

Lakes of Brightwater

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Will You Be a Candidate?

Every year, Brightwater HOA Board of Directors positions are open to interested candidates. This year, three Directors will be voted on and 2024 will see the election of the remaining two. These volunteer positions are extremely important to the wellbeing of the Association.

Board members meet once a month throughout the year. Meetings begin with an Executive Session when Directors are updated on legal proceedings and provided with resident inspection reports. Topics discussed are confidential and are not shared with other residents.

The Open Session includes a review of financials, contract projects, committee reports and a homeowners' forum. HOA residents are always welcome to attend the Open Sessions.

Directors are tasked with making decisions regarding Brightwater's assets, including maintenance, improvements and future projects, with a goal of protecting and increasing the HOA's property values. They also work with HOA committees on social events and activities, communications, facility issues and landscape projects, and offer guidance on neighborhood issues that arise. In October, Directors draft a budget and set fees for the following year. At times, they also work with Missouri City to support community efforts and/or improve areas of Brightwater that need attention.

Good Board members are homeowners who care about what happens in Brightwater and have a willingness to dedicate time and effort to ensure our neighborhood remains a great place to live! Will you step up and serve?

Watch for a mailing from Crest Management that will explain how you may become a candidate to stand for election at the Brightwater HOA Annual Meeting on June 22.

Special Recognition:

The Brightwater HOA Board of Directors extends sincere appreciation to **David Lemons** for his many years of volunteer service to the community. Early on David served as a Board Director and Treasurer, and in recent years as lead for electrical work in the common areas. He has coordinated facilities maintenance for the Clubhouse, pool and tennis courts, keeping Brightwater's assets in working order. As he steps back from some of his responsibilities, he will continue to chair the Architectural Control Committee. Our sincere thanks to David for his time and dedication to Brightwater!



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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 22

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26

Wednesday, August 23

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

(Meetings will resume in the Fall.)

BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

Thursday, June 8

Thursday, July 13

Thursday, August 10

For information, contact ramirezsusana51@gmail.com

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 1

Monday, June 5

For information, contact Elaine Smith, 281-499-6660, emchabert@comcast.net

BRIGHTWATER CHESS CLUB

Clubhouse, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 14

Sunday, June 11

Sunday, July 9

Sunday, August 13

POOL TAGS & TENNIS KEYS

Clubhouse, 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

Saturday, May 27

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse, 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, June 12

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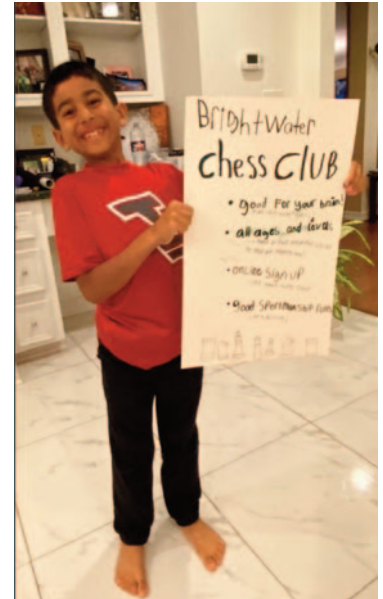
Brightwater Chess Club Approved by Board

The HOA Board meeting on March 22 saw a first for the community. During the Homeowner's Forum, Ayan Shiralkar -- who is all of seven years old -- made a formal presentation to the Board requesting approval for a Brightwater Chess Club. With a little help from his mom, he had already tested his concept by distributing handmade flyers to his neighbors on Waterview Court, inviting them to play chess at Westshore Park.

The turnout from his grassroots effort was impressive, and he decided to take it to the next level. He explained that chess is good for the brain and can be played by all ages. In Ayan's opinion, "chess is a much better use of one's time than playing video games or sitting in front of the television hour after hour."

He asked the Board if the Chess Club could meet at the Clubhouse once a month. His request was approved, and the first meeting of the newly founded Brightwater Chess Club will be on Sunday, May 14, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, send an email to dgiltner5@comcast.net with the following information:

- Name and physical address (The Club is open to Brightwater residents only.)
- Email address and phone number
- Skill level: Beginning, Intermediate or Advanced



Pool Opening Kick Off!!!

- The pool will open on Memorial Day weekend, May 27, at 11:00 a.m., with an ice cream cart of frozen treats.
- Pool tags will be available for pick-up at the Clubhouse on May 20 and on May 27 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- If you are not able to get your tags on either of these days, you may ask another Brightwater resident to get them for you.
- Only residents whose accounts are in good standing with Crest Management will be issued tags.
- **The charge for Crest to mail unclaimed tags to a resident is \$20.00.**
- See "Beacon" insert for pool schedule and rules.



Flag Service



Boy Scout Troop 731 will offer flag service to residents of Brightwater for a donation of \$35 for the 2023 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, a check made payable to BSA Troop 731 along with the below coupon can be dropped in the white lockbox at 1727 Shoreline Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459. For additional information, contact Joanna Ouder Kirk, 281-845-4155 or jejouderkirk@gmail.com.

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YES! I want flag service for 2023!

Name _____ Phone # _____

Brightwater address _____

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

Landscape Report

In February, the Landscape Committee had a walk through with Superior Landscaping to plan spring cleanup and projects.

Superior has redone the planters at the Clubhouse, adding soil and planting new shrubs and ornamental grasses. They also planted loropetalum in the circle bed and a group of Anthony Waterer spirea in the oval bed at Harbor Point. All roses, oleanders, ligustrums and liriopie along the greenbelt and at the entrances have been trimmed. Superior will upgrade and address necessary repairs throughout the irrigation system during the next few months. New plantings require good irrigation.

Several trees at the north end of the greenbelt were sprayed for ball moss, and the Committee purchased three trees: a Drake elm, a trident maple and a white oak. The trees have been planted north of the bridge and across from Jetty Terrace on Brightwater Drive. In Northshore Park, a large diseased Hackberry was removed. Please note, the HOA is only removing trees that are in poor condition or dying. The majority of Brightwater's trees are healthy and add to the value and appearance of the neighborhood.

Maintenance has been done at the playgrounds, and three residents have volunteered to periodically inspect the playgrounds for possible hazards such as wasp nests, fire ants, and broken or damaged equipment. Thank you volunteers, for your involvement and interest in Brightwater.

April Yard of the Month



4127 Mooring Point Court

HOA Lakes

Floating patches of water lettuce have recently been seen in the HOA lakes. The boom in the small lake, which holds back this type of vegetation, has lasted over 12 years and will be replaced in the near future.

Vehicle Check

A recent disturbing trend is criminals switching vehicle license plates to commit crimes. Please periodically check the front and rear plates on your vehicles to make sure they are yours! If not, notify the Missouri City Police Department.



Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

	May	June	July	August
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	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th	13 th & 27 th	11 th & 25 th	8 th & 22 nd
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	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th	13 th & 27 th	11 th & 25 th	8 th & 22 nd

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CAI Award

Brightwater won the Community of the Year—Category 1, an award given annually by the Greater Houston Area Chapter of the Community Associations Institute. CAI is an international organization dedicated to building better communities. The award is dated January 6, 2023 and is on display at the Clubhouse. Brightwater was nominated by Crest Management for this honor.

“Beacon”

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

Newsletter Advertising

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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.

Website Address

www.lakesofbrightwater.com

Your HOA at Work

The Board and HOA committees have been busy with Brightwater maintenance and improvements. A new fence was installed west of the Lexington entrance as well as at Lakewinds Park. New bollard lights have been installed in the median on Brightwater near Cartwright, and several areas of the pool are being refreshed in time for the summer season. The fire lane in front of the Clubhouse was cleaned and repainted and sections of sidewalk and the stairs down to the dock are being replaced.

The Pavilion has come down, and the final steps of installing a sidewalk and grass are in progress. The structure needed to be demolished as most of the columns were rotten, and the entire Pavilion had become dangerously unstable. The Board will contact an architect to get ideas on how to use the slab to provide needed storage along with a shaded area for residents to enjoy.



The Board has approved the big project of refurbishing the 30-year-old tennis courts. New LED lights will be installed, the mesh surround will be replaced, new benches will be added and the courts will be pressure washed. These improvements should take about two weeks to complete and are slated to begin next month.

Speeding

May 25 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!

Parks Vandalism

There have been reports of vandalism in Brightwater's parks. If you see anyone damaging HOA property, please contact the police. Repairs made due to these irresponsible activities cost the HOA residents.

Missouri City Police Department and...

January - March 2023 MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action:

1	Accident - minor	3	Forgeries
1	Animal bite	1	Parking violation
1	Death - natural	3	Suspicious activities
1	Disturbance - noise	3	Suspicious vehicles
3	Disturbance - persons	2	Traffic stops

Lt. Kevin Burleson was recently promoted to captain in the Missouri City Police Department. As a lieutenant, he acted as MCPD liaison to Brightwater for over 10 years attending monthly HOA meetings and reporting on criminal statistics in surrounding areas. Sgt. Jimmy Evans is the new police liaison to Brightwater.

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

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For Architectural Control (ACC) applications:

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Police	281-403-8700
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Animal Control	281-403-8707
Code Enforcement Hotline	281-403-8560
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281-773-5139

Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

- Resident reported campfire in Northshore Park. Police and Fire informed teens that camping is unlawful in the Park.
- Resident reported an abandoned boat near the Clubhouse.
- Numerous complaints received about dog walkers failing to pick up after pets, a City violation.
- Police responded to complaint of young males blocking a driveway, playing loud music and littering at Lakewinds Park.
- Damaged fence allowing access to unsanitary backyard pool reported to <https://seeclickfix.com>.

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.



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.



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Advice from the

Missouri City Police Department



Leave your porch light on overnight to improve visibility on dark streets and to discourage unwelcome night prowlers.

Tennis Court Rules

- Use of the tennis courts is restricted to Lakes of Brightwater residents and their guests.
- Under no circumstances should more than four players use any single court at any time.
- All players using courts must select a time to play and sign up for that time online.
- A reserved court becomes an open court if the person reserving the court fails to claim it within 10 minutes of the scheduled time.
- Limit play to three days per week.
- Maximum of 1½ hours of reserved time per family per day.
- Playing time is limited to:

Doubles	1½ hours
Singles	1 hour
- Tennis courts are restricted to tennis activities only.
- Good sportsmanship is expected at all times.
- Portable radios, tape players, or any other device that distracts from play are not permitted in the courts area.
- Courts are locked upon entering and leaving. If lights are on, turn off when leaving if no one else is waiting to play.
- Courts are to be kept clean and debris free. Glass containers of any kind are prohibited.
- No persons, especially children (other than players or instructors) are allowed within the court enclosure.
- No skateboards, skates or bicycles are allowed inside the tennis courts.



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