

# Lakes of Brightwater

WINTER 2024

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## COMING EVENTS

### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Clubhouse, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Saturday, February 3

### HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 28  
Wednesday, March 27  
Wednesday, April 24

### BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, February 26  
Monday, March 25  
Monday, April 22

### BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, February 8  
Thursday, March 14  
Thursday, April 11  
For information, contact [ramirezsusana51@gmail.com](mailto:ramirezsusana51@gmail.com)

### NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes, 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 5  
Monday, March 4  
Monday, April 1  
For information, contact Elaine Smith, 281-499-6660, [emchabert@comcast.net](mailto:emchabert@comcast.net)

### BRIGHTWATER CHESS CLUB

Clubhouse, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 11  
Sunday, March 10  
Sunday, April 14

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## Holiday Decorating Contest



**First Place**  
1822 Sea Breeze Court

The Brightwater neighborhood was again beautiful with sparkling lights and lovely seasonal décor. Sponsored by the Garden Club, this year's holiday decorating competition saw more delightfully decked out homes than ever before, and judging them was quite challenging. Congratulations to the 2023 award winners, and thanks to the many residents who decorated to make Brightwater cheery and bright. Also a note of appreciation to the four Club members chosen to judge the neighborhood's 795 homes for outdoor holiday decorations.

The first-place winner had spectacular decorations with lovely wreaths on the double front doors, and glittering lights and icicles outlined an archway. Two large oaks were lit amidst a holiday display of reindeer. Bright lights ringed the gardens and

walkways, and snowflakes edged the entire roof completing this festive display.

Other awards are Honorable Mention, Best Block or Street and Best Cul de Sac. Once a home has placed three times—winning first, second or third-place awards—it is eligible to enter the Hall of Fame the following year, provided the home is suitably decorated and owned by the same residents.

### **BRIGHTWATER FACEBOOK PAGE**

Brightwater now has an HOA community Facebook Group page! This adds a new channel of communications for our neighborhood in addition to our newsletter and eBulletin. It will also facilitate important resident-to-resident interaction. There will be regular posts to the page about events, activities and important community notices, as well as articles of interest to homeowners. When signing up, you will be asked to enter your physical address and agree to the group rules. To join, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lobtexas>.

### **REMINDER**

January 31 is the deadline for submitting your annual Homeowners Association dues to avoid late fees. Residents' assessments help maintain and improve all of Brightwater. If you have any questions, contact Sunni at Crest Management, 281-945-4615.

# Holiday Decorations



**Second Place**  
4519 Northshore Court

The holidays arrived with a flourish at this well-decorated house. Large toy soldiers stood watch over beloved characters from Charlie Brown and Winnie the Pooh in a lively display across the front yard. Candy canes and holiday figures were sprinkled throughout, with lollipops and lights edging the walkways making for a sweet treat. A cheerful lighted candy cane on the iron gate set off this holiday design.



**Third Place**  
1706 Lakewinds Drive

A lovely nativity scene was accompanied by seasonal messages of “Joy,” “noel” and “Happy Holidays” in this beautiful yard. The sago palms were wrapped with lights as were the landscape beds. A reindeer pulling a gift-laden sleigh was joined by a singing mouse family, toy soldier, wrapped gifts and festive decorated sago palms. A large lighted wreath above the door and green wreaths in all the windows round out the display.

	<b>Honorable Mention</b>		<b>Honorable Mention</b>	
<p><b>Best Block</b> 1835-1852 Brightlake Way</p> <p><b>Best Cul de Sac</b> Sea Breeze Ct.</p>	<p>1802 Brightlake Way 4002 Brightwood St. 4106 Brightwood St. 4110 Jetty Terrace 4114 Jetty Terrace 4735 Lakeside Meadow</p>	<p>1710 Lakewinds Dr. 1822 Lakewinds Dr. 1710 Shoreline Dr. 4119 Starboard Shores Dr. 4139 Stillwater Dr. 4407 Waterlily Ct.</p>	<p>1711 Brightlake Way 4111 Harbor Point 4219 Harbourview Ct. 4747 Lakeside Meadow 4322 Lakeside Meadow</p>	<p>1902 Lakewinds Dr. 1839 Northshore Dr. 1826 Sea Breeze Ct. 1806 Shoreline Dr. 1710 Starboard Shores Ct.</p>

*According to Brightwater’s Architectural Control Guidelines, “decorations must be removed within four (4) weeks after the date of the holiday.”*



## A Brightwater Icon

For more than 25 years, Harbor Point Drive has been a “must-see stop” on Brightwater’s holiday decorations tour. The first time the roller coaster went up in Pam and Tom Simon’s front yard, they received notification from the HOA that they were causing a traffic hazard from all the cars that stopped to watch Santa navigate the rails. Have you ever wondered where the roller coaster is kept during the off season and how it is assembled? There is a small shed in the back yard that the disassembled coaster fits into quite easily. It takes the family about two hours to move the flattened display and another two hours to set it up. But, that’s not what takes all the time. It’s threading the many lights onto the display that takes time and patience.

Tom says he’s doesn’t know how much longer they will continue to provide this Brightwater special, but when the time comes to stop, it’s certain a lot of local children will be disappointed.

# Looking for Brightwater Volunteers

Our resident volunteers are our most valuable asset. They bring their time, talents and experience and also by serving, help reduce the HOA's administrative costs. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Communications, Facilities and Grounds Committees.

## Communications



The Communications Committee needs a volunteer to help coordinate the “Beacon” newsletter and eBulletin announcements, as well as monitor the HOA website. He or she would work with Prepared Publications, the contractor that handles the layout and printing of the “Beacon,” distribution of the eBulletin and updates to the website as directed.

Skills/Interests: good writing and/or editing skills, understanding of publishing formats.

Time commitment: estimated 3–5 hours per month.

## Facilities

The HOA has a number of approved contractors that work on the Clubhouse, Pool and Tennis Courts. A volunteer is needed to ensure those facilities stay in good working order and to coordinate various projects that come up from time to time. This position will work with the Crest Management account manager and a designated Board member.

Skills/Interests: experience with maintenance projects and contractors.

Time commitment: estimated 5–7 hours per month.



## Grounds/Landscape

An additional volunteer or two are needed to keep the HOA common grounds looking their best. Committee members coordinate with the HOA contractor, Superior Landscaping, to identify beds needing to be refreshed or replanted, to select seasonal annuals, monitor the irrigation system and assess the health of the turf.



Skills/Interests: gardening and/or irrigation experience.

Time commitment: estimated 3–4 hours per month.

## Landscape Report

Acorns and leaves were the story this past fall. It was a “mast” year for acorns, meaning oaks were dropping a huge number of nuts from late October to mid-December. It happens every two to five years and although it's not known exactly why this happens, it does provide more food for wildlife and increase the chance for more tree seedlings for survival of the species.

After the brutal summer of 2023, the Grounds Committee has been assessing the health of HOA trees. Last fall, there was concern for two large burr oaks in Northshore Park and after an arborist was brought in, it was determined they were rotting and needed to be removed. There are a few other trees in the park that suffered damage and may also need to come down. Overall, the HOA common grounds fared well through the high temps and drought.

If you need to add a tree to your property, now is the time to plant. The roots will have an opportunity to acclimate to the location while the tree is still dormant. When it gets hot, trees are stressed and often don't transplant as well. Don't prune shrubs until the risk of freeze is over, usually the first of March for this area. When the weather warms and branches start to show new growth, established shrubs can be pruned back and dead limbs removed. However, if you are certain they are dead, now is a good time to pull them out and condition the soil so new plants can be installed this spring.

Missouri City has a **Memorial Tree and Bench Program** which can be used to memorialize a departed friend or loved one. To learn details, go to [www.missouricitytx.gov/1078/Memorial-Tree-Bench-Program](http://www.missouricitytx.gov/1078/Memorial-Tree-Bench-Program)

## Social Activities

### New event!

On February 3, Brightwater will celebrate the Lunar New Year, also known as the Chinese New Year, at the Clubhouse from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This come-and-go event is open to the community. Authentic food tasting (vegetarian and non-vegetarian) entertainment including how to make origami, and music will be a part of this fun afternoon.

See page 6 for information on the Lunar New Year.

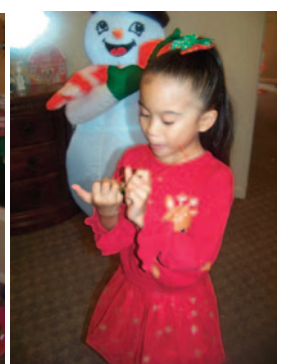
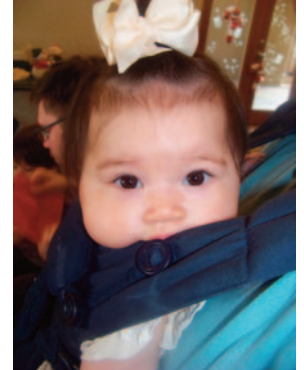
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## Children’s Holiday Party



**Appreciation** – Abbey McDonald, her daughter Vale and the Junior Varsity Dulles Dolls transformed the Clubhouse into a holiday setting for the Children’s Holiday Open House. Volunteers assisted with cookie decorating, crafts, games and refreshments. Special hug to Santa Kent Hudson!

## Missouri City Police Department and...

### October - December 2023

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

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|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Animal bite        | 1 Indecent exposure     | 1 Suspicious vehicle |
| 1 Death-natural      | 1 Lost property         | 1 Theft              |
| 1 Disturbance-noise  | 3 Ordinance violations  | 7 Traffic stops      |
| 1 Disturbance-person | 2 Parking violations    |                      |
| 1 Forgery            | 2 Suspicious activities |                      |

### Missouri City Police and Fire Departments Operation Thanksgiving Food Drive

Scout Troops 1731, 19434 and 157114 collected nonperishable items from residents’ porches. Four vehicles were filled before scouts caravanned to the Public Safety Headquarters where Police and Fire personnel greeted Brightwater’s collection with loud cheers.

The Lakes of Brightwater is a deed-restricted community. A list of the “covenants, conditions and restrictions” can be found at: [lakesofbrightwater.com](http://lakesofbrightwater.com) under Forms and Documents.

# 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:

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<b>Police</b>	<b>281-403-8700</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>281-403-4300</b>
<b>City Hall</b>	<b>281-403-8500</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>281-403-8707</b>
<b>Code Enforcement Hotline</b>	<b>281-403-8560</b>
<b>Gas Services</b>	<b>713-659-2111</b>
<b>Mail Delivery</b>	<b>281-208-1832</b>
<b>Electricity Problems</b>	<b>713-207-2222</b>
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## Brightwater Neighborhood Watch Report

- Commercial vehicles parked near fire hydrants
- Vehicles with expired inspection stickers parked on streets for months
- GFL bins and landscape debris curbside on non-collection days



Brandon Harris took the reins as **Missouri City Police Department's Chief of Police** on January 8. Harris, 56, became Interim Chief of Police in May 2023; his predecessor was Chief Mike Berezin who served with the department for 34 years. Harris grew up in Alief and has nearly 30 years of experience in law enforcement, having held every rank in the department.



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## The Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year is an event celebrated by millions of people across the world on the first new moon of their calendars. The festivities are held by numerous cultures in various ways on diverse dates.

Known in non-Chinese culture as the Chinese New Year, its history can be traced back to more than 4,000 years ago. Between 202 BC and 220 AD, an ancient Chinese writer described the celebration this way: “Children, wife, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren all serve pepper wine to their parents, make their toast, and wish their parents good health.” It is usual to have a family dinner together.

All cultures are rich in traditions. Although historians differ on whether the art of paper folding originated first in Japan, where it is known as “origami,” or in China where paper folding, called “zhezhi” (摺紙), was practiced during medieval times.



Each year in the lunar calendar is named after an animal, derived from Chinese folklore. The zodiac animals follow one another in an established order and are repeated every twelve years: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. 2024 is the Year of the Dragon.

# Brightwater Trash Schedule – 2024

JANUARY						
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DECEMBER						
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 Garbage, Recycling, Yard refuse, Bulk waste

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 Garbage

**Garbage** – Blue bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, [www.missouricitytx.gov](http://www.missouricitytx.gov)

**Recycling** – Gray bin provided by GFL, 281-403-5800, [www.missouricitytx.gov](http://www.missouricitytx.gov)

**Bulk waste** – Regular garbage bags of yard waste; large trash items that do not fit in garbage bins

**Yard refuse** – In CLEAR biodegradable bags; branches tied in bunches or personal garbage container of leaves, grass, etc.

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