

Brighton Area Neighborhood News

Every House a Home - Every Neighbor a Friend



A Newsletter of the Brighton Area Homeowners Association (BAHA)

Sept. 15, 2010

Message from the President

“Curb Blurbs”

Who cleans your curb? The city, BAHA or don't know, don't care? Well you should, otherwise it could cost you lots of money. As the homeowner it is your responsibility to maintain the curb's cleanliness. Not only is it unsightly but is subject to strict fines by the city. The city has the option to clean it up, but like uncut lawns, you will be charged for this service. Leaving debris like this allows it to be washed into storm drains that can plug. As seen last year, the neighborhood did experience local flooding resulting in damage to you or neighbor's home. So please make it a practice, be a good neighbor and clean it up. After all it could save you money.

Does the curb in front of your house look like these?



Another money saving tip, please don't put your cuttings out at the curb until the night before pickup.

Again the city will pick this up on the heavy pick up days. When you have large amounts



like in the picture below, call the sanitation depart-

BRIGHTON AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

TUESDAY October 12, 2010 7:00 PM

Meeting are held at
GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
(in new gym)
3300 Bell Road, Montgomery AL

AGENDA: nominate next year's officers, discuss grants received, meet special guests, learn more about Neighborhood Watch Program

2010 - 2011

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
Terry Hawkins	Neighborhood Watch
& Kenn Walp	Coordinators

ment. They can schedule special pickups just for your needs. Again leaving this on the curb over the weekend or holidays is not only unsightly, but is subject to fine. (Contributed by Steve Burghardt)



Neighborhood Improvements In 2010

This year has seen many improvements to our neighborhood. As you have seen, earlier this year we installed lights at the Willowick Road and Old Orchard Lane entrances. In September we continued this safety and beautification project with financial assistance from the Mid-South RC&D Council in the form of two grants totaling \$4,600. We invested in the following improvements:

We changed out the light at the Wampold Road entrance to match the lights we installed at the Willowick and Old Orchard Lane entrances. We also removed the pile of dirt around the tree and planted in Asian Jasmine in front of the sign and around the tree.



At the Willowick Road entrance, we built a retaining wall out of Castle Rock and planted in Asian Jasmine, Carissa Holly, a Blue Point Juniper and a Sherwood Abelia. At the Old Orchard Lane entrance, we plant-

ed in a Blue Point Juniper, a Sherwood Abelia and Asian Jasmine. On both sides of the Briargate Drive entrance we planted in Asian Jasmine. On the East side we straightened the light which was listing to the side and no longer focused properly on the sign.

We installed an automated irrigation system to water the full length of the island at the Edinburgh Drive entrance. We also replaced two Carissa Holly plants and a Nandina plant which had died.

Our sincere thanks go out to the BAHA members who gave of their time to assist with the planting: Verlinda Perry, Georgia Jenkins, Rolanda Brown, Cheryl Bell, Phillip Walp, Susan Walp and Kenn Walp had a combined time that exceeded fifty hours of volunteer effort.

(Submitted by Kenn Walp)



National Night Out

Despite the heat, National Night Out August 2010 was a great success. Temperatures reached the 100's, but many still came out to enjoy the festivities, the food and drink, the company. Throughout the evening many guests came to meet with the neighborhood. Mayor Todd Strange spoke with many, as well City Councilman Glen Pruitt. A great turn out from MPD was made, speaking with everyone. Several candidates running for office also made their appearances. Music filled the air and the aromas of hot dogs and sausage were everywhere. Ice cream and watermelon helped in keeping everyone cool.

**NATIONAL
NIGHT
OUT**

America's Night Out Against Crime

A special thanks needs to be made to all those who either assisted the BAHA Board in putting on the event or supplied the cake and cookies for everyone's taking. We appreciate Ms. Georgia Jenkins, Mrs. Cheryl Bell, Mrs. Susan Walp, Mrs. Janet Jackson, Mrs. Brenda Fields, Mrs. Karen Cagle, Miss Shelby Cagle, Mrs. Jenimae Beckham, Mrs. Karen Sellers, Mrs. Mary Shaver, Mr. Terry Hawkins, Mr. Bud Jones and BAHA chefs Steve and Karen Burghardt. Thank you everyone for turning out and showing your support of the community.

New from BAHA: Sunshine Club

The Sunshine Club is a group of members that visit members in their homes or hospitals and present the ill a plant, flowers and a card, just to let them know that we are thinking about and praying for them. If you have a death in the family we will do the same. If you would like to volunteer for this club, please contact Mary or any of the ladies currently on the committee. Board Coordinator Mrs. Mary Shaver — 334-612-7597; Chair person Mrs. Jenimae Beckham — 334-277-9673; Mrs. Karen Burghardt—334-244-7910.



Mary Shaver, BAHA's new vice president came here by way of New Jersey. She says, "I am very happy to live in the Brighton Estates. I have been living here for nine years, and I have seen quite a few Board members come and go. I will do my best to uphold this position that I was elected to do." Please call her at the number above any time. She is looking forward to meeting all of our neighbors and providing any assistance with neighborhood matters. You can also reach her by email at djrsyn2dc@charter.net.

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 BAHA-MGM@gmail.com or call Terry Hawkins 213-0317 or Kenn Walp 277-3615 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 flyers we have for our other activities.

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.

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.

Christmas tree decorating and removal – In December we will 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.

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 residents of the community and have some fun and fellowship along the way.

YARD OF THE MONTH

The Yard of the Month selections are getting harder each month as more homeowners are really taking pride in their lawns and the upkeep of their properties. As fall is rapidly approaching and the foliage and grass are beginning to change color it will become more of a chore to keep your yard clear of falling leaves, branches and debris. With the change of seasons and upcoming holidays, the emphasis will be more on decorating than mowing so the selections will be geared toward presentation and seasonal themes. Our neighborhood continues to be one of the best looking areas in the city. Let’s keep up the good work!

The BAHA Yard of the Month selections are usually done by the first weekend of each month with the signs posted in the homeowners’ yard for a period of 30 days. Lawns are judged on their overall curb appeal, i.e., neatly mowed and edged grass, healthy flowers and shrubs, no overgrowth of weeds or foliage. The frontal view of the home should have a neat and uniform presentation with painted doors and shutters, clear pathways and no inoperable vehicles in the driveway. Homeowners are encouraged to adhere to these standards in order to keep our home values competitive and make Brighton one of the most desirable areas to live in Montgomery. For pictures of the September winners, see page 4. (Submitted by Robert Chappell)

August Yard Winners

6700 Volz Ct.
2337 Sansone Rd.
2245 E Aberdeen Dr.
2209 S Sutherland Dr.
2501 McGraw Ct.

September Yard Winners

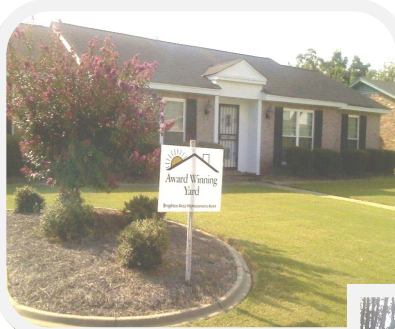
6861 Wampold Rd.
2249 Edinburgh Dr.
2324 Haddington Rd.
2860 Old Orchard Ln.
2129 N Sutherland Dr.

Neighborhood Watch Program

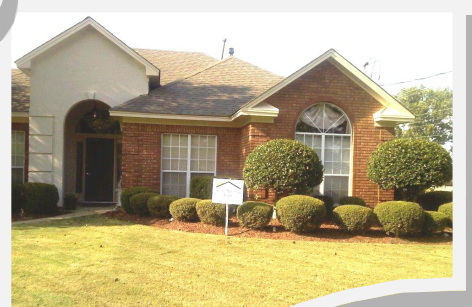
An important part of a safe and secure neighborhood is an active Neighborhood Watch Program managed by concerned, law-abiding citizens who are willing to look out for each other. We are fortunate to have a dedicated, professional police department, but our uniformed officers can't be everywhere, all of the time. They need our eyes and ears to help them send criminals and misfits packing! Kenn Walp and I serve as volunteer coordinators of the BAHA Neighborhood Watch Program and we have a great working relationship with Corporal Yvonne Nichols of the MPD Crime Prevention Bureau. In addition, we have a growing cadre of Block Captains, who are also volunteers. If you see a crime in progress, call 911 or the Secret Witness number (262-4000) and report what you see and hear. If you have non-emergency concerns about other matters in the neighborhood or witness suspicious activity, call your Block Captain, Kenn Walp (277-3615) or myself (213-0317), and we'll gladly transmit your concerns to Cpl. Nichols.

(Submitted by Terry Hawkins)

To receive prompt neighborhood alerts, information and news, the BAHA Neighborhood Watch needs your contact information: name, phone, email, cell phone and method of contacting you. Please use the form included in our insert to this newsletter. You do not need to be a member of BAHA to be part of this program. However, you may join BAHA for only \$45 a year!



September 2010
Yards of the Month



Be Your Own Hero: Are You Prepared?

<http://www.adph.org/get10/>

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, canned & dry packaged food & beverages, can opener

Flashlights & extra batteries for each person, radio, first aid kit, 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 for everyone as needed

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

Still 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 call Steve Burghardt.

Recently Lost—Reward

A Nikon pocket camera in a blue case was lost by a volunteer in our neighborhood. The pictures on the memory card are not replaceable, and the camera was a gift from her late husband. If you find it or can return the memory card, please contact Steve Burghardt at 244-7910 or leave it at his home.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

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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. Kenn Walp.....	277-3615
Neighborhood Watch Coord. Terry Hawkins	213-0317
Asst. Coord: Kenn Walp.....	277-3615

email us at BAHAMgm@gmail.com

USPS mail P.O. Box 230961, Montgomery, AL 36123-0961

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

Be alert. Report suspicious activity, overgrown yards, improperly parked vehicles, ordinance violations, needed street repairs, water, sanitation, electrical or gas issues, and general concerns to Montgomery City or the Neighborhood Watch Coordinators.

You do not need to be a member of BAHA to be part of the Neighborhood Watch Program and receive alerts and information

Be a part of the Brighton Area Neighborhood Watch Program (cut out & send)

I want to receive news, alerts, information and reminders by (check all that apply):

___ email ___ text message ___ voice mail

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone1: _____ Phone2: _____ Phone3: _____

___ text message ___ voice mail

___ text message ___ voice mail

___ text message ___ voice mail

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

I authorize BAHA officers and their program designees to use the information I have provided.

Signature

date

___ Check here if you are interest in becoming a Block Captain

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

\$45 Annually Brighton Area Homeowners Association Membership \$45 Annually

I also want to join the Neighborhood Association. Enclosed is Check#: _____ payable to BAHA