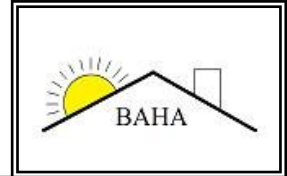


Brighton Area Neighborhood News

Every House a Home - Every Neighbor a Friend



A Newsletter of the Brighton Area Homeowners Association (BAHA)

Oct. 1, 2011

Neighborhood Watch: Police Giving Tickets!



Do you drive through the neighborhood at more than 25 mph? Do you “roll” through stop signs (not coming to a complete, wheels locked stop at signs?) Then be ready to receive some expensive traffic tickets! Witnesses to violations have complained to the Neighborhood Watch and Block Captains.

We contacted MPD, and they are responding with officers who will catch you now or later! Each violation has a separate fine, and they add up high. So **slow down and stop at signs.**

Do you have a **car parked on the grass**? That’s another city ordinance violation that can be **fined.**

Did you **put your yard waste or dead tree limbs** in the street instead of **behind the curb on your property**? Not only is that a safety hazard, but it also violates a city ordinance and is subject to a fine.

National Night Out a Success

Many families joined in the fellowship, food and support for a strong safe neighborhood reported Mary Shaver, events coordinator. “I would like to thank all the families and friends for coming out on national night out. It is very important that we stick together as neighbors to keep our homes and area safe. We ask that everyone continue to get to know who lives next door or who lives in the neighborhood. If you see a strange face or any unusual actions in the area, don’t hesitate to call the police.” They will come immediately to check if someone’s home is getting broken into or if a child is endangered. It is better to be safe than sorry.” Mary also advises, “Make sure you always lock your home and cars, even when at home. Put burglar alarms on every time you leave, and even when you are alone in the house.” She would also like to give a special thanks to all the people that took the time to help to setup, serve, cleanup, etc. National Night Out is a BAHA and City of Montgomery supported event. Remember if we all stick together we can make our area a better and safe place to live.

Do You Know...? All neighborhood entrances belong to and are paid for and maintained by us, NOT the City and NOT the Power Company! They reflect what we value. Trash on the street & in shrubs, broken lights, & torn-up plants, mean our neighborhood doesn't matter to us and invite thieves and thugs.
Keep Brighton Beautiful and Strong. Volunteer your time; pay dues; attend events.

BRIGHTON AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 7pm
GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
3300 Bell Road, Montgomery AL



Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, Oct 8 from 7am to Noon

BAHA is sponsoring a neighborhood-wide yard sale. Signs have been posted at all entrances. Put out your items in your yard or driveway. Visit your neighbors. Tell your friends and remind your neighbors. Keep all your profits! If you post signs for your own address, be sure to take them down after the event.

The best place to put a sign is in your own front yard!

Nominations for 2012 Officers Wanted

If you would like to serve as an officer or member-at-large, please contact Karen Burghardt a 244-7910 by Oct. 10th. Nominations will be presented at the October meeting on the 13th. Terms of office are for one year. Elections will take place at the January general meeting.

Officer descriptions are in the By-Laws on the BAHA website:
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Brighton_Area/home.

Water Heater Safety

Are you tempting fate? Want to avoid major damage to your home? You have an appliance that no one cares about until it doesn't work: it's the water heater. It works 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and when it breaks it's always at the most inconvenient time, during the holidays when you have a house full of company coming or when you're on vacation. Not only do you not have any hot water but the typical failure mode of the water heater is to leak. With fall around the corner and cooler days ahead we become even more dependent on our hot water. We use hotter water more often and for a longer period of time. Adding to this strain on the heater, the ground water temperature also begins to decrease it lowers the temperature of water just coming into your system. In other words the heater works even harder. This is the time of year to expect it to break. The Department of Energy notes the average life of a gas water heater to be 9 to 13 years and an electric one to be slightly higher. Do you know how old your water heater is? Have you ever

Neighborhood Events in 2011



Christmas Tree Lighting, Sunday Dec. 4.
Meet us at the Edinburgh Entrance for a visit from Santa, singing, hot apple cider & cookies. Help decorate our donated tree on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Call Mary Shaver at 612-7597 for details.

YARDS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following residents who are now eligible for a drawing for a \$25 gift card,

July 2011

2121 Briargate Dr.
6701 Capuano
6625 East Aberdeen Dr.
6629 East Aberdeen Dr.
6861 Wampold Dr.

August 2011

6731 Ginger
6618 Sarita Ct.
6700 Sarita Ct.
6706 Sarita Ct.
6712 Sarita Ct.

Photos will be included in the next newsletter

BAHA Yard of the Month Judging Criteria

Lawns should be cut and trimmed at all curbs, sides walls etc. Lawns should not be full of weeds or having areas without grass, but well maintained. There must be no debris at the curb. There should be no signs of vehicles being parked on the lawn. Shrubbery must be trimmed neatly, not over-grown. Dead plants and debris should be removed. Planted beds should be weed free, gardens covered with mulch, pine straw or other ground covers. Color is another factor considered with plants blooming, flowering, season driven. All structure on the property must be in good repair: no peeling paint, rotting or broken wood or other decaying building materials. Shutters awnings and alike must be in good repair. Driveways should not be oil soaked or have vehicles undergoing repair. Your mail box should be in good condition and not damaged, kept neat and to postal codes. Other Award regulations are that the resident has not won the award already that physical year; up to 5 homes may be chosen each month; judging begins in April and concludes in November.

2011-2012 BAHA Executive Board

BAHA PRES. Steve Burghardt244-7910
BAHA Vice Pres. Mary Shaver612-7597
BAHA Sec. Cheryl Bell279-1706
BAHA Treas. Karen Cagle270-0105
Members At Large:

Michael Foster, Al Mitchell, Georgia Jenkins

Other Appointments

Michael Foster	Yard of the Month
Georgia Jenkins	Community Relations 244-1773
Karen Burghardt	Parliamentary Advisor
Terry Hawkins	Neighborhood Watch
	Coordinator 213-0317
Al Mitchell	General Maintenance and
	Grounds Keeping 409-0103

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performed the maintenance that is required by the manufacturer?

Some things you may want to look for first are its age, followed by a visual inspection for any signs of rust or moisture. Are there signs of scale in the combustion chamber, or a more involved task to determine: is the anode depleted? If you see any of these signs call your plumbing professional or be prepared to change out your heater. Since the original construction of our homes in this neighborhood, new codes requiring the use of drain pans and the pans being piped to a suitable drain to avoid water damage have been adopted. There also is a whole new breed of water heaters out there that require different venting, gas and electric supplies and having different recoveries and efficiencies. The old 40 gallon water heater just isn't the same. So before you are placed in a predicament of no hot water or water damage to your home, you might want to be proactive and do some research. Get on the Internet and check out the new lines of water heaters. One manufacturer local to Montgomery is Rheem. Many of you may even work there or know someone who does. Check out their web site. @ Rheem.com

I (We) want to join BAHA

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone1: _____ Phone2: _____

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

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

Mail to: BAHA, P.O. Box 230961, Montgomery, AL 36123-0961
Brighton Area Homeowners Association Membership

\$45 Annually

Enclosed is Check#: _____ payable to BAHA (extra donations welcome)