

Lakes of Brightwater

FALL 2016

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 6 Tuesday, January 17 Tuesday, February 21 Tuesday, March 21

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:40 PM Monday, November 28 Monday, January 23 Monday, February 27

EVENING NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 PM Monday, December 5 Monday, January 2 Monday, February 6 Monday, March 6

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Clubhouse, 2:00-4:00 PM **Saturday, December 10**

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 10:00 AM **Monday, January 9**

SOUP SOCIAL

Clubhouse, 12:00-2:30 PM **Sunday, January 29**

Brightwater's REFRESH Project



The new REFRESHED look for Brightwater is happening! Construction is underway at the Cartwright entrance. As the project progresses, you will see...

- The walls being resurfaced with stone and tile
- Lighting added on the two main entrance walls along with the wording "Lakes of Brightwater"
- The monument in the median removed and that area re-landscaped
- The east wall by the small lake re-colored and enhanced with tile matching the entrance walls
- The "test" walls near Waterview Court revised to closely match the style of the main entrance walls
- Landscaping redone along Cartwright Road and Brightwater Drive

As the Cartwright entrance enhancements near completion, work will be started at the Lexington entrance. The finished look will be in the same style as the Cartwright entrance. It won't be long until we will all be able to enjoy the results.

BEWARE

Take our alligator warning signs seriously! An alligator has been sighted in Brightwater twice recently. It is now a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500, to intentionally feed an alligator. DO NOT harass, molest or attempt to move an alligator. If you hear an alligator hiss, you are too close.



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2016 Directory

The 2016 Brightwater Directory has been completed and will be hand delivered to those who participated beginning the week of November 14. We had a good response with 500 of the 797 homes in the neighborhood represented. Sincere thanks to Nancy Hudson and Diane Mauricio for coordinating this monumental project. Two reminders: Only Brightwater residents who submitted a form will receive this publication and residents' information is not to be used to promote any commercial product or service.

Electronics Recycling

On Saturday, November 19, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Missouri City Green and the City of Missouri City will have a free electronics recycling event at the Public Safety HQ, 3849 Cartwright Rd. Volunteers will be on hand to unload your car. There is no charge; however, donations will be accepted to help fund future communitywide recycling events. To learn more about acceptable items to drop off and to find out more about the event, visit www.missouricitygreen.org.

Needleworkers

If you are interested in getting together with others to visit and to work on your sewing, knitting, crocheting, or even mending, please join our group. We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes. Our next meeting will be December 5, and in 2017 on January 2, February 6, and March 6. To learn more, call Elaine at 281-499-6660.

Board of Directors Report

The Brightwater Board of Directors is pleased to announce that there will be no increase to our assessment dues for 2017.

The pier at the Clubhouse is being completely replaced along with all the wooden decking. The scheduled completion date is by the end of December.

Children's Holiday Open House



December 10 / 2-4 p.m. Clubhouse

Photo with Santa
Ornament Craft
Refreshments
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

FIRST HALLOWEEN PARADE



Spectators were drawn by reports of a cuddly lion, adorable unicorns, fairy princesses and other costumed characters parading along our lake on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Even Dracula ventured into the daylight by the lure of refreshments and the playground at Westshore Park. Thank you, Minion Krista Patlovich and Joanna Ouderkirk for organizing this family-friendly event.

Brightwater Garden Club

Join us! The Brightwater Garden Club is a great place to grow your gardening skills, learn from local gardening experts and to meet fellow gardeners in the neighborhood. All are welcome to attend. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month from September through April (no meeting in December) at Brightwater Clubhouse starting with refreshments at 6:40 p.m. followed by the featured speaker at 6:50 p.m. Following are our upcoming meetings...



- Monday, November 28 (Monday after Thanksgiving) Creative Container Gardening Enchanted
 Forest Nurseries. Discover how to design, create and maintain colorful containers that will dress up your
 patio or front porch with seasonal interest.
- December no meeting
- Monday, January 23 ABC's of Winter Trees Paul Wierzbicki, City Forester for Missouri City. Winter
 is the time to pay attention to your trees. Learn how to prune and tend your trees in preparation for new
 growth in the summer.
- Monday, February 27 Plant Propagation Basics Barbara Buckley, Fort Bend Master Gardener.
 Learn how to expand your garden economically by growing plants from plant cuttings and seeds. A hands-on demonstration will be provided.

To learn more, visit <u>www.brightwatergardenclub.com</u> or call President Joanne Downing, 281-499-9942.

Yards of the Month



4522 Northshore Court August, 2016 Yard of the Month



4111 Waterview November, 2016 Yard of the Month

Dead Trees



It is the homeowner's responsibility to have dead trees removed from their property. On the east side of the lake, there are several trees that have died or are dying. Leaf drop in the fall is normal for many of our trees, but this is not the normal fall leaf drop. These trees will not come back in the spring.

New "Beacon" Editor

Grateful for having lived in this incredible community for the past fourteen years, I have accepted the task of being editor of the Brightwater "Beacon." My eclectic background includes experience in corporate communications and community service. The "Beacon" is published four times a year and helps keep our community connected. Thanks, Nancy Hudson and Diane Mauricio, for your many years of service producing the newsletter and for passing the baton to me. --Susan Ramírez

Holiday Decorations

The Brightwater Garden Club Holiday Awards Committee will again judge homes for outdoor design and decorations. Lighting, originality, creativity, and use of color and decorations are all considered in selecting the winners. Recognition will be given for individual homes, an outstanding street, cul-de-sac or block. Winners will be announced in the e-bulletin in mid-December, published in the Winter 2017 "Beacon" and on the Brightwater website.

Decorations must be completed by December 13 to be eligible for judging. Make Brightwater a colorful destination for the holidays!

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National Night Out







Brightwater observed National Night Out with block parties promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. City Councilman Anthony Maroulis, Lt. Burleson and Detective Brad Tippit were among those who commended our efforts to make our neighborhood a safer, more caring place to live.

Missouri City Police Department and...

MCPD Crime Stats July - September 2016

Police responded to numerous calls that were either resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring police action:

- 1 Accident
- 1 Assault
- 1 Burglary
- 4 Burglaries of Vehicles
- 1 Criminal Mischief
- 3 Disturbances
- 1 Drug Violation
- 2 Runaways

CREST MANAGEMENT

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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Brightwater Crime Watch Report

BCW:

08/12/2016, 9:40 p.m. – Jetty Terrace resident reported a young male door-to-door solicitor long after dark. Police responded.

09/19/2016 – Midstream, Starboard Shores Ct., Starboard Shores Dr. – Police confirmed items were stolen from three unlocked vehicles and one locked vehicle. A Crime Watch volunteer spotted a computer bag near the clubhouse pier days later. Police were notified, and they confirmed it was stolen property and returned it to the Midstream resident.

Reminder: Whenever possible, take photos, record serial numbers and save receipts or appraisals of your valuables in the event of theft or fire.

Vacation Watch: Call MCPD at 281-403-8700 or BCW at 281-499-0695.

New Garbage Service Began August 1st



As noted in the Summer newsletter edition, beginning on Monday, August 1, Brightwater residents transitioned to a different waste collection service -- from the old contract between WCA and MUD #42 to a new WCA contract approved by Missouri City.

The new service for garbage pick-up and recycling is summarized to the right. Upcoming dates for recycling and heavy trash are November 22, December 6 and 20, and January 3, 17 and 31. If residents have concerns about their pickup, they can contact WCA at 281-403-5800.

More information is also available online at: wcawaste.com/missouri-city, as well as the City website, www.missouricitytx.gov.



WCA	Old Services (contract with MUD #42)		New Services (contract with Missouri City)	
Garbage Pick-up	2x/week	Wednesday & Saturday	2x/week	Refer to sticker on delivered carts
	residents' own bags or containers		blue 95-gallon WCA container	
	manual pickup		automated pickup	
Only garbage in WCA carts will be collected on each service day. Assisted service is available: If you have a disability and require special assistance, contact WCA at 281-403-5800 for the form needed.				
Recycling	1x/week	Wednesday	Every other week	Refer to sticker on delivered carts
	18-gallon blue bins		grey 65-gallon WCA container	
	manual pickup		automated pick-up	







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