

Lakes of Brightwater

BEACON NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, February 26

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse at 6:30 pm
Monday, January 27
Monday, February 24

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, January 9 see pg.6
Clubhouse at 6:30 pm
Thursday, February 6

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse at 6:30 pm
Thursday, January 23
Thursday, February 27

CHESS CLUB

Clubhouse at 4:00 pm
Sunday, January 12
Sunday, February 9

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Clubhouse, 2:00-4:00 pm
Saturday, December 7

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes at 7:00 pm
Monday, January 6
Monday, February 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

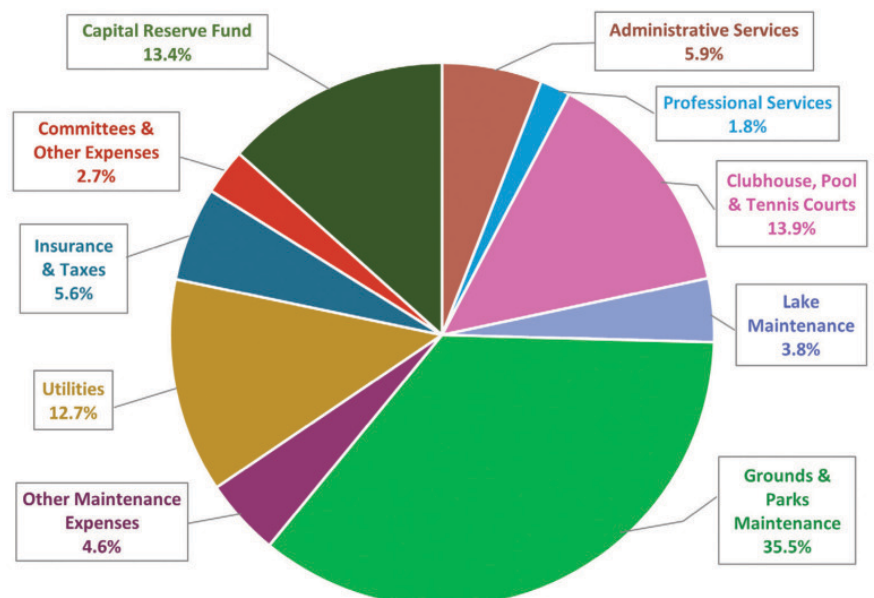
Monday, December 9 at 10:00 am

2025 BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT

The HOA, its assets and amenities operate on funds received by the 795 homeowners in Brightwater. These annual fees cover common grounds landscaping, the community pool, clubhouse and tennis court maintenance, as well as expenses for parks, social events, utilities, insurance and HOA management costs. Each October, the Board of Directors reviews the annual budget, including proposed expenses for the upcoming year and sets the next year's fee. The 2025 fee has been approved at \$947, a 2.5% increase over 2024. This reflects increases in many of the HOA's costs, an inflationary trend felt by almost everyone including the Association's contractors.

Below is the breakdown for the 2025 fee. Please note that Crest Management has mailed statements to all homeowners and the assessment is due by January 31. Anyone who has not received their 2025 statement or has a question regarding their HOA account can contact Sunni at Crest Management at sunni@crest-management.com or 281-945-4615. Note, any payments received after January 31, 2025 will incur a late fee, and tardy payments may have additional finance charges added.

Brightwater 2025 Budget



2024 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS



For Brightwater, The Brightwater Garden Club's 2024 Holiday Awards Committee will again be judging homes for outdoor holiday decorations. Parameters to be considered for selecting winners are: lighting, originality, creativity, use of color and decorations. Winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place and those receiving Honorable Mention will have signs placed in their yards. Likewise, residents who have won at least three years are considered a Hall of Fame yard and awards also go to Best Street and Best Cul-de-Sac or Block. Each will carry an award sign so residents who drive through the neighborhood can recognize the top homes. Note: Decorations must be completed by December 15th to be eligible for judging.

Winners will be announced in the eBulletin in mid-December and published in the Winter, 2025 Beacon. Signs are usually picked up by Garden Club members between January 2-5 so make sure to view the lovely decorations in Brightwater before then.

DID YOU KNOW?

- City residents can dispose of unused or outdated drugs safely by dropping them off at the drop box in the Missouri City Police Department lobby at 3849 Cartwright Road. The drop box is located in the corner of the vestibule and looks like a postal box. Only prescription medicine should be disposed of in this program.
- There are a number of extra copies of the 2022 Brightwater Residential Directory. If you did not receive one after submitting a directory form or if you are a new resident as of January, 2023, please contact info@lakesofbrightwater.com to receive this publication.
- An ongoing issue in our community is local residents who feed the ducks. While cracked corn, oats, rice and birdseed are acceptable, unfortunately a handful of people are leaving their lunch and dinner leftovers. DO NOT FEED bread, pasta, sauces or junk food, which have no nutritional value to ducks and can cause malnutrition and painful deformities if consumed too much. These foods are also unsightly and unsanitary for the area.



IMPORTANT INFO

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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ADVERTISING IN THE BEACON

Do you have an interest in placing an advertisement in The Beacon. We are accepting ads for the Winter issue, which will be mailed in January, 2025. Advertisements must be camera-ready artwork and of high resolution. They can be sent digitally to d6mauricio@gmail.com.

Ad prices are as follows:

- Business card \$100
- 1/4 page \$175
- 1/2 page \$300

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Brightwater observed National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1, with nine block parties held, promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. City Councilman Anthony Maroulis, along with several Missouri City Police and Fire officers, visited with residents at a number of these parties. The HOA was commended on its efforts to make the neighborhood a safer, more caring place to live.



Block party residents gather from Westshore Drive & Court.



Starboard Shores Court residents celebrate National Night Out.

MISSOURI CITY POLICE REPORT

August – October, 2024

MCPD responded to numerous calls in these four months that were then resolved, dismissed or disregarded. Those requiring action in Brightwater included:

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| 1 Animal Bite | 1 Intimidation |
| 1 Assault | 1 Noise Disturbance |
| 3 Assist Citizen | 3 Ordinance Violation |
| 4 Community Contact | 7 Suspicious Activity |
| 1 Disturbance-Person | 1 Traffic Complaint |
| 1 Field Investigation | 12 Traffic Stops |
| 1 Forgery | 1 Welfare Check |
| 4 Harassment | 1 Wire Fraud |



BRIGHTWATER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Two separate events of lost dogs – a pair from another neighborhood and a young black dog were located in Brightwater. With the help of several volunteers and concerned residents, the pair were ultimately reunited with their owner and the young dog was rescued.

MCPD increased traffic stops in Brightwater during July and August with most occurring on Lakeside Meadow Drive and Lakewinds. A request was made to increase monitoring of Westshore Drive at Tradewinds since drivers often ignore the stop signs at this intersection. Also a report of a driver passing a stopped school bus was made and this serious issue was passed on to Captain Burleson.

Complaints about residents feeding ducks were lodged, including leaving food on sidewalks and other areas of Brightwater. Unfortunately, HOA signage against this practice seems to be continually ignored.

Residents reported two streetlight outages. CenterPoint repaired both but one is out again. The poles are two of five that were not retrofitted with LED lights years ago. The City's Public Works Dept. and CenterPoint have been contacted but have not responded; efforts are continuing to address these streetlight updates.

A resident's vehicle was reported as not having been moved in four weeks. Crest was notified of the violation. Be aware that by Missouri City ordinance, a vehicle that has not moved in 72 hours can be cited as abandoned.

DIWALI FESTIVAL

The Diwali celebration at the Clubhouse was well attended and provided examples of the Hindu holiday's colorful dress, customs, food and music. Thanks to the many volunteers who contributed to this memorable event!



IMMUNOTHERAPY PROGRAM DRAWS INTEREST



Photo credit: Ocean Tu

On October 10, the Brightwater Clubhouse was filled with residents who attended an educational program on Immunotherapy presented by three senior pharmacists and an oncology nutritionist from Houston Methodist - Sugar Land. The presenters -- Edward McLean, James Cox, Gia Castorina and Kathryn McLean -- defined immunotherapy and explained the immune system and types of cancers immunotherapy is used to treat. They also gave a history of the development of immunotherapy and its potential side effects and noted the importance of nutrition during immunotherapy.

Many in the audience were cancer survivors, and they asked questions of the experts. This Q&A continued well after the conclusion of the program, which indicated the strong interest in the subject presented. This was the first of the Brightwater Cancer Support Group's educational programs with more planned.

BRIGHTWATER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



January 9, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Southminster Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
Cancer and Infectious Diseases, and the Power of Hope
Presented by Dr. Issam Raad

On January 9, 2025, the Brightwater Cancer Support Group will offer the second in a series of educational programs open to anyone in the Brightwater community. Dr. Issam Raad, a long-time Brightwater resident, will speak on Cancer and Infectious Diseases, and the Power of Hope. Any resident interested in attending should RSVP to Susan Ramirez, ramirezsusan51@gmail.com.

Dr. Raad has chaired the University of Texas MD Anderson's Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health for 21 years. He has been widely honored for creative research, compassionate patient care and outstanding teaching and mentorship with more than 30 prestigious national and international awards. Dr. Raad is also the Founder and President of Health Outreach to the Middle East (H.O.M.E.), a Christ-centered medical missions organization founded in 1990 that currently sponsors and manages more than 20 charity clinics and hospitals in 14 countries in the Middle East. In 2006, he founded the Worldwide Institute of Medical Education.

YARDS OF THE MONTH



SEPTEMBER
1902 Lakewinds



OCTOBER
4111 Waterview



NOVEMBER
4127 Admiral Ct

TREE AND GRASS PLANTING

The best time to plant trees in the Houston area is generally mid-November to late-February. Planting in late fall or winter will allow roots to become established before moisture demanding summer sets in. Check out the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council's website for more information on tree planting: www.haufc.org/planting-tips.

Note that the HOA requires two hardwood trees in each property's front yard unless the size of the yard is very limited. If that is the case, the homeowner may request a variance by the Board of Directors.

Can you plant grass sod in the fall and winter in the Houston area? Yes, absolutely. Grass sod can be installed in lawns year round. Although the best time of year to plant grass is March through May, the fall is also a good time of year as the daily temps become more moderate. It's not so hard on the grass and less watering is needed. Sod laid in the winter months isn't actively growing, however covering a bare spot of dirt with grass is better than letting the weeds take hold there. Keep heavy foot traffic off those areas and in the spring, the grass will be ready to take off and grow.



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HOW MUCH SPACE IS NEEDED?

A few residents have questioned the recommended spacing of tree branches hanging over the sidewalk and/or the street. Both Missouri City and the Brightwater HOA require trees be kept prudently trimmed. Per Missouri City ordinance, tree limbs must be at least 8 feet above sidewalks and 13 feet above city streets. Low hanging tree limbs can cause damage to fire trucks, buses, and other vehicles; can impede emergency and delivery vehicles by obstructing their paths, and can obstruct the views of both drivers and pedestrians. Please check your tree limbs and trim them up if they don't meet these requirements. Also trim branches that hang over our cluster mailboxes.

