

Brighton Area NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Every House a Home ~ Every Neighbor a Friend

A Newsletter of the Brighton Area Homeowners' Association (BAHA)

Feb. 21, 2009

Words from the President

Happy New Year! In 2008, the Brighton Area began renovations at the Edinburgh entrance and what a great job! I would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to help beautify the community. The Edinburgh entrance looks great, but in order to continue the renovations and include the other entrances, we need the support of every homeowner. Therefore, I would like to encourage every homeowner to become a member of the Brighton Area Homeowners' Assn. The Brighton Area Homeowners' Association Board of Directors would like to thank all the existing members for your support. Please come and join us at any or all of the events listed below; we would love to have you. Thank you for being part of this wonderful neighborhood.

Dawn Williams

WORDS FROM THE V.P.

As your neighborhood watch coordinator, I would like to thank the Block Captains for their time spent collecting signatures to revitalize the Neighborhood Watch Program. Thank you also all the residents who listened to their presentation and signed the participation surveys. We have met our first goal of 60% participation for the entire neighborhood. We are ready to take the next step. Come out to our next association meeting for more information. Also, see the article on page 4 for some more information regarding the Neighborhood Watch.

I would like to encourage everyone to come out and enjoy our Neighborhood Community day later this spring. We'll let you know the exact date as soon as we can firm it up. The fun will start at 11am until 3pm on Gateway Baptist Church grounds, located at 3300 Bell Rd. There will be lots of fun, games and plenty to eat. So, keep an eye out for our notice so that you won't miss this fun filled event while getting to know your neighbors throughout the neighborhood.

The Board of Directors and the Block Captains are sponsoring this event by selling Bruster's Ice Cream Books. Thanks for your support in advance for purchasing a \$10.00 book of coupons and don't forget to tell a friend or buy one for them as a gift.

Bud Jones



BRIGHTON AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

THURSDAY MARCH 5, 2009 7PM

**MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
3300 BELL ROAD MONTGOMERY, AL**

It is very important for everyone to attend this meeting!! We will have Cpl. Eschenbaugh from the Montgomery Police Department at the meeting and he will be presenting important information about the Neighborhood Watch program and services that are available to all participants. Please come out to hear him speak and learn how we can make our entire neighborhood safer and more secure.

Renovations In Progress!

We have begun renovating and upgrading the entrances to our neighborhood. It will be done in stages so there may be periods when it looks worse before it looks better. But it will look better eventually. You can help and speed up the process by becoming a member today.

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Visit our web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/montgomery/bara

Highlighted Good Neighbor Guidelines

- Know your neighbor's name and phone number in case of emergency.
- Drive at or below the speed limit and come to a complete stop at all stop signs to ensure safety.
- Keep the Brighton Area beautiful by keeping your yard and home beautiful.
- Help keep the streets trash free.
- Garbage cans are to be placed on the curb in front of your house the evening or morning of pick-up and retrieved the evening after pick-up.
- Never park in the yard. It's a violation of a Montgomery City Ordinance. A fine could be imposed.

MEMBERSHIP & GOALS

Last year we were successful at increasing our members and we are working to increase it even more this year. At our Dec 13 meeting, the members in attendance approved a proposal to mail reminder letters to members whose annual membership is about to expire. This will make it easier for the members since they will not have to check each time the newsletter comes out to see if their membership is expiring and needs to be renewed. We will of course be putting the membership form in each newsletter and encourage everyone who is not a member to send in the form with a payment. We use the membership to pay for the ongoing expenses of association such as water, electric, and maintenance of the entrances. In addition, each year we have improvement projects to enhance the appearance of the neighborhood and to make it safer. Last year we upgraded the Edinburgh Dr, Old Orchard and Wampold Road entrances. We plan to make additional improvements to the entrances again this year. The more supporting members we get, the more we are able to do. An attractive neighborhood benefits us all. Help us reach our goals this year.

QUICK REFERENCE PHONE NUMBERS

Crime in Progress.....911
Police Dept. (non-emergency).....241-2651
Secret Witness.....262-4000
Animal Control.....241-2970
Overgrown grass.....241-2068
Sidewalk Repair.....241-2880
Street Light Replacement.....1-800-245-2244
Street Sign Repair.....241-2910
Vehicle Parked in Yard.....241-2068

BAHA'S REFERENCE PHONE NUMBERS

BAHA PRES. Dawn Williams.....657-2916
BAHA Vice Pres Bud Jones430-0246
BAHA Sec. Mary Shaver.....215-3083
BAHA Treas. Aristotle Kirkland356-1898
Neighborhood Watch Coord. Bud Jones.....430-0246
Asst. Neighborhood Watch Coord. Kenn Walp.....277-3615

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION TODAY!

\$45 Annually **Brighton Area Homeowners' Association Membership Form** \$45 Annually

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Amount: _____ Check#: _____

Mail to BAHA P.O. Box 230961 Montgomery, AL 36123-0961



Christmas in BAHA

This year we had fun decorating the main entrance for the holidays. A group of neighbors came out to put up a tree with a hundred and one bows; red lights on the crape myrtle trees; bows on the new lamp posts and wreaths on the neighborhood sign. It was very festive and added to the holiday spirit.



BAHA Board of Directors and County Commissioner Todd Strange and City Councilman Glen Pruitt. Todd and Glen have been very supportive of our efforts to improve our neighborhood with advice and financial support.



At the tree lighting we had refreshments of warm cider, cups, cupcakes and cookies. Yum!!



Ho! Ho!! HO!!! Santa dropped by to talk to the neighborhood children who came out to the tree lighting ceremony. If you weren't able to come out this year you missed a wonderful opportunity

Neighborhood Watch News

Our Neighborhood Watch program is well under way. We have reached our goal of 60% of our residents participating in the program so that our neighborhood has qualified. There are a few areas where we still need a block captain. We have canvassed these areas and have people who have signed the participation survey. We have an interim block captain for the area, but we need a captain who resides on the block to be a point of contact for that block. If you are interested and want more information, please contact Bud Jones 430-0246 or Kenn Walp 277-3615. I would encourage all residents who are participating in the Neighborhood Watch to go ahead and complete the Operation ID forms we handed out. Then notify Bud or Kenn so that we can get your door and window decals out to you. For those of you who have not signed up yet, it is not too late. Contact Bud or Kenn and you can be included too.

These are the areas that still need local block captains:

2000 block – Briargate Dr.
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2200 block – Briargate Dr.
2000 block – W. Aberdeen Dr.
2100 block – W. Aberdeen Dr.
2300 block – Edinburgh Dr.
2200 block – N. Sutherland
2200 block— S. Sutherland
Volz Court
Sansone Court

December Award Winning Yards



Award winning yards are chosen each month based on the overall presentation of the yard shrubs and any decorations. These are some of the criteria we use to choose yards for recognition. The yards are neatly mown and practically weed free. The shrubbery is trimmed and conforms to and enhances the configuration of the house and walkways. The yards are trimmed at the edges where they meet the sidewalks, curbs and driveways. The street in front of the house is kept free of trash and weeds. We have many fine homes in the neighborhood that qualify, but can only choose a few each month and a house is only chosen once per year.