

Brighton Area NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Every House a Home ~ Every Neighbor a Friend

A Newsletter of the Brighton Area Homeowners Association (BAHA)

July 15, 2010

Message from the New President

BAHA has been very busy in the 2nd quarter of this year to include some new names, positions and structure.

Beginning the second quarter Bud Jones stepped down as Vice President for personal reasons. Bud will remain active as a Block Captain and when he can see his way clear will once again seek a position on the board. Following acceptance of his notice, President Dawn Williams appointed, and the board unanimously approved, member at large, Steve Burghardt as Vice President.

Within a month's time President Dawn Williams sold her home and soon will be relocating in Orlando Florida. The executive board met once again and accepted Dawn's resignation. Steve Burghardt, Vice President, was asked to step up to President until normal elections in February. It was accepted and approved again unanimously by the board. This created another opening for Vice President. Mary Shaver, our Recording Secretary for the board, was appointed and approved by the board as the new Vice President. Cheryl Bell, Member at Large, was then appointed and approved as the new Recording Secretary. This has now left the board with two vacant positions for Members at Large. We are now looking to fill these two positions.

A little about Steve Burghardt. I have lived in Brighton on East Aberdeen Drive now for almost 20 years. Only in the past three years have I become involved with the BAHA. I began as a Block Captain and then became a Member at Large assigned to direct the Yard of the Month program. Many of you may recognize me from driving throughout the neighborhood looking at yards.

What made me become involved in BAHA? My investment in the neighborhood, my home, was perceived as losing value as the neighborhood appeared to be on a decline. What I later discovered by meeting with my Block Captain, was that there was a group of people who were dedicating their personal time to improve the value of my home by just spending a little time each month making improvements in the Brighton area. I realized just standing around complaining wasn't helping the cause, so I too became involved: first by just paying dues and then helping when I could. What I then discovered was through BAHA's continuing efforts, this neighborhood has become once again a prime choice for realtors and a prime place to reside. We all have some talent we can bring forward to help improve our neighborhood and make it a better place to live.

At my first executive board meeting a new structure was reviewed and approved by the board. The structure introduces committees for each of the keys areas of the association. These committees will respond to the board. The plan was

Road Closure

August 3rd
6 pm to 9 pm

Main Entrance
On Edinburgh
Dr. will be
closed for Na-
tional Night Out



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BAHA Board of Directors

President	Steve Burghardt
Vice President	Mary Shaver
Secretary	Cheryl Bell
Treasurer	Kenneth Walp
Members At Large (2)	Vacant

Other Appointments

Aristotle Kirkland	Public Relations
Robert Chappell	Yard of the Month
Georgia Jenkins	Community Relations
Karen Burghardt	Parliamentary Advisor

BRIGHTON AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

THURSDAY JULY 29, 2010 7:30 PM

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
(in new gym)
3300 BELL ROAD MONTGOMERY, AL

displayed and positively received by the Block Captains' meeting in June. The plan will again be displayed to the general membership at our July 29 meeting and open for comment.

Accomplishments In 2010

It has been a very busy 2nd Quarter of 2010. The lighting of all five entrances has been completed thanks to the donations of David Grimes –State House Representative, Ham Williams County Commissioner & BONDS. In May, we held our annual Community Day with a barbeque, visiting with neighbors and making more friends and games for the children.

The BAHA Board added lights to the Wampold and Briargate entrance signs. A bit more landscaping (terracing) is needed there to finish the design. We have spent numerous days cleaning, trimming and planting flowers at our entrances and attending various seminars designed to improve the neighborhood. Do you have a green thumb to lend us?

The Board plans to continue to hold National Night Out, Neighborhood Clean Up, possibly a yard sale and lastly the Christmas Tree Lighting this year. There are numerous ongoing activities and one-time events that need community volunteers. Learn about them at our next meeting on July 29th, even if you are not a member of BAHA.

The Neighbor Watch program, needs more volunteers. To receive information by email, you must fill out a form in person with your block captain or board member. A continuing goal for this year is increasing our membership and neighborhood involvement. Please support your association by sending in your membership. Your fees pay for lighting, landscaping, basic neighborhood improvements including adding American flags for special days, and community-wide activities. These all help keep our property values and our area desirable.

School Tidbits

All Montgomery public schools, including magnet schools, have now adopted school uniforms and colors. Be sure to call your school to find out what your children should be wearing and for any questions you may have.

New principals have been appointed to several public schools including some for which we are zoned. Check them on the MPS web site: www.mps.k12.al.us

July 29th Neighborhood Association Meeting

We will meet at 7:30 Gateway Baptist Church in the new building next to the gym. Topics to be reviewed and open to comments by paid members of the association are as follows:

Review of the Community Day program

Introduction to the new committees and structure

What's on your mind? Send us an email:

BAHAMgm@gmail.com. You can also write down your comments and questions and drop them in the "what's on your mind" box at the meeting. We'll try to address your concerns as soon as possible. Our meeting will be followed by an Ice Cream Social and "Meet & Greet"

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

NEW City Information & to report problems....311

Be sure to record your "incident number" for follow-up

For assistance with Social Services.....211

Montgomery City Website:..... www.montgomeryal.gov

BAHA REFERENCE PHONE NUMBERS

BAHA PRES. Steve Burghardt.....	244-7910
BAHA Vice Pres Mary Shaver.....	612-7597
BAHA Sec. Cheryl Bell.....	279-1706
BAHA Treas. Ken Walp.....	277-3615
Neighborhood Watch Coord. Terry Hawkins	213-0317
Asst Coord: Kenn Walp.....	277-3615

email us at BAHAMgm@gmail.com

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Brighton_Area/home

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\$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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Block Captains Needed – Become part of the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Please email us at BAHAMGM@gmail.com or call Terry Hawkins 213-0317 or Kenn Walp 277-3716 our Neighborhood Watch Coordinators. We have 47 blocks defined for the neighborhood watch program. 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.



National Night Out – August 3, 2010 6:00 PM -9:00 PM. Its “National Night Out”. Come join your neighbors at the front entrance, BAHA will providing Hot dogs watermelon and ice cream and cake. We’ll have special guests stopping in, Mayor Todd Strange, MPD’s Captain Perkins, and other city officials though out the evening. Bring your chairs and listen to the music. Bring the kids and play the some games. Meet your Neighbors and have fun. The main neighborhood (front) entrance on Edinburgh Drive (at Vaughn Rd.) will be closed this day.

Biscuits Baseball & BONDS (building our neighborhood for development and success) offer training and grants to Neighborhood Associations (like BAHA) throughout the county. They also print our quarterly newsletter. At the **August 6th game**, BONDS and the Biscuits are working together with a fund raiser to support associations like ours by charging a \$1 extra to normal ticket price. Come enjoy the game and serve the neighborhoods of Montgomery. Bonds



Landscaping and general maintenance at the entrances – We have been upgrading the entrances at Willowick and Old Orchard this year and will be doing some landscape terracing. Throughout the year we also do general maintenance and re-planting to keep the entrances looking fresh. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please call to lend a hand or to head this committee.

Christmas tree decorating and removal – In December we need volunteers to decorate the entrances with wreaths and lights and at Edinburgh Drive to 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. If you’d like to help plan this activity please contact us.



Web site design and administration– Do you have computer skills you can contribute to help our “virtual neighborhood” also? Our web site needs updating and should be a source of continuing information about BAHA activities and neighborhood news. It can also be a resource for our Neighborhood Watch. Call Steve Burghardt or Kenn Walp to learn what you can do.

If you would like to help out with any of these activities or even chair a committee, please call our Secretary Cheryl Bell (279-1706) 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.

Areas that need volunteers:

Communication: Web Page, Webmail Responses, Entrance Signs, Flyers (design, distribution)

Special Events: Community Day, National Night Out, Yard Sale, Christmas Decorations; Fund Raising

Membership Committee; Beautification Committee; Neighborhood Watch Committee & Block Captains

Attention Parents of children grades 4-6

Free Summer Reading Enrichment Program July 17-30

Gateway Baptist Church, 8 am to Noon

Call 277-0525 for more information

Garbage and Trash Collection

Garbage pickup in our area is twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. The city uses large roll-out garbage containers that are assigned to each residence. The container numbers are registered to the related residence. You are responsible for your container.

1. The roll-out container is to be used for household garbage and light trash ONLY. It is recommended that all garbage be contained in bags within the container to keep loose items from falling out during pickup. All garbage bags must be inside the roll-out container. The container should be placed at the curb (NOT in the street) with the handle facing the street. The container should be placed on the street corresponding to your residence address.
2. Containers must be curbside not before 7:00PM on the day before pickup and no later than 7:00 AM on pick-up day. They must be removed no later than 7:00 PM on pickup day.
3. If a container is damaged, the user is responsible for the repair or replacement. Call 241-2753 if your container is damaged or stolen.
4. Containers that are overloaded will not be serviced. Do not place hot materials, paint solvents, inflammable liquids, non-containerized liquids, sod, rocks, sand, or other extremely heavy items or objects into the containers.
5. Sanitation crews will not return until the next pickup day if the container is placed curbside after your street is serviced.

Trash/rubbish pickup in our area is once per week on Wednesday with the exceptions of holidays and extreme weather.

1. Locate behind the curb (NEVER on the street). (Trash in the street can be washed into the storm drains and block them and contaminate the ground water.) It should not be put on the curb before 7:00 PM of the night before pickup.
2. Containerize ALL loose rubbish/trash.
3. Limbs, hedges, etc. must be cut less than four (4) feet in length and eight (8) inches in diameter and placed in an orderly manner behind the curb. (No charge for pickup.)
4. Limbs and large items above the dimensions (see item 3) will result in a charge. Charges are pro-rated at \$40 per load.
5. All appliances, couches, mattresses, carpet, etc. will be removed for \$5.00 per unit.
6. Grass must be containerized at all times. It should not be left on the street or piled in the street after mowing. Leaves and pine straw must be containerized with one exception (Oct 1 to Apr 15 each year). During this period, loose leaves may be placed in piles separate from other trash behind the curb (NOT in the street.) It is recommended that leaves and pine straw always be bagged in order for the sanitation crew to efficiently pick them up and keep the whole neighborhood clean.
7. Building debris, such as scrap lumber, plaster, roofing, concrete and other materials resulting from construction, repair, remodeling or demolition and dirt, stumps, and tree trunks resulting from landscaping will be the responsibility of the owner, contractor or tenant.
8. The City shall not be responsible for removal of debris from private property before, during or after construction of buildings. Contractors that perform work on private property are responsible for removal of such debris.

Are You Prepared?

If you lost electrical power due to bad weather or water due to water main breaks or had to evacuate your home because of fire, hurricane or other disaster, do you have:

Bottled water, charcoal or propane gas grill or camp stove for emergencies, canned & dry packaged food & beverages

First aid kit plus sunscreen, hydrocortisone cream, hand sanitizer, wet-wipes, paper & cloth towels

Prescription medications; lists of medications taken by each family member with dosages, doctors & phone numbers;

Copies of important papers, lists of credit cards, ID cards, & licenses, numbers & phone numbers to cancel or reissue

Emergency cash for travel, food, gasoline, lodging, etc.

Baby diapers, formula, bottles, clothing as needed

Pet carrier, leash, pet food, copy of vaccinations, medications, litter box if appropriate

Congratulations to July Yards of the Month Winners

6701 Capuano Drive 6701 Pamela Court
2348 W Aberdeen Drive 2045 Edinburgh Drive
2319 Leonard Road

Lost and Found

A set of keys were found and turned into our Block Captain. If you're the owner of these missing set of keys please see us at the General Meeting on July 29th