



BGCA NEWS

Brighton Green Community Association, 609 N. Pinetta Drive, P.O. Box 35759, Richmond, VA 23235
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Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

It's spring time again!! You'll notice that the spring clean-up in the community has already begun. For anyone interested in assisting with the activities in the community, you may contact one of the board members.

Parents, please remember that your children are not allowed to ride skateboards, bicycles, scooters, etc. on the sidewalks around the community building and pool area and on the tennis courts. These activities are restricted to the black top area only for the safety of the children as well as those persons using the facilities. Also, the picnic tables should not be used for skateboarding. Thanks for your much needed support in encouraging your children to follow the rules.

Don't forget to join the community association. With gas prices as high as they are, joining the pool for the summer will give you and your family many hours of fun within walking or biking distance.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Atkins
President

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Social Notes

By Anne Cejka

- I am in need of four ADULT MALE chaperones for a Halloween Party to be held at the clubhouse on October 31 for children ages 13-18. Please call Anne at 323-6797. Without male chaperones, this event will not be held.
- The Crab Feast is coming up in July. Please call Anne at 323-6797 to reserve your spot. Tickets will be \$25.00 each for those paying ahead of time, or \$30.00 at the door. It will be BYOB since the price of crab and gas has skyrocketed and we want to keep the cost as low as possible.
- If you have not already done so, go to www.brightongreen.org and register for their FREE Yahoo! Group email. This is how we as a community can best communicate about events and other things going on.

POOL NEWS

Save gas! Spend this summer at the BGCA Pool **AND GET PAID FOR IT! We still have openings for a few good Life Guards for the 2006 season.**

Requirements for Life Guards are a minimum age of 15, a current Life Saving Certificate

and a desire to make the BGCA Pool the best that it can be.

Contact Fred Mistr (320-1915 or c206@verizon.net) for information and an application for employment. Pool opens Memorial Day weekend.

Grounds News

By Joane Einsmann

Thanks to our grounds volunteers!

Thanks to **ALL** who have come out and helped at the recent BGCA grounds cleanups. Volunteers helped with blowing down the tennis courts, weeding flower beds and the playground, spreading mulch, trimming bushes, cutting up downed trees, taking debris to the dump, replacing rotten boards on wooden boardwalks, securing the wooden boardwalks, and planting trees and perennials. Thanks to those who donated red maples, lirope, sedums and purpleheart. Because the warm weather is here, we want the BGCA grounds to be safe and look their best.

Tennis Anyone?

Spring is here and the courts are cleaned up and just waiting to be used. Both "Recreational" members and "Tennis Only" members may obtain a key to the courts by contacting April Mann at 330-9007. April is also planning some tournaments for the summer. Subscribe to the BGCA Yahoo Group Message Board to receive notifications of tennis events.

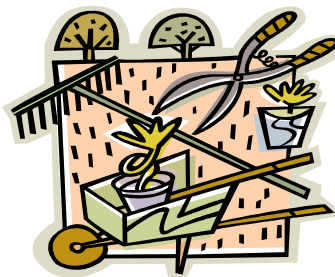
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brightongreen/>

See you on the BGCA courts!

Adopt a Space

Because ongoing care is needed for the entrances, beds, picnic and playground areas, would you, your family, a group of friends or scout troop "Adopt A Space" such as one of these areas:

✧	Midlothian Turnpike Entrance
✧	Buford Road Entrance
✧	Parking Lot
✧	Playground
✧	Deck and Picnic Area
✧	Memorial Garden
✧	Beds around Community Center
✧	Beds by parking lot
✧	Tennis Courts Area
✧	Volleyball Court Area



Swim Team News

By Carol Giles

The Brighton Green Gators welcome back Brittany Eddy and Patrick Loth as coaches for the 2006 swim season.

Sign ups for swimmers will be on Tuesday, May 9, 5:30 to 7 pm and Sunday, May 14, 2 to 4 pm. The registration fee for swimmers is \$75. Remember that league rules require that swimmers be on a current pool membership in order to compete.

Practice for all swimmers, except mini-mites, will begin on Monday, May 22. Juniors, intermediates and seniors practice at 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Mites and Midgets will be 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Bring running shoes and a water bottle. Mini-mites will begin practice on

Tuesday, May 30 at 5:45 to 6:15 pm.

Parents' meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 pm. All parents are encouraged to attend at least one meeting, especially parents new to the team.

The first meet will be at Woodlake on Thursday, June 15. The remaining away meets will be Tuesday, June 27 and Tuesday, July 11. Home meets will be Tuesday, June 20, Wednesday, July 5 and Tuesday, July 18.

For more information, contact Carol Giles by e-mail at cvgiles@comcast.net.

See next page for
Membership Application

Membership News

By Mary Romero

UPDATE!! UPDATE!! UPDATE!!

Happy Spring to all of our Bright Green residents☺ Many of you have taken advantage of the early bird special pool membership but it isn't too late to join the pool before we have the unveiling. You can use the application on the next page and send it in to; Brighton Green Community Association, P.O. Box 35759, Richmond, VA 23235. Or, you can go to the website: www.brightongreen.org, and download an application from there. Either way, it looks like it is going to be a hot, dry summer so please take advantage of what our community has to offer you and your family while, at the same time, protecting your home investment.

There is an update for our pool members this year in regards to your pool tags. PLEASE NOTE: You will have to sign in and have your tags hole punched by one of our lifeguards on your first visit to the pool. **Your tags will not be accepted if they do not have the new hole punch on them** so be sure to see one of the guards. Those of you who are new to our pool and who will have new tags will already have the newly designed punch on your tag. Therefore, you will just need to sign for and pick up your tags at the lifeguard table upon your first visit to the pool.

Please keep in mind our pool rules when using the facilities. These are in place to ensure the safety of all of our guests and so that everyone can enjoy their leisure time. If you would like to familiarize yourself with the rules, they will be available at the lifeguard table for you to look over. If you have any questions, concerns, compliments, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact myself or any one of the Brighton Green board members. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Remember, this is *your* community. It takes a concerted joint effort to make these facilities a viable, thriving asset to our neighborhood. If you know of or see any type of vandalism or misuse of our facilities or your own property taking place, you can call the non-emergency police hotline. We have many volunteers that give of their time, energy and effort to the upkeep these facilities and grounds. The Non-Emergency, Suspicious Activity number is: 748-1251.

Thank you to all who have continued your support through your memberships. Watch the newsletter and the website for many of our wonderful and fun social activities yet to come. I wish you all a relaxing and blessed summer!

BGCA Summer Social Calendar

- MAY 11: Bunco 7:00 PM at April Mann's
- MAY 12: *Woodland Vineyard* wine tasting 5-7 PM. \$5.00 entry fee—bring an appetizer to share
- MAY 13: Community Yard Sale 7:00 AM. Anyone is welcome to come set up a table. Snack bar will be open!
- MAY 22: Neighborhood watch meeting 6:45-8:30
- MAY 28: Board meeting 7:00 PM
- JUNE 4: Craft Bizarre 11:00 AM-4:00 PM and BBQ chicken sale
- JUNE 8: Bunco 7:00 TBA
- JUNE 9: Mock meet

- JUNE 10: Car Wash—fund raiser for gators!
- JUNE 25: Board meeting 7:00 PM
- JULY 4: Independence Day Parade (meet at 10:30 AM in parking lot.) Pool opens at 12:00 PM. Games start at 1:00 PM! Don't forget the silent auction!
- JULY 13: Bunco TBA
- JULY 22: Crab Feast 7:00 PM (see Social Notes)
- JULY 23: Board meeting 7:00 PM
- AUGUST 10: Bunco TBA
- AUGUST 12: Luau
- AUGUST 27: Board meeting

Maximum \$25 per household

Brighton Green Community Association 2006 BGCA Membership Application

Adult Members' Names:

1. _____ Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

2. _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____ (Used for Brighton Green communication only)

Membership types (please check one)

- \$45 General – I don't use the pool or tennis courts, but I want to support my community association and receive the newsletter to keep up to date on all activities.
- I will log onto the BGCA website to view the newsletter (www.brightongreen.org)
- I wish to receive the newsletter via USPS
- I am including a donation of \$ _____ for the renovation of the community building restrooms. This is to help defray the cost of an excess of \$5,000 to complete the project.
- I can volunteer for: ____ Social Events ____ Building ____ Grounds
- \$150 Tennis Only Household Membership
- \$360 Recreational Family Household pool/tennis membership (please circle one) **(\$330 Early Bird)**
- \$325 Senior (60 & older) Recreational Family **(\$295 Early Bird)**
- \$265 Recreational "2-person" Household pool/tennis membership **(\$235 Early Bird)**
- \$225 Senior (60 & older) Recreational "2-person" **(\$195 Early Bird)**
- \$185 Recreational "Single" Adult pool/tennis membership **(\$155 Early Bird)**
- \$165 Senior (60 & older) Recreational "Single" **(\$135 Early Bird)**

Other swimmers living in this household (*for Recreational memberships only*) included in this membership:

Note: Only minors under the age of 18 or adult children aged 18-21 years, living in the same household, can be included in the recreational family membership. Any others *must* purchase their own membership.

_____	age	_____	age
Name		Name	
_____	age	_____	age
Name		Name	

(Senior Grandparents: call 330-5091 for your 2 free 7-visit passes with a *full price* Recreational Membership only.)

We Regret: BGCA is unable to refund fees for any reason. **Note:** Payment plan does not apply to early bird prices. 1/3 of membership price is due on each of the following dates:

	1 of 3	2 of 3	3 of 3
	<u>FULL PYMT.</u>	<u>2/15/06</u>	<u>3/15/06</u>
Payment amount enclosed: \$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

KEY TAGS KEY TAGS WILL REMAIN THE SAME. A FEE OF \$5.00/EA. WILL BE ASSESSED FOR REPLACEMENTS.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail this form and check made out to BGCA to: Brighton Green Community Association, P.O. Box 35759, Richmond, VA, 23235. Any questions, please call the BGCA hotline: 272-9946

Community News

Brighton Green Neighborhood Watch

By Gwen Schmitt

Have you ever wondered what Brighton Green Neighborhood Watch is all about? Our slogan is "Neighbors Watching Out for Neighbors". Our goal is to become aware of what is "normal" for our area and report any unusual activity to the police non-emergency number at 748-1251. We encourage our residents to do their part and drive at the posted speed limit of 25 MPH in residential areas. If you have a problem with motorists speeding or driving recklessly on your street, call the Traffic Hotline at 318-8084.

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Monday, May 22nd at 7 PM at the Brighton Green community center. All residents are welcome to attend.

Hokies Spring Fling and Wine Festival

WHEN: Saturday, June 10, 2006 from 12p.m. to 6p.m. Rain or shine!

WHERE: Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Road in Henrico County

COSTS: \$20 for adults 21 and over for wine tastings

Free for non-tasters and persons under 21

Proceeds go to the Richmond Chapter – VTAA Academic Scholarship Fund

Boy Scouts Play Big Role in Community

By Lee Adcock

Few realize the role Boy Scouts play in our own community. Just across Midlothian at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Boy Scout Troop 845 meets every week to mix fun, adventure, and the outdoors with community service and personal growth. The last few meetings have included electric guitar jam sessions as the boys work on the Music merit badge, and discussions on the model rockets they plan to launch at the upcoming camping trip. After the meeting, there's an intense game of "Ultimate Frisbee". By making the activities fun and boy-lead, the programs are always exciting and a great learning tool for our future leaders. Several of the troop's Eagle Scout service projects have been completed at the Brighton Green community center and the troop recently adopted Arch Road as part of Virginia's "Adopt-A-Highway" program.

If you have interest in Boy Scout Troop 845, please visit their website at www.Troop845.com, or contact them by email at Scoutmaster@Troop845.com. Troop 845 meets every Tuesday night at 7:00 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Arch Rd. and Redbridge Rd. Come by for a visit!

Come enjoy almost a dozen wineries from around Virginia, specialty vendors, beer and great food

Live music provided by local artists *Smille* and Allen Thompson

Bring your chairs or blankets and join the fun!!!

For more information, call our hotline at (804)257-0788,

E-mail richmondhokies@yahoo.com, or visit www.richmondhokies.org

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