

# Lakes of Brightwater

# BEACON NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025

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## COMING EVENTS

### HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 24  
Wednesday, November TBD

### BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse at 6:30 pm  
Monday, September 29  
Monday, November 17  
Monday, October 27

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse at 6:30 pm  
Thursday, September 25  
Thursday, October 23  
Thursday, November 20

### CHESS CLUB

Cancelled until new leadership is found

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 7  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

### NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes at 7:00 pm  
Monday, September 1  
Monday, October 6  
Monday, November 3

### NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Clubhouse at 10:00 am  
Monday, September 8

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

## ANNUAL MEETING INCORPORATES NEW VOTING OPTION

Brightwater's Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, June 26th at Southminster Presbyterian Church and attended by a number of residents. This year was the first in which residents could vote online, which proved successful with an approved quorum count. Thanks were expressed to all the Board members, Crest Management, and the many volunteers in the neighborhood. An overview of the year's past activities and accomplishments was presented.

Missouri City was represented by Mayor Robin Elackatt, District C Councilwoman Joanna Ouderkirk, Councilwoman at-large Lynn Clouser along with personnel from various Missouri City Departments including Animal Control, Code Enforcement and the Missouri City Police Department. Mark Vogler from the Fort Bend County Drainage District also attended and addressed the mowing and upkeep along Oyster Creek.

From the City, we learned that a new traffic calming program was initiated in January 2025 and the Board was given paperwork to be filled out online to participate. Crest completed this and a few more streets may be added. Residents continue to be concerned about speeding and stop signs being ignored.

Three candidates ran for three open Board positions – they briefly spoke and each was elected to serve a two-year term. Ginger Wright and Brett Williams were re-elected and Beverly Griffin was elected as a new Director.

At the July 23rd monthly Board meeting, officers were elected as follows:

President – Ginger Wright  
Vice President – Joseph Downing  
Secretary – Kimberly Duck  
Treasurer – Brett Williams  
At Large – Beverly Griffin

Residents are encouraged to attend the monthly Board meetings at the Clubhouse which are held at 6:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. This date may fluctuate during the holiday months.

## WILL YOU STEP UP?



Brightwater has always been an active neighborhood. There are hobby clubs for residents to enjoy (Book, Chess, Garden & Needlework) and the Social Committee hosts events during the year: Children's Holiday Party, July 4th Parade, Middle School Pool Party and National Night Out to name a few. Additionally, there is a quarterly Coffee, a couple of health-related support groups and a Brightwater Neighborhood Watch program.

Do you enjoy Brightwater's offerings? Do you like reading the communications pieces (Beacon, eBulletin, Facebook and website)? Do you admire the flowers and plants on the HOA common grounds? Do you visit the pool in the summer or play tennis at one of the HOA courts?

All of these things take volunteers to coordinate, monitor and host. And we truly appreciate the volunteers who currently give their time and talents to these! But Brightwater has lost a number of those residents and needs new blood. The HOA desperately needs volunteers to keep these community events and publications going. Can you spare two or three hours per month?

### Here are a few ways to contribute:

The Brightwater Neighborhood Watch (BNW) program is looking for team members. After a short training session, two-person teams drive the neighborhood one day a month monitoring homes and common property for areas of concern. Do it with a family member or sign up as a solo member and be paired with another resident. It's a wonderful way to watch over Brightwater, learn the streets and meet some great people. For more information, contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 or [dgiltner5@comcast.net](mailto:dgiltner5@comcast.net).

The Communications Committee has several volunteer needs ...

- Provide Brightwater content to the HOA Facebook site. Though administered by Prepared Publications, the site would benefit from someone who could add neighborhood-related news, photos and things of interest.
- Draft Brightwater eBulletins using Constant Contact to post about upcoming events, meetings and the occasional lost pet.
- Coordinate articles and photos for the quarterly newsletter, the *Beacon*, working with the Board and committees for pertinent information.

**HOA Facilities** (Clubhouse, pool, tennis courts, parking lot, etc.) require regular maintenance. A volunteer who can inspect, schedule and manage Brightwater's assets would be a great help. This person would coordinate with the Board and Crest Management to get needed work done using approved contractors.

If you think you might be interested in these or other committees and want more information, please email [info@lakesofbrightwater.com](mailto:info@lakesofbrightwater.com). Or better yet, call one of the people listed in the Contacts on page 7. The HOA representatives would love to talk with you.



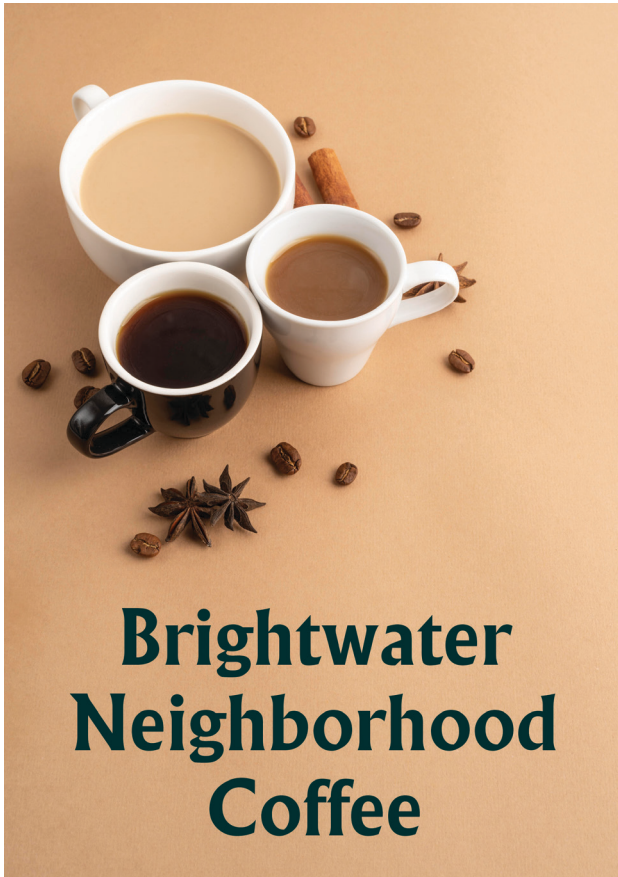
## NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

Have you checked out the Coffee yet? Drop in to the Clubhouse and enjoy a cup of joe or tea.

**Monday, September 8**

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

Bring a neighbor and meet old friends. This event is also a great opportunity to find out what's going on in Brightwater. It's casual so come as you are. Stay a few minutes or visit awhile longer.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out will be held in Missouri City on Tuesday, October 7.

In Brightwater, it's a great opportunity to get together with neighbors, meet City councilmembers, talk with police and

fire staff and generally celebrate the start of Fall. If you would like to host a block party, or just get more information about NNO, contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 or [dgiltner5@comcast.net](mailto:dgiltner5@comcast.net).

## KEEP THOSE STORM DRAINS CLEAR

Residents have reported a number of Brightwater streets' storm water drains clogged with grass and debris. Please keep these inlets free and clear to prevent possible flooding during heavy rainstorms. Clear drains are imperative during a hurricane.



## HURRICANE SEASON FORECAST:

The NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) prediction for an "above average" hurricane season for 2025 remains on track. The busiest month of the Atlantic season is September, which consistently sees the most tropical storms and hurricanes. Be sure you have your hurricane supplies, contacts and important papers ready in case a tropical storm or hurricane approaches. The National Hurricane Center ([www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)) is an excellent way to monitor possible storm activity.





## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



BNW April - June

BNW teams noted several overgrown yards, some low hanging branches and an abandoned bicycle pulled from the lake that was picked up by an IMS landscape crew.

In May, several residents reported a number of police cars in Brightwater seemingly scanning the area with lights flashing. Sergeant Argueta stated a vehicle with flashers was reported parked for 15 minutes in front of a residence but was gone when police arrived. Traffic stops were conducted in the neighborhood after the complaint was closed.

GFL missed collecting the trash on Mooring Point in early June. It was reported and the affected addresses had their trash picked up the next day.

## WHO SUPPLIES YOUR WATER?



MUD #42 is the water and sewer district for Brightwater and four other subdivisions, as well as the commercial properties on Cartwright from Murphy to Oyster Creek. It is managed by Quail Valley Utility District staff, and MUD #42 has one of the lower tax rates in the Houston area.

The GRP (Groundwater Reduction Plan) fee on the monthly bill is a water usage charge. District #42 continues to pump groundwater, but residents pay the GRP fee which funds the transition from groundwater to surface water in other areas facing subsidence issues due to excessive groundwater pumping. The monies cover infrastructure and other conversion costs, as

mandated by the Fort Bend Subsidence District. The GRP fee will increase in October from \$1.99 to \$2.39 per 1,000 gallons of water usage. It's a reminder to conserve water whenever possible.

## MISSOURI CITY POLICE REPORT

April-June, 2025

### MCPD Crime Stats

1	Accident - Minor	3	Harassments
6	Assist Citizens	1	Missing Person
3	Assist - from other City Depts.	2	Parking Violations
1	Community Contact	1	Solicitor
1	Death Investigation	1	Suspicious Activities
2	Disturbances - Noise	2	Suspicious Vehicles
1	False Pretense/Swindler/Confidence Game	2	Thefts - from vehicles
1	Follow-up	11	Traffic Stops
1	Forgery		



## LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Summer annuals went in around the Brightwater entrances and the Clubhouse. Grounds Committee members -- Nancy Schoepf, Ben Valdez and Isabel del Rios -- added flowers and perennial shrubs to a number of beds along Brightwater Drive and to the round planters and linear bed near the dock, all of which have beautified the common areas.

Unfortunately, Brightwater roses are succumbing to the rosette virus, a serious disease with no cure once plants are infected. Most rose species and cultivars are susceptible to the virus, which has spread from the West Coast to multiple states in the U.S. Rose beds at Lexington Blvd. were cleared of the diseased plants and affected roses along Brightwater Drive have been and will continue to be removed. The beds will remain empty until late fall and early spring when other hardier species will be planted to replace the lost roses.



Dozens of trees on the HOA common grounds were trimmed to keep them healthy and balanced in appearance. Unfortunately, another pear tree was removed and two trees have died. An arborist is being consulted to determine why a mature Mexican oak near Waterview Dr. died this summer.

## DID YOU KNOW...

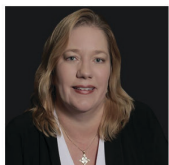
- Keeping your garage door open during the day, although tempting to cool the space, can attract thieves who often quickly snatch personal items. It has happened to residents in Brightwater with criminals making off with bicycles, lawn tools and more. It can also encourage rodents and the like to seek refuge in your garage. Please keep your door closed if you are not out and close by.
- When a street light is out, it can be reported to CenterPoint Energy by calling 713-207-2222. Or you can complete a "Report a Streetlight Outage" form, found at [gis.centerpointenergy.com/sloreporting](https://gis.centerpointenergy.com/sloreporting). Have the address and pole number (usually a 6-digit number on the pole) when you make the report. On the CenterPoint website, you can also sign up for their Power Alert Service and view the Outage Map.
- Coyotes are becoming more brazen and numerous in Fort Bend County. Looking for food, they have a history of preying on area wildlife and even people's pets. If you see a coyote nearby, do not run or turn your back on it. Be as big and loud as possible. Wave your arms, clap your hands and shout in a loud voice. Residents have spotted coyotes near Breezeway Park, Oyster Creek and even Brightwater Drive. Please keep your pets inside or protected during late evening and early morning hours.

The Board of Directors approved the purchase of new pool furniture as the old set was looking tired and worn. The furniture will be cleaned and stored upstairs in the Clubhouse after pool season and then brought down prior to next year's opening.



Visit the Crest website ([crest-management.com](http://crest-management.com)) and click on “Exterior Modification Request.” If you haven’t registered with Crest as a Brightwater homeowner, you’ll be prompted to do so. The Crest website also provides information on your account and options for paying your annual assessment online or submitting a request for service or maintenance.

Think of buying or selling?  
Call me for a free Market Analysis.  
Brightwater Resident for 19 years.



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Young and old turned out on a beautiful Independence Day as the 4th of July Parade rolled down Brightwater Drive to the Clubhouse. Parade goers enjoyed cool treats and swimming at the pool.



## 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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ANIMAL CONTROL	281-403-8707
CODE ENFORCEMENT	281-403-8560
GAS SERVICES	713-659-2111
MAIL DELIVERY	281-208-1832
ELECTRICITY PROBLEMS	713-207-2222
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### HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## ADVERTISING IN THE BEACON

Would you like to advertise your company or service in the Brightwater Beacon? 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

## MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL PARTY

On June 9, HOA middle school students celebrated the end of school with a Social Committee-hosted party, complete with pizza, music and fun time in the pool. This annual event provides a start-to-summer celebration for 6th through 8th graders with no parents allowed.



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