

Brighton Area NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

June 13, 2009

Words from the President

The Board of Directors are a group of 8 volunteers who are willing to service their community so that the Brighton Area is the best neighborhood in the city.

WHY ARE DUES IMPORTANT?

There several reasons why dues are important. There may be a slight misconception that the city pays to maintain neighborhood entrances but that is not so. Every neighborhood is responsible for the maintenance of their entrances.

First, dues are used to pay the monthly water and power bills for the Edinburgh entrance. Also, for the purchase of light bulbs and flags which need to be replaced every so often.

Next, dues are also used to beautify the entrances. Within the past 6 months, there has been significant transformation at the Edinburgh entrance and some improvements at the other entrances as well. We have been able to purchase post lights, sign lights, shrubs, flowers and other things needed to keep Brighton beautiful.

We would like to light the sign at Wampold Drive so you can see where the street is to make the turn. This is somewhat expensive so we need member participation with dues and we'll also accept donations from anyone who wants to make it happen sooner rather than later. The support of every homeowner is needed in order to keep our neighborhood beautiful and a great place to live. I would like to encourage every homeowner to become a member of your Brighton Area Homeowners' Assn. Dues are \$45.00 yearly and you will receive a membership letter along with a membership sticker for your mail box. Thanks in advance for your support.

Next BAHA meeting is Saturday July 11 at 10 AM.



Words from the V.P.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with our Community Day on May 2nd. Your participation and support made this event a day to remember!

Next, the City of Montgomery Police Department has made a special request for our neighborhood to minimize parking on the streets due to children playing who cannot be seen by oncoming vehicles. There are certain areas that are more congested than others; 2100 block E. Aberdeen, 6700 block Capuano, 2000 & 2100 block Edinburgh Dr. and many other areas. Long term parking in front of the Town Homes and Garden Homes at the 6600 block of E. Aberdeen and 2100 block W. Aberdeen. is not permitted at any time. Please park in your driveway if possible.

Also, as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator I encourage you to inform your youth not to gather in groups on streets, sidewalks, and corners because this is a violation of City Ordinance and is a nuisance to your neighbors. Thanks for your cooperation.

\$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

Neighborhood Watch

Our Neighborhood Watch program is well under way. As reported previously, we have qualified for the Neighborhood Watch program and have been registered as a Neighborhood Watch area with the Montgomery Police Department. We have a new Neighborhood Watch contact with the MPD. Her name is Corporal Y. C. Nichols and she is replacing Corporal M. Eshenbaugh as our primary contact with the program for education and coordination of our efforts. She is working to get our Neighborhood Watch signs refinished and/or replaced but there are some budgetary constraints that have delayed the deployment. Corporal Nichols came out to the Community Day we had on May 2 and introduced herself to the Board of Directors and we look forward to working with her as we continue implementation of the program.

The next step in the program is for our residents (Yes that means YOU!) to fill out the Operation ID forms that were handed out when you signed up to be a part of the Neighborhood Watch program. On the Operation ID form you list the items in your home that are likely targets for theft or burglary. The information to be included is the item description as well as make, model, serial number, purchase date and cost. The Operation ID forms are kept in a safe place at your home and are not seen by anyone else. These forms are an important part of the program. They ensure that you have the necessary information readily available just in case it is needed for a police report or an insurance claim. If there is a burglary and you have this information available, it is entered into a national database of stolen goods and this can be checked by the pawn shops and others to ensure they are not going to get stuck with stolen merchandise. Also if items are found they can be returned to their owners. Once you have filled out the form, contact Bud Jones or Kenn Walp and they will deliver the door or window decals for your residence. Decals are displayed at each residence entrance. There are two types of decals. One type is affixed to the outside of a solid door. The other is affixed on the inside of a door window and is seen through the window.

This step is up to you!! Let's keep this program growing. This is something we can all do to make a difference and keep this neighborhood a great place to live.

Asst Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Kenn C. Walp 277-3615

New City Ordinance

We want you to be informed and not be caught unaware!

Effective June 1 the city will start enforcing the new ordinance that prohibits parking on the lawn in front of your residence. They will be issuing a \$50 ticket for each occurrence. There is no longer a grace period to allow up to six hours to move the car. Now, if they are in the neighborhood and see a car in the yard they will ticket it on the spot. Corner houses cannot park on the lawn on either side facing the street. Also, cars parked on the street must have a current tag, inflated tires and must be in working condition. If any of these violations occur the vehicle is subject to be fined and towed..

Anyone can call the housing authority to report an infraction of the housing codes. When an inspector comes out they will check several blocks around for any infraction and issue tickets.

Housing Code : 241-2068 (cars in yard)
Traffic Division: 241-2670 (cars on street)

QUICK REFERENCE PHONE NUMBERS

Crime in Progress.....	911
Police Dept. (non-emergency).....	241-2651
Volunteer Police (Vacation).....	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 Jones	430-0246
BAHA Sec. Mary Shaver.....	215-3083
BAHA Treas. Aristotle Kirkland	356-1898
Neighborhood Watch Coord. Bud Jones.....	430-0246
Asst. Neighborhood Watch Coord. Kenn Walp.....	277-3615

Good Neighbor Guidelines

- **Join BAHA— your neighborhood association.** A strong association helps attract and keep good neighbors.
- **Drive at or below the speed limit and come to a complete stop at stop signs.** The safety of children and neighbors is very important.
- **Help keep trash off the street.** Garbage pick up is on Tuesday and Friday. Trash pick is on Wednesday. Homeowners' and residents are responsible for the sidewalk, curb area, and street in front of your home. Please try to clean up grass, trash, etc. so that the drains in the neighborhood work properly.

BAHA—Serving the Good Neighbors of Bellgate, Briargate, Broad, Brighton, and Brighton Estates!