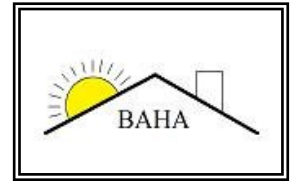


Brighton Area Neighborhood News

Every House a Home - Every Neighbor a Friend



A Newsletter of the Brighton Area Homeowners Association (BAHA)

Dec. 1, 2011

BAHA Holiday Events



"December is a busy month for BAHA and a great time to get together with neighbors," says Mary Shaver, Events Coordinator and BAHA Vice President.



Tree Decorating: On Saturday, Dec 3rd we need help setting up and decorating the donated tree at the Edinburgh entrance. We have lights and decorations, but need your help putting them on. Please come at 10 am.

Tree Lighting & Santa Visit: Join us on Sunday, Dec 4th from 6-7:30 pm at the Edinburgh Entrance area for hot cider and cookies, some fellowship (and maybe singing) plus a visit from Santa Claus for the children. Bring the whole family!

Holiday Outdoor Decoration Contest:

Decorate your house and gardens for the holidays. Hang a red ribbon (or more) on your mailbox! Judging will be done on Dec. 17 beginning at 6pm, so turn on your holiday lights! Winners will be designated by a sign in their yards.

From the President—Season Greetings-

As we open our doors in the joy of the season entertaining our families and friends this year, let's all stop for a moment and remember our neighbors who may have a spouse or son or daughter in the military. Or they may have lost a close family member; making the holidays always the hardest to go through. Take some time to go over and wish them a Happy Holiday or thank them for their family member's military service. A good old heartfelt hello would be welcomed.

And as the year comes to a close and so does my office, I wish to thank all my officers, committee members and neighbors for all their assistance throughout my term as president. I will especially miss our stimulating conversations at our board meetings where our ideas, thoughts and directions all came to life. Even with all our adversities, we always seemed to come back to the core ideas of helping and improving our neighborhood. It was a great team for which I am thankful. Thank you all.

Let's make this Holiday Season memorable to all with good will and tidings. Smile and wave to your neighbors, it may be catching and you'll feel a whole lot better for it. Season Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone.

From Steve Burghardt, President

BRIGHTON AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012 7pm

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
3300 Bell Road, Montgomery AL

Election of Officers

Nominations for 2012 Officers Wanted

January 17th is our next General meeting. Elections of 2012 officers will take place. Those interested in running for any position on the board must attend. In addition, committee member positions will also be available. In order to hold an office you must be a paid member at least a month before the election takes place.

If you would like to serve as an officer or member-at-large, please contact Karen Burghardt, Parliamentarian, at 244-7910 by January 10. 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.



Lights Out

Have you noticed the lights on the entrance signs for Briargate, Old Orchard and Willowick, have been turned off.? In addition, the water to the front entrance has also been shut off. These actions to turn off the utilities were proposed and unanimously accepted by those attending our last general meeting in September. This measure was a direct result of our finances and unsatisfactory number of membership renewals.

BAHA's regular maintenance expenditures prior to this action required a paid membership of a minimum of 134 members. Unfortunately we have fallen short of the requirement. This decision to make cuts can be rescinded but only through a great increase in memberships. With this change in place we will save approximately \$1,500 per year. It also lets this executive board keep sufficient funds to pass responsibly to the next board in order to carry a couple of months of maintenance and utility costs until membership renewals generate new income in 2012.

2011 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 - 271-4405; Al Mitchell, - 409-0103;
 Georgia Jenkins - 244-1773

Other Appointments

Michael Foster.....Yard of the Month
 Georgia Jenkins.....Community Relations
 Karen Burghardt.....Parliamentary Advisor
 Terry Hawkins.....Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
 213-0317

Al Mitchell.....General Maintenance and
 Grounds Keeping

Karen Cagle.....Newsletter Editor

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YARDS OF THE MONTH

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

September 2011

2100 Briargate Dr.
 6820 Inverness Dr.
 6701 West Aberdeen Dr.
 6812 Willowick Dr.

October 2011

6836 Willowick Ct.
 6832 Wampold Ct.

Reminder: Observe City Ordinances During the Holidays to Avoid Fines

Parking of vehicles on front lawns can result in fines by the city. Those having corner lots, though the face of your home may be on one street, the side of your home facing the other street is considered a front lawn as well. Therefore you can't park on the side, either.

Parking of work vehicles Tractors and cabs, tow trucks and other heavy equipment vehicles are not allowed to be parked in the neighborhood, neither on the road nor in the driveway. It is in violation of the city ordinance that can result in a fine and/or towing charges.

Garbage and heavy pickup Bagged leaves or grass, branches, limbs, trees, boxes, small household items, etc. are to be placed behind the curb (but never on the street) the night before pickup after 7:00 pm. Items placed at the curb days in advance of this time can be cited. They also detract from the appearance of the neighborhood. Garbage receptacles are also to be removed from the curb by 7:00 pm the evening after scheduled pickup.

Drive 25 mph & come to a complete stop at all signs. Watch for children & pets. Police will ticket violators.

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.**

Neighborhood Watch: Holiday Safety Tips

A rash of recent burglaries mean you should:



- Lock your car at all times.
- Do not leave anything of value in your car.
- Set & use your security systems.

- Keep your house doors and windows closed & locked.
- Pick up mail, newspapers, & trash cans quickly.
- Never put boxes that identify contents on the curb for pickup. Either break them up into small flat pieces, or take them to a recycling pickup such as Aldersgate Methodist or Messiah Lutheran Churches on Vaughn Rd.



- Identify your possessions with an engraved number, make an inventory, and take photos or videos (of the interior contents of your home plus special items of jewelry and artwork) then keep them in a safe place.

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 or newsletter deliverer

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)