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Browncroft Neighborhood Association's  
(34th Annual)

**Winter Gathering**  
Friday, January 20, 2012



At

**Glendoveers**

2328 Old Browncroft Road

- 6:00pm Social Hour (Cash Bar) with hors d'oeuvres
- 7:00pm Buffet Dinner: Chef Carved Beef, Oven Baked Chicken, Pasta with Marinara and Alfredo Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Rolls, and Salad. Ice Cream Sundae Bar for Dessert, Coffee.
- 8:15pm Brief announcements and short musical program. Door Prizes by local merchants.

Tickets are \$18 for BNA members,  
\$21 for nonmembers.

Please RSVP by January 13th

Include the number of people, your name, address,  
and phone number.

BNA voicemail is 234-0160

BNA email is [inquiries@browncroftna.org](mailto:inquiries@browncroftna.org)

Please send your payment by Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to:  
Browncroft Neighborhood Association's Winter Gathering  
PO Box 10127, Rochester, NY 14610

(Checks are made out to Browncroft Neighborhood Association)



*Happy Holidays!*

# ELECTION 2011 - WHO REPRESENTS YOU

On election day, November 8, 2011, citizens around the county voted for their local representatives.

In BNA country the following is a list of your representatives for:

## City Council East

District, Elaine Spaul.

## At-large City Council

persons, Carolee Conklin, Matt Haag, Dana Miller, Jacklyn Ortiz, Loretta Scott.

## City School Board,

Cynthia Elliott, Malik Evans, Allen Williams, Willa Powell, Melisza Campos, Van White

## County Legislature,

23rd District, Paul Haney.

## County Executive,

Maggie Brooks.

It is also good to know your state and federal representatives: **NYS Senate**, Jim Alesi; **NYS Assembly**, Joseph Morelle; **US Senators**, Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand; **US Representative in Congress**, Louise Slaughter.

## BNA BOARD VOTES ON HISTORIC STREETLIGHTS

The Browncroft Street Light Committee, headed by Ivan Lennon of Beresford Road, brought a recommendation to the BNA board for voting upon as a next step in nudging the City of Rochester's City Council and Environmental Services Department to provide the new, yet historic, concrete pole street light system promised originally in 1984, when the city stripped the old RGE owned system out of all but four neighborhoods.

Residents of streets south of Browncroft Boulevard and Quentin Road voted by petition in 1984 to keep the concrete pole system. The city required such a petition to be executed by the same group of property owners in 2011 before it would proceed



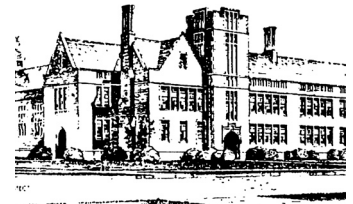
Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy (formerly Mayor Duffy) in the "hood" to vote in November elections 2011. Also, showing are neighbors Jeremy Cummings (Quentin) and David Adasiak (Corwin)

with plans to develop a reproduction system that would meet the historic qualities of the original lights and provide cost effective, energy efficient standards for today.

The committee reviewed different concrete poles on our streets to choose the best in terms of height (10 feet) and design (fluted) to give to the city as the model. And it carefully compared, by visiting actual examples elsewhere in the city, current luminaire "harp" styles being used versus the spherical globe style, both fitted with either 55 watt or 85 watt white QL® lamp (energy efficient electrodeless bulb). The luminaire style was the most difficult decision, due to the popularity of our old harps. However, that style today looks entirely different without the incandescent bulb and porcelain bell, while the globe looks exactly like the antique globe regardless of the bulb inside. Also, there is photographic evidence that Corwin & Dorchester originally had globes, and the committee felt the light appears less glaring in the globe.

The choice to be presented to the city, by a 10 to 5 vote, is the globe. Stay tuned for future updates.

by Cassy Petsos



## SCHOOL #46 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

The 2012 construction season will bring contractors to work on the historic educational Gothic style #46 School building, as part of the City School District's capital improvement program to bring buildings up to standard in terms of energy efficiency.

Exterior work will be done on windows, doors, and a small section of roof; and interior work on wardrobe doors and book cases,

according to Terry Costich, RCSD Architect, who attended the BNA December Board meeting, together with school principal, Ms. Pantoja, and Steve Reynolds of the SWBA architectural engineering firm.

The BNA Board's questions reflected their extreme concern for the preservation of the historic architectural integrity of the building, which is part of the Browncroft Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The RCSD officials were reminded that this neighborhood worked closely in the 1980's to retain the original windows. The RCSD CIP upgrades to school buildings at that time saw the extinction of wooden windows throughout the city, but not at #46. The Board also informed them that evidence exists to support the superior performance and endurance of repaired wooden windows.

The RCSD and its architects are willing to continue discussion with a BNA committee to be set up for input on this project that affects a structure of major importance to the neighborhood. Time is of the essence, however, because bids will go out by spring.

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