Brighton Area
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Every House a Home ~ Every Neighbor a Friend

A Newsletter of the Brighton Area Homeowners Association (BAHA) Jan. 9, 2010

Words from the President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. In 2009, we added lights at Wampold and Briargate. I would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to help keep this community beautiful. We have done some beautification to three of our five entrances. There are still two more to go as well as keeping all entrances looking great. In order o continue the renovations and up keep of all the 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. Also, the Brighton Area Homeowners' Association Board of Directors would like to personally thank all the existing members for your support. Lastly, I would like to invite the community to come out 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.

WORDS FROM THE V.P.

Happy New Year!! We are gearing up for another year of activities. Shortly we will begin the planning and preparations for our Community Day which will take place in May.

Our Neighborhood Watch program is in full operation. We again encourage everyone who has not done so to fill out the Operation ID forms and call Kenn Walp at 277-3615. We have the door/window decals and want to get them out to as many homes as possible.

If you are new in the neighborhood and want to participate, call Bud Jones or Kenn Walp and we will get literature out to you.

BRIGHTON AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

SATURDAY JANUARY 23, 2010 10:00 AM

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

NOMINATION FOR 2010 - 2011
BAHA Board of Directors

President	Dawn Williams
Vice President	Bud Jones
Secretary	Mary Shaver
Treasurer	Kenneth Walp

AT-LARGE NOMINATIONS

Aristotle Kirkland	Public Relations/ Sergeant at Arms
Steve Burghardt	Special Assistant
Robert Chappell	Special Assistant
Karen Burghardt	Parliamentary Advisor
Cheryl Bell	Special Assistant

Yard's of the month 2009

We had many well kept groomed yards to choose from this year however only five per month can be recognized. Of the monthly winners, those being members of BAHA were entered into a drawing for a quarterly award. The following two homeowners have been drawn to receive the quarterly gift certificates:

2116 Briargate Drive
2217 Edinburgh Drive

They will receive their certificates at the Jan meeting.
Congratulations,
S. Burghardt & BAHA Board

What's the plan for 2010?

Let's first review the activities for 2009.. Community activities sponsored by BAHA , development of a successful neighborhood watch program, community day having games food refreshments and guest speakers. National Night out was fantastic, with the mayor, councilman and other guests meeting with our community.

Other activities such as neighborhood clean up and yar not only cleaned up the area but brought some extra dollars for those having a yard sale along with great finds for the purchaser. And of course the Christmas tree lighting along with Santa Claus and refreshments and cookies was very festive.

Behind the scene the board acquired several grants to add light to Wampold and Briargate, spent numerous days cleaning trimming and planting flowers at our entrances and attended many seminars designed to improve the neighborhood.

Now for 2010, the board plans to continues to hold Community Day, National Night Out, Neighbor clean up and a yard sale and lastly the Christmas Tree lighting. The board planned on lighting the entrance of Old Orchard this year. Regarding the Neighbor Watch program, we will continue to complete the second phase. A continuing goal for this year, is too increase our membership and neighborhood involvement. Please support your association by sending in your membership.

We would also like to invite your input regarding activities and improvements. Please share your thoughts, ideas questions and issues with the board through our email at: MGMBAH ail.com We can't wait to hear from you. sjb

School Tidbits

This year marked the beginning of many new exciting things for the Montgomery Public School system. It started with the opening of 2 new schools. Jim Wilson Elementary and Johnnie Carr Junior High. Brighton Area was rezoned for our students to attend this new junior high with state of the art systems. Both new schools have very active parent involvement and if you can help please contact the schools and do so. We also have a new superintendent that started work in August-Barbara Thompson. There are some changes in store for next year due to proration so attend the board meetings on the last Tuesday of each month and learn for yourself what is going on. One big change coming is the Magnet Application process. This year for the first time there will be two scheduled application periods. The first will take place in January the second some time in late March or early April. To keep up on the information and more please visit the Montgomery Public School system web site and for information on joining PTA's in our system go to alabamapta.org. kab

QUICK REFERNCE 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 REFERNCE PHONE NUMBERS

BAHA PRES. Dawn Williams……..657-2916
BAHA Vice Pres Bud Jones ……..430-0246
BAHA Sec. Mary Shaver…….……612-7597
BAHA Treas. Aristotle Kirkland ……339-2306
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:_____

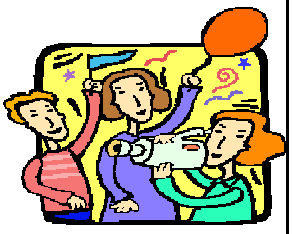
Address:_____ Phone:_____

Email:_____ Amount:_____ Check#:_____

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

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities to provide service to the community throughout the year. To mention a few of our activities:



Community Day – For several years now we have been celebrating a Community Day at the Gateway Baptist Church on Bell Road. We have free food, games and prizes for all our residents who attend. This is a large undertaking and we can use additional help with the organizing, food preparation and set-up and clan-up. Last year we had 130 participants and everyone had a great time. We'd like to see that number grow year after year.

Block Captains – We have 47 blocks defined for the neighborhood watch p So we have at least 47 opportunities for people to be a bloc these positions are currently filled, however some blocks are large and could be split if we get the volunteers to do so. The block captains serve a dual role. They are the eyes and ears of the Neighborhood Watch program. They also serve as a communication link between the BAHA Board of Directors and the residents and homeowners of the community. They deliver the BAHA newsletter about four times a year and sometimes we also have flyers for our other activities.

Landscaping and general maintenance at the entrances – We will be upgrading the entrances at Willowick and Old Orchard this year and will be doing some landscaping work. Throughout the year we also do general maintenance and replanting to keep the entrances looking fresh.

Tree pruning – In order to get power for a light at the Old Orchard e will need to prune the live oak that is in the eastern corner of the Old Orchard Lane and Vaughn Road intersection. We could use someone with pruning experience to supervise this job.

Christmas tree decorating and removal – In December we decorate the entrances with wreaths and lights and at Edinburgh Drive we erect a Christmas tree. We do the set-ups on the first Saturday in December and take it down at the end of the month.

Christmas tree lighting ceremony – We generally have this on the first Sunday in December. We have hot drinks and snacks. Maybe Dec 2010 we can have music for our caroling. Our a cappella singing is a little weak so music may help ut.

National Night Out – We plan to participate in National Night Out again this year. We'll let you know when it is scheduled. We have food and games and usually several community leaders who stop by. In 2009 we had music playing and good conversation for those who were able to attend.

Street clean-up – Throughout the year we have some members who make it a point to try to keep the streets clean of trash and we could certainly use some more help. This help could come in multiple forms. Picking up the trash is helpful, but not throwing it into the street would be even better! In October, during the Make a Difference Day (which in Montgomery was also Neighborhood Cleanup Day), we started the task of cleaning the street gutters. We had a crew of 6 who cleaned the gutters of Edinburgh Drive from Vaughn Rd to East Aberdeen Drive. We spent about two hours and collected over 500 lbs of dirt, leaves, gravel, pine straw, branches, bottles, cans and other dside trash. Throughout the year we plan to survey the remaining streets of the neighborhood and clean up the worst locations first where the gutter trash is blocking the gutter and keeping the rain water from draining freely into the storm sewers.

If you would like to help out with any of these activities, please call our Secretary Mary Shaver (612-7597)and let her know your interests. We have a lot of people in our neighborhood and if everyone volunteers just once per year we could do a whole lot more. These activities give you an opportunity to get to know other members of the community and have some fun and fellowship along the way. kcw

November Yard of the Month Winners