

LAKES OF BRIGHTWATER MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

Jan • Feb • March 2014

# Brightwater Reflections

#### **Coming Events**

#### **HOA Monthly Meetings**

Clubhouse

6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 21 Tuesday, February 18 Tuesday, March 18 Tuesday, April 15

#### **Neighborhood Coffee**

Clubhouse

10-11:30 AM

Monday, February 10 Monday, March 10 Monday, April 14

#### **Brightwater Garden Club**

Clubhouse

6:30 PM

Monday, January 27 Monday, February 24 Monday, March 24 Monday, April 28 COLOR PLANT SALE: Late March or early April

#### **Soup Social**

Clubhouse 12:00 — 2:30 PM Sunday, January 26



Taste a variety of homemade soups from neighborhood cooks and meet your neighbors!

#### 2013 Holiday Decoration Awards



Again this year, many Brightwater residents brightened the Holiday Season by giving our neighborhood a "glow" that put smiles on many faces. Brightwater Garden Club, as usual, had a difficult time choosing three top winners, three Honorable Mentions,

and five Hall of Fame homes. They are all winners. We thank you for taking your time to make Brightwater sparkle!

1st Place ~ 4111 Harbor Point Drive

2nd Place ~ 1902 Lakewinds Drive

3rd Place ~ 2123 Westshore Drive

#### **Honorable Mention**

4010 Brightwood Court 4006 Waterstone Drive 1711 Brightlake Way

#### **Hall of Fame**

1719 Northshore Drive 1839 Northshore Drive 4711 Lakeside Meadow Drive 1710 Starboard Shores Court 1806 Shoreline Drive

#### Cul-de-Sac

**Westshore Court** 

#### **Streets**

Lakeside Meadow Drive Eastshore Drive

#### Regular Events

#### Neighborhood Coffee:

Meets at Clubhouse on the 2nd Monday of the month September through May from 10-11:30 AM. Next meetings are February 10, March 10, and April 14. All residents are welcome!

#### **Evening Needleworkers:**

We invite you to come to join us. We meet in members' homes on a rotating basis the first Monday of each month from 7 to 8:45 PM. Bring your hand sewing or needlework and enjoy the company of fellow stitchers. The next meetings are February 3, March 3, and April 7. We'd love to have you join us as we begin our 14th year! For more information, call Elaine at 281-499-6660.

#### **HOA Monthly Board Meeting:**

Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse. Residents welcome at 6:00 PM. The next regular meetings are January 21, February 18, and March 18.

#### **Brightwater Garden Club**:

Please join us at the Clubhouse at 6:30 PM on Monday, January 27, to hear Janice Scanlan tell us how to attract more birds to our gardens. On February 24, Cindy Bowers from Enchanted Forest will speak on "Planting a Kitchen Garden." March 24 program will be about Missouri City Parks with Paul Wierzbicki, the City Horticulturist. April 28 will feature John McQueen speaking on "The Amazing World of Cacti and Succulents."

We will have our annual Color Plant Sale with bedding plants from a local nursery in late March or early April, depending on when spring arrives this year.

For more information, please contact BGC President Betty Grant at 281-261-5913 or Membership Chair Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695.



#### **HOA Board Report**

Rita McMahon

The Board approved the construction of a Splash Pad addition to our pool at the December Board meeting. The Splash Pad construction begins the week of January 6th and should be completed by our summer pool opening. We will have above and below ground features incorporated into the design. The Splash Pad is a welcome addition to our neighborhood facilities.

At the October budget meeting, the Board voted to keep our home owner assessments at the same rate as last year - \$690. Please make sure you have paid your bill so that you will not be assessed interest and fees. If you have any questions about the amounts/fees you are being charged, do not hesitate to contact Liz Trapolino at Crest Management at 281-945-4645.

All residents are welcome at our monthly Homeowners' Association Board Meetings. They are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at the Clubhouse. We welcome residents' ideas on how to enhance our community.

If you have recently moved into Brightwater or changed your phone number, please update your animals' pet tags as soon as possible. We have had an increase in lost pets escaping from backyards and many concerned residents would like to reunite them with their owners as quickly as they can.

#### **Communications**

Ruchira Paul

**e-Bulletin:** This service provides information about Brightwater events, meetings, security issues, and lost & found items. To subscribe, you simply send your email address to Ruchira Paul at <a href="mailto:bulletin@lakesofbrightwater.com">bulletin@lakesofbrightwater.com</a>. www.lakesofbrightwater.com: Our website contains neighborhood news and events, contact information, HOA forms and documents, and Missouri City public and political offices.

**Social** Diane Giltner

**Soup Social:** On **Sunday, January 26**, several Brightwater cooks will once again provide tasty soups and other appetizing items at the Clubhouse from 12:00 to 2:30. Plan to drop by and taste our cooks' culinary favorites. If you would like to share your favorite soup, contact Kent Hudson at 832-452-5368. Please consider bringing a can or two of soup for the local Food Bank.

**2013 Holiday Open House:** Special thanks to Dulles High School students and Brightwater residents who helped with the party. Santa's visit was quite a treat for the kids and a good time was had by all!



#### **MCPD Crime Watch Report**

Diane Giltner

Missouri City Police Department has resumed providing crime statistics by neighborhoods. MCPD responded to numerous calls that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded.

The October-December 2013 incidents requiring Police action:

- 1 Assault
- 1 Domestic disturbance
- 1 Runaway
- 1 Residence backdoor found open with several dogs running loose
- 1 Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle
- 1 Attempted Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle
- 2 Burglary of Motor Vehicle

The stolen vehicle was recovered and suspects arrested. Police believe they were responsible for the vehicle burglaries.

Lieutenant Burleson, MCPD Liaison to Brightwater, urges residents to avoid being victims of recent criminal activity by taking time to:

- Lock vehicle at residence thieves steal items from unlocked vehicles on neighborhood streets and driveways
- Lock vehicle at gas stations thieves reach into vehicles to grab purses or backpacks while individual is pumping gas
- Record serial numbers of new electronics; don't advertise new electronicsbreak down boxes to conceal contents



**Streetlights:** Our neighborhood streets are darker during winter months. Note the pole number and report outages to www.centerpointelectric.com or 713-207-2222.

**Addresses**: It is important for emergency vehicles to locate your home. Trim shrubbery away from address plague on your home and have curb numbers refurbished.

**Award**: In recognition of National Night Out throughout Missouri City, MCPD announced three "Best Block Party" winners during an October City Council meeting. Two plaques were awarded to individual parties and one to all of Brightwater for our 13 block parties.

**Training**: Officer Evett Kelly and Lieutenant Kevin Burleson will conduct a brief training session in early spring for residents interested in volunteering for the Crime Watch program. For more information, contact Diane Giltner at 291-499-0695 or dgiltner5@comcast.net.

Vacation Watch: MCPD at 281-403-8700 and BCW at 281-499-0695.

### PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR 2014 HOA ASSESSMENT OF \$690 IS DUE BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

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#### Soup Social

Sunday, January 26, 2014 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Stop in to sample a variety of homemade soups from our community cooks and visit with your neighbors!

Consider bringing a few cans of soup to donate to the Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry Food Bank. For more information or to contribute a soup, contact Kent Hudson at 832-452-5368.

## January-February-March 2014

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