



BGCA NEWS

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The State of the Pool

The 2008 opening of our pool in Brighton Green has been very stressful for me. A ripped cover and excessive rain on the evening prior to the cover's removal caused the introduction of excessive organic matter into the pool.

Cleaning was slow and labor intensive and was coupled with mechanical failures that had to be addressed. These factors coupled with my perception of lack of interest and willingness to help by the community was extremely frustrating to me.

This perception may have resulted from poor communication of the need at hand. I am very happy to report that currently I am seeing more and more of the Brighton Green Community that I have known over the many years that I have lived here, a perception that we are a community that is united and willing to work toward a common cause. For this I am very proud.

With this said, things have proceeded well. Thanks to the help of many volunteers we have completed the "companion water supply line" to the pool. This project reduces the cost of water used for the pool and irrigation by at least one half.

The installation of a new backwash line from the pump house to the creek has been completed (a job that should have been done many years ago).

Hinges have been replaced on the pump house and the doors have been painted. The pole on the pool fence has been straightened and awaits the replacement of a section of fencing and the replacement of one top rail.

The debris introduced into the pool caused leakage in the two hydrostatic valves causing rapid loss of water from the pool. A BGCA member, using rented diving gear, cleared the valves. This saved a very high diving bill as well as a very large water bill.

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This community effort has also spilled over into other areas such as interior painting in the community building and repairs to the damaged tennis court fence among others. These actions show that united community action can result in great feats. For this we can be extremely proud and hope that the effort can continue to escalate.

Please remember at all times that your board members at working very hard and need your help. We are blessed as a community to have an array of extremely talented folks.

We are well staffed by very fine young people, serving as lifeguards, who are working hard in the recovery effort. They are also hard at work preparing for our 4th of July celebration. Any help that we can give them will be greatly appreciated.

We are currently fighting a stain in parts of the pool. Hopefully this will be solved in the near future.

In closing I am very proud of the recent rally of community involvement and spirit and hope that it will continue and escalate as more and more become involved. This has always been the strength of the Brighton Green Community in which my family and I have lived since 1972.

A great big "Thank You" to all who have stepped forward in support of our great community.

Fred Mistr, Pool Manager

Swim Team

Meet Schedule

Tuesday 7/8/08, Brighton Green @ Smoketree (AWAY)
Tuesday 7/15/08, Robious @ Brighton Green (HOME)
Monday 7/21/08, Brighton Green @ Willow Oaks AWAY)
Mon-Tue 7/28-29/08, RMAL Championships

The pool will be closed for Home Swim meets on 7/15 (v. Robious). On those nights you are welcome to swim at the opposing team's pool. Just tell them at their pool's gate that you are a member of Brighton Green and would like to swim there that night because of the swim meet."

Fourth of July Festivities

Join us again this year for the annual Fourth of July celebration. The fun begins at 10 a.m. with the Brighton Green parade. Decorate your car, truck, bike, scooter, or even yourself and gather at the Community Center to line up for the parade. Get there a few minutes early so you don't miss the start of the parade.

The pool will open at noon and games and contests will be held throughout the afternoon for all ages. The festivities include music, dancing, refreshments for all ages, and a silent auction. The party ends at 6 p.m. when the pool closes.

A few more volunteers are needed to help with the adult refreshments and other tasks. Call Jennifer La Ruffa at 272-9946 to see how you can help.

Remember that the entire Brighton Green community is invited to the celebration, not just pool members. Invite your neighbors to join us for the fun!

Membership News

The 2008 pool season is off to a great start! We have many new families joining the pool this year. Please help them feel welcome by introducing yourselves. That community feeling is one of the things that sets our Pool apart from many others.

We are continuing to use the gate card method of signing in at the pool. The lifeguard at the entrance of the pool has your card there. The guard will check your membership status as you come in and give you your membership number. You will sign in with your family name, number of people with you, and your membership number.

Guest passes are also available at the pool gate. Passes are \$4 per guest on weekdays and \$5 per guest on weekends. You can also get a 7 visit pass for \$25. A one-week family guest pass is \$60. Senior pool members may pick up their two 7 visit passes to use with their grandchildren at the front desk, as well. Please contact me directly if you would like to purchase a babysitter pass good for the entire summer for \$50.

If you have any questions about membership, please call Claudia Marshel at 261-5455 or email me at claudiamarshel@gmail.com. See you at the pool!

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

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. Contact Beth Maguire 272-9946 or eamaguire@verizon.net.

Positions Available

Building Maintenance – Handyperson type to maintain and perform minor repairs as needed to the community center building. Please call the BGCA hotline at 272-9946

Neighbor to Neighbor

Let's all remember to check on our immediate neighbors, especially if they are elderly or in ill health. This is what makes Brighton Green an exceptional NEIGHBORhood!

Stay Connected

If you have not already done so, go to www.brightongreen.org and register for the FREE Yahoo! Group email. This is how we, as a community, can best communicate about events and other important issues.

Now, for those of us who are technology challenged (read, you need to ask your kids how to download a document) Here are step by step instructions

1. Log onto www.brightongreen.org.
2. Click on Message Board.
3. Click on See Most Recent Messages.
4. If you have a Yahoo! Address, click on Sign In, and sign in.
5. If you do not have a Yahoo! Address, click on Sign Up.
6. If signing up, fill in information and agree to terms
7. If your existing address does not work, you may need to create a new one.
8. Congrats! You will now receive emails from the BGCA Yahoo! Group.

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BGCA Calendar

July 4 Parade, Picnic, Silent Auction
July 8 Swim Meet - Away
July 15 Swim Meet - Home
July 21 Swim Meet - Away
July 28/29 RMAL - Championships

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