

Brighton Green Community Association
www.Brightongreen.org
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Help Wanted-

How would you like to spend your summer in the sun - AND GET PAID FOR IT! The Brighton Green pool is in search of lifeguards for the 2005 season. A required life saving course will be provided for all successful candidates. Contact the pool manager, Fred Mister at 320-1915 to obtain an application. You must be 15 years or older to apply.

Snack Bar applications are now being accepted. No prior experience is required. You must be at least 13 years old to apply. Call the Brighton Green hotline at 272-9946 to request an application.

Our neighborhood is full of responsible teens looking for summer jobs. If you have the need for childcare, pet sitting or lawn care, a list of those willing to provide these services will be available at all of our social events by request or call the hotline to have one delivered to your home. If you would like to add your name to the B.G. babysitting, pet sitting or lawn care list, call the hotline and leave your name and phone number.

Several of our lounge chairs at the pool have lost their luster and are in desperate need of repair. It will cost \$40 to replace the strapping on each of the 15 chairs that most need attention. To help defray the cost to the association, please consider "sponsoring" a chair for \$20.

If you can help, send your check to:

BGCA, P.O. Box 35759, Richmond, VA 23235. (note "chair" at the bottom of your check.) Four of our chairs already have sponsors! Your donation will help to improve the quality of your visit to the pool and make it a nicer place for all of our pool-goers to relax and recline.



Brighton Green Neighborhood Watch

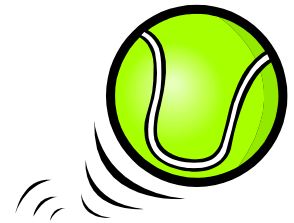
Our Neighborhood watch start up meeting took place on March 8th and was attended by many concerned B.G. residents. Officer Bryan Miltenberger from the Chesterfield Co. Police Department came well prepared to answer our questions and provided a lot of ideas on how to maintain an effective Neighborhood Watch program here in Brighton Green. We currently have 20 residents involved and have a goal to double that number immediately. Our first official meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at the Community Center at 7 PM. All Brighton Green residents are encouraged to attend and a special invitation goes out to those who currently have a neighborhood watch sign displayed in their yard. Come on out and meet your neighbors and do your part to help take a bite out of crime! For more information, call Gwen at 272-8982 or Mona at 320-9709.

News From the Tennis Courts

Spring is here and the courts are just waiting to be used. Both "Recreational" members and "Tennis Only" members may obtain a key to the courts by contacting Mary Hunter Ayer at 327-0044.

Anyone interested in tennis lessons for their children and anyone who would like to teach tennis this summer should contact Mary. If you are interested in being an instructor, this will usually involve only one or two weeks in the evenings and all fees go to the instructor.

We would like to establish a tennis ladder as well. Give Mary a call if you would like to be added. Watch for the possibility of a Saturday morning free tennis clinic for children sometime in May or June.



See you on the courts!

Social Events

All events will take place at the Brighton Green Community Center

- **Saturday, April 2nd - Community Yard Sale 7 AM until 12 noon.** Reserve your spot for \$15 which includes an 8' table and print advertising. A community yard sale is scheduled for the first Saturday of each month. The next one will be on May 7th. Call the B.G. hotline for more information or a reservation.
- **Thursday, April 14th – Ladies Bonko Night at 8:30 PM.** The cost is \$10 and there will be cash prizes! The game is easy and we will teach you how to play! Bring a dish to share and a beverage. Call the hotline and leave a message if you are interested in attending so that we will know if we will have enough players.
- **Friday, April 22nd - BGCA Spaghetti Dinner & Bon Fire.** Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7:00 PM. The fire will be lit following dinner. Come out to enjoy a springtime get together with the neighbors! Kids, bring along a good marshmallow roasting stick and a flashlight to play tag! The rain date for the fire only is Friday, April 29th at 7 PM.



Spring Cleanup Day

Sat April 9th 9 AM - 4 PM



- We will be focusing on:
- Removing the deck and hauling it to the dump
 - Adding large rocks to the creek to reduce erosion
 - Clearing trees in the tennis court area
 - Improving the drainage from the playground
 - Trimming bushes by the playground
 - Planting bushes, lirope, etc



Please bring trucks, chainsaws, rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, weed whackers, wheel barrows.
Don't forget your gloves!

Please come! We need YOUR help!

All the Dirt...

Thank you to...

The 40 people who came out for the March 19th grounds cleanup. They cleared trees along the pool fence and debris from the creeks. Overgrowth was removed along the parking lot perimeter. They also gathered and chipped wood in the parking lot and volleyball court area. Lirope was cut and mulch was spread onto the playground and flower beds. The tennis courts were blown down and most of the leaves in the pool area were removed. New hand rails were added to the bridge from the basketball court to the volleyball court.



Donations needed

- BGCA is looking for donations drought tolerant perennials (lirope, stella d'oro lilies, hostas, etc)
- Refreshments for Spring Cleanup Day, Apr 9 (sandwiches, cookies, fruit, muffins, beverages, etc)

Volunteers needed - individuals, families and groups may assist at time convenient to you for:

- Adding large rock to the creek for erosion control (rock provided by the County)
- Planting and flower bed care; trimming bushes
- Poison ivy control
- Call Frank or Joanne Einsmann at 320-9584 to volunteer or make donations

Free Fire Firewood

In the parking lot and along the path to the tennis courts, there is still a lot of downed wood remaining from last years storms. Please come help yourself to any of the wood or downed trees. Smaller trucks can be driven behind the pool for easier access.

Membership News

First and foremost I would like to extend a thank you to those who helped in going door-to-door to deliver our new membership applications. These individuals did an excellent job and, like the USPS, nothing stayed them from their rounds! Our membership drive was accompanied by snow and ice and your efforts are appreciated. We are hopeful that all those who have yet to send in their applications, will do so and take advantage of the early bird discount which ends March 31st. Please be reminded that the full price of each membership will be in effect beginning April 1st and we are not able to make any exceptions. If you do not have an application, you can download one from the website or call our hotline at 272-9946 and one will be sent to you. For those of you who have sent in your applications, your key tags will be ready for pick-up at the pool when it opens and after your payment has cleared the bank.

The Crestwood Winterfest was again a success. One of our own Brighton Green residents won the silent auction for the membership. Congratulations! Hopefully those who also placed a bid will still choose to join our community and participate in all the activities that have been planned for 2005. I would like to remind those who like to take advantage of the warm weather and stay active through sports, that we also offer a Tennis Only membership. This is a household membership without use of the pool for \$110.00. But, if you have children or would like to cool off after your winning match, the recreational membership will enable you to do just that!

Also, we are still looking for volunteers to work on a New Brighton Green Directory. We have had many neighbors ask for this and would like to make one available but we are in need of a few more hands to help in the process. If you are interested in helping with the directory or have any questions, please call the hotline and give your name and phone number and your call will be returned.

Sincerely,
Mary Romero
Membership Chair

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 the newsletter to be delivered to your home, please mark the newsletter box on your association membership application or

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

Many thanks to all of the residents that supported the association by attending the Friday