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Save the Date - NORC Meeting

Browncroft Neighborhood Association's

WINTER GATHERING

Friday, January 15th

At

Glendoveer's

2328 Old Browncroft Blvd

6:00 P.M. - Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)

Cheese and Vegetable Platters and
2 Chef's Hot Hors D'oeuvres

7:00 P.M. - Buffet Dinner

Caesar Salad, Chef Carved Beef, Oven Baked Chicken, Pasta with Marinara Sauce and Alfredo Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Butter, and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar for Dessert.
Coffee and Soda Station

Door Prizes

Donated by Local Merchants!

Tickets are \$18 per person
for reservations received by Sunday, January 10th.

Tickets are \$21 per person after that date.

For RESERVATIONS:

Please **call** the BNA Voicemail at 234-0160
or send an **email** to rgenthner@browncroftna.org
or **send** with payment by postal mail

Please include: number of people, your name,
address and phone number.

Please send your payment by Tuesday, Jan. 12th, payable to Browncroft Neighborhood Association, to: BNA's Winter Gathering, P.O. Box 10127, Rochester, New York 14610.



From the BNA President...

I invite everyone in Browncroft (you do not have to be a BNA member) to take full advantage of our upcoming 32nd Winter Gathering hospitality - a time and place in midwinter for our Browncroft neighbors to relax and gather for chat, food and drink. We have this year upgraded the buffet to the Chef Carved Beef and Oven Baked Chicken choices based on comments from last year's event. We have door prizes that have been donated by local businesses.

Tickets are \$18 per person for reservations received through January 10th. Tickets are \$21 per person after that date. We must pay Glendoveers for a minimum of 75 guests and they require a guaranteed guest count by January 8th. So your early reservation is appreciated and important for food planning and takes advantage of a \$3 price break.

We will, as Glendoveers permits, continue to accept a limited number of reservations right up to the Buffet. Again this year, BNA is contributing \$3.00 per person for the Social Hour treats. If you are not a member yet or haven't renewed your BNA membership, now is an excellent time to pay your membership dues of \$5.00 along with purchasing your tickets.

BNA started this neighborhood party in 1978 (when I was first President) during the December holidays. Tickets were \$6.00 and back then Glendoveers was known as Valley Echo. This gathering was moved a while back to the month of January to avoid the congested holidays of December, but under either name, we have met every year

Our evening Crime Prevention

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PAC TAC

The members of PAC TAC have been very BUSY in 2009! With the year is nearly done, here is a recap of some of their accomplishments. Members of PAC TAC supported the St. Ambrose Festival, Park Ave., and North Winton Village Arts Festival. Members and neighbors participate in successful Saturation walks in multiple locations including Parsells Avenue, East Main Street, Springfield/ Willmont, and the Bensonhurst neighborhood. And as of December 9, 2009 members have contributed 1,900 hours to the safety of Sector 8. PACTAC will surpass a Sector 8 record 2,000 hours by the end of the year. When you see a member of PAC TAC patrolling your neighborhood, thank them for all their hard work. Better yet - ask them for an application and be a part of the good work that they do!

- Bob Genthner

Rochester Soundscapes And Noise

BNA was fortunate to have James Kaufmann of Rochester Soundscapes come out to speak at our general membership meeting on October 21st and give us the perspective of that group of concerned citizens about what effect noise in an urban setting has upon us .

The idea was discussed that everyone is sensitive to noise, but some are more sensitive than others, So the question becomes what is "noise" in the bad sense and what can we do about it.

Mr. Kaufmann and his group have been working with the police and certain city council members to toughen the City's noise ordinance. Eliminating as much unwanted and unnecessary noise as possible will not only make the quiet enjoyment of our city homes possible, but will also help relieve the stigma that to live in the city is to live immersed in urban racket.

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Question and Answer with RPD Officer Rob Wetzel

Officer (CPO) is Rob Wetzel and he was recently asked a question by "The Beechwood Report" newsletter.

BR: Your job title is Crime Prevention Officer. Describe to our readers the difference between what that is versus a regular officer. As a CPO, what is your primary objective?

RW: Well I would have to say that the title of my job says most of the difference but we all know that one officer cannot do it all. My main objective is to carry out the duties of a police officer but be able

to give time and attention to the community. I address and handle quality of life issues that are not able to be formally or thoroughly addressed by regular officers assigned to the Patrol Service Areas. I would also like to think that I'm a reachable liaison between the community and the police department as I try to make myself available and visible. My goal is to increase communication and promote safety in the neighborhood.

Bob Genthner

Lights, Camera, ACTION....

...Hollywood comes to Browncroft

From November 30th through December 8th, the house at 139 Newcastle Road was the location for some very important scenes filmed for a feature motion picture. The film is called "After" and is being shot all over the Rochester area. The Campbell Media Group of Rochester is working with the feature film production company, Girls Gotta Eat Entertainment, based in Los Angeles.

Filming took place for 10-14 hours each day with a day off on Saturday Dec. 5th when the School 46 Holiday Bazaar was occurring.

There was very little disruption to the neighborhood except for the neighbors snatching distant peeks at the lights, cameras, and actors. There was a nightly email report exchanged between the neighbors on the day's sightings. It was quite exciting. The lucky Newcastle Road

residents were witnesses to the filming which took place all around the house-- front porch, back yard, and driveway. Several vintage cars were used in scenes out front.

The basement of the house was set up for a crew food area. The garage was used for staging and storage. The filming inside the house utilized the first and second floors.

Black paper covered the exterior downstairs windows at times for inside filming. Newcastle road was the home for large Ryder Trucks, outside electric generators, and transportation vans, along with dozens of the crew's cars. There were car licenses from several other States, including California

The homeowners' family was put up at the Strathallen Hotel for the week - all expenses paid.

Channel 13 reported that Sabrina Gennarino is the writer, producer, and one of the stars of "After", which is a drama about secrets and how far we'll go to protect the ones we love. The movie also stars Oscar-nominated actress Kathleen Quinlan, among others.

Quinlan made her film debut at the age of nineteen in George Lucas' 1973 nostalgic look at the early sixties, American Graffiti. As a young actress, she guest-starred in several 1970s television series including Police Woman, Ironside and Kojak. She has appeared in over 50 films, but is perhaps best known for her roles as Deborah, a schizophrenic, in the film version of I Never Promised You a Rose Garden, for which she earned a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress in a Motion Picture-Drama, and for a Golden Globe and Oscar nomi-

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY -

SCHOOL 46 CAMPUS

(From the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Friday, May 15, 1931)

HEADLINES: "DISPUTE OVER LAND HOLDS UP SCHOOL PLANS - OWNER WANTS TO SELL WHOLE FARM TO CITY, INSTEAD OF ONLY THREE ACRES.

ROCHESTER -The Board of Education yesterday rejected all bids received for the construction of the proposed Charles Carroll School 46 at Dorchester and Newcastle Roads because it has not been able without condemnation proceedings to acquire title to three acres of land extending beyond the city limits needed as part of the building site.

Three acres of the site were purchased ten years ago from Brown Brothers Company and within the past few years, the Board has sought to buy three additional acres which are part of a fifteen-acre farm belonging to Lewis Melons. According to the school authorities, the owner first agreed to sell the three acres at \$5000 acre, but since then has changed his mind and refuses to sell less than the entire farm of 15 acres. The Board has started condemnation proceedings which are now on appeal.

After changes in the plans and specifications for the proposed building are made so that it will be erected upon the land wholly within the city, new bids will be called for and it is expected that those will be awarded June 4. The revised plans and specifications will be ready within a week."

Noise

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The most common complaints we hear about offensive noise in our neighborhood is motorcycle noise, then noise from car stereos and yard parties.

The purpose of Rochester Soundscape and of BNA inviting them to the meeting is to raise people's consciousness about noise or unwanted sound. To have people think about the types of sound, necessary and unnecessary, legal and illegal, chronic or acute and to see how sound or noise effects the quality of their own lives and those of their neighbors.

Holly Petsos

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Have You Sent In Your BNA Dues?

Please don't forget to become a member of your Browncroft Neighborhood Association. Membership numbers, like TV ratings, show public officials the neighborhood is strong and ready to unite behind its values.

Dues are \$5.00 for the year and should be sent to the Browncroft P.O. Box on the cover page. If you misplaced your membership envelope from October, just print your name, address, telephone number, email address, number of people in the household, and area of interest on a piece of paper.

Be sure to indicate if you would like to subscribe or not to the BNA Announce email list. If you say yes, you will get email announcements of special events in the neighborhood, crime updates and more. Your email address is confidential, as no one else on the list can see that you are also receiving announcements.

Or you can go to www.browncroftna.org and select "Contact" at the top of the Home Page and follow the instructions OR just email info@browncroftna.org with your designated email address and put "subscribing to BNA email list" in the subject line and your subscription will be manually started for you. You will receive an auto-generated confirmation notice.
- Bob Genthner

CITY CODE AWARENESS

Snow removal - (Section 104-11C&D)

Residents are responsible for keeping snow and ice off the sidewalks. They are responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalks after the city plows (or private contractor) has removed snow from their drive. No snow is to be pushed into the streets from driveways by property owners or private contractors plowing for them.

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nated turn in the Best Supporting Actress category as an astronaut's wife, Marilyn Lovell, in the 1995 true story Apollo 13 opposite Tom Hanks.

The Greater Rochester Enterprise worked with producers to bring the film, actors, and about 70 jobs to the Rochester region.

Filming continued on December 9th and 10th at the Burgundy Basin Inn where crews shot a wedding scene. Browncroft neighbors, if they were interested, were invited by the production coordinator via our BNA-announce emailing, to be extras for this wedding scene. They were looking for people of all ages, ethnicities, looks, and types dressed in wedding appropriate clothes. No acting experience was necessary.

Our next film will be

— Bob Genthner

President's Message

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since 1978. That's 31 years and our 32nd party!

I encourage you to get your reservations in as soon as possible for this popular "Winter Gathering". So, join the fun of this mid-winter break and enjoy this Browncroft tradition. See you there!

Happy Holidays!

Bob Genthner

Browncroft Rose Garden Fall Clean-up

Thank you to Bob Kern (Windemere Rd), Bob Genthner (Newcastle Rd.), Sandra Tickle (Lanark Cres.), Cassy Petsos (Browncroft Blvd) for working in the Browncroft Rose Garden to prune the rose bushes and remove the dead annuals, thereby readying this city park for winter's sleep. We couldn't have done it if Bob Kern hadn't single handedly pruned two beds on the Thursday preceding the scheduled Saturday, November 14th clean-up.

Save the Date:

March 18, 2010

NORC MEETING

7:30 p.m.

at St. John The Evangelist Church, 553 Humboldt St.

HELPING RESIDENTS FIND RELIABLE HOME MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS

The next BNA General Membership Meeting will be devoted to the NORC (naturally occurring retirement community) Committee's initiatives to assist aging residents to find contractors who have good reputations. The committee is compiling a list based on recommendations received from our BNA membership.

Look for the next crier issue in February, which will contain a survey insert that we hope our members will complete and return to the NORC committee.