



LAKES OF BRIGHTWATER
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

April, 2009

Brightwater Reflections

Coming Events

HOA Monthly Meeting

March 24

April 21

May 20 –note change

Art Show

March 29

Brightwater Garden Club

March 23

April 27

Morning Coffee

April 13

May 11, Pot Luck Lunch

Garage Sale

April 25

Pool Tag Distribution

April 11 & 18

May 2

Pool Opening

May 2

HOA Annual Meeting

June 16

Jr. High Pool Party

June 8

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Fine Arts Show

March 29 at the Clubhouse

2 to 5 PM

*Come View Original Works of Art
by Brightwater Artists!*

*Viewing Only – No Sales at Event
Light Refreshments Will Be Served*

HOA Board Update

After thorough review of committee recommendations, the Board selected two new contractors for 2009 pool and landscaping services. Sweetwater Pools will manage the pool maintenance and staffing and has assessed the equipment for compliance and to ensure we are ready for the pool season. Our landscape contractor, HLS Enterprises, started on property February 1. They have completed our annual mulching, worked up a complete irrigation audit and are working well with the Landscape Team.

The Board is now reviewing a draft collection policy for Annual Fees that we hope to adopt in April. Please be aware that if you have not sent in your 2009 Brightwater HOA fee, late charges are accruing and your account may be turned over to our attorney next month. The annual fees keep Brightwater operational and every homeowner is responsible for their portion.

The A/C system replacement is being handled by the Facilities and Projects & Planning Committees. They have done an excellent job of assessing the current equipment and making changes for improved flow and efficiency in the proposed Clubhouse HVAC system. The Board will review the team's recommendation shortly so the new equipment can be installed in the Clubhouse before summer.

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The Scoop



Regular Events

Neighborhood Coffee:

Join us the 2nd Monday of the month from 10-11:30 AM at the Clubhouse for refreshments and a time to visit with your neighbors! The May 11 meeting is our last for the summer and will be a Pot Luck Lunch. Hope to see you there!

Evening Needleworkers:

Meet the 1st Monday of the month. The next meeting is *Monday, April 6* — to know more, call Elaine at 281-499-6660.

HOA Monthly Board

Meeting: Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse. Residents welcome at 6:30 PM

Brightwater Garden

Club: Meets the 4th Monday, Sept—April, 6:45 PM at the Clubhouse. *For details, call Pres. Carol deBoer (281-403-1044)*

March 23—"Birding Basics for the Houston/Fort Bend Area" with Glenn Olsen, popular and well known local birder and naturalist.

April 27—"Edible Plants vs. Poisonous Plants" with Betty Lenderman, owner of Enchanted Forest.

Note: BGC does not select a Yard of the Month in January and February. See March YOM on page 4.



Communications Committee Ruchira Paul, Chair

2009 Brightwater Resident Directory: Our long-awaited Brightwater Directory is still undergoing final touches. Since the directory is only published every five years or so, we want to ensure that we have included as many residents as possible.

We want to sincerely thank Betty Grant for gathering so many of the entries last summer and fall! She singlehandedly collected over 300 entries! The directory is now in its final proofing and will be available at Pool Tag Distributions, April 11, April 18 and May 2. Please remember that only those listed will receive a copy.

Social Committee Diane Giltner, Acting Chair

Upcoming Events

Fine Arts Show — Sunday, March 29, 2 to 5 PM

Don't miss this unique event featuring the creations of our Brightwater artists! This show encompasses various media and will present an opportunity to talk with the artists themselves about their work.

Community Garage Sale — April 25, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Want to make a little extra money? Your trash is someone else's treasure! Contact Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 for more information and to reserve a slot at this popular event. It always attracts a big crowd!

Pool Opening—See insert for 2009 schedule and see boxes for pool related activities. Pool tags will be distributed April 11 and 18, and May 2.

Grounds Committee Betty Grant, Chair

The 2009 Landscape Team, Betty Grant, Chair, Sharon Lemons, and Nancy Hudson interviewed three landscape companies for 2009 services and selected HLS. Look for their purple shirts on Thursdays as they work to keep our neighborhood looking good! We are focusing on enhancing the entrances, green belt bench areas and Clubhouse this spring.

Facilities Committee Kent Hudson, Chair

Recent Projects:

Repair the cracks, stucco, and paint the Lexington entrance and the structures along the greenbelt on Brightwater Drive.

Re-stucco and paint the Clubhouse porch

Resurface Clubhouse and pool stamped concrete (not yet completed)

Get design for remodeling the pool pump house

Review bids and select AC contractor for Clubhouse

Redo counters and cabinets in Clubhouse bathroom and kitchen

Apply stucco and paint Clubhouse planter boxes

Install speed bumps in Clubhouse Parking Lot (Pending)



Brightwater Garage Sale

Saturday, April 25 8 AM to 12 PM

Collect your boxes, clean out the garage and load up those never used treasures for this sure-fire opportunity to make a few bucks!

Held in the Clubhouse/Tennis Court Parking Lot and open to all residents in good standing. Set-up is from 6:30 to 7:30 AM. You will need to bring your own tables, chairs, racks, etc.

Any merchandise you do not want to take home will be donated to the Ft. Bend Women's Shelter Thrift Shop.

To reserve a spot, call Diane Giltner at 281-499-0695 by April 18.

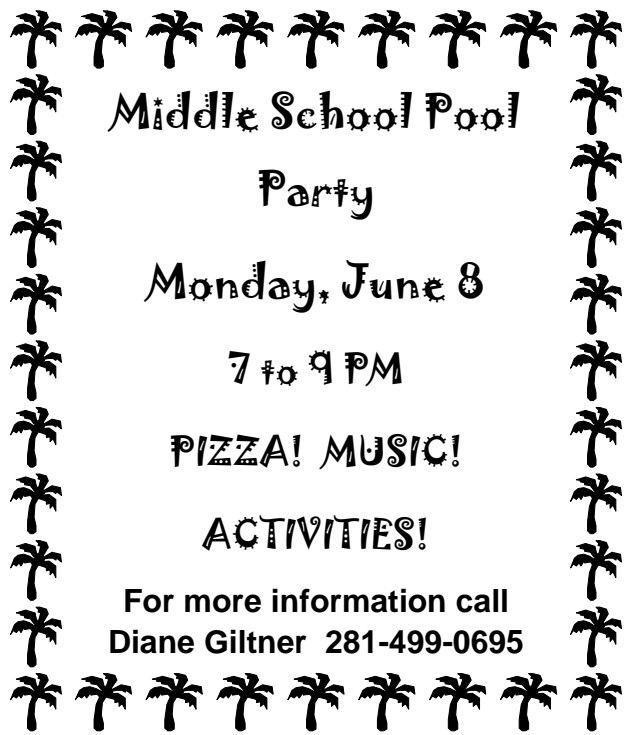
If you have usable items you wish to donate (no clothing, please), the Brightwater Garden Club will gladly accept them and use the proceeds for their programs and their work with the Ft. Bend Women's Center and Lexington Creek Elementary. Call Carol deBoer at 281-403-1044 to schedule a time to drop off your items at the Clubhouse on Fri-



OPENING DAY AT THE POOL!

Join us for an
ICE CREAM PARTY
 during Pool Tag Distribution
 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 2

One free ice cream with ticket from Gate Guard while supplies last!
 Help us kick off 2009 Pool Season!



Middle School Pool Party

Monday, June 8
 7 to 9 PM

**PIZZA! MUSIC!
 ACTIVITIES!**

For more information call
 Diane Giltner 281-499-0695



MARCH YARD of the MONTH
1902 Lakewinds Drive

Security Report Ruchira Paul

There have been no reports of criminal activity in Brightwater since the publication of the last newsletter. We have been told by the Missouri City Police that the Neighborhood Watch Program is very effective in deterring crime. After the Neighbor Safety Presentation by Acting Chief, Pat Worrell, on January 22, I have received several inquiries from residents wishing to know more about the nature of the duties involved in beginning a Neighborhood Program for Brightwater. Below is a brief outline of the type of commitment required of participants. More details will be provided if and when we are able to launch this program.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM FOR BRIGHTWATER

Patrolling of the neighborhood is to be done in teams of two. Volunteers can pick a partner of their choice (a neighbor or family member) or from the general roster. Every patrol member must be officially signed up.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older and residents of Brightwater.

Two hours a month on a given day have to be committed by each volunteer. For example, you can sign up for duty between 11am - 1pm on every first Monday of the month and that will be your official time slot. Duties involve driving around the neighborhood during those hours with your partner and watching for any suspicious or unusual activity. Patrol duties cannot be broken up into separate 30 or 60 minute slots.

No direct intervention is required from volunteers. In case you detect a crime or violation of city ordinances, you will call the police on your cell phone.

At least fifteen teams are required for an effective Neighborhood Watch for a subdivision the size of Brightwater. That means we need a minimum of thirty volunteers.

When we have the requisite number of volunteers, a training session with Officer Dan Flagg of Missouri City Police will be set up. Officer Flagg will explain in more detail the do's and don'ts of a Neighborhood Watch program. A booklet with the summary of the Missouri City ordinances will be issued to each volunteer and that will serve as the guideline for crime watch.

The HOA may consider issuing magnetic decals for crime watch volunteers to attach to their vehicles while patrolling.

Brightwater already employs off duty police officers for patrolling our neighborhood during the evening hours. A Neighborhood Watch is therefore needed during the daytime between 9 am and 5pm. This will of course preclude most residents who work during the day. But those who have free time during these hours are encouraged to give two hours a month for the initiative.

To volunteer, please send your name and contact information to:

Ruchira Paul 281-261-2200 or ruchirapaul@verizon.net

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Brightwater Refresh Project

The Refresh Project process has traversed various paths over the past year or two. For those unaware of this project, past resident input reflected that a majority wanted a more up-to-date look for Brightwater. The goal is a master plan design that can be done in phases, unifies Brightwater with a color/materials/logo theme and is doable without a special assessment. A fresh, cohesive appearance enhances property values, minimizes maintenance, and keeps us competitive to surrounding subdivisions.

One avenue we explored was contacting the University of Houston and Rice University architecture schools to see if the HOA could be considered a class project. As that did not materialize, the team is now contacting design professionals to determine their experience with community developments. We hope to have their input and move forward with a scope of work this spring. When we have 2-3 sketch ideas, we will host an open house for resident feedback. Look for additional updates this summer.

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Newsbites



Volunteer Recognition: Special thanks to Woody Woodson for having donated his time to serve as our Financial Committee Chair for the past year and a half. His service to the Brightwater community is appreciated.

Flag Service: Once again Boy Scout Troop 1294 will be offering Flag Service at the Pool Tag Distributions at the Clubhouse. For more information, call Veniece Griffin at 281-403-3010.

Local Elections: Voting for Missouri City and Fort Bend County positions is May 9. Please note that for this election, all Brightwater residents will vote May 9 at Lexington Creek Elementary. Early voting is April 27--May 5 at City Hall.

Crest Management Monthly Inspections: Spring has sprung, and with it, rapid yard growth and those pesky weeds. To avoid citations, let's all work to be sure our yards are weed free and well tended.

Clubhouse Rental: Residents who wish to rent the Brightwater Clubhouse should call Sam Simmons at Crest Management, 281-579-0761, ext 630. She will co-ordinate your arrangements.

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Tennis Court Rules

1. Use of tennis courts restricted to Brightwater residents and their guests only.
2. Absolutely no more than FOUR players on any single court.
3. All players must select a time to play and SIGN UP for that time on the posted sign-up sheet.
4. Court reservations can be made no earlier than TWENTY-FOUR HOURS in advance.
5. If person reserving court is 10 minutes later than reserved time, the reservation is void.
6. Limit play to THREE NON-CONSECUTIVE DAYS per week.
7. Maximum of 1-1/2 hours of reserved time per family per day.
8. Playing time limited to: Doubles—1-1/2 hours. Singles—1 hour.
9. Regulation tennis attire, including shirt and regulation court shoes required at all times.
10. Tennis courts restricted to tennis activities ONLY.
11. Observe good sportsmanship at all times—no profanity or loud outbursts.
12. No portable radios, tape players or other distracting devices allowed in court area.
13. Courts must be LOCKED UP upon entering and leaving. If LIGHTS are on, please TURN OFF when leaving if no one else is waiting to play.
14. Courts must be kept clean and free of debris. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED!
15. No person, especially children, other than players and/or instructors allowed within court enclosure.
16. NO skateboards, skates, or bicycles are allowed inside tennis courts!

TENNIS COURT REMINDER

When signing in, please use your full name.

Please limit play to 1-1/2 hours no more than 3 days per week (no consecutive days). We have a lot of residents that would like to play tennis, but do not get the opportunity to do so.

If your entire party is not present within 10 minutes of your sign up time and someone else is waiting, you will automatically forfeit your playing time.

Please be considerate of your fellow tennis players and do not abuse your use of the tennis courts.

Please take care of the sign-in cabinet. Thank you!

BRIGHTWATER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2009 POOL SEASON

The Brightwater Community Pool will open **Saturday, May 2**

Pool tag distribution will be held on the following days:

	Saturday, April 11	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
	Saturday, April 18	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
	Saturday, May 2	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
May 2nd through June 4th		
Mondays through Fridays		Closed
Saturdays		10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sundays		10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
May 24th		
Sunday		10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
May 25th (Memorial Day)		
Monday		10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
June 5th through August 22nd		
Mondays		Closed
Tuesdays		11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Wednesdays		10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursdays		10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Fridays		11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Saturdays		10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sundays		10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
August 23rd through September 5th		
Mondays through Fridays		Closed
Saturdays		10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sundays		10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
September 6th		
Sunday		10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
September 7th (Labor Day)		
Monday		10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

THESE QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO USE THE POOL FACILITIES:

1. You must be a resident and/or guest of a resident. Only two guests allowed per family.
2. Resident must be current on annual maintenance fees and not have a deed restriction violation. Fee payment will not be accepted at pool tag registration.
3. Resident must have swim tag at all times while at the pool.
4. Rules are posted at the pool and will be strictly enforced. Anyone breaking a rule is subject to ejection from the pool.
5. If you are unable to attend the official registration days, tags will be issued by Crest Management by mail only. **There will be a \$20.00 fee plus postage.**
6. Pool parties can only be held after pool hours. Contact Diane Giltner at 281 499-0695.

NOTE: **Closed Mondays.** If the pool is open on a holiday Monday, it will be closed on the following Tuesday for cleaning.

Please do not drop off small children by themselves. Children ages 10 and under will not be allowed in the pool area if they are not accompanied by someone 16 years or older.

Should you have any questions regarding the operation of your recreation facility, please contact Crest Management Company at 281 579-0761.



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**Pool Tag Distributions Days—
April 11 & 18, 10 AM—1 PM
May 2, 11 AM—3 PM**

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