

# Brighton Green Community Association

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## July 4th Celebration!

July 4th is always a fantastic, fun-filled day in Brighton Green!

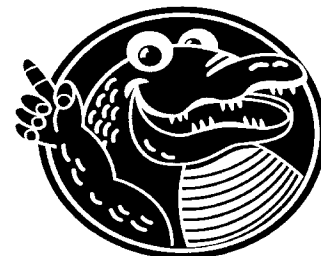
We will start the day with a parade which begins at the community center parking lot at 10:30. Decorate your truck, convertible, a wagon or yourself and join in the fun! Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated vehicle, bike and the best costume.

Following the parade, will be an all-day Independence Day Bash hosted by our very own Brighton Green lifeguards. Come in your best red, white and blue!

There will be games and contests for all ages, prizes, food and a silent auction which will feature tickets to the sold out Hillary

Duff concert on July 27th as well as many other items and services from local merchants and Brighton Green residents. You can sign up at the pool gate to make a donation for the auction or call the hotline. All proceeds will be used to improve the Community Association property.

Last years winners:  
Best Decorated Vehicle-  
The Teconchucks  
Best Decorated Bike-  
Will, Noah & Brenda Thomason  
Best Costume-  
Pat Francis  
Honorable Mention-  
Kim Brown  
[www.brightongreen.org/community](http://www.brightongreen.org/community)  
to see photos from last year



Go Gators!

### Special points of interest:

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## Help Wanted

If you are interested in filling a board position with the Brighton Green Community Association, or would be interested in helping out in some way, please plan to attend the next BGCA board meeting on June 26th at 7 PM. Currently, help is needed in the areas of community events, newsletter, building maintenance, grounds and membership. If you have questions or concerns in regard to BGCA matters, please call the hotline at 272-9946. Leave a message and your call will be returned.

## Attention All Tennis Players

*A tennis tournament has been scheduled to take place at the Brighton Green courts on Saturday and Sunday, July 2nd and 3rd. No pressure for those who are beginners. We would like to get some doubles tournaments going for the summer. Sign up at the pool gate for the time that best suits you. We will put*

*together a 'ladder' once everyone has signed up and match you with a partner according to your skill level & request. Balls, beverages & snacks provided. Please help us get the 'Ball Rollin' again at the Brighton Green Tennis Courts! Call April Mann at 330-9007 or Mary Hunter-Ayer at 327-0044 for additional information. See you on the*

# Membership News

Beating the heat this summer won't be hard for those of you who have so wisely chosen to join our pool! As you all have noticed, we are already experiencing some of the hottest days we've seen so far and we have yet to get into the full swing of the summer months. For those family's who have put off making their decision whether or not to join, it's never too late. We still have applications available in the cylinder directly in front of the gazebo at the community building as well as at the lifeguard table. If you have access to the internet, one can be downloaded from our website at [www.brightongreen.org](http://www.brightongreen.org). You will also find other valuable information on the website concerning our community and upcoming social activities.

Thus far, we have had a wonderful membership turn-out! Please keep in mind that it is through our various memberships that we are able to continue to keep our pool open to the community, maintain our grounds and facilities which help maintain your property values. This, coupled with all of our generous volunteers is what makes Brighton Green the community in which you chose to move into and raise your family. Without the hard work and dedication from our board members and many of our residents, Brighton Green would not be able to maintain the integrity it has today. I urge all of you to plan ahead and mark your calendars for our yearly community meeting in December. We are in need of new faces and fresh ideas for some of next year's board positions. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get involved in your community and 'have your voice be heard' weather it be in a board position or helping out by volunteering your time.

I hope all of our present pool members are enjoying basking poolside during the summer heat and hope to see some new members now that the summer is upon us.

Have a wonderful summer,

Mary Romero  
Membership Chairman

## National Night Out Against Crime

**Tuesday, August 2nd**

Join your neighbors at the community center between 6 and 8 PM for the 22nd National Night Out Against Crime.

We will have a fun filled evening featuring a visit from McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog as well as door prizes and ice cream for everyone!

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and show your concern for your community. Information will be available about an effort by your Brighton Green Neighborhood Watch to have new street lights installed in targeted areas in the neighborhood.

## Did you know...

...that if you will be away on vacation you can call the desk officer at the Midlothian Station at 272-4207 and request a *vacation keep check*. An officer will drive by your home on occasion to check on your property.

...that if you see or hear something that appears to be suspicious, you can call the non-emergency number for Chesterfield County at 748-1251 to report it. An officer will be sent to investigate.

...that for fire, rescue and police to be able to respond immediately to your call for help they need to be able to find your home! These emergency response teams request that you mark both sides of your mailbox or post with 3" reflective numbers to make it easy to find you.

## Community Events

**July 4th Celebration** –Neighborhood parade down Forkland Drive and streets beyond at 10:30 followed by games, activities, food and a silent auction at the pool.

**Ladies Bunco Night** - Is always the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:30 PM. Bring your favorite snack or appetizer to share. The cost is \$10 and there are cash prizes! The game is easy to learn and we will teach you how to play. July 14th, August 11th, September 8th and October 13th are the next dates to get in on the fun.

**Self Defense & Awareness for Women** - This four-part course is offered to women and girls age 10 and over. Taught by a certified self defense instructor. Saturday afternoons 1:30 –3:00 on July 9, 16, 23 and 30. \$15 per person or \$20 for mother/daughter combo for the entire course. Register at the snack bar or call the hotline to get more information.

**Annual Crabfeast** –Saturday, July 23rd, 7 PM until ??? This adult social (21 and over) serves up all the crab & shrimp that you can eat as well as BBQ with all the fixins'! There will be music, swimming and a volleyball game to help burn dinner off. Tickets are available at the snack bar. Purchase your ticket early! The price goes up at the door. Invite your family & friends!

**Volleyball** - For adults, (18 and over) every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 PM at the volleyball field. Watch the info board at the pool for an occasional weekend game. All are welcome!

*Watch the info board at the pool for ladies nights as well as summer events for kids and teens.*

### **Coming in the Fall**

*Dinner and Bonfire: September 16th, October 14th and November 4th from 5:30 to 7 PM. Fire at 7:30.*

## Grounds News

**BGCA sends thanks** to everyone who has helped care for our community center grounds this year. The association has contracted with Lorraine Agnew for grass cutting for 2005. All other grounds maintenance is performed by volunteers. Would you, your family, a group of friends or scout troop 'Adopt A Space'?

These spaces need your help: Playground, Midlothian Turnpike entrance, beds by the pool entrance, walkway to the tennis courts, the tennis courts and the parking lot.

Some of your neighbors have already adopted: The beds around the community center/Lavinia Moxley, volleyball court/Lee Smith, memorial garden/Julie Calder & Claudia Tokarz, picnic area/Clikeman family, Buford Road entrance/Buz & Jayne Jones. Duties include: control weeds, remove spent blooms and/or trim bushes, report items that need attention and recommend improvements. Care for your space at any time that works with your schedule. Thanks for helping to keep Brighton Green looking its best!

### Grounds Work Parties:

Please mark your calendar now to help with one or more of the following community center grounds clean up days that have been scheduled. Many hands make easy work!

Saturday, June 25th 9 to 12 to spread mulch

Saturday, September 10th 9 to 4

(rain date Saturday, September 17th) Pool cover & grounds

Saturday, October 15th 9 to 4

Sunday, October 16th 12 to 4

Saturday, November 19th 9 to 4

Sunday, November 20th 12 to 4

*Our neighborhood is full of responsible teens looking for summer work. If you have a need for child care, pet sitting or lawn care, a list of those willing to provide these services is available at the snack bar or call the hotline to have one delivered to your home. If you would like to add or remove your name from the list, leave a message on the hotline as well.*