

COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, June 20 Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 Tuesday, August 20

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 22

EVENING NEEDLEWORKERS Members' homes, 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 6 Monday, June 3

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SUPPORT GROUP Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 Wednesday, June 5 Wednesday, July 3 Wednesday, August 7

POOL TAGS

Clubhouse Saturday, April 27 Saturday, May 4 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 10

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE Status pending Watch for an eBulletin

THE "BEACON"

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

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We Are Refreshed!



It was a hard freeze in 2013 that started community leaders talking about updating Brightwater amenities. The freeze cracked the blue tiles on the columns along Brightwater Drive leaving shards of tile all over the place. It was obvious the time had come to do something about Brightwater's deteriorating condition. Meetings with landscape architects, Crest Management representatives and Brightwater volunteers resulted in the early concept expanding into what became known as the Refresh Project.

Being good stewards of Brightwater's resources, the HOA Board and others from Brightwater evaluated each step in terms of importance. It has taken nearly six years to ...

- Reconstruct the entrances to Brightwater and the Clubhouse. Paint the Clubhouse exterior
- Replace landscaping, benches, waste units and tables throughout the neighborhood
- Replace playground equipment at all three parks (Westshore, Lakewinds and Northshore)
- Repair the deck/pier at the Clubhouse, including structural fortification
- Resurface the pool and upgrade pool facilities

Without doubt, the neighborhood is now a more pleasant place to live in and to raise families. A side benefit may be that home and property values have gone up due to the improvements made. The project was audacious, and sincere thanks are due the many people who helped to complete it.

Brightwater Garden Club



The Brightwater Garden Club is a great resource for those who want to improve their gardening skills. Annual membership is only \$25 per individual or \$35 per couple. Members receive a directory with monthly program descriptions for the year, a list of gardening resources and local gardening retailers.

Monday, April 22: "Irrigation for your Lawn and Garden" – Master Gardeners Ralph Twiss and Ivan Galindo will discuss the principles and components of an irrigation system. Topics will include water efficiency, common problems, and basic repairs.



February 2223 Brightwater Drive

Yards of the Month



March 4514 Anchor Point Court

Examples from the Refresh Project



Lovely when in blossom, weak trunks make trees a disaster waiting to happen in a strong storm.



One of the new benches in Brightwater.







New playground equipment at Lakewinds Park.



Brightwater kids will enjoy the refreshed playground in Northshore Park.

Architectural Control Guidelines



The Lakes of Brightwater website provides homeowners with both Deed Restrictions and Architectural Control Guidelines. Deed Restrictions are a controlling document that is not as specific as Architectural Control Guidelines. For example, Deed Restrictions may indicate that a fence be constructed of wood, and the Architectural Control Guidelines could further specify what type of wood and whether or not it must be stained.

The purpose of Brightwater's Architectural Control Guidelines is to preserve the beauty of the neighborhood, thereby protecting the value of its properties. *Before* making *any* change to the exterior of a home or property, the owner **must** file an application with the Architectural Control Committee. The Committee has up to 30 days to approve or deny the request. No work should begin prior to receiving an ACC approval notification. Even if the owner is repainting or reroofing with exactly the same color that is on the home, approval must be received before anything is done. For a copy of the ACC application, go to www.lakesofbrightwater.com and click on "Forms and Documents" at the top of the main page.

HOA Board Recruitment

Brightwater's Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, June 20, at the Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.

There are *three* HOA Board positions open this year. Strong candidates should demonstrate a dedication to community service, a commitment to being involved in the community, and a willingness to serve a two-year term.

Contact tammy.mcmillan@crest-management.com for information on how you can run for office. Brightwater must continue to have strong leadership to thrive.

Pool Tag Registration

Pool tag registration dates are **Saturday**, **April 27**, **11:00** a.m. – **3:00** p.m. and **Saturday**, **May 4**, **11:00** a.m. – **3:00** p.m.

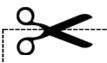
If you are unable to register on one of these days, contact Crest Management at 281-579-0761 to request your tags.

When you pick up your pool tags, you may also get your key to the tennis courts for \$25.



Observe Trash Times. Nicely bundled. Nicely bagged. What time is it? The only times this should be seen in Brightwater are between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on days before trash collection until it is picked up on trash days. No bags in the street, please!

Trash cans must be stored out of sight from the street by midnight on the day of trash collection. City will fine violators.



Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

May	June	July	August
Every	Every	Every	Every
Tuesday and	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Friday	and Friday	and Friday	and Friday
7 th & 21 st	4 th & 18 th	2 nd , 16 th &	13 th & 27 th
		30 th	
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Children's Events

If you are a parent or student interested in volunteering to help plan and assist with Brightwater children's events, such as holiday parties, contact Diane Giltner, 281-499-0695 or dgiltner5@comcast.net.

Subscribe to eBulletin

The Brightwater eBulletin sends information to residents about missing pets, community event reminders and other important local announcements. If you would like to subscribe to this free service, please send your name, Brightwater address, and email address to Susan Ramirez, ramirezsusan51@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Flag Service

Boy Scout Troop #1294 will help you subscribe to their flag service when you pick up your pool tags. Flags are placed at our entrances on Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day and Veterans Day. For a donation of \$35, subscribers to the service will have flags placed in their yards on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. For more information, contact Adam Clark, 281-705-4897 or adam.clark.bhp@gmail.com.

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Hurricane Preparedness



Oyster Creek from Cartwright bridge August 2017

Remember this? Were you prepared? Hurricane Harvey was much kinder to the Lakes of Brightwater than he was to surrounding neighborhoods. We didn't lose electricity. None of our homes got water in them. Hurricane season is approaching, and the next nasty visitor may be worse than the last.

Email your name, physical address, and email address to ramirezsusan51@gmail.com to be added to the Brightwater eBulletin distribution list.

EBulletins will be Brightwater's way to keep the community informed of weather conditions and Emergency Management advisories. Research what a basic emergency kit should contain, and prepare one that meets your family's needs.

How It SHOULD Be Done

These three friends are seen being walked all over Brightwater. The reason their picture made the Beacon is because they are **always** on leashes. There have been tragedies and near tragedies in Brightwater due to dogs not being on leashes. Please follow this example, and do not fool yourself by thinking your dog is unique and doesn't need to be on a leash.



Missouri City Police Department and...

January - March 2019 MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action:

- 3 Animal call
- 8 Assist citizen
 - Burglary in progress
 - Disturbance person
- 1 Death natural
- 2 Forgery

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- Found property
- Lost property
- Motor vehicle theft

- 1 Noise disturbance
- 8 Ordinance violation
- 2 Parking ordinance violation
- 1 Runaway
- 1 Solicitor
- 6 Suspicious activity
- 2 Theft
- 10 Traffic stop

CREST MANAGEMENT

Tammy McMillan 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:

Tammy McMillan, Brightwater Acct. Mgr. **Crest Management**

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Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

Clubhouse area: Resident's loose dog attacked and killed small dog being walked by owners.

Jetty Terrace: Garage fire prompted fire and police response.

Waterstone: Resident's locked truck stolen from driveway.

Waterstone: Resident complained that neighbor left furniture curbside a week prior to scheduled bulk waste pickup.

Unspecified park: Brightwater eBulletin security alert noted male behaving suspiciously.

Lakefront/Northshore intersection: Ongoing complaints about speeding, running stop signs. MCPD will increase police presence.

Admiral Court: Resident stated a yard service added bags of lawn debris from a nearby job curbside at a neighbor's home resulting in multiple bags left several days prior to pickup. Reported to Crest. 5



Around 1986 ...



... someone took an aerial shot of a cluster of homes, a clubhouse, swimming pool and tennis courts that were the first structures in the Lakes of Brightwater. Can you figure out where these streets would be built?

Waterview Ct. Westshore Dr. Waterside Dr. Lakewinds Dr. Tradewinds Dr. Shoreline Dr. Clearwater Ct. Harbour Cr. Laguna Cr.

Only the corner of Northshore Park is visible, and a lot of land for future Brightwater streets is not in the picture.

The small lake, that is located in the southeast corner of Brightwater, is totally manmade. The large lake, or Frost Lake named after a previous owner of the property, was a natural body of water that looked somewhat different than it does today. Brightwater developers decided the subdivision would have more building possibilities if the lake's shape were modified.

Defining the subdivision, the lakes are owned by Municipal Utility District #42 and are similar to large detention ponds. They hold water until the lake level rises with rainfall to the point it will flow under the bridge on Lakefront Drive and over the outfall into Oyster Creek.

The lakes are a wonderful asset to the neighborhood and *should not* be used for pitching practice to see how far a person can throw a stick into a lake or as a dump site.

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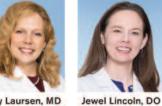
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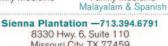
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