join this committee, call Kent Hudson at 281-403-9269. To work on the landscape team, call Dee at 281-403-0081.

Projects and Planning Committee

The Committee completed their list of potential projects for the neighborhood and presented them to the Board of Directors for review and prioritization. Projects were categorized as deferred maintenance, safety-related or improvements. Committee members will begin developing Scopes of Work for the projects while they try to find Project Leads for each.

If you have an interest in leading or serving on a team for one of the upcoming projects and/or would generally like to share your talents to benefit the neighborhood, contact Joseph Mauricio at 281-208-1501.

Social Committee

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

To the delight of both children and adults, Santa made an early appearance in Brightwater, arriving in fine form at our Clubhouse on December 15. Parents took time from the hustle and bustle of the season to join their little ones at the party. There were lots of smiles as the children enjoyed refreshments, played games and decorated picture frames for their photos with Santa. The "right jolly old elf" brightened the day for parents and children alike.



The festive Navia sisters share a happy moment with Old Saint Nick when he made his appearance at the Brightwater Clubhouse!

Brightwater Dulles High School students earned service hours for school organizations by acting as



Santa's Helpers. **Rita McMahon**, committee member and Dulles teacher, was instrumental in recruiting our wonderful crew. Adding to the party's fun and excitement were **Usamah Andraabi, Kevin Danpoonsub, Amanda Duncan, Ashley Eddy, Nova Hou, Catherine Hu, Justin Winata, Jeffrey Wong, Jonathan Yuen** and **Sherry Zeng**.

We want to thank the Social Committee for bringing the holiday spirit to Brightwater! Special thanks to **Rupal Patel** for heading up this event and to **Joseph Mauricio** for his priceless role in bringing joy to all.

Other members graciously volunteering their time and talents were **Irene Chao, Cheryl Corbin, Diane Giltner** and **Cathy Montoya**. A very good time was had by all!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Committee has been hard at work organizing events that will provide opportunities for Brightwater residents to socialize this winter season. As the parents at the Children's Holiday Party learned, our events are a great way to meet new people and become reacquainted with neighbors. We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors at these upcoming events:

Super Soup Social

January 27

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This non-football winter weekend makes for a perfect time to get together with neighbors in the friendly atmosphere of our clubhouse and sample a variety of delicious homemade soups prepared by 10

of our most talented (or at least enthusiastic) Brightwater cooks. PLEASE NOTE: **As a community service, residents are asked to bring cans of soup to be donated to the local East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministries** to replenish their stock after the holidays.

Children's Valentine Party

February 9

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Children from ages **5 to 11** will gather to decorate valentine cards to be delivered to residents of an area nursing home. There will be yummy refreshments, a

clever craft project, fun games, and special prizes. Clip out the flyer in this newsletter as a reminder of these two events.

Community Garage Sale

Clubhouse Parking Lot

April 12 or 26

Final details for this popular activity will be announced at a later date. In the meantime, begin your spring cleaning in preparation for the sale. Keep in mind that your trash is someone else's treasure! *For more information, contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695.*

Home Maintenance Reminder

(These items are frequently cited as violations of the Architectural Control Guidelines.)

- Make sure that your trees do not obstruct street traffic or sidewalks. This is good time of year to trim your trees.
- Clean mildew from house surfaces, driveways, and sidewalks.
- Keep bulkheads clear of vegetation.

What's Happening?

Clubhouse Rentals: The Clubhouse rental fee is \$150, with a \$500 deposit fee. The Clubhouse holds 60 people, and has a kitchen area with sink and refrigerator, various tables with chairs, restroom, telephone, parking and panoramic view of lake. For more information about the Clubhouse layout, call Jan Woodson at 281-208-1137 or e-mail her at jwood98921@aol.com. In order to book the Clubhouse, residents must contact Sam Simons at Crest Management, 281-579-0761 or sam@crest-management.com.

Brightwater Blue: We are testing a new approach and a new schedule for coloring the lakes. Hurricane Lake and Fountain is developing our very own "Brightwater Blue" to be used for the first time in January. Though it may require some "tweaking", we hope the new process provides a more consistent and pleasing appearance. Thanks to Manish Patel, David Hopgood, and Jim Mercer for working on this project! For comments call Kent Hudson, Operations Chairman at 281-403-9269 or email at kenthudson@comcast.net.

Solicitors: We've said it before, but it bears repeating: solicitors to our neighborhood should obtain and wear a Missouri City Permit and Photo ID badge. If you encounter a solicitor without a visible permit, you can call City Hall at (281) 403-8500 and ask for the City Secretary who issues the permits and also call the non-emergency number for the Police Department (281) 403-8700 to report the violation.

Morning Bridge Group: If you would be interested in substituting in a weekly one table bridge group that meets every Thursday from 10 AM to 12 PM, please call Saryu Parikh at 281-499-9502.

The Social Committee invites you to ~

Super Soup Social

Sunday, January 27, 2008

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

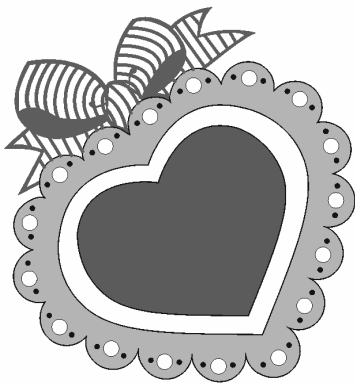
Sample great soups from neighborhood cooks, tasty breads and enjoy warm & friendly fellowship!

Bring cans of soup to be donated to the local Food Bank

Adult Residents Only Please



Children's Valentine Party



Saturday, February 9

at the Clubhouse

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Children K-5 will make special Valentines to be distributed to a local nursing home ... and a personal craft project!

**Games, Goody Bags
& Yummy Treats
for all who participate!**

To volunteer, contact
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