



LAKES OF BRIGHTWATER  
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

March-April 2011

# Brightwater Reflections

## Coming Events

### HOA Monthly Meetings

Clubhouse 6:00 PM  
March 15; April 19; May 17

### Neighborhood Coffee

Clubhouse 10 - 11:30 AM  
March 14; April 11

### Brightwater Garden Club

Clubhouse 6:45 PM  
March 28; April 25

### Pool Tag Distribution

April 2 10 AM - 1 PM  
April 9 10 AM - 1 PM  
May 14 11 AM - 3 PM

### Garage Sale

April 16 8 AM - 12 PM

### Splash Day

May 14 11 AM - 3 PM

### Middle School Pool Party

June 6 7 - 9 PM

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## POOL TAG DISTRIBUTION DAYS!

Saturday, April 2 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday, April 9 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday, May 14 11 am to 3 pm

(Please note: Pool tags not available May 7)

## Missouri City Steps Up Code Enforcement

City Council directed staff to increase emphasis on Code Enforcement violations for junked or abandoned vehicles and for garbage cans left out beyond the time allowed for trash pickup. This action was the result of citizen complaints that violators were negatively affecting the appearance of some neighborhoods. Council set July 1 as the deadline for removal of junked or abandoned vehicles.

**Homeowners alert:** The City will no longer issue "Courtesy Letters" for trash can violations, saying they have not been effective. Scott Elmer, Director of Public Works said, "We'll be stepping up our enforcement, beginning with the more blatant and habitual offenders."

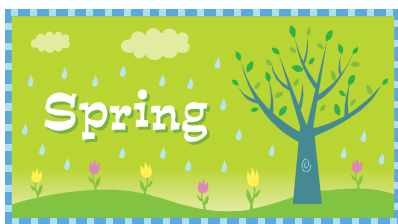
Code Enforcement Guidelines in citing residents:

**Junked vehicle** – license plates are missing or expired or safety inspection sticker is not valid; is wrecked, dismantled or dismantled in some way, and has been inoperable for more than 72 hours. The homeowner will be cited directly to Municipal Court.

**Abandoned vehicle** – citizens should contact the City if they believe a vehicle is abandoned; staff will review and make the determination if it is abandoned. The owner will be cited directly to Municipal Court.

**Garbage cans, bags and other debris including lawn waste** – at the curb prior to 6 p.m. the day before trash pickup and after midnight the day of trash pickup. The homeowner will be cited for violations directly to Municipal Court.

**\$200 maximum fine:** junked/abandoned vehicles



## Committee Reports

### Regular Events

#### Neighborhood Coffee:

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month from 10-11:30 AM at the Clubhouse. Next meeting: April 11.

#### 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: April 4, May 2, June 6. Bring your needlework and enjoy the company of fellow stitchers! For more information, call Elaine at 281-499-6660.

#### HOA Monthly Board Meeting:

Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse. Residents welcome at 6:00 PM. April 19 and May 17. The annual meeting will be held June XX.

#### Brightwater Garden Club:

Meets the 4th Monday, Sept to Nov., and Jan. to April, 6:45 PM at the Clubhouse. Next meetings are March 28 and April 25. March speaker is Tricia Bradbury on "Easy Garden Maintenance and Native Plants"; April speaker is Elizabeth Barrow on "Getting Ready for Summer: Flowers, Vegetables, Pests, and Lawn Care." Join us for these outstanding programs!

For more information call Pres. Cathy Montoya (281-261-4770) or Membership Chair Betty Grant (281-261-5913).

### Communications

**Brightwater Bulletin:** Provides timely e-bulletins about Brightwater events, meetings, security issues, and Lost and Found. To subscribe, send your email address to Allen Grant at [brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net](mailto:brightwaterbulletin@comcast.net).

### Facilities

**Landscape:** Our common areas are looking more like spring after the cold weather we just experienced. The roses and foxtail ferns are all putting on new growth after their pruning. The gingers are pruned, and are showing green shoots. We look forward to the Spring Color Planting to be done as soon as there is a good selection of plants.

*Betty Grant, Grounds Chair*

**Pool Pump Room Remodel Project Update:** As you may have noticed, there is construction at the Clubhouse/Pool Complex to rebuild our mechanical room.

The old structure housed the electrical panels for the Clubhouse, Pool, Tennis Court, and area lighting. It also contained the pool filters, pumps and pump motors. This was a bad situation because our pool equipment and electrical equipment were housed in an 8' X 16' single room. The dampness and chemical vapors over time seriously impaired the electrical equipment. More electrical components were installed over the years, complicating repairs and maintenance.

Last year we decided we needed to relieve the congestion, clean up the electrical components, and bring everything up to current building codes. We engaged an architect to develop plans and rebuild the structure. We have now rebuilt it and doubled the size, creating 3 separate rooms for electrical, pool pumps/filters, and a small storage room for pool related items.

After several minor setbacks, we now expect the project will soon be completed and ready for the 2011 pool season. It is a great improvement and long overdue!

**Blue Tile Repairs:** The tiles, particularly around the Clubhouse, took a real hit during the recent freezes. We are looking for the best solution to the problem.

**Spring Cleanup:** After another hard winter, residents are encouraged to address the freeze damage and clear out unsightly or dead vegetation. Spring is here so let's all spruce up our lawns and beds and get ready for the growing season and sunny days ahead.

*David Lemons, Facilities Liaison*

### Architectural Control (ACC)

Exterior home improvements? Spring is here and if you are considering outside projects such as repainting, reroofing, fencing, lighting, home addition, adding a pool or patio, or any other exterior improvements, do not forget that you are required to submit a REQUEST FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL form and receive written approval from the ACC before you actually begin the project. Forms and instructions are available online at [www.lakesofbrightwater.com](http://www.lakesofbrightwater.com) or by calling Crest management. The ACC has 30 days after receiving your written request to approve or deny it.

*David Lemons, ACC Liaison*

**Social**

**Valentine Community Project:** Residents of Park Manor of Quail Valley Nursing Home were recipients of 100 pens decorated with Valentine hearts and placed in decorative pots for the residents to mark their daily menus. Students volunteers who spent their Sunday afternoon providing a bit of cheer for our neighbors were Olivia Kuligowski, Clarissa Medrano, Tam Phan, Aaron Rohan, Sarah Szydowski, Allen Thai, And Rachel Wix. Rupal Patel supervised this activity and accompanied the students to the nursing home. (See photo page 4)

**Coming Events:**

**Neighborhood Coffee — April 11**

Terri Mitchell of *A Perfect Setting* is a vivacious speaker who will discuss decorating trends. A fun and informative morning for all! Join us!

**Garage Sale — April 16, 8am to 12pm**

**Splash Day — May 14, 11am to 3pm**

**Middle School Pool Party — June 6, 7 to 9pm**

Students who have completed grades 6-8 will welcome summer with pizza and music.

**SECURITY REPORT: January & February 2011**

**January:** Total number of incidents requiring police response=31. These included theft, suspicious persons and activity, disturbance noise and persons, animal-related calls, burglar alarms, assault and one attempted suicide. One resident requested and received police assistance. Of these, 29 were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. One case of attempted suicide remains open and active, and a City citation was issued in an incident involving an animal.

**February:** Total number of incidents requiring police response=28. Nature of calls and complaints included fraud, disturbance, solicitors, suspicious circumstances and vehicles, animal-related calls, parking violations, one incident of "failing to stop and render assistance," assault (non-reportable), and burglar alarms. One resident requested and received police assistance. Of these, 27 were resolved, dismissed, disregarded or deemed false alarms. One case of fraud remains open and active.

*Ruchira Paul (Communications Chair and Police Liaison)*



**SPLASH DAY AT THE POOL!**

**ICE CREAM PARTY**



**During Pool Tag Distribution**  
**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, May 14**  
**One free ice cream with ticket from Gate Guard**  
**while supplies last!**

**(Please note—Pool tags not available May 7)**

**YARD OF THE MONTH**

Due to a whim of Nature there were no **February or March YOMs**. We hope that all Brightwater residents will be sharpening their pruning shears and gathering their rakes, hoes, etc. so there will be some lovely yards in April.

**CRIME WATCH REPORT**



**January:** Resident inquired about MCPD and DEA presence in Brightwater. Lt. Burses confirmed that police assisted agents in a drug-related arrest.

**February:** Tradewinds resident reported vandalism that he feared would escalate. Crime Watch Patrols and off-duty MCPD officers working Brightwater Patrol were alerted.

*To report a criminal incident, after contacting the police, to Brightwater Crime Watch, please send email to [lobsecurity@gmail.com](mailto:lobsecurity@gmail.com). Or call BCW at 281-499-0695*

*—Emergency: 911*

*—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*



*Saturday, April 16  
8 AM to 12 Noon  
Clubhouse Parking Lot*

**Clean out the garage and load up those gently used treasures for this annual opportunity to make a few bucks!**

**Open to all residents in good standing. Set-up is from 6:30 to 7:30 AM.**

**You will need to bring your own tables, chairs, racks, etc.**

**Any merchandise you do not want to take home will be donated to the Ft. Bend Women's Shelter Thrift Shop.**

**To reserve a spot call Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 by April 11**

### **Dulles Honor Society Students Beautify Lexington Creek Elementary**

The Brightwater Garden Club coordinated spring planting for the LCE Butterfly Garden with Dulles High School National Honor Society students. **Samantha Smith and Sarah Szydlowski**, Brightwater residents, were members of an Individual Service Project who earned service hours while providing numerous plants for the elementary students to study and enjoy. We are proud of their efforts for a job well done!



Brightwater student volunteers assemble Valentine gifts for Quail Valley Nursing Home residents.



### ***Response to Violation Letters from Crest***

**Please note:** If you have received violation letters from Crest Management, and are working to rectify the issue, Crest suggests that you call them to inform them of your efforts. This may prevent them from taking further actions which will result in additional fees while your work is in progress.

**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:

**Rachel Schmutz, Brightwater Acct. Manager**  
**Crest Management**  
**17171 Park Row, Suite 310**  
**Houston TX 77084**  
**281-579-0761, ext. 618**  
**281-579-7062 attn Rachel (fax)**  
**Rachel@crest-management.com**

For Architectural Control (ACC) applications

**Michael Barrera, Agent for Brightwater HOA**  
**281-579-0761 ext. 632**  
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**Michael@.crest-management.com**

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| <b>Police &amp; Fire Emergency:</b> | <b>911</b>   |
| <b>Police</b>                       | 281-403-8700 |
| <b>Fire</b>                         | 281-403-4300 |
| <b>City Hall</b>                    | 281-403-8500 |
| <b>Animal Control</b>               | 281-403-8707 |
| <b>Code Enforcement Hotline</b>     | 281-403-8560 |
| <b>Gas Services</b>                 | 713-659-2111 |
| <b>Mail Delivery</b>                | 281-208-1832 |
| <b>Electricity Problems</b>         | 713-207-2222 |

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# Newsbites



**Updated Rental Contracts:** Rental contracts for the Clubhouse and Pool have been updated and should be viewed online at [www.lakesofbrightwater.com](http://www.lakesofbrightwater.com) prior to scheduling an event.

**Boy Scout Troop 1294** is offering **Holiday Flag Service** again for Brightwater residents. For \$30, troop members will post an American flag at your curb on Memorial Day (May 30), Flag Day (June 14) Independence Day (July 4), and Labor Day (September 5). We will begin sign up in April. Call Mike Kennington at 281-455-7624.

**Address Numbers:** It is important for emergency personnel to locate your residence. Be sure landscape is trimmed so the address plate on your house is visible. Arrange to have your address clearly stenciled on your curb according to the City guidelines using black numbers on a white background.

**Free Hazardous Waste Drop-off** will be held at City Hall Complex on Saturday, March 26, 8 am-12 pm. This is a great chance to dispose of old batteries, electronics, fertilizers, garden chemicals, paints and more!

**Brightwater Reflections**  
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**Pool Tag Distribution Days**

Saturday, April 2

Saturday, April 9

Saturday, May 14

(No Pool Tag Distribution  
May 7)



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