

Lakes of Brightwater

WINTER 2018

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

Tuesday, March 20

Tuesday, April 17

Tuesday, May 15

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 22

Monday, February 26

Monday, March 26

Monday, April 23

EVENING

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 5

Monday, March 5

Monday, April 2

Monday, May 7

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING

*for Brightwater Watch
Volunteers partnering
with Missouri City Police
Department*

Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 19

*Pre-register by
contacting Diane Giltner,
dgiltner5@comcast.net or
281-499-0695.*

What's Coming in 2018



New finish for old wall in front of Clubhouse

Brightwater is **the** place to live in 2018! Our Refresh project will wrap up as it completes Phase III. The Clubhouse will get a face lift and you will notice finishing touches being made to our landscaping and flower beds. Although we've heard, "Columns? What columns?" there **are** columns along Brightwater that will undergo a makeover. Thereafter, the columns may catch your eye by being much more attractive and consistent throughout the community.

People with common interests coming together make a community strong. Some of our regular activities include the Brightwater Garden Club, two book clubs and the Needleworkers Group. The playgrounds, swimming pool and tennis courts are popular hangouts. We celebrate our children by holding special events such as an Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July parade and pool party, Halloween mini-parade and Children's Holiday Open House in December.

In 2018, look forward to the roll out of the Brightwater Cancer Support Group. See announcement on page 2. An Art Show will make a comeback; stay tuned for more information on it. What about having an international music program with performers from around the world who live right here in Brightwater? Making ideas become a reality takes volunteers with enthusiasm, energy and commitment to making them happen. If you want to become involved, contact Diane Giltner, Special Events Chair, dgiltner5@comcast.net.

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Brightwater Cancer Support Group

Anyone interested in attending Brightwater's first Cancer Support Group meeting, please contact Susan Ramirez, 281-208-1864 or ramirezsusana51@gmail.com. The purpose of the group is to share information and provide social and emotional support to anyone whom cancer has affected, including patients, family and caretakers. If you are a cancer survivor diagnosed last week, last month or ten years ago, you are one of an estimated 12 million people in the United States. If you are caring for or have cared for a cancer patient, you have assumed an essential role in the cancer experience. The group shall be independent of any religious group, specific treatment philosophy, or other cancer organization.

Neighborhood Watch Training

Name change! Because Brightwater residents are fortunate to live in a subdivision with an extremely low incidence of crime, the previously used term "Crime Watch" is being replaced by "Neighborhood Watch."

Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Neighborhood Watch programs. Since 2009, Brightwater has benefitted from the efforts of community volunteers who patrol the neighborhood in their personal vehicles looking for suspicious activity or property conditions that could invite a burglar. These could be as minor as leaving porch lights on during the day, not collecting community newspapers or flyers left at a house, or having your garage door open for extended periods of time.

Neighborhood Watch programs are not vigilante organizations, and volunteers are never to intervene in any questionable situation. They are to contact authorities with information on what they have observed.

In order to serve in Brightwater's Neighborhood Watch program, individuals are required to attend a training conducted by Lt. Kevin Burleson, Missouri City Police Department. The next training will be held at the Clubhouse on Monday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. It will last an hour or less. If you are interested in learning more about this vital community volunteer opportunity, please contact Diane Giltner, dgiltner5@comcast.net.



According to the experts, "the climate of Houston is classified as humid subtropical." Apparently this important fact was somehow overlooked by the weather-makers on December 8, and we woke up to snow in Brightwater! Our esteemed Brightwater Shutterbug, Allen Grant, ventured forth to record this freak event of Mother Nature.



Brightwater Volunteers

Name ten things that Brightwater Volunteers do for the community. Once you have your list of ten, are you able to assign a dollar value to the tasks they perform? Certain responsibilities can only be handled by a professional management company. Ours is Crest Management. From our association dues, Crest pays all our bills, responds to residents' questions, concerns and complaints, does a monthly inspection of the neighborhood to identify code enforcement issues, compiles the yearly budget plus handling a number of other financial and legal responsibilities. Crest takes no action and makes no decisions without the consensus of the Brightwater Homeowners Association Board of Directors.

Back to the question about the value of our volunteers. We could pay Crest to do most of what our volunteers do. They would handle our pool tag registrations for \$500/day. They could write the Beacon newsletter for \$100/hour. Special projects such as the makeover of the playground or the Refresh Project would be billed at \$100/hour. David Lemons, neighborhood volunteer lead on the Refresh project, how many hundreds of hours have you donated to Brightwater? Times \$100 ...

When we thank our volunteers, let's remember that their efforts mean money in our pockets.

Winning Holiday Decorations – 2017



1826 Seabreeze Court



1502 Waterwood Court



4103 Admiral Court

Best Block – Eastshore Drive
Best Cul de Sac – Westshore Court

Honorable Mention

4214 Lake Terrace Ct. 1834 Sea Breeze Ct.
4714 Lakeside Meadow Dr. 4302 Waterlily Ct.
1847 Lakewinds Dr. 1911 Waterside Dr.

Hall of Fame

1711 Brightlake Way 4747 Lakeside Meadow Dr.
4010 Brightwood St. 1902 Lakewinds Dr.
4111 Harbor Point Dr. 1806 Shoreline Dr.
4306 Lakefront Ct. Starboard Shores Ct.
4623 Lakeside Meadow Dr.

Children’s Holiday Open House



Trash Collection Schedule for Brightwater

	February	March	April	May
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	13 th & 27 th	13 th & 27 th	10 th & 24 th	8 th & 22 nd
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	13 th & 27 th	13 th & 27 th	10 th & 24 th	8 th & 22 nd

Subscribe to eBulletin

The Brightwater eBulletin is more tightly controlled than social media, but has many of the same purposes. It is meant to deliver timely information about missing pets so residents can be on the lookout for your wandering family members and help get them home quickly. It also includes community event reminders and other important local announcements. If you are not receiving eBulletins and would like to subscribe to this free service, please send your name, Brightwater address, and email address to Susan Ramirez, ramirezsusana51@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Flag Service

This is the 16th year Boy Scout Troop #1294 has been placing flags in Brightwater. Flags are at our entrances on Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day and Veterans Day. 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 Doyal DeBow at doyaldebow@gmail.com.

The "Beacon"

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

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Brightwater Garden Club

The Brightwater Garden Club is a great resource for those who want to improve their gardening skills. You will find knowledgeable speakers, interesting topics and members who are willing to share tips on gardening and their own garden cuttings. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Brightwater Clubhouse on the fourth Monday of the month, and all are welcome. Please join us for the following presentations:



Monday, January 22: "EarthKind™ Roses" – Barbara Buckley. EarthKind roses are tough and beautiful as well as able to resist pests and diseases. Learn how to correctly plant, grow and care for these hardy roses and which varieties are best suited to our area.

Monday, February 26: "Growing and Using Herbs" – Tricia Bradbury. February is a great time to plant herbs. Learn how to incorporate herbs into your garden and creative ways to use your homegrown herbs.

Monday, March 26: "Made in the Shade" – Cheryl Huber. As the trees in our neighborhood grow, many gardens are becoming shade gardens. Learn how to successfully landscape for shade gardening and which plants do well in a shady spot.

Monday, April 23: "Ask the Expert" – Boone Holladay. Back by popular demand, our Ask the Expert presentation will feature Fort Bend's Extension Agent who will answer your gardening questions.

To learn more about the Brightwater Garden Club and the benefits of becoming a member, visit www.brightwatergardenclub.com.

Storm Drains: In Brightwater, our storm water sewer system keeps water from backing up in our streets and yards after a heavy rain. The most common reason for drains to stop functioning is drain clogs. Keep storm drains free of lawn clippings, pet waste and debris. Individuals and yard crews should not blow clippings or leaves into the streets or gutters. Remember: Only rain down the drain.



If you need to report a street drainage problem, go to www.missouricityxgov/475streets and fill out the Request for Service Form.

Missouri City Police Department and...

During the final three months of 2017, Missouri City Police responded to numerous calls in Brightwater that were resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring police action were:

4	911 – unknown	1	narcotics investigation
1	accident	12	ordinance violation
1	animal	2	parking violation
3	assist citizen	1	shots fired
1	death – natural	4	suspicious activity
2	disturbance	4	suspicious vehicle
1	failure to stop to render aid	1	theft
3	forgery	1	traffic complaint
1	fraud	1	traffic hazard
1	lost property	7	traffic stop

CREST MANAGEMENT

Liz Trapolino 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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Brightwater Crime Watch Report

Reflection Court : Report of white vehicle frequently speeding.

Stillwater Drive: Report of female unloading trash bags from truck into WCA receptacle as well as along the curb.

Northshore Drive at Lakefront Drive: Numerous reports of traffic hazard created at busy intersection due to multiple parked vehicles.

Midstream: Resident reported unidentified individual caught on security camera stealing a package.

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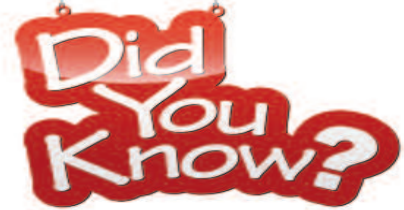
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Your Brightwater Home Investment

Interesting facts...

- In 2016, home sale prices in Brightwater ranged from a low of \$250,000 to a high of \$385,000.
- The average length of time for a house to sell was 75 days.
- There are typically no more than ten homes on the market at any given time.
- Brightwater has a relatively low turnover, because people love this neighborhood!

Trash Placement Enforcement Sweep Under Way

[EXCERPTS FROM MISSOURI CITY CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER]

In the months after Hurricane Harvey, the City suspended enforcement of trash placement and fence and debris violations to assure homeowners in all communities had an opportunity to focus on rebuilding and recovering from the storm.



The deferment continued through the end of November. On Friday, December 1, 2017, Code Enforcement Officers resumed issuing warnings and citations for trash placement offenses. On Thursday, February 1, 2018, staff will resume enforcing fence and debris regulations.

Last year, City Council unanimously approved an ordinance that establishes graduated minimum penalties for certain violations, including solid waste and recycling receptacle placement.

Council approved the fines below for violation of the Solid Waste Receptacle Placement ordinance:

- a minimum fine of \$50 for a first conviction
- \$250 for the second conviction
- \$500 for three or more convictions

Any device used for trash collection or storage must be screened from public view. Code of Ordinance also prohibits trash and trash containers being placed at the curb prior to 6:00 p.m. the evening before scheduled collection and after midnight of the scheduled collection day.

Residents who wish to report Code Enforcement violations may do so through <https://seeclix.com/missouri-city>.

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