



BGCA NEWS

Brighton Green Community Association, 609 N. Pinetta Drive, P.O. Box 35759, Richmond, VA 23235
Website: www.brightongreen.org email: BGCAnewsletter@yahoo.com hotline: 272-9946

Letter from the President

Summer is finally here and all kinds of improvements have been going on at our Community Center. I am excited to share with you some of the things that your neighbors have been working on. First, our new sign has been installed and we are already seeing positive results with increased attendance at the functions that we have had since. The concrete wall surrounding the pool area is being stripped and repainted as I write this and is coming along very nicely. The baby pool has been resurfaced and is looking wonderful. All of the commodes in the bathrooms have been replaced, eliminating our pesky odor! The tables in the building have been repaired and the storage room has been straightened up. The flower beds and lawn continue to show improvement.

None of these things would have been able to be improved without help from your neighbors. Many people have volunteered their time and effort to help make our Community Center better. We all owe them a big THANK YOU! As many things as we have worked on, there are many more that still need to be done. We would like to replace the sinks in the bathrooms with counters and/or vanities. We have approved the addition of two permanent horseshoe pits to be installed along the pathway to the tennis courts. We have several painting and sealing projects that need to be done. Please consider volunteering your time and expertise to one or more project. Your help improving your Community Center will be much appreciated.

I would also like to thank all of you who have gone out of your way to help keep a watchful eye on our Community Center. We all have to keep up the diligence to keep our Community Center the best that it can be. I hope to see everyone for our 4th of July celebration. Have a happy and safe summer!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Swim Team News	1
Building & Grounds News	3
Neighborhood Watch News	3
2006 Membership Application	4
Membership News 2006	5
Business Opportunities	5
BGCA Calendar	6

Social Notes

By April Mann and Jennifer LaRuffa

Annual July 4th Celebration at BGCA

One of the best family celebrations in Chesterfield County!! The day starts with a parade at 10:00 am SHARP where all of our neighbors', their vehicles and children's bikes are decorated for the occasion and judged, with prizes. Please don't miss out on this tradition. The day is followed with poolside games for the children and adults until 4:00 pm. Highlights of the day also include a Silent Auction, 50/50 drawing, a musical festival with our very own Disc Jockey, dance contests and food hot off the grill!

BGCA 1st Annual 'Hawaiian Style' Family Poolside Party

Saturday: Aug. 18th 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Come join your neighbors for a relaxing evening of swimming and barbecue.

Cost: TBA
Caterer: TBA

Swim Team

Meet Schedule

Tuesday	June 26 th	@Surreywood
Monday or	July 2 nd	Smoketree
Tuesday	July 3 rd	
Tuesday	July 10	@Brandermill
Tuesday	July 17 th	Willow Oaks
Monday	July 23 rd	Champs (10 & under)
Tuesday	July 24 th	Champs (11 & up)

The Party Place

The Brighton Green Community Center is available for rent to both members and non-members. The space will accommodate 80 seated people and access to the kitchen area is included. The center is an ideal place for all kind of activities. We have hosted everything from weddings to seminars. Member rental rates are; \$20.00 per hour or \$160.00 per day. Non-member rates are \$60.00 per hour or \$300.00 per day. A \$200.00 security deposit is required.

Or how about a pool party this summer? It's just \$50.00 to rent the pool and \$10.00 an hour for each lifeguard. You'll need at least 2 lifeguards for up to 30 people.

Contact Mel Valenti 272-9946 to reserve your date

4th of July – Volunteers Needed

We hope that everyone is getting excited about the **4th of July parade and party** at BGCA. We are looking for **Volunteers** that are willing to donate their time that day and to 'man' a table (promise it will be in the shade) that we will have set up to sell beer cups and the 50/50 Raffle.

We certainly don't want to take away from anyone's fun and activities, so we are only asking for 5 volunteers to help for 1 hour each. Each volunteer would only have to sell cups for the beer and the 50/50 raffle for 1 hour. We would need someone from 11-12, 12-1, 1-2, 2-3 and 3-4 that day.

If you would please call the BGCA hotline at 272-9946. We would really appreciate your time and help!!

Please remember that without volunteers and help from our families and neighbors in BG, we would not be able to offer all the wonderful festivities that our children and families are able to enjoy at BG. Thanks again!!

Successful Yard Sale

Our annual **YARD SALE** was a success and we had nine Brighton Green families participate. Afterwards, a caravan of BGer's headed to the local Goodwill to drop off and donate any remaining sale items.

A big **THANKS** goes to all whom participated and helped in our Community building efforts and to two of Brighton Green's youngest and finest, Olivia LaRuffa and Reagan Mann for manning a lemonade and baked goods stand, it was a true refreshment to the guests on this **HOT** day!!!

Moving Up

Congratulations to:

Nathan Tanner graduating from JRHS and will be attending George Mason University – Department of Music

Lee Katherine Ayer graduated from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School and will be attending George Washington University

Evan Moore is graduating from Christopher Newport University with a BA in English. His ambition is to work in the writing field and has lined up one assignment already.

We like to extend our congratulations to all our graduating seniors on a job well done and wish each of you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.



New Brighton Green Sign
Watch for news and activities

Brighton Green Neighborhood Watch

By Steve McNeer

National Night Out

National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 7th from 6:00 – 8:00pm. We hope to have as many neighbors/families as possible for this event and hopefully it won't be as hot as last year. Various emergency service organizations present to answer questions as well.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

The next Neighborhood Watch will be Wednesday, July 25th at 7:00pm. We will be finalizing our plans for the National Night Out.

Home Security

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures.

Exterior Doors-

Lock all doors and windows at night and every time you leave the house...even if it will be just for a short while. The average time that it takes to commit a robbery is only 3 minutes!

Doors should be made of solid wood or metal-clad. All entryways should have a keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt with a metal strike plate installed into the frame of the door with 3" screws

Keep a spare key with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat, a planter, on a ledge or in a mailbox.

Outdoor Security-

Shrubs and bushes should be trimmed to the bottom of the window so there is no place for some one to hide. Overgrown bushes gives a prowler a place to hide to ambush you when you return home and provides them with cover as they pry on your window or peek inside. There should be no dark areas around the house, garage or yard at night that would provide cover for prowlers. Install motion sensor lights.

Your house number should be on both sides of your mailbox or post in 3" reflective numbers so police, EMS and fire departments can find your house quickly during an emergency.

Lock your car at all times! The #1 crime in Chesterfield County is larceny from vehicles. Most of the vehicles that are robbed are unlocked. If they are broken into, there was usually an item that the criminal wanted in plain view.

For a free home security inspection call Officer Bryan Miltenberger at 674-7600 X110.

If you are going on vacation, call the Midlothian Station at 272-4207 to request a Vacation Keep Check and an officer will drive by your home a few times while you are away.

To report suspicious activities call the non-emergency number at 748-1251.

Cleanup after your pets

When walking your pets, please remember to bring a bag with you to cleanup their "presents".

Grounds News

By Joanne Einsmann

Adopt A Space Volunteers

Many thanks to our Adopt a Space volunteers who help keep Brighton Green looking its best:

Buford Road entrance	Ann Flick / Buzz and Jane Jones
Parking Lot entrance bed	Terry and Nicole Salmons
Parking Lot right side	Brenda Thomason
Playground	Betty & Jeff Saxman
Picnic area	Gwen Schmitt
Hosta bed by snack bar	Margaret Harris
Beds in front of Community Center Building	Lavinia Moxley
Memorial Garden	Erin Reilly
Parking lot bed by split rail fence	Lucie Arsenault
Bed by swimming pool	Ann Schlicker
Tennis courts - weed control	Paul Clikeman
Walkway around volleyball court	Jim McKenney
Parking Lot - weed control	John Cejka
Midlothian Entrance	Volunteer needed

Playground cleanup

The weeds are popping up everywhere on the playground. When you are watching your children play, please pull a few.

Teach your children to place their trash such as icee and candy wrappers in the trash cans.

Please help keep our playground weeded and trash free!

To report speeding in the neighborhood

Speeding seems to be the number one concern among us. We can submit a complaint to: speeding@chesterfield.gov. or call 318-8084 to report unwanted/unsafe vehicle actions in the neighborhood, or in general.

Brighton Green Community Association 2007 BGCA Membership Application

Adult Members' Names:
 1. _____ Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____
 2. _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip Code _____

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

I wish to receive the newsletter via email
 I wish to receive the newsletter via USPS

I can volunteer for: _____ Social Events _____ Building _____ Grounds _____ Other _____

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 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.

\$150 Tennis Only Household Membership
 \$365 Recreational Family Household pool/tennis membership
 \$330 Senior (60 & older) Recreational Family
 \$270 Recreational "2-person" Household pool/tennis membership
 \$230 Senior (60 & older) Recreational "2-person"
 \$190 Recreational "Single" Adult pool/tennis membership
 \$170 Senior (60 & older) Recreational "Single"

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.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Name	date of birth	Name	date of birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
Name	date of birth	Name	date of birth

(Senior Grandparents: call 272-9946 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:
PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD IS NOW AVAILABLE.

Check – amount enclosed \$ _____ (make checks payable to **BGCA**)
 Master Card
 Visa

NAME ON CREDIT CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ **EXP. DATE:** _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail this form

WITH PAYMENT to: Brighton Green Community Association, P.O. Box 35759, Richmond, VA, 23235
Any questions, please call the BGCA hotline: 272-9946

Membership News

By Claudia Marshel

The Memberships continue to roll in. I expect as school lets out for everyone, there will be even more families who will recognize the value of a BGCA membership that includes access to our great pool and tennis courts, in addition to the benefits of supporting our Community Association.

Our new check in system seems to working well. Many members have remarked that they are glad to no longer have to keep track of key tags. In addition to your membership number, the membership card that is kept at the check-in table includes all family members names as well as family phone numbers that staff can use in case of emergency. I appreciate the patience of those of you whose cards were inadvertently left out at the start of the season. The staff has been very conscientious in letting me know about missing cards and a thorough check has been made to check for others that were missing. All member cards should be there now within a few days of joining the pool.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about membership. And keep encouraging your friends to join in the fun.

See you at the pool!

News Wanted

Do you know someone who has won an award, received recognition or maybe just random acts of kindness and want to share it with your neighbors? We'd love to include this information in our electronic newsletter starting in May. Please send the information to BGCANewsletter@yahoo.com

Wanted

Building Maintenance - Handyman type person to maintain and perform minor repairs as needed to the community center. Please contact John Benedict @272-9946

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to our following neighbors who have joined the Brighton Green community in the past six months:

John Amory
Ennis James
Judy and John Williams
Beatric and Anselmo Di Gennaro
Jeff Hass and Irina Baranova
Becky and William Bedner
David and Naomi Jackson
Michael Lane and Candace Kennedy
Michael and Danielle Martin
Jewel Booker and Norman Crosby
Luz and Sixto (JoJo) Gabor
Art and Rebekka Davis
Karin and Roy Luck
William and Bessie Lee
Len and Bonnie Anderson

Brighton Green Community Association

609 N. Pinetta Dr. P.O. Box 35759
Richmond, VA 23235

Phone:
272-9946

E-Mail:
BGCAnewsletter@yahoo.com

Website: www.brightongreen.org

BGCA Board Members

President: John Benedict
Secretary: Anne Cejka
Treasurer: Open
Membership: Claudia Marshel
Grounds: Joanne and Frank Einsmann
Building Rental: Mel Valenti
Building Maintenance: Open
Community Life: Jennifer LaRuffa
April Mann
Communications: Beth Maguire
Swim Team Rep: Nanette Smith
Angela Burroughs
Pool Manager: Fred Mistr
Web Master: Michael Prior

BGCA Calendar

June 26th @Surreywood
July 2nd or July 3rd Smoketree
July 4 Parade and Picnic starts 10:00am
July 10 @Brandermill
July 17th Willow Oaks
July 23rd Champs (10 & under)
July 24th Champs (11 & up)
July 25th Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00pm
August 7th National Night Out 6:00 – 8:00pm
August 18 Hawaiiian Family Party 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Ladies – Bunco – Every third Tuesday of the month – watch the Brighton Green Yahoo Group for further details

Brighton Green
Community Association
P.O. Box 35759
Richmond, VA 23235

