

Lakes Of Brightwater

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COMING EVENTS

HOA Monthly Meetings

Clubhouse 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 20

Tuesday, February 17

Tuesday, March 17

Neighborhood Coffee

Clubhouse 10-11:30 AM

Monday, April 13

Brightwater Garden Club

Clubhouse 6:30 PM

Monday, January 26

Monday, February 23

Monday, March 23

Monday, April 27

Evening Needleworkers

Members' homes 7:00 PM

For information, please call:

281-499-6660.

Monday, February 2

Monday, March 2

Monday, April 6

Soup Social

Clubhouse 12:00-2:30 PM

Sunday, January 25

Missouri City Trash-Off

Saturday, March 21

WINTER 2015

2014 Holiday Decoration Awards

The Brightwater Garden Club Holiday Judging Committee is pleased to announce our winners for 2014. So many yards were a pleasure to see that we wish we had more awards to present! Decorations had to be completed by December 14 and, of course, the lights had to be turned on to be eligible for judging. Thanks to all our residents who decorated for making Brightwater a cheerful, colorful place to live this Holiday Season!

1st Place—*1902 Lakewinds Drive* Beautiful hanging spheres and colorful lighted displays were showcased in this creative holiday yard.

2nd Place—*4010 Brightwood Court* A magical yard with a family of ducks and special lighting made this a one of a kind holiday treat.

3rd Place—*4747 Lakeside Meadow* A golfing Santa visited Brightwater to bring a smile to young and old. Tragically, Santa was kidnapped December 20 and found floating in the creek, but he will very likely appear next year to complete his round of golf.

Honorable Mention

1502 Waterwood Court

4306 Westshore Court

1706 Lakewinds

Hall of Fame

4111 Harbor Point Drive

1711 Brightlake Way

1719 Northshore Drive

1839 Northshore Drive

1710 Starboard Shores Court

1806 Shoreline Drive

4306 Lakefront Court

1826 Seabreeze Court

Best Cul-de-Sac

Westshore Court



this issue

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Soup Social

Facts About Brightwater Lakes

Grounds Committee Update:

Hou-Scape will continue to be our Brightwater landscape provider for 2015.

In January, we will continue to assess our aging Bradford Pear trees which will probably necessitate more removals. As we take down trees, we plan to have some more varieties planted. In December, we added three Shumard Red Oak trees and three Red Maple trees along Brightwater Drive. These trees will provide us additional fall color.

Betty Grant, Chairman
Grounds Committee

Sewing Club News:

We invite you to join our Evening Needleworkers group. Bring your handiwork (crocheting, knitting, cross stitching, mending, etc.) and enjoy the company of fellow stitchers. We meet in members' homes from 7:00 PM to about 8:30 PM on the first Monday of the month. Next meeting dates are February 2, March 2, and April 6. To know more call Elaine at 281-499-6660.

From the Board Of Directors:

Happy New Year to all and a special welcome to new residents of our proud, established Missouri City community!

As part of our revitalization project, we are experimenting with possible color changes and have painted sample variations on the stucco walls at the Cartwright entrance. Check them out and look for more news and ideas on that project in the upcoming issues of The Beacon.

Our neighborhood is maintained solely from your HOA assessment fees. Please remember to pay them by **January 31**. All residents **must** pay their HOA maintenance dues by then to avoid penalty charges. Non-payment will result in your account being turned over to our attorney.

If you are planning to make exterior improvements to your home, please remember to submit all requests for change to the ACC for approval. This includes paint color, fences, windows, etc. You will find detailed information on our website, lakesofbrightwater.com.

Our recent children's Holiday Party at the Clubhouse had over 50 children in

attendance. Thanks to all our volunteers for making it a success. Thank you also to our residents who have supported the neighborhood this year by serving on committees, attending community events and providing input to make Brightwater run smoothly. We welcome involvement by residents and suggestions for future events.

Our monthly HOA meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month except June. All residents are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact a Board member or Crest Management.

Rita McMahon
Brightwater HOA President



Ripples



Collect leaves: Please collect leaves from your curb to prevent them from going into the storm drains. They can plug the system and cause street flooding during the heavy rainstorms we have this time of year.

Caring for your Dogs: We recently have had several dogs "escape" with no identification. Please make sure your dog is secured and properly tagged. Also, when walking your dog, be sure to pick up after him/her.

Tennis Sign-In: Please remember that residents must put their name and address on the sign-in sheet each time they play.

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off: Will be held Saturday, March 21, at the Civic Center Complex at 1522 Texas Parkway. Registration forms are available at the Missouri City Recreation and Tennis Center, 2701 Cypress Point Drive, or visit www.missouricitygreen.org to register. For more information, call 281-403-8637.

Reduce Your Water Flow

Your Municipal Utility District (MUD #42) is tasked with providing residents with clean, safe drinking water, sewage treatment and system maintenance. Additionally, they strive to keep residents abreast of water conservation measures. Here are a number of tips for reducing both your usage and monthly costs:



Is your water toilet a water hog? Replacing an old 3.5 to 8 gallon-per-flush toilet with a new 1.6 gallon-per-flush (or less) high efficiency model could save thousands of gallons per year.

Do you have a leaky faucet? A little drip may not seem like much, but a faucet that drips just five times a minute may be wasting more than 200 gallons of water a year.

Do you leave the faucet running when you brush your teeth? Turn it off to save 70 gallons per month or more. You can also install water-saving faucet aerators to further reduce your faucet water use.

How long is your shower? Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month. Also turn off the water while washing your hair and save up to 150 gallons a month.

Cleaning your dishes? Run your washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

Keep it long. Adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass.

Tablets that can be used to detect toilet leaks are available free of charge at the Quail Valley Utility District office. If you suspect a leak and need assistance in determining its location, please call 281-499-5539.

Brightwater Garden Club Invites You To Join Us!



In November, the Garden Club delivered groceries for five Thanksgiving dinners to the Fort Bend Women's Center to be given to families who had recently moved from the Center. We also continued consulting with Lexington Creek Elementary School on their Butterfly Garden and on their landscaping plans to celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Please join us for our next meetings held at the Clubhouse at 6:30 PM the 4th Monday of the month. Our speaker for January 26 is Elizabeth Barrow, former owner of Papershell Nursery, speaking on "Xeriscaping in a Rainy Climate." On February 23, we'll have a speaker from Enchanted Forest Nursery discussing "Updating Your Curb Appeal." Then on March 23, two Fort Bend Master Gardeners will talk about "Landscape Water Conservation: Rainwater Harvesting."

For more information call Nancy Hudson at 281-403-9269 or Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695.

Lake Facts

- The large lake in Brightwater is approximately 52 acres in size while the smaller lake is 15.8 acres. While there are some areas that are 6 to 8' deep, the average depth of the lakes is 3 to 3-1/2 feet.
- No motorized boats are allowed, other than electric-powered ones not exceeding 11' in length and 4' in width and that do not have more than one motor not exceeding 2.0 hp.
- Remote controlled boats must be less than 48" to be operated in the lakes.
- Sailboats, paddle boats and canoes shall be allowed provided they are less than 14' in length and 6' in width.
- No swimming or wading is allowed in either lake.
- Any person fishing in the lakes must have a valid fishing license.

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Brightwater Soup Social

**Sunday, January 25, 2015
12:00-2:30 p.m.**

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

Bring a few cans of soup to donate to the Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry Food Bank.

Adult Residents Only, Please

Clubhouse



Missouri City Police Department and...

MCPD November - December 2014

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

- 1 Assault
- 1 Robbery
- 1 Solicitor
- 1 Ordinance Violation-Fireworks

Brightwater Patrol - Off-Duty MCPD Officers

Multiple parking and traffic citations issued.

BCW

December

12/20 Lakeside Meadow Drive resident reported golf-themed Santa was taken from holiday display that won the Third Place Award by the Garden Club. Partial

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ENERGY SAVING TREES:

CenterPoint Energy, Arbor Day Foundation and Trees For Houston are once again offering the Energy-Saving Trees program. CenterPoint offers two free trees per registrant reserved through an online process from now through Feb. 20. While supplies last 2,500 trees will be available to CenterPoint consumers who agree to plant them in energy-saving locations. Trees available include: Bald Cypress, Cedar Elm, Pecan, Red Maple, Sweetgum and five oak varieties.



To register, visit <http://energysavingtrees.arborday.org> or <http://www.centerpointelectric.com/cehe/home>, map your house, choose your tree types and reserve. After the trees are reserved online, they can be picked up on Saturday, February 21, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the 5500 Block of Greenbriar Drive. Basic tree planting educational materials and a map of the designated planting site(s) will accompany the tree order.

Brightwater Crime Watch Report

remains were recovered from Oyster Creek.

MCPD Tips - Newly Purchased Items

Thieves are busiest during the holiday season.

- * record serial numbers
- * don't advertise new electronics--break down and fold discarded boxes to conceal contents

Lt. Bursleson, MCPD Liaison, reported criminal activity is down in our area. Residents are advised to be aware of surroundings, look out for each other and call MCPD if anything is out of the



ordinary.

Vacation Watch:

MCPD 281-403-8700 and BCW 281-499-0695

Brightwater Crime Watch (BCW) is a Neighborhood Watch program that provides another set of eyes and ears for our Police Department. The primary activity utilizes scheduled patrols within our neighborhood by a team of residents. Interested individuals should contact Diane at 281-499-0695 regarding a brief training session to be presented by MCPD this spring at our Clubhouse.



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Knowing your risk is the first step to heart health. Join us to learn your 10-year risk for heart disease and receive *cholesterol and blood pressure screenings*.

Colorectal Seminar

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 • 6 PM

Learn about colorectal cancer — the second leading cause of cancer death for men and women — and take home a *free colorectal screening kit*.

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