

Lakes of Brightwater

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22

Annual Meeting:

Thursday, June 20

Southminster Presbyterian

Church, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

(Meetings resume in the Fall.)

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 3

BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

Thursday, July 11

For information, contact

ramirezsusana51@gmail.com

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3

For information, contact

Elaine Smith, 281-499-6660,

emchabert@comcast.net

BRIGHTWATER CHESS CLUB

Clubhouse, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 9

Sunday, July 14

BRIGHTWATER CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

Thursday, June 27

Thursday, July 25

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ACC Guidelines Updated for 2024

Last year the Board took on the task of reviewing the HOA's Architectural Control Guidelines. The Guidelines, which were last revised in 2012, were brought into line with Texas legislative mandates, as well as updated to allow home improvement products and projects that have become acceptable for energy savings or aesthetic appeal to residential homes and neighborhoods.

Residents considering an exterior home improvement project need to reference the updated Guidelines (visit lakesofbrightwater.com and click on the "Documents" tab). Activities such as patios, gazebos, swing sets, room additions and even roof and fence replacements require residents to submit an Exterior Modification Request (EMR) through the Crest website, crest-management.com.

Here are some of the changes made to the Guidelines:

- New categories were added addressing exterior cameras, exterior lighting (LED), solar panels/screens/film and fencing.
- Categories with significant updates include masonry and roofing products (wind turbines are now allowed), exterior painting, color palettes for doors, trim and awnings, new pool requirement inspections and waterfront property bulkheads.
- The application procedure now reflects both online and U.S. mail delivery options, plus communication with Crest Management.

Keep Up with the Latest

Have you joined the official Lakes of Brightwater Homeowners Association Facebook page yet? Sign up today ...
www.facebook.com/groups/lobtexas



Check out the updated lakesofbrightwater.com website for information on future meetings and activities, the various HOA amenities, annual pool and trash schedules, Crest Management contacts and more!

This Issue: Pool Tags | Flag Service | Annual Meeting | Events Recap & Future | MCPD Report | Hurricane Preparedness

Pool Tag Distribution & Opening Day Kick-Off!



The pool will open on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. with an ice cream cart of frozen treats. The 2024 pool schedule is included as an insert in this issue.

Pool tag registration dates are Saturday, May 18 and Saturday, May 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Only residents with accounts in good standing with Crest Management will be issued tags. If you are unable to register on one of these dates, you may ask another Brightwater resident to get them for you or contact Angela Harris at 281-773-5139. After June 1st, pool tags will only be issued by Crest

Management by mail for a \$20.00 processing fee.

Residents can also obtain a tennis court key on the above dates for those who don't already have one (the current gate lock was changed in 2021). A \$25 fee is required for a court key unless you have an old key to turn in. Additionally, neighbors can subscribe to the Brightwater eBulletin and/or the Boy Scouts flag service and get more information about becoming a Neighborhood Watch volunteer.

Flag Service

Boy Scout Troop 731 will offer flag service to residents of Brightwater for a donation of \$35 for the 2024 calendar year. Funds help to support youth in their scouting activities. Flags will be placed in subscribers' yards on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Flag service sign up will be available at the pool tag distributions. Or complete the below coupon and with a check for \$35 made payable to BSA Troop 731 drop off your request in the white lockbox at 1727 Shoreline Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459. For additional information, contact Joanna Ouderkirk, 281-845-4155 or jejouderkirk@gmail.com. You may also sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4EADA92FAAF49-48993422-2024#/>

This fundraiser sends several kids to camp who otherwise wouldn't be able to go each year!

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YES! I want flag service for 2024!

Name _____ Phone # _____

Brightwater Address _____

Drop coupon into the white lockbox at 1727 Shoreline Drive along with a check for \$35 to BSA Troop 731.

Easter Egg Hunt

Brightwater neighbors organized an Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. The youngest residents had a lot of fun finding the colorful eggs and taking home some sweet treats. The event was organized by Ram King; Shayna McPherson graciously supplied the photo op decorations.





March - 1835 Lakewinds Drive



April - 2011 Brightwater Drive

Annual Meeting Set for June 20

The HOA will hold its Annual Meeting on June 20, 7:00 p.m., at Southminster Presbyterian Church. Residents will hear about past and future Brightwater projects and activities and also have an opportunity to get updates and ask questions of HOA Board members, City staff and Council representatives.

An important part of the Annual Meeting is the election of Board Directors. Candidates to these important positions can submit their names for consideration to Crest Management. Crest will distribute proxies and bio sheets to all residents prior to the meeting. Floor nominations are also accepted. There will be two Director slots open this year. If you have time to serve Brightwater, please consider offering your time and talents. Directors serve a two-year term and manage HOA finances, ensure the maintenance of common areas, work closely with Crest Management on the day-to-day operation of the community and interact with the various committees. For more information about the election, contact Sunni at Crest, 281-945-4615.



Come Join the Fun!

Brightwater Middle School Pool Party

Monday, June 3
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Brightwater Pool

Pizza & Music

No Parents Allowed



CORRECTIONS:

The Winter issue of the Beacon regrettably contained two errors. The Hall of Fame Holiday Decoration winners' addresses listed in the third column of that article were inadvertently labeled as Honorable Mention. Also there was a missed date in the 2024 GFL Trash Schedule insert; it has been corrected and the revised schedule is on page 7.

Illegal Fireworks

Any possession or discharging of fireworks is illegal within the City of Missouri City. Please abstain from shooting fireworks of any kind. The City of Missouri City conducts a fireworks display every Fourth of July for all to enjoy. For more information, contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 281-403-4300.



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The Lakes of Brightwater is a deed-restricted community. A list of the "covenants, conditions and restrictions" can be found at: lakesofbrightwater.com under Forms and Documents.



BRIGHTWATER NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Brightwater residents are invited to stop in for a cup to visit with neighbors (and meet new ones).

Come as you are and take a break while running errands or during your morning exercise.

Monday, June 3, 2024
Brightwater Clubhouse
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Brightwater Caregivers Support Group

Anyone who is taking care of a person with a serious or chronic illness such as cancer, Alzheimer's or Parkinson's is welcome to attend the newly-formed support group. Laura Arellano-Davis, chaplain at the Texas Institute of Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR), will facilitate the meetings. The group is for caregivers only and will meet at the Clubhouse on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. To register to attend, please contact Susan Ramirez at ramirezsusan51@gmail.com

Missouri City Police Department and...

January - March, 2024

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

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 Accidents | 2 Shots Fired |
| 1 Death-natural | 5 Suspicious Activities |
| 2 Ordinance Violations | 1 Suspicious Vehicle |
| 2 Parking Violations | 2 Traffic Stops |

MCPD is partnering with Texas Children's Hospital and Safe Kids Greater Houston by providing FREE car seat inspections to families. The inspection is by appointment only (one Wednesday a month).

Visit <https://freeseatcheck.as.me/MCPD> to sign up or call 281-403-8700.

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:

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Tammy, Accounting Rep.

281-945-4658
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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

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Brightwater Committees

Architectural Control

Open

Communications

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Facilities

Open

Grounds

Open

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Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

- Owners of vehicles parked on street for long periods without moving were informed of ordinance violation.
- Vehicle with expired registration sticker was moved from the street to the owner's driveway.
- Report of trash at curb during non-scheduled collection and overflowing GFL bins.
- Police responded to reports of shots fired in February and determined location was outside of Brightwater; officers found nothing in the area following a call in March.



With summer approaching, sign up for Vacation Watch. The MCPD House Watch Program was designed to help protect unoccupied homes while Missouri City homeowners are away on business or travel. The Brightwater Neighborhood Watch team members can also monitor your address. Call to register: Police: 281-403-8700 // BNW: 281-499-0695.



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



Alligators in Brightwater

A small alligator was recently seen in both a Brightwater lake and in Northshore Park. Be aware our neighborhood has had alligators in the past, usually making their way into and out of our lakes via Oyster Creek. Please heed these recommendations from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department:

- Alligators have a natural fear of humans, and usually retreat when approached by people. If you encounter an alligator a few yards away, back away slowly. Do not approach it and do not feed it.
- Spring and summer are breeding times for alligators and many are looking for nesting habitat; smaller ones may have been pushed out of their normal habitat by larger alligators and usually will move further on in a week or two.
- While walking a pet, make sure your pet is on a leash and under your control. Move away from any alligator for the safety of both you and your pet.

City's SeeClickFix Moves to 311

Missouri City has moved to its new 311.MCTX.GOV platform effective April 1, 2024. This online and smart phone application replaces the previous "See/Click/Fix" program and can be used to report City-related concerns and Code Enforcement issues. Citizens can report a lost pet, street light outage and graffiti; it also allows citizens, businesses, and stakeholders to apply, submit, or pay for licenses and permits.

The new application is available for free in the app stores for iPhone and Android smart phones -- search for 'Missouri City 311'. Issues can also be reported and tracked online at 311.MCTX.GOV.

311.MCTX.GOV



Watch Your Speed

Thursday, May 23 is the final day of school for students in Fort Bend. Please pay special attention while driving as children in the neighborhood start their summer vacation. And remember, the speed limit throughout Brightwater is 30 mph!

Landscape Report

An early spring brought warm weather and the HOA's landscape beds leafed out nicely in March. Superior Lawncare, the Association landscape contractor, has been working on turf maintenance and shrub pruning and will be installing mulch in the next few weeks. Seasonal flowers were planted and the Grounds Committee has submitted several improvement projects for the common grounds. Plants that died over the winter that were under warranty will be replaced by Superior before mid-May. After two large burr oaks were removed from Northshore Park due to disease, the Board will be going out to bid for a shade structure to be installed over that playground area.



Tree Pruning

A number of residents have contacted the HOA in regard to neighbors severely pruning their front yard oaks, to the point there are no leaves left on the tree. It has been very disappointing to see this in Brightwater. Unfortunately the HOA does not have regulations regarding "excessively pruning or topping a tree." The best we can do is try to inform homeowners that it is not healthy to totally denude mature trees.

Trees need their leaves -- they are the tree's "food factories." Removing more than 1/3 of the foliage, especially from a mature tree, is not recommended! With severe pruning, in addition to the ugly appearance, it causes a great deal of stress to the trees, especially after last year's drought and record high temperatures.

- Excessive pruning can shock the tree, weakening it. Live oaks, in particular, are sensitive to pruning, as they can be susceptible to diseases like oak wilt, which can be transmitted through fresh wounds. Oak wilt is a devastating, incurable fungus that is contagious and can kill an oak in as little as two weeks. Millions of oaks across 76 counties of Texas have been lost. Once a tree is infected, the pathogen can be transmitted to neighboring trees.
- Removing too many branches can expose the tree's inner branches to excessive sunlight, which can lead to sunburn damage. Additionally, a home's energy bill often increases with the loss of shade provided by the leaves.
- Over-pruning may shorten the tree's lifespan and improper pruning techniques can create wounds that may not heal properly, leading to decay and rot. This can compromise the structural integrity of the tree. Usually there is not an immediate and outwardly sign of decline in the tree, but they do suffer often to the point of dying after several years.



Please refrain from pruning until after June 1 or until the fall and look for reputable tree service contractors to keep your trees healthy and looking beautiful.



The Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year celebration, held on February 3, was hosted by a group of Brightwater ladies. Guests were treated to tasty food samples, authentic decorations, music, traditional dress and handcrafts including origami, paper cutting and paper folding. The Social Committee thanks Diane Giltner, Fangming Zhu, Ying Fang and Bing Bing Guo for organizing this event to celebrate the first new moon of the calendar.



Brightwater - Be Prepared

The 2024 hurricane season is forecast to be an especially busy one, according to Colorado State University, with the possibility of up to 23 named storms, 11 becoming hurricanes, and at least five hitting major hurricane status. The season runs from June 1 to November 30. Prepare now -- here are recommendations for a Hurricane Emergency Kit:

- Emergency and family contact information
- Copies of personal documents, preferably in a waterproof bag or container
- Water - one gallon per person for each day as needed.
- Non-perishable food and a non-electric can opener
- Flashlight
- Radio - a battery-powered radio or one that can be hand-cranked.
- Batteries
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Phone with charger; include an extra cell phone battery as well.
- Whistle - to draw attention to yourself, if necessary
- Change of clothes, including good quality shoes
- Glasses or contact solution
- Rain gear
- Extra car and house keys
- Extra cash
- Blanket
- Toilet paper and garbage bags
- Dust masks
- Duct tape, plastic sheeting & knife/scissors
- Medications including prescriptions and over-the-counter meds
- Hygiene products
- Tools (wrench, pliers, screwdriver) in case utilities need to be turned off
- Cups and utensils
- Cards or games
- Fuel - always keep at least half a tank of gas in your car in the event of necessary evacuation.
- Local maps
- Paper and pencil
- Pet food and other pet supplies
- Baby necessities

Brightwater Trash Schedule – 2024

Revised April 15, 2024

JANUARY						
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Garbage, Recycling, Yard refuse, Bulk waste



Garbage, Yard refuse



Garbage

Garbage: Black bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov

Recycling: Neon green bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov

Bulk waste: Regular garbage bags of yard waste; large trash items that do not fit in garbage bins

Yard refuse: In CLEAR biodegradable bags; branches tied in bunches or personal garbage container of leaves, grass, etc.

PLEASE PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART.



Plastic (#1, #2, & #5)
(bottles, tubs, jugs and jars)



Metal
(all cans)



Glass
(bottles and jars)



Paper
(paper, cartons and cardboard)

TIPS FOR SUCCESS: Empty and rinse your plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, jars, metal cans, glass bottles and jars. Flatten any cardboard boxes. **Place items loose in container, NO BAGS.**



PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART.

- Aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil
- All batteries (*car, lithium, etc.*)
- Ceramic items
- Clothing or textiles**
- Diapers
- Disposable cups (*plastic and coffee*)
- Electronics**
- Food- soiled items
- Hazardous waste
- Household glass
- Medical waste
- Plastic bags/wrap*
- Scrap metal/wood**
- Shredded paper**
- Styrofoam/peanuts
- Tanglers (*cords, hoses, wires, etc.*)
- Tires**
- Toys
- Plastics #3, #4, #6, & #7

* Take clean and dry plastic bags and wrap back to the grocery store.

** These items may be accepted at a convenience center or other facility in your area that will recycle them.