

Brighton Green Community Association

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From the President

Dear Brighton Green Community,

It's that time of year again for the **Town Meeting**. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 4th at 3 pm**. The following board positions are available: Secretary, Treasurer, Snack Bar, Building Maintenance and President.

Thanks to all the board members and volunteers who have assisted at the building with clean-up, painting, social events, etc., which has helped unify the community. Each individual has contributed a special part to the community.

Sincerely,
Ken Atkins

Grounds News

We have had a lot of great help with the grounds work at the community center recently! Through our combined efforts we have accomplished the following jobs:

Tennis courts cleaned, moved a large pile of dirt from the side of the building, cleaned logs & sticks from the volleyball area, riprap moved to creek behind the building, bushes trimmed, flower beds cleaned, entrances cleaned up, pansies planted at Midlothian entrance and 5 holly trees planted in wooded area by the parking lot.

Our next grounds clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th from 9 to 4.

The rain date is Sunday, November 20th from 12 to 4. We plan to clean up leaves from the tennis courts & pool area, fix fences, plant crepe myrtles & Japanese maples. Plan to stop by and help out even if it is only for a little while!

Community Events

Brighton Green Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 19th from 5 to 8 PM Come get an early start on your holiday shopping! There promises to be a variety of wonderful items to choose from. If you are interested in renting a table to sell your wares, call the Brighton Green hotline at 272-9946. The table fee is \$25.

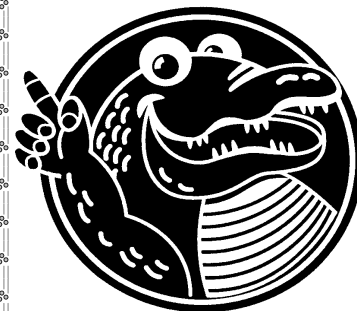
Ladies' Bunco Night – Thursday, December 8th and January 12th at 8:15 PM - Bring your favorite appetizer, snack or dessert to share as we gather to play Bunco. The cost is \$10 and there will be cash prizes. The game is a snap to learn and we will teach you how to play! You are not obligated to come each month - just whenever you can. It is a great opportunity to make new friends and meet your neighbors!

Pancake Dinner with Santa - Friday December 2nd from 6 to 8 PM

This is always a holiday favorite! Only \$5 for dinner, crafts and a visit with Santa! Come have some fun, support your community and enjoy a great meal! HoHoHo!

Call the hotline if you have an idea for a social event or if you would like to help with any of the events listed.

All events take place at the community center. Any profits generated are used to improve the pool, community center and grounds. Your participation is greatly appreciated!



Go Gators!

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It Looks Good!

Thanks to the crew that pulled together to paint the exterior of the community center and gazebo in a single day! We had excellent weather and extraordinary team work!

Next we will start on the interior of the building. Please see page 2 of the newsletter for details on how you can help. You have two options. #1-an easy \$5 donation, or #2-elbow-grease!

Thanks also to all of those who made a contribution to having several of our pool lounges repaired over the summer. They look grrreat!

Membership News

Here's hoping everyone has enjoyed the last of the warm days of autumn and is stock piling their cords of wood preparing for the cold days of winter. I am personally stocking up on hot chocolate!

Through the help of our grounds chairman and volunteers, the entire surroundings of our facilities enjoyed a beautiful facelift. Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication!

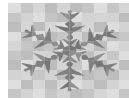
I had many compliments on how well organized our pool staff were this summer as well as some suggestions for changes for next year. All of these will be taken into consideration with our board members and discussed. If anyone has any suggestions, ideas, compliments or complaints, I would highly suggest that you plan to attend our annual Town Meeting in December. The only way to have your voice heard is to either take on one of our many open board positions or, come to a board meeting and discuss your concerns. This is *your* community and everyone's voice is welcome.

It is now time to look ahead to next years Brighton Green pool membership. Our community saw many "For Sale" signs on homes this year and new family's moving in. Even with our new neighbors, we did not see our anticipated membership goal. Many of you may or may not be aware but, several of the surrounding community pools have had to shut down in recent years due to lack of members. We do not want to fall into this category. Our home and property values rely heavily on maintaining the type of community you have chosen to raise your family in. Having the type of facilities that we do is a major part of what makes this community so appealing. If we are not able to maintain what we have worked so hard to achieve, all of us stand to lose a great deal more than just a pool in the summer months. I would ask that you keep this in mind when we discuss all of our membership fees. These fees are not only meant to have 'use of the pool' but, go towards the maintenance of the pool, grounds, tennis courts; painting of the building; holding social events; building maintenance; as well as lighting and insurance; items that extend far beyond the scope of swimming in the pool for a few months out of the year. All of your board members donate their time, efforts and energy in order to maintain the integrity of your community for the good of *all* who live here.

Please keep all of these things in mind when we discuss our budget during the Town Meeting in December.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Mary Romero
Membership Chairman



Help Wanted

As you are most probably aware, our restrooms at the community center are in desperate need of a facelift. Although one of our residents has donated their own time and cleaning supplies to prepare them for a paint job, we now need your help with the paint. We are asking all of our residents to donate either their time or **\$5.00 to "adopt a can" of paint**. This is a small price to pay, I'm sure you will agree, in order to bring our restrooms up to the standards that we would all like to see them in and be proud to say "this is our community building and we take care of it." We would like to purchase the paint and do the work in January. Once the paint is obtained, we will set a date and let all volunteers know when their services will be needed. So, please, if you can donate or if you would like to offer your decorating services, call the hotline at 272-9946 and leave a message for Mary Romero or Kelly Francis and one of them will get back in touch with you.

NOTE: This is a great opportunity for all swim team families to partake in preparing for the upcoming season. We will be doing a 'Gators' theme!

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 Adventure Crew. We meet next at 7:30 on **Thursday, November 17th** 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.

How your volunteer time makes a difference - If you are a new resident, you may not be aware that Brighton Green is a community full of volunteers! All of the work done at the pool, on the community center building and grounds, social events, fund-raisers, swim team coordinators, membership, financial management, signage, newsletter, recreational events...are all done by the way of volunteer hours. Together we maintain and improve our community center which is a social gathering place. A place where our children can play & grow, it adds significantly to the value of our homes and helps to establish new friendships as we work together toward this common goal.

Brighton Green has about 600 homes in it. If each household found just 2 hours per year to help with an event, grounds clean up or a painting project - just imagine what we could accomplish! And who knows, you might just have some fun! If each household purchased a general membership, (last year that price was only \$40) imagine the improvements we could afford to make to our community property! Consider what you and your family are able give back to Brighton Green to help insure that we continue to have a great community center to enjoy!

Neighborhood Watch

Let's put the BRIGHT back in Brighton Green!
 If you would like to see some additional street lights installed in our neighborhood, we need your help. Please call Richard Burroughs at 323-6708 if you know of a place that needs more light or if you would like more information on what you can do to help this idea become a reality.

Many thanks to all of the residents who came out for the National Night Out Against Crime in August. We enjoyed a photo history of Brighton Green, the Fire Department and McGruff visited, we had games, lots of great door prizes, ice cream and lemonade! Thanks also to our many sponsors: Little Caesars Pizza, McDonalds, Virginia Eye Institute, Ukrop's, Dave's Auto Spa, Ben Franklin, Loveland Distributing, 93.1- The Wolf, Oldies 107.3, Brewster's Ice Cream at Robious Road, Bowl America and Brown Distributing.

The next neighborhood Watch meeting will take place on **Monday, January 16 at 7 PM** at the community center. All are welcome!

Building Rental

Our Brighton Green Community Center is a great place to host a child or adult's birthday party, anniversary party, holiday get together or wedding reception. Call the Brighton Green hotline to get more information or to make a reservation!

BGCA Members:
 \$160/day or \$20/hour

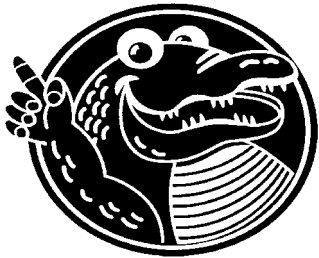
Non-Members
 \$250/day or \$50/hour

A \$200 refundable security deposit is required.

Note: The next newsletter is due out in January and will include the Brighton Green Association membership application.

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Calendar of Events - Details Inside

- November 17th - Brighton Green Venture Crew Meeting**
- November 19th - Grounds Clean Up (rain date, November 20th)**
- November 19th - Brighton Green Holiday Open House**
- December 2nd - Pancake Dinner with Santa**
- December 4th - Brighton Green Town Meeting**
- December 8th & January 12th- Ladies Bunco**
- January - Brighton Green Community Association Membership Drive**

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