

Lakes of Brightwater

BEACON

FALL 2023

To subscribe for free Brightwater eBulletins, email your name and street address to ramirezsusana51@gmail.com

COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.
(no meeting in December)
Wednesday, January 24
Wednesday, February 28

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.
(no meeting in December)
Monday, January 22
Monday, February 26

BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 14
Thursday, January 11
Thursday, February 8
For information, contact ramirezsusana51@gmail.com

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 4
Monday, January 8
Monday, February 5
For information, contact Elaine Smith, 281-499-6660, emchabert@comcast.net

BRIGHTWATER CHESS CLUB

Clubhouse, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 10
Sunday, January 14
Sunday, February 11

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Clubhouse, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 9

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m.
Monday, December 11

www.lakesofbrightwater.com

2024 Budget Is Approved

Last month the Brightwater HOA Board of Directors attended their annual budget workshop to review and discuss the 2024 budget. It was a challenging meeting, as many items have increased in cost—in the same way numerous goods and services have risen in price across the country. After careful consideration, the Board adopted the 2024 budget at the October 25th meeting which set the HOA annual fee at \$924. Pool management as well as costs for grounds maintenance, including irrigation, were two major items showing a rise.

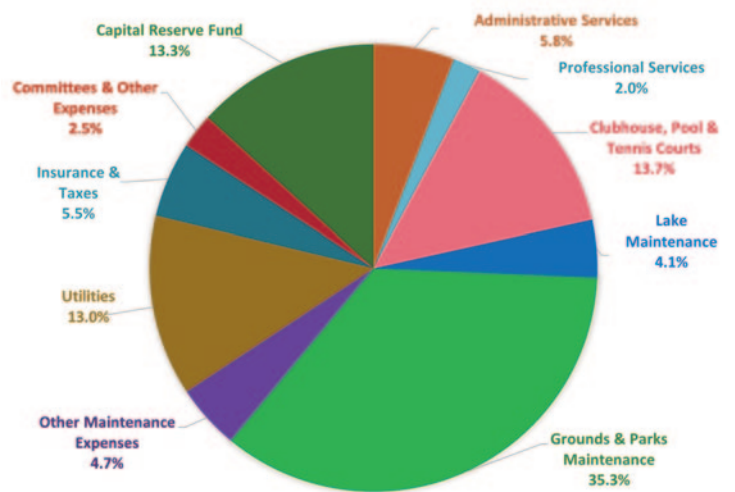
A large funding increase to the HOA Capital Reserve account—as recommended in the 2023 Reserve Study—along with higher maintenance costs for the Clubhouse and pool facilities, the park playgrounds and common property assets contributed to the new fee amount.

The Board periodically benchmarks Brightwater to surrounding neighborhoods to ensure it's comparable to those communities. The 2024 Brightwater fee falls in line, and in some cases is lower, than for properties in Commonwealth, Greatwood, Lake Olympia, New Territory and Sienna, to name a few.

Check the pie chart to see the breakdown of HOA expenses. Note, Crest recently sent the 2024 statements out and fees are due by January 31, 2024. If you haven't received yours, please contact Sunni at 281-945-4615.

Every five years, Brightwater contracts with a company to conduct a Reserve Study which provides a detailed review and schedule for the repair and replacement work expected to maintain Brightwater's amenities. Each of our physical assets has a life span that can be predicted. Due to wise planning and responsible stewardship of our funds, homeowners are not burdened with special assessment fees when unexpected expenses arise.

BRIGHTWATER 2024 BUDGET



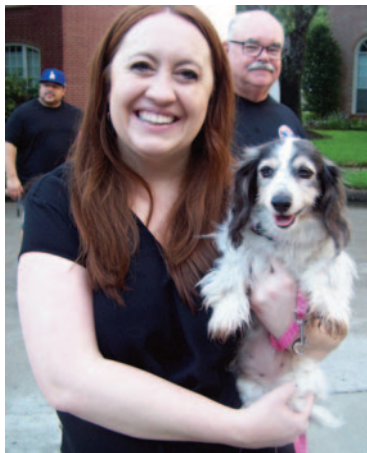
Unfortunately, it was necessary to remove three large hackberry trees at the north end of Brightwater Drive. Although one half of one tree still had some green branches, the trunk was rotten. The other two had died over the summer. They definitely presented a hazard. The plan is to plant several new trees this fall or winter.

The Brightwater Landscape Committee identified approximately 60 plants that died. Since they had a one-year warranty, the landscape company has agreed to replace them free of charge. Additionally, they will add a second mulch application to the landscape beds to protect plants during the fall and winter seasons.

Winter seasonal flowers have been planted at the entrances, medians and Clubhouse area.

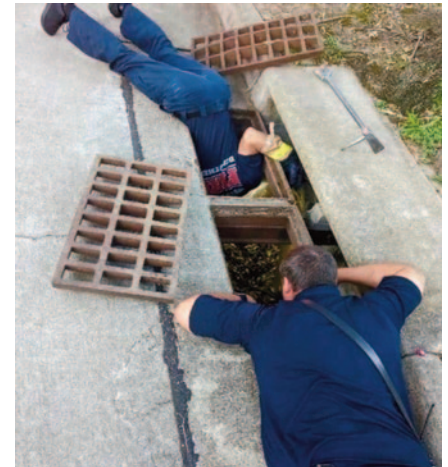
Amazing Rescue

On the Sunday evening before Labor Day, a small 16-year-old dog named Lexie found herself trapped in an underground drainage pipe on Lakeside Meadow Drive. Brightwater residents Pam and Cy Sanders were out walking when they heard barking underground. They tried calling the Missouri City Fire Dept., but because time was of the essence, they drove to the station and alerted firefighters.



There was an immediate response to try to rescue the little dog. Animal Control arrived and placed containment traps in hopes that Lexie would find her way into one of them. Unfortunately, she was stuck in mud so this did not work.

Meanwhile, several concerned Brightwater citizens kept vigil at the site as the rescue efforts continued. Lexie's human, Serena Sanchez, a veteran of the Iraq War returned from deployment in 2008. She knew she wanted to get a miniature dachshund, and Lexie has been her faithful companion ever since.



Once it was too dark to see, firefighters made the difficult decision to leave. Early on Labor Day, personnel from Missouri City Fire Station 1, led by Battalion Chief Ken Keefe, along with Animal Control, Public Works and staff from the Quail Valley Municipal Utility District returned to the scene and continued trying to save little Lexie. They used various techniques which included pulling a bucket on a rope through the pipe in an attempt to snag her.



Thanks to a dedicated fireman's quick trip to Walmart, the rescuers had a remote-controlled vehicle equipped with a camera to help with their efforts.

In the end, the team cleaned, flushed, and vacuumed debris from the pipe allowing QVMUD employee Frankie Garza to make his way through the pipe to rescue her. Animal Control assessed Lexie for any medical problems and pronounced her in good health.



National Night Out

Big thanks to Double Dave's for their generosity in donating two pizzas to every block party in Missouri City.

Police officers, Mayor Robin Elackatt, Councilman Anthony Maroulis and Judge K.P. George representatives visited as many parties as time allowed. They all commented on the enthusiastic participation and proactive involvement in Brightwater. Approximately 240 neighbors attended National Night Out parties here.



Westshore



Lakeside Meadow - celebrating Lexie



Waterside



Pebblestone



Midstream



Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

	November	December	January	February
Garbage Pick-up – Black bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday	Every Tuesday and Friday
Recycling – Green bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov/478/	14 th & 28 th	12 th & 26 th	9 th & 23 rd	6 th & 20 th
Yard refuse – in 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	12 th & 26 th	9 th & 23 rd	6 th & 20 th

Holiday Decorations

The Brightwater Garden Club's Holiday Awards Committee will conduct its annual judging of homes for outdoor holiday decorations. Design originality, creativity, lighting, and the use of color in decorating are all considered in selecting the winners. Recognition will be given for individual homes, outstanding street, cul-de-sac or block. Decorations will be judged beginning at sundown on December 12 and December 13. Winners will be announced via eBulletin by December 15. **Make certain your lights are turned on for the judging.** The Winter 2024 "Beacon" will feature contest results.

"Beacon"

The Lakes of Brightwater newsletter, "Beacon," is published four times a year, in January, April, August and November.

Newsletter Advertising

Grow your business! Advertise in the "Beacon." For advertising rates, please contact Prepared Publications at 281-652-5802 or info@preparedpublications.com

The Brightwater Homeowners Association is a deed-restricted community. A list of the "covenants, conditions and restrictions" are on the HOA website: lakesofbrightwater.com under Forms and Documents.

Website Address

www.lakesofbrightwater.com

Yards of the Month



August – 4102 Frost Lake Court



September – 4206 Lakewood Court



October – 1826 Sea Breeze Court



November – 4407 Waterlily Court

Tip: Between now and March is the right time of year to replace dead or dying trees in your yard.

Missouri City Police Department and...

July - September 2023

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Accident - major | 4 Parking violations |
| 1 Accident - minor | 1 Shots fired |
| 1 Animal rescue | 4 Suspicious activities |
| 1 Assist citizen | 1 Suspicious vehicle |
| 1 Criminal trespass | 1 Traffic complaint |
| 1 Disturbance - person | 3 Traffic stops |
| 2 Failures to stop and render aid | |

Tips for the holidays: Be aware that deliveries left on your doorstep are a target for porch thieves. Leave lights on both inside and outside after dark. Criminals don't like bright places.

CREST MANAGEMENT

Crest Management manages the day-to-day operations and accounts of the Brightwater Homeowners Association. If you have correspondence issues, questions or concerns, please contact the HOA account managers:

Sunni, Brightwater Acct. Mgr. Crest Management
17171 Park Row, Suite 310
Houston, TX 77084
281-945-4615 Direct
281-579-0761 Main Office, ext. 615
281-579-7062 Fax
sunni@crest-management.com

For Architectural Control (ACC) applications:

Sandy, Assistant Manager
281-945-4614 Direct
281-579-7062 Fax
sandy@crest-management.com

Tammy, Accounting Rep.
281-945-4658
tammya@crest-management.com

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
Water	281-499-5539

HOA Board of Directors

Ginger Wright, President
713-906-7530
gwright17@icloud.com

Joe Downing, Vice President
281-499-9942
downing_j@yahoo.com

Kimberly Duck - Secretary
281-615-3444
kimberlyduck5@aol.com

Brett Williams - Treasurer
713-291-3800
brett@saxonfinancialgroup.com

Alexander Ansari, Member at Large
713-489-3335
alexanderbwhoa@gmail.com

Brightwater Beacon
Susan Ramirez, Editor
713-899-3471
ramirezsusan51@gmail.com

Brightwater eBulletin
To subscribe, email
ramirezsusan51@gmail.com

Brightwater Website
www.lakesofbrightwater.com
Susan Ramirez
713-899-3471
ramirezsusan51@gmail.com

Brightwater Committees

Architectural Control
Dave Lemons
281-499-0146

Communications
Susan Ramirez
713-899-3471

Facilities
Open - TBA

Grounds
Nancy Hudson
832-656-1686

Lighting/Electrical
Joseph Mauricio
281-208-1818

Social
Diane Giltner
281-499-0695

Community Contacts

Neighborhood Watch
Diane Giltner
281-499-0695
dgiltner5@comcast.net

Clubhouse Rental/Tennis
Joanie Sharp
joans1218@aol.com
281-499-3889

Pool
Angela Harris
281-773-5139

Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

- Residents reported noise disturbance and shots fired. Police responded. Police Liaison to Brightwater followed up by ordering random monitoring. No further disturbance has been reported.
- Residents heard barking and realized a dog was trapped in a storm drain. The story of Lexie, a 16-year-old miniature dachshund, and the heroic rescue efforts of many is detailed in this issue of the Beacon.
- Volunteers continue to remove flyers from mailboxes and business signs posted along the lake in an attempt to signal it is not worth the effort to advertise this way in Brightwater.

Vacation Watch Registration – Police: 281-403-8700 – BNW: 281-499-0695

**Consider volunteering two hours a month with Neighborhood Watch.
For information, contact Diane Giltner at dgiltner5@comcast.net.**



THE
Methodist
LEADING MEDICINE

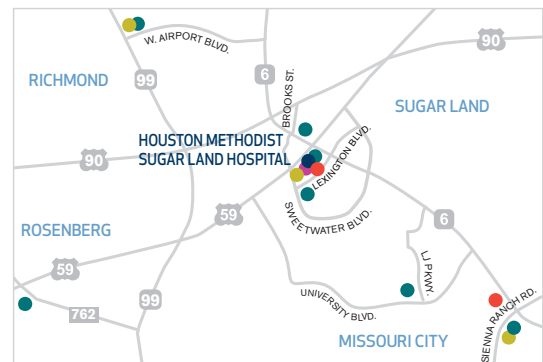
HOUSTON METHODIST LEADING CARE where you need us



Convenient, easy-to-access locations for primary, specialty and emergency care in Sugar Land

We offer a full spectrum of care, including:

- Primary care physicians for you and your family, providing personal care and service
- Specialists with innovative treatments and customized programs for all conditions
- Collaborative teams of experts using the newest technologies and latest research



- Sugar Land Hospital
- Primary Care
- Orthopedics & Sports Medicine
- Emergency Care
- Breast Care

HOUSTON
Methodist[®]
LEADING MEDICINE

To find care near you, visit houstonmethodist.org
or call **713.790.3333**.



HALLOWEEN 2023

Your local Real Estate specialists
for selling or buying!

Laura and Duane Parks
832-499-2757/ Lparks@kw.com
Brightwater Residents



kw SOUTHWEST
KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY



THE BRIGHTWATER BEACON

Prepared Publications • P.O. Box 2191, Missouri City, TX 77459 • 281-652-5802

PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
HOUSTON, TX
PERMIT #8327

