

Brighton Green Community Association Newsletter March

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B.G. Hotline 272-9946

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to the New Year! I look forward to serving as your association president this year.

I would like to thank all the past board members and all the volunteers of this past year. Thanks for the many hours of service you have provided to this community. Your dedication and hard work are what makes this neighborhood a community.

All board positions have been filled, but volunteers are always needed. If you have ideas or time to volunteer, please contact the hot line or one of the board members. As in your own home, we are always working on improvements and making repairs to the community.

Currently, we are at a crossroads as a community. Our pool memberships have been declining for the past few years. We get almost our entire operating budget from the sale of these memberships. Many repairs need to be done but have been postponed for the last couple of years due to a decline in the budget. So in order to make these repairs, we will be having many fundraising events to supplement budget.

As far as my background, my wife, Anita, and I moved to the Richmond area from Roanoke so she could attend VCU. After she graduated from MCV, we chose to stay in this area. We now have four children—Samantha, Kathryn, Savannah, and Brice. During our search to purchase a home, we chose one in Brighton Green for the atmosphere and the schools that our children would attend. We've been living in this neighborhood for 8 years.

Once again, welcome to the New Year! I plan on seeing you at the many activities scheduled throughout the year.

Your neighbor,

Ken Atkins
Association President

Newsletter News

In an effort to reduce costs to the association,
The B.G. newsletter will be posted on our
Neighborhood web page at
www.Brightongreen.org

Just click on "*news*," then on
"*current newsletter*"

If you do not have access to the internet and
would like for a newsletter to be delivered to
your home, please mark the newsletter box
when you return your association membership
application or call the hotline at 272-9946.

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Grounds News

Spring Cleanup Days

Saturday, March 19 9 Rain date - **Sunday, March 20 12 - 4**

Saturday, April 9 9 - 4 Rain date - **Sunday, April 10th 12 - 4**

Please bring tools such as rake, shovel, leaf blower, chainsaw
weed whacker, wheel barrow, spreader

Please come! We need YOUR help!

Lets Play Tennis!

Thanks to Boy Scout Troup #891 the courts have been cleaned up and are ready for play.

To obtain an access key to the BGCA tennis courts
call Mary Hunter Ayer at 327-0044

All the Dirt...

Thank you to...

- Ann Flick for decorating our entrances for the Christmas holidays!
- Boy Scout Troup #891 for cleaning up the tennis courts. In addition to removing the leaves they also cleaned up many wheelbarrows full of silt left behind when the courts flooded during last falls storms.
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Leipertz for removing storm debris from the parking lot.
- Brownie Troop for regularly picking up the trash in the playground area.

Donations needed

- BGCA is looking for donations of drought tolerant perennials (lirope, stella d'oro lilies, hostas, etc)
- Refreshments for Spring Cleanup Days (sandwiches, cookies, fruit, muffins, beverages, etc)

Volunteers needed - BGCA grounds care - assist at time convenient to you for

- Planting and flower bed care; trimming bushes
- Poison ivy control
- Cleanup trash in parking lot and on BGCA grounds
- Seeding, liming, fertilization and weed control of our grassy areas
- Call Frank or Joanne Einsmann at 320-9584 to volunteer or make donations

Free Fire Firewood

Along the path to the tennis courts, there is still a lot of downed wood remaining from last year's storms. Please come help yourself to any of the downed trees. Smaller trucks can be driven behind the pool for easier access.

Membership News

Greetings to All our Brighton Green neighbors old and new! By now you should have received your 2005 membership applications. If not, please call our hotline at; 272-9946 or you can download a copy from our website. Please keep in mind that the early bird special prices end on March 31st so please keep an eye on your calendars and mail your checks early! We appreciate all those who have already sent in their membership payments as you continue to support our community and we look forward to seeing you at the pool and at many of the exciting social functions that have been planned for this year. The following is a listing of the fees for different passes for this year. At this time, these prices will remain the same as last year. Presently, the board is looking into some revisions as well as the possibility of offering other Senior/grandchildren, and guest pass options. We will update you if/when these become available:

Only a person who already holds a Brighton Green membership can obtain the passes listed below:

Full Summer Babysitter Pass	\$50.00
1-Week Family Pass	\$60.00
7-Visit Pass	\$25.00
Weekend Pool Pass/per Guest	\$5.00
Weekday Pool Pass/per Guest	\$4.00
1 year old & Younger	FREE
After 6:00 PM.	1/2 Price

Once again, we are taking part in the Crestwood Winterfest and offering up a family membership for auction. Applications will be attached to the next PTA bulletin that will be going out so you may see a duplicate coming home from school. We are hopeful that this will stimulate new memberships and add some new faces to our community. If you know of anyone who has not received a membership application or know of anyone who would like to join our community pool, please ask them to contact our hotline to request one.

On a final note, if there is anyone who may be interested in working on a new Brighton Green Directory, please contact me directly at 651-4869, as we would like to start this project soon and are in need of some volunteers. We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and look forward to a fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,
Mary Romero
Membership Chairman

Venture Crew

Do you enjoy camping, hiking going on trips, hanging out with your friends? Come see what we have planned for the Brighton Green Venture Crew. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Community Center. Venture Crew is associated with the Boy Scouts of America and boys and girls age 14 and up are welcome to attend. For more information, call Margaret Hoerath at 560-1788 or Daniel Robertson at 909-0814.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

Is the beginning of March too soon to think about Swim Team? Not if you're a Brighton Green Gator! At least the Parent Reps and Brittany Eddy, our Head Coach, are starting to make plans for the upcoming swim season. We have a schedule in place and will be working on details as spring approaches.

As those of you who were on Swim Team last year know, the Gators will be swimming in the RMAL "A" Division. This means that we will be swimming against some pretty large teams. We want to encourage you now to think of ways you can help with the parking situation that will be a result of having a lot of extra people in our neighborhood during home meets. Please walk to the meet, bicycle, or carpool with several team members if at all possible.

We want to encourage all of our Brighton Green families and those that live in surrounding neighborhoods to join the Swim Team this year. It's a great way to get in shape, set goals, build community relationships, and maybe most importantly, have fun! Tell your friends!

You will be hearing more from us soon. In the meantime, if you have questions, contact one of us at the phone numbers/addresses below.

Donette and Terry Smoot	330-7310	dbyrdwsmoot@hotmail.com
Carol Giles	440-0790	cvgiles@comcast.net

GO GATORS!!!

Social Events

Fish Fry Fridays at the BGCA Community Center!

Friday, February 25th through Friday, March 25th 5-7 PM

Stop by the Community Center for a Fish Dinner. You can eat in and share some time with your neighbors or order it to go.

For curbside service, just call ahead to 272-9946.

Menu:

Fish platters include breaded Flounder, French Fries and Cole Slaw
Fish Sandwiches include a breaded flounder Sandwich and French Fries
Kids Meal-Chicken Tenders and French Fries.

All profits will benefit the Brighton Green Community Association.

Please come out to support this. If it is successful we will be able to do specialty dinners in the future.

YARD SALE

Are you doing your Spring Cleaning? BGCA is hosting a neighborhood yard sale at the community center. It will take place on the first Saturday of every month starting on April 9th from 7 AM until 12 noon. The cost will be \$15, which includes an 8' table, and print advertising as well. For more information please leave a message on the BGCA Hotline and we will get back to you with the details. All profits will benefit the Brighton Green Community Association.

Let's Play BONKO!

It's time to get out of the house and make some new friends in the neighborhood! The BGCA Social Committee is starting up a Ladies BONKO Night. It will be held the second Thursday of each month from 8-11 PM at the Community Center. We need a minimum of 12 players per night, but everyone is welcome to come and socialize even if you don't want to play. Just bring a dish to share and beverages. The cost will be \$10 and we will have cash prizes! You say you don't know how to play? That's OK, we will teach you how! The First Ladies BONKO Night will be on Thursday, March 10th from 8 - 11 PM. Please call the BGCA Hotline at 272-9946 if you are interested in participating so we will know if we have enough ladies to play.

Correction

In a previous edition of the Brighton Green Newsletter, it was reported that the Midlothian Lions Club made a donation to the B.G. Community Association in memory of a resident, Kay Foster. The donation was actually made by the James River Lions Club. Apologies for the error and many thanks to the James River Lions Club for their thoughtful and generous gift.

2005 Brighton Green Community Association Board

Anita Atkins	Secretary & Snack Bar	320-0933
Ken Atkins	President	320-0933
Alton Ayer	Building Maintenance	327-0044
Mary Hunter-Ayer	Tennis	327-0044
Angela Burroughs	Community Life	323-6708
Frank & Joanne Einsmann	Grounds	320-9584
Kelly Francis	Building Rental	330-0710
Pat Francis	Treasurer	330-0710
Carol Giles	Swim Team	440-0790
John Mather	Newsletter	437-8978
Michael Prior	Communications/Web Page	330-3581
Mary Romero	Membership	330-5091
Gwen Schmitt	Newsletter	272-8982
Donnette & Terry Smoot	Swim Team	330-7310

The Brighton Community Association Board meets at the Community Center at 7 PM on the last Sunday of each month. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Neighborhood Watch

The start up meeting for Brighton Green Neighborhood Watch is scheduled for Tuesday March 8th at 7 PM at the community center and will be led by Officer Brian Miltenberger from the Chesterfield Co. Police Department. Come and find out what we can do together to help reduce the speeding on our streets, reduce crime in our community and get to know our neighbors better. If you currently have a neighborhood watch sign posted in your yard, we extend a special invitation to you! We have 19 residents involved so far and welcome anyone interested in helping to keep our neighborhood a safe place to live. If you would like more information about Neighborhood Watch, please contact

Mona Giammarino at 320-9709
or Gwen Schmitt at 272-8982.