

Lakes of Brightwater



COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

(Virtual meetings, 6:00 p.m., until further notice. See eBulletins for updates.)

Wednesday, May 26

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 22

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 28

Wednesday, August 25

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

(Meetings suspended until further notice.)

BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

(Virtual meetings, 6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 2

Wednesday, July 7

Wednesday, August 4

For information, contact ramirezsusana51@gmail.com

NEEDLEWORKERS

(Virtual meetings, 7:00 p.m.)

Monday, June 7

For information, contact skmclure@gmail.com

POOL TAGS

Clubhouse

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Saturday, May 29

(Scouts will offer flag service subscriptions.)

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Status pending

Watch for eBulletin

The “Beacon”

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

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2021 Residential Directory

We want you! We are asking for Brightwater volunteers to participate in a monumental project that will result in important benefits to our community. The Residential Directory proved valuable during the freeze in February. Some Brightwater families had left their homes in search of heat and electricity. A faithful walker was out braving the cold when he noticed water coming out of a residence. He immediately suspected a broken pipe, but didn't want to turn off the water at the street without getting permission from the home's owner. Crest Management was closed due to the weather, but thanks to the 2016 Brightwater Directory, it was possible to contact the owner. He was far from home and immediately gave permission for the water to be turned off, possibly saving further damage to his dwelling.

We all can imagine potential emergencies that might happen at our homes. Let's all get behind the Directory and persuade our neighbors to do the same. The Directory is not for sale and is only distributed to residents who fill out the yellow directory form (see enclosed insert). Both home owners and tenants are eligible for inclusion. It is each resident's decision on what to include, but we request at least one telephone number. The pets question can alert fire and rescue first responders to look out for them in an emergency.

If you are interested, contact **Susan Ramirez, 713-899-3471 or ramirezsusana51@gmail.com**. She is helping to recruit community members willing to assist with one or more of the Directory project activities. The goal for Directory completion is in the fall of 2021.

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From the Board

The HOA Operations Committee continues to work to improve the community. A number of mailbox pads in the neighborhood were raised to correct drainage and tilting; a few will need to be re-poured as cracks in the pad didn't allow lifting. The Committee has also updated lighting inside the Clubhouse, refurbished the valve box near the splash pad and is making improvements to the pool's guard room and surrounding area in preparation for pool season. Additionally, they tackled several leaks around the Clubhouse before and after the freeze.

The Landscape Committee has taken an inventory of plants that died on HOA common property in the freeze and is setting priorities for replacements. In the coming weeks, the Lexington entrance median will be updated as well as the planter box and circular bed at the Clubhouse. A landscape bed on the greenbelt near Mainsail will be redesigned with lots of seasonal color, and planning for updating other beds will continue throughout the year.

Board Elections

The Board of Directors of the Brightwater Homeowners Association has five positions. Board members are elected for two-year terms. Every other year, either two or three members will complete their terms. This year, three positions are open. In May, Crest Management will mail candidate nomination forms to every household in Brightwater. Questions on the form include why the candidate would like to serve, and what goals the candidate would like the Association to accomplish.

Garden Club

The Brightwater Garden Club is a well-respected source of information for local gardeners. Founded in 1990, the group held monthly meetings at the Clubhouse until COVID temporarily suspended activities. The Club will be back—probably in the fall. Stay tuned and keep your gardening tools handy.

Don't Get Caught

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.



After the Freeze...

If you need extra time to replace landscaping destroyed by the February freeze (Winter Storm Uri), contact Heather at Crest Management, heathere@crest-management.com or 281-945-4630.

Flag Service



Boy Scout Troop 731 will offer flag service to residents of Brightwater for a donation of \$35 for the 2021 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. You may also request it by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60boe4eada92faaf49-20203>, or there is a white lockbox on the porch at 1727 Shoreline Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459. Make checks payable to BSA Troop 731, and include the coupon below.

For additional information, contact Joanna Ouderkirk, 281-845-4155 or jejouderkirk@gmail.com.

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YES! I want flag service for 2021!

Name _____ Phone # _____

Brightwater address _____

Drop coupon into the white lockbox at 1727 Shoreline Dr. Make out check to BSA Troop 731.

Safety First

Over the past year, the Brightwater HOA Board of Directors did research on how other nearby communities responded to the COVID crisis. They carefully considered how to manage Brightwater amenities. The Spring 2020 issue of the “Beacon” announced that the 2020 pool season would be canceled, a difficult decision.

Multiple other traditional Brightwater activities were either suspended or transitioned to virtual meetings. These included monthly HOA meetings, the annual HOA meeting, the Brightwater Garden Club, the Cancer Support Group, Needleworkers, the Fourth of July Parade and the Children’s Holiday Party.

As Texas opens up, Brightwater is beginning to do the same. A pool season is planned for this summer with the pool opening May 29. Keep fingers crossed that the HOA can continue to add more events and activities to the neighborhood schedule.

Recent sightings as Brightwater comes back ...



A five-year-old ready to turn pro on Brightwater’s tennis courts



Chalk artists at the big playground

Directory Advertising

Advertising in the 2021 Brightwater Residential Directory is a high-value opportunity available to businesses in the area. If you have a business or know of a business that may be interested in running an ad, contact Susan Ramirez, ramirezsusan51@gmail.com or at 713-899-3471 to discuss ad sizes and costs. Rates are reasonable; an ad is good for business and shows support for the Brightwater community.

Trash Collection

Per City ordinance, all garbage, trash or yard waste containers must be placed in the street with wheels next to curb after 6:00 p.m. the day before pickup. Empty trash cans must be stored out of view of the street by midnight the day of pickup. Convictions are punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 (first offense); \$250 (second offense); and \$500 (third offense for same violation within any 12-month period). Heavy waste can only be put at the curb on the recycling days.



Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

| | May | June | July | August |
|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Garbage Pick-up – Blue bin provided by WCA, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov | Every Tuesday and Friday | Every Tuesday and Friday | Every Tuesday and Friday | Every Tuesday and Friday |
| Recycling – Gray bin provided by WCA, 281-403-5800, www.missouricitytx.gov | 4 th & 18 th | 1 st , 15 th & 29 th | 13 th & 27 th | 10 th & 24 th |
| Yard refuse – in CLEAR 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 | 4 th & 18 th | 1 st , 15 th & 29 th | 13 th & 27 th | 10 th & 24 th |

To subscribe for free Brightwater eBulletins, email your name and street address to ramirezsus51@gmail.com

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.

Newsletter Advertising

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Yards in Brightwater

Crest Management has given Brightwater residents extra time to clean up and replace landscaping post-February freeze. Inspections for yards needing attention will resume in May.



Website Address

www.lakesofbrightwater.com

Brightwater Photography Squad

Brightwater has a volunteer group dubbed the "Photography Squad." The Squad is composed of residents who submit pictures they have taken in the community. Their pictures appear in the "Beacon" and on the Brightwater website. Pictures published in the Beacon that were taken by a Squad member are credited to the volunteer. If you have captured an outstanding high-resolution shot in Brightwater, send with your permission to ramirezsus51@gmail.com. When you read the "Beacon," be certain to look at all eight pages, because Squad pictures may pop up in unexpected places.

Brightwater has talent!!!

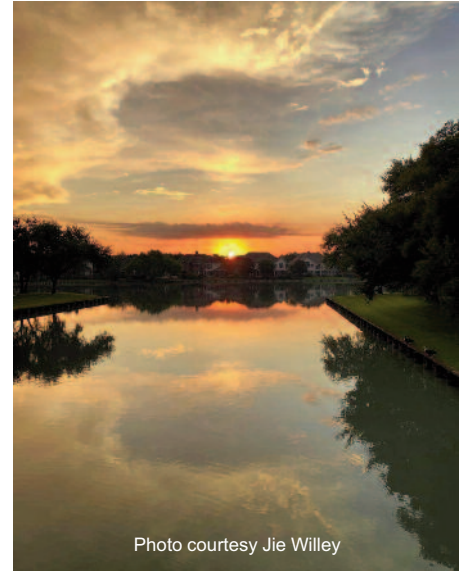


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Photo courtesy Jonathan Ling



Photo courtesy Zhaohong Zhang

Tennis Reservations

The change to the online tennis court reservation system has been delayed. Please look for the roll-out of this new process in a future Brightwater "Beacon." It will also be posted at the tennis courts when finalized. Thank you for your patience.

Missouri City Police Department and...

January – March 2021 MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action:

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | 911 call | 1 | Lost property |
| 2 | Assist citizens | 20 | Ordinance violations |
| 1 | Assault | 4 | Suspicious activities |
| 2 | Deaths – natural | 1 | Suspicious vehicle |
| 1 | Disturbance – noise | 3 | Thefts |
| 2 | Disturbances – persons | 16 | Traffic stops |
| 4 | Forgeries | 1 | Welfare check |
| 1 | Harassment | | |

CREST MANAGEMENT

Heather Esteban 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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| Police and Fire Emergency | 911 |
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| 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 |

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Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

- Dogs consistently off leash were reported to Animal Control
- Residents reported concern over dark streets due to tree branches blocking streetlights
- Abandoned bicycle taken to MCPD Lost and Found
- Winter Storm Uri prompted multiple reports of broken water pipes. Shared stories of neighbors-helping-neighbors from Admiral Court, Northshore Drive and Pebblestone Court where neighbors aided a neighbor whose home sustained major damage

Sergeant Russell D'Oench, MCPD Community Relations, will conduct a short training session to certify residents who have registered for the Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Program.





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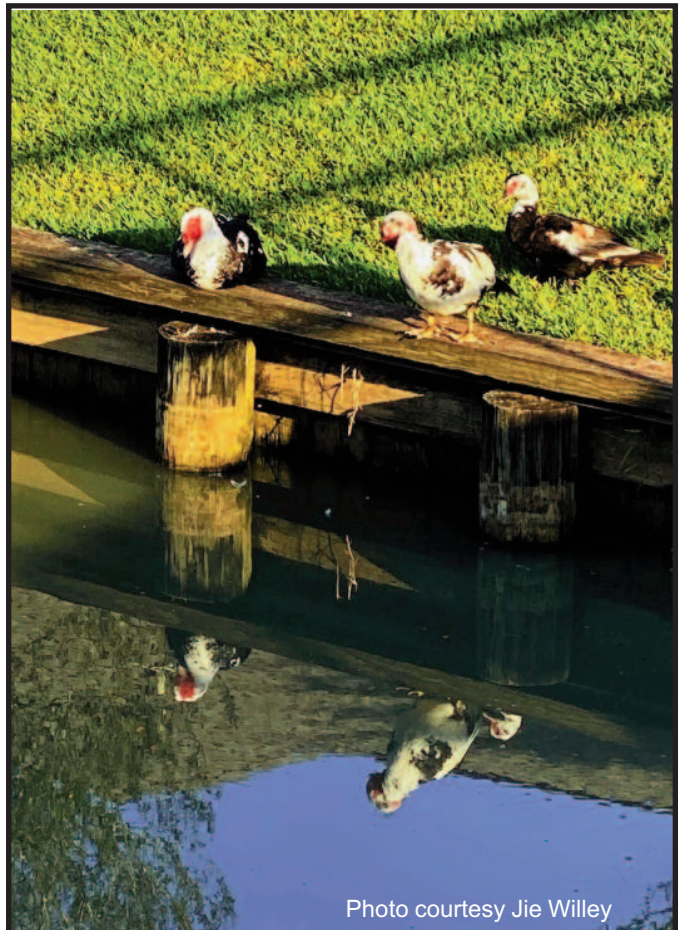


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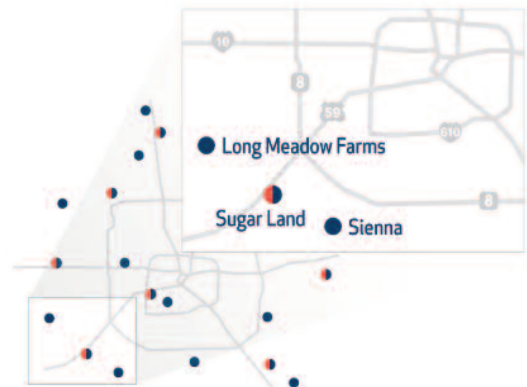


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