

Lakes of Brightwater

BEACON NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024

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COMING EVENTS

HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

Clubhouse at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 25
Wednesday, October 23
Wednesday, December 4 (?)

BRIGHTWATER GARDEN CLUB

Clubhouse at 6:30 pm
Monday, September 23
Monday, October 28
Monday, November 18

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse at 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 12
Thursday, October 10
Thursday, November 14

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Clubhouse at 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 26
Thursday, October 24
Thursday, November 21

CHESS CLUB

Clubhouse at 4:00 pm
Sunday, October 13
Sunday, November 10

NEEDLEWORKERS

Members' homes at 7:00 pm
Monday, October 7
Monday, November 4

Annual Brightwater Meeting

Brightwater's Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, June 20th at Southminster Presbyterian Church and only attended by 17 residents. Thanks was 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 Councilman Anthony Maroulis and personnel from various City Departments including Economic Development, Code Enforcement, City Secretary's office and the Missouri City Police Department.

Homeowners in attendance were very concerned about traffic safety in the neighborhood with excessive speeding and running of stop signs. Brightwater is included in a traffic calming study, however, we do not currently qualify for speed cushions. Additional options are being explored. There has been an increase in police presence at the known problem intersections. There was also concern expressed about the increase of rental properties in the neighborhood and lack of upkeep on these properties. Residents are encouraged to report any concern to the Board and/or Crest Management for follow up and enforcement actions. Landscaping for the past year was complimented.

Three candidates were running for two Board positions – presentations were made by two and the third candidate respectfully withdrew his name at the meeting. Joseph Downing and Kimberly Duck retained their Director positions for the next two years.

At the July 24th monthly Board meeting, officers were elected as follows:

- President – Ginger Wright
- Vice President – Joseph Downing
- Secretary – Kimberly Duck
- Treasurer – Brett Williams
- At Large – position to be appointed by the Board

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.

HURRICANE BERYL

Everyone in Houston will remember Monday, July 8 as hurricane winds ripped through the region in the early hours, leaving millions without power. For Brightwater, most residents had their power restored by that Thursday evening. Unfortunately, almost 75 homes had to wait longer for electricity as Centerpoint struggled to keep up with repairs to transformers.

Besides the power outage, the biggest issue for all was tree limbs and downed trees. The HOA common grounds were strewn with branch and leaf debris and ultimately three Bradford pears, a large crape myrtle, the Drake elm next to the tennis courts and several trees in Northshore Park were lost to the storm. Northshore Park took an especially hard hit and had to be closed for almost three weeks as clean-up crews worked to get the debris to the curb.

The MUD #42 plant, which provides water and sewer services to Brightwater, used its emergency generator to keep clean water flowing to residents. Their crews had to rotate a series of mobile generators to pump down the sewer lift stations, two of which service the neighborhood.

Here are some of the photos taken after the storm in Brightwater.



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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At Large - open

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LANDSCAPE REPORT

The Grounds Committee worked with the HOA landscape contractor, Superior Lawn, on the following projects:



- Installed landscape pavers and mondo grass adjacent to the pool pump room which made the pool entrance look cleaner and more attractive.
- Replaced plants lost last winter (under warranty) in the beds around the pool.
- Added five new Turk's cap perennials near the baby pool to provide color and round out the bed.
- Installed soil and sod in areas around the pool fence line and adjacent to one of the shade structures.
- Added soil to a hole near the outfall where a large oak was removed from HOA property years ago.

Superior installed the summer annuals in June, however a good number of the red begonias have died and will be replaced. Irrigation repairs also continue including areas impacted by Hurricane Beryl. The Committee will be assessing beds needing improvement and select spring plantings.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 • 6:00 p.m.

It's not too early to start thinking about joining your neighbors at a block party to celebrate National Night Out! NNO, celebrating its 40th year, is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. Missouri City's officials, police and fire department staff make the rounds in Brightwater to meet with HOA residents. Crime and violence prevention tips and public safety awareness, along with enjoying friendships with neighbors is a hallmark of our subdivision's block parties. If you and your neighbors would like to host one, contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 or dgiltner5@comcast.net.



BRIGHTWATER NEEDLEWORKERS

Have a hobby that uses needles -- embroidery, knitting, crochet, cross stitch, sewing, etc.?

Try out Brightwater's Needleworkers group, now entering its 24th year! Members take turns hosting their fellow stitchers in their homes on a monthly basis. Projects, progress and fun stories are enjoyed in the camaraderie of other needleworkers. Elaine Smith has steered the group from its inception. For more information, contact her at emchabert@comcast.net.

BRIGHTWATER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Several residents reported a small alligator in the lake and another noted it had moved to Northshore Park. BNW made contact and an informative eBulletin was distributed.

Vehicle reports included cars parked in front of homes 7am-4pm daily (MCPD found student drivers were parking to subsequently be picked up in a carpool) and a vehicle on jacks without tires in a driveway near the sidewalk; notifications were made and issues resolved. An accident occurred at Brightwater and Cartwright with a driver turning into the neighborhood on the blinking yellow yield signal. Please be sure to yield to

oncoming traffic on a blinking yellow light.

Multiple reports of speeding in Brightwater were made, along with drivers ignoring stop signs. Police presence was increased this summer and MCPD made numerous traffic stops for violations. Also a speeder driving recklessly jumped a curb and drove over a resident's lawn, resulting in damage. Note, police review the HOA's Flock cameras during their investigations.

Property reports included poorly maintained yards and seasonal decorations displayed after 30-day holiday window; residents were notified.

Police responded to shots fired with calls from Quail Valley, Brightwater, FM 1092 and Sta-Mo Park. The intention was to draw police away from criminal activity in other areas of the City.

Resident found a puppy tied to a bench along the lake and took it to the Missouri City Animal Shelter the next day. There were no other details. Please contact MCPD and BNW upon suspicion of an animal being mistreated or abandoned.

Lost keys and lost pets were reported with eBulletins subsequently distributed for each.

A resident's wallet was stolen while she was shopping at HEB. Unfortunately, credit card charges were made within minutes of the theft at Walmart for two \$500 gift cards. Please be aware of your wallet and/or purse at all times; do not leave them open or unattended as thieves look for easy hits.

MISSOURI CITY POLICE REPORT

April - July, 2024

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

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| 1 911 Call | 2 Found Property |
| 5 Assist Citizens | 1 Harassment |
| 1 Assist Other City Dept. | 2 Ordinance Violations |
| 1 Child Protection Services Referral | 3 Parking Violations |
| 1 Civil Standby | 1 Shots Fired |
| 1 Criminal Mischief | 1 Solicitors |
| 16 Disturbances-Person | 7 Suspicious Activity |
| 3 Failure to Stop and Render Aid | 31 Traffic Stops |



DIWALI FESTIVAL



Diwali, a widely-celebrated Hindu holiday, is a festival of lights celebrating joy, prosperity, and happiness. Its cultural and spiritual significance symbolises victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Falling on the darkest night of the year in late October or early November, Diwali is celebrated with people lighting their homes with diyas (decorative oil lamps) and candles, dressing up in new clothes, exchanging gifts, and enjoying delicious traditional food.

Brightwater's Social Committee, in a continuation of their international cuisine and special events programs, will host a Diwali Festival with volunteer residents presenting various aspects of the celebration. To be held in early November, it is open to all Brightwater residents -- attend this cultural event to learn about and enjoy the customs, dress and flavors of Diwali.

MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL PARTY



Students in grades 6th through 8th celebrated the end of school on Monday, June 3 at the community pool. The parent-free event offered music, pizza and fun entertainment for all.

JULY 4TH PARADE

The Social Committee hosted an Independence Day celebration for young and old this year, complete with patriotic music. At the end of the parade route, residents enjoyed ice cream treats at the Clubhouse.



YARD OF THE MONTH



1711 Brightlake Way



4127 Midstream Dr



4110 Jetty Terrace Circle



2206 Tradewinds Drive

OPERATIONS UPDATE

A number of Brightwater assets have received improvements and a few new items were added. In Northshore Park, electrical boxes and wiring were tested; those not in use were removed entirely

and the rest were repaired and installed below ground. Select fence sections around the pool were sanded and repainted and a new water fountain was installed in the alcove of the pool entrance. A new light pole was added on Brightwater Drive on the second median from Cartwright, which coupled with the new bollards put in last fall, provides better lighting for drivers entering the neighborhood.



The Board also approved the addition of two additional Flock cameras to monitor vehicle license plates at Brightwater's exits, one each at Cartwright and Lexington. These can be monitored by the Missouri City Police Department to review potential criminal activity.

Ongoing projects for the Clubhouse include renovating the second floor, including the windows, floor and cupola; replacing the north side of the roof to alleviate an ongoing leak; and repairing or replacing the upstairs air conditioner. Other work entails building a screen enclosure for the trash bins in the pool area; getting Centerpoint to install a meter in Lakewinds Park to power three tree lights; installing new shade structures for Northshore Park's playground equipment; and design sketches and bids for a new storage/shade structure at the old pavilion location.

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LEXINGTON BLVD. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



Lexington Boulevard will undergo a full depth street reconstruction by Missouri City beginning this fall. This phase of the proposed upgrade to Lexington's infrastructure will entail excavating the north side of the street from the American Legion Park to Brightwater Drive. Large drain pipes will be installed to improve water flow during heavy rain events. The project is tentatively set to finish by the third quarter of 2025 with the total estimated project cost set at \$7 million, which includes a 50% cost share from Fort Bend County Mobility. Drivers entering and exiting Brightwater will be rerouted during construction with possibly one lane closed. Please pay close attention to lane changes.