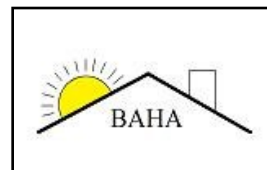


Brighton Area Neighborhood News

Every House a Home - Every Neighbor a Friend



A Newsletter of the Brighton Area Homeowners Association (BAHA)

March 15, 2012

BRIGHTON AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday April 19, 2012 7:00 PM*

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

3300 Bell Road, Montgomery AL

Vote for 2012 Homeowners Association Officers

Special Guest Police Chief Kevin Murphy

Outgoing President's Message

What does the being a member and supporting the Brighton Area Homeowners Association (BAHA) do for me? Why do we even need a Homeowners association?

The association not only maintains the entrances and keeps the appeal of the neighborhood as a great place to live, but we have a direct link to city, county and state officials. When issues occur in the neighborhood, from the annoying loud radios, parties and speeding cars, to homes left abandoned or in disrepair, the association reviews the issues with our city councilman, county commissioners, the mayor's office and the command structure of MPD. With BAHA working with these officials, sidewalks and curbs get repaired, streets repaved, extra police patrols, speed limits are enforced and lawns get cut. Of course anyone can request these additional services however, the BAHA Board you elect represents all the homeowners, residents, and all 820 homes in the neighborhood. We also meet face to face with these officials multiple times a year, and that personal touch has influence.

The association is also a member of the Neighborhood Watch program. This program works in conjunction with MPD in watching out for criminal activity in the neighborhood. You can't do this by yourself, and this can only happen through your homeowners association.

BAHA is also a member of still a greater association, BONDS, a nationwide association. Working through BONDS, the association meets with other homeowner associations and receives training and guidance. BONDS also writes grants for improvement projects for the associations, and through the years we've taken great advantage of this. We could not have created the five special entrances with landscaping, lighting, and signs without the many thousands of dollars BONDS' grants and donations by elected officials have provided.

Please consider joining or renewing you membership.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve BAHA for the past year and a half. However, new people must step forward to carry on this important work.

Steve Burghardt, President

Got Questions?

Need Answers?



**Meet with Police Chief
Kevin Murphy**

**Thursday April 19
7 pm
at BAHA General Meeting**

Ask him about activities going on in our neighborhood, what is being done, what can be done and what you can do.



Do you have problems or issues in the neighborhood that are not being addressed? Tell Chief Murphy about them.

Elections for 2012: Officers Needed

Volunteers are needed to fill the elected positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Members-at-Large of the Association. **You must be a paid member (and a homeowner) of the association for at least 30 days prior to the election on April 19th to hold office and to vote.** Call Karen Burghardt at 244-7910 to volunteer.

Descriptions of the duties of each office are in the by-laws on our website: http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Brighton_Area/home

Additional volunteer positions include Newsletter Editor, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Web Master, Volunteers Coordinator, Yard-of-the-Month Selector, and Maintenance and Grounds Coordinator. Again, contact Karen Burghardt.

The current board is now acting on extended service as approved at the general association meeting in January.

Neighborhood Watch Program

The BAHA Block Captains are the communications and liaison arm of the organization. They are also the backbone of a volunteer force we call on to assist with special projects. Throughout the year we depend on our Block Captains to hand out the quarterly BAHA newsletters and other flyers announcing special events. Qualifications for a BAHA Block Captain are as follows:

1. Must have paid their Homeowner Association dues for the year (\$45.00)
2. Be available and willing to attend quarterly Block Captain meetings.
3. Be willing to meet the needs of the neighbors in their assigned areas.
4. Lead by example.
5. Be willing to enforce the Community Standards of the Association

We are still looking for a volunteer to fill the vacant position of Assistant Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. If you are interested in taking on the duties associated with this key volunteer position, please contact Terry Hawkins at 213-0317. Finally, we are still in need of four Block Captains to also serve as Majors in one of four quadrants around the BAHA subdivision. The Neighborhood Watch Coordinators, Majors, and Block Captains all have the primary duty of keeping the lines of communication open with regard to reporting criminal activity and assisting the MPD with keeping our neighborhood safe and secure for all residents.

Please volunteer your time for this worthwhile activity. If you cannot be a Block Captain, is there any reason why you cannot become a newsletter distributor just a few times a year?

Newsletter Distributors and/or Block Captains Needed: If you can continue to serve the areas below, please let Terry Hawkins (213-0317) or Karen Cagle (279-0105) know. If you are able to volunteer for any area, please let us know what section(s) you can cover and in which capacity. We need responsible newsletter deliverers for all areas.

Section/Street Area	No.	Houses Volunteer
Sec 1 2000 Edinburgh Dr.	18	
Sec 1 2005 Edinburgh Pl.	6	
Sec 1 2033 Edinburgh Ct.	8	
Sec 1 6701 E. Aberdeen Dr.	3	
Sec 2 2000 Briargate Dr.	24	
Sec 2 6717 Inverness Rd.	12	Eddie Burnett
Sec 2 Old Orchard Rd.	21	
Sec 3 2100 Edinburgh Dr Even	18	Sharon Portis
Sec 3 2100 Edinburgh Dr Odd	18	Ron Holland
Sec 3 6605 E. Aberdeen Dr Odd	12	
Sec 3 6608 E. Aberdeen Dr. Even	12	Michael Foster
Sec 4 2100 E. Aberdeen Dr.	36	Mary Shaver
Sec 5 2100 Briargate Dr.	31	
Sec 5 Briargate Ct.	14	Linda Partridge
Sec 6 6804 Willowick - Bell	37	Terry Hawkins Corey Patrick
Sec 7 2100 N. Sutherland	24	
Sec 7 2200 S. Sutherland	21	Terry Smith
Sec 7 Bellgate Ct.	8	
Sec 7 Wampold Ct.	8	Brenda Stevens
Sec 7 Wampold Dr.	9	
Sec 8 2020 W. Aberdeen Dr.	26	Bill Wilson
Sec 8 2185 W. Aberdeen Dr.	12	Chuck Wyborny
Sec 8 6726 Wampold Rd.	7	
Sec 8 Ginger Ct.	11	Cathrine Bibb
Sec 8 Pamela Ct.	14	Jodell Dunlap
Sec 8 Patti Ct.	14	Allen Perkins

Section/Street Area	No.	Houses Volun-
Sec 8 Spivey Ct.	8	Chuck Wyborny
Sec 9 2300 Haddington Rd.	15	Robert Chappell
Sec 9 2713 W. Aberdeen Dr.	17	Arthurine McIvor
Sec 10 2300 Edinburgh Dr.	5	Bill Murrell
Sec 10 Carol Ct.	20	Cheryl Bell
Sec 10 Mitzi Ct.	14	Mary Gibbs
Sec 10 Sansone Ct.	6	Bud Jones
Sec 10 Sansone Rd.	26	Teresita Bell
Sec 11 2319 Leonard Rd. & Sarita Ct.	20	Mike Conn Marian Hawkins
Sec 11 2330 Edinburgh Dr.	3	Mike Conn Marian Hawkins
Sec 12 2200 Edinburgh Dr.	29	
Sec 13 2300 W. Aberdeen Dr.	18	Evelyn Murrell
Sec 14 Volz Ct.	16	Charles Madigan
Sec 15 Wolke Ct.	16	Brenda Fields
Sec 16 2200-2253 E. Aberdeen.	36	Tom Sellers
Sec 16 2261-2293 E. Aberdeen	9	Joyce West
Sec 17 2400 Haddington Rd.	23	Karen Keys
Sec 17 Hanloe Ct.	14	Janice Jackson
Sec 17 McGraw Ct.	14	Margo Thomas
Sec 18 2200 Briargate Dr.	18	Anita Taylor
Sec 18 2300 Briargate Dr.	21	Omeca Eutsey
Sec 19 6700 Capouano Dr.	27	Georgeane. Fox Harvey Peterson
Sec 20 2301 Cedarwood Ln.	27	Ron Beckham

Volunteer Opportunities

Newsletter Distributors needed— Can you help once every three months to take newsletters to your immediate neighbors? Please come to our next meeting or call Mary Shaver (612-7597) or Karen Cagle (279-0105). Tell us which blocks you can cover (see page 2), your name, phone, home address, & email. If you can do this, but do not want to be an official Block Captain, please volunteer for the “newsletter network”.

Block Captains needed – Become part of the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Please email us at BAHAMGM@gmail.com or call Terry Hawkins 213-0317 our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. We have 49 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 BAHBA Board of Directors and the residents and homeowners of the community. They deliver the BAHBA newsletter about four times a year and sometimes flyers we have for our other activities. *If you would like to help distribute the newsletters, please contact Terry, Hawkins or Editor Karen Cagle. If you can be a Block Captain, but cannot distribute newsletters, please let us know which activity you are volunteering for.*

Landscaping and general maintenance at the entrances – We have a large main entrance at Edinburgh and several smaller plant beds and signs at entrances to Briargate, Old Orchard, Wampold, and Willowick. Throughout the year we also do general maintenance (weeding, trimming, spreading pine straw, replacing light bulbs, etc.) and replanting to keep the entrances looking fresh. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please call Al Mitchell at 409-0103 to lend a hand. If home owners near each entrance would “adopt” their area, they could divide the work so no one has the whole burden.

Neighborhood Yard Sale—promoted by BAHBA to attract shoppers. More effective than private, single yard sales. Your merchandise: your prices and profits. Pair up with friends or next-door neighbors for maximum impact.

Special Events Chairpersons - Contact Mary Shaver at 612-7597 to chair or serve on committees for planned events such as the National Night Out (first Tuesday in August).

YARDS OF THE MONTH

Spring is approaching and pretty soon we will see the first blades of onion grass start to appear in lawns throughout the neighborhood. Are you ready? After the March winds, April showers and the annual onslaught of pollen from the flowering blooms, the familiar sounds of mowers and trimmers will fill the air once again. With this in mind, the BAHBA Yard of the Month Committee will resume monthly yard selections at the end of April and again we will be looking at the overall curb appeal of your lawn and home. Let's all put forth an effort to keep our neighborhood beautiful this year, see you out there!

BAHBA 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.



The Grinch that Stole BAHA's Christmas

A handful of volunteers worked hard on December 3rd to decorate our front entrance with lights, wreaths, bows and a Christmas Tree with ornaments that included many especially donated by residents to recognize their families. Beginning later that week thieves began stealing first lights from the crepe myrtle, then wreaths and bows, then tree ornaments and finally destroyed the barren tree by knocking it over in attempt to remove it. In the process they also damaged the electrical panel. By Christmas Eve, it looked as if we had hardly bothered doing



any decorating at all! What is even sadder, is that we believe the thieves may be known by some in this neighborhood, but they are protecting the vandals by not coming forward with information. It's bad enough that our own neighbors continue to disrespect us by dumping their trash and cigarette butts, beer cans and bottles in the Main Entrance planting area. Now we have nothing left to put up next holiday season after 20 years of collecting and saving and replacing various decorations and lights. What can you suggest we can do so this does not happen again? What can you do to help us restock some decorations for next year?

Membership Matters

Unlike some of the other local neighborhoods that charge hundreds of dollars, BAHA is a voluntary organization and has no covenants mandating that each homeowner pay dues. Therefore, we operate only on your voluntary membership. Today's budget requires a minimum of 150 members just to meet our existing bills. However, out of the 833 homes in our development and with the present state of the economy, our membership has dropped to 63 members. With that said, our finances were dangerously low with an estimated three months of operating funds left in October. We need your membership dues and participation. Electric operating expenses cost the association almost \$2,000 per year. Water, insurance, storage, maintenance and repairs cost still another \$4,000.00. This excludes the administrative costs for paper, stamps, printing and activities etc. Because of insufficient membership this past year we have turned off the water at the main entrance, turned off the lights at three other entrances, and have deferred replacing shrubs that were damaged by careless hit-and-run drivers in order to meet our limited budget obligations for 2012.

Please join or renew your membership as soon as possible. Our nominal dues of only \$45 are for an annual period. Please renew your membership now so that we can continue to make improvements to the neighborhood to make it attractive, friendly, peaceful and safe for all residents.

City Police Include BAHA in East District: Use Computer Program to Track and Analyze Crime

Brighton— Briargate is part of the East District created recently by the Montgomery Police Department (MPD). Our District Chief is Captain O'Banion. The city is further divided into five districts rather than the previous four in order to let police better analyze data and respond to crime and other incidents requiring their intervention.

MPD has been using "CompStat", a detailed, computer based crime data report and analysis system. Police look at various CompStat crime reports for patterns by type and locality, generating tables and maps to help them find patterns of recurring problems. By breaking down a city into smaller districts and sub-districts, they can pinpoint more meaningful information and then look for patterns. They work with neighborhood associations and other groups to harness the watchfulness of residents and workers with targeted police car, bicycle and motorcycle patrols and sometimes undercover individuals to find perpetrators. This combined approach based on CompStat analysis has helped police lower or eliminate certain crimes that have plagued local areas.

To help build a valuable database, police urge residents to report every instance of theft, break-in or other crime, both actual and suspected. Sometimes we are embarrassed to admit we left the car door unlocked and someone stole the GPS. However, by knowing someone took advantage of this crime of opportunity still means there was a thief lurking in the area. Police need to know and document that loss so that if he/she continues to rob others, they can use the property reports to apprehend him later.

MPD Police Chief Kevin Murphy states, "statistics show that for every time we arrest someone, he's already committed that crime an average of nine times." Thieves pick easy targets to break into our homes, cars and storage units. He also urges us to keep a watch on our own homes and our neighbors', plus the neighborhood or any area where we are, even shopping, and reporting anything suspicious helps stop crime. Call 911 and do not downplay the situation. Stay on the phone with the 911 operator because he is relaying your information and answers to questions to police that have already been dispatched to your area. Alert residents, shoppers, and workers may see criminals "in the act" and should report them so that police may arrest them.

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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

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. Karen Cagle.....	279-0105
Neighborhood Watch Coord. Terry Hawkins	213-0317
Maintenance/Grounds Coord. Al Mitchell...	409-0103
Volunteers Coord. Georgia Jenkins.....	244-1773
Yard of the Month Michael Foster	
Parliamentary Advisor.....Karen Burghardt	
email us at BAHAMgm@gmail.com	
USPS mail P.O. Box 230961, Montgomery, AL 36123-0961	
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Brighton_Area/home	

You do not need to be a member of BAHA to be part of the Neighborhood Watch Program and receive alerts and information, but we need your contact information (below).

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 Coordinator.

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

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. However, you may obtain a free replacement if yours is worn out or damaged.

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 pickup 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.) Yard waste should not be put on the curb before 7:00 PM of the night before pickup.
2. Containerize ALL loose rubbish/trash. It's best to use bags, but boxes are suitable if not rain-soaked.
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.

Good Neighbor Guidelines

- **Join BAHA— your neighborhood association.** *A strong association helps attract and keep good neighbors.*
- **Be Alert and report any suspicious activity to 911, share information with neighbors.**
- **Drive at or below the speed limit and come to a complete stop at stop signs.** *The safety of children and neighbors is very important.*
- **Help keep trash off the street.** *Garbage pick up is on Tuesday and Friday. Yard waste and large trash pick up is on Wednesday. Homeowners and residents are responsible for the sidewalk, curb area, and street in front of your home. Please try to clean up grass, trash, etc. so that the drains in the neighborhood work properly.*
- **Please use the sidewalks instead of walking on the street.**
- **Do not park any vehicles on grass.** *Large trucks or trailers in the street. Cab-tractors do not belong in the neighborhood*
- **Lock your car doors** *when parked in driveway or street*
- **Lock your house doors,** *even when at home.*