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## Take Me Out to the Ball Game

**Red Wings Baseball**  
**Saturday, July 21st**

## Rochester Red Wings vs the Norfolk Tides

The Browncroft Neighborhood Association  
and  
the Rochester Red Wings  
are sponsoring this event for Browncroft neighbors.  
Special seating has been reserved for BNA members.

Tickets are \$5.00.

Parents, bring the kids.  
Grandparents, bring the grand kids.  
Cheer our Rochester team to victory



Details and instructions for purchasing your tickets can be found  
on the attached flyer.

## *From the President...* James Seitz

Hi Everyone, I hope your summer is off to a great start. Here on Dorchester Rd, we've just welcomed a new puppy into our home with significant implications: lack of sleep. We have a great line-up of summer events to bring the community together; so, mark your calendars for exciting BNA events

### **4th of July Children's' Parade**

Participants meet at 243 Windemere Road between 10 and 10:30 for a 10:30 start time. There will be extra streamers for those who want to do some last-minute decorating of bikes/wagons/strollers.

Everyone's welcome to stay for burgers and hot dogs after the parade.

Parade route is west on Windemere, north on Gramercy, east on Corwin, south on Newcastle, west on Dorchester, north in Gramercy, and east on Windemere to 243 Windemere.

**Red Wings Baseball 21st of July** – Rochester Red Wings vs the Norfolk Tides

The Red Wings baseball game is being sponsored by the Rochester Red Wings and the Browncroft Neighborhood Association. Special seating has been reserved for BNA members. Tickets are \$5.00, this is a saving of \$4.00 per ticket. Parents, bring the kids. Grandparents, bring the grand kids.

Instructions for purchasing your tickets can be found on the attached flyer.

More events this summer include:

**Movie in the Browncroft Rose Garden** Park on the 18th of August, The Phantom Menace- Star Wars Episode 1,

and the **Clam Bake in the Rose Garden Park**—The Clam Bake is tentatively planned early fall. This is a new event being organized by Skip Pleninger BEP (Browncroft Event Planner) and Peter Easterly AP (Adjunct Planner). This is intended to be a meet and greet for our neighborhood. With something for everyone young and old alike.

The date is to be determined. Visit the BNA web page for details. We will also inform everyone on BNA Announce.



Author, Peter Lovenheim at the BNA Annual Meeting after having given an interesting talk on neighborliness

## **CHARLES CARROLL SCHOOL #46 IS GROWING ...**

### **...vegetables, that is!**

Students in several participating classrooms grades pre-K-6 have cooperatively developed a School Wide Community Garden. This project supports the RCSD Wellness Policy, as well as New York State standards in mathematics, health science and English language arts.

Our mission is to teach the importance of healthy eating/nutrition habits, develop lifelong skills and cultivate community responsibility!

This ongoing project has been successful with the support of several organizations including Greater Rochester Health Foundation, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Finger Lakes Eat Smart, private and local donations from Mayers Hardware.

For more information how you can support these efforts this summer, please contact Kristina. [Storrin@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Storrin@rcsdk12.org).

Kristina Storrin  
#46 School Liaison

## **MOVIE IN THE PARK**

**August 18th at dusk**

It's time for the movie in the park again. This summer's offering is the rollicking, action packed Stars Wars I, The Phantom Menace.

So bring your blanket, folding chairs and lemonade or pop and enjoy a movie under the stars in the beautiful Browncroft Rose Garden at the corner of Browncroft Boulevard and Merchants Road.

Free popcorn will be provided. So save the date, Saturday, August 18th at dusk (about 8:30). You don't want to miss this one.

Jim Nicholson

## GARDEN TOUR A “SOGGY” SUCCESS

Rain is good for gardens, but alas, not for garden tours. The second semi-annual BNA Garden Tour proceeded as scheduled on June 24th in torrential rain. The stout of heart, like the British, marched on and were rewarded with getting to view many fantastic gardens.

Many thanks to: Dan and Lura De Veau, LanarkCres.; Maureen Pineau, Berwick Rd.; Martin Scott and Sandra Swanson, Ramsey Pk.; Sue Powell, Dorchester Rd.; Ivan and Sue Lennon, and Joyce Nagel of Beresford Rd.; Marwode Neracker, Yarmouth Rd.; Ted Wright and Cheryl Santore and Noel Gilheany and Connie Carlo of Windemere Rd., Peggy DeFranco, David Silver, Corwin Rd. And thanks to the tour organizers, Jim Nicholson and Sharon Bloemendaal.



Neracker garden

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## ZONING UPDATES

Over the past few months the neighborhood association has had several zoning cases that were addressed by the association after careful consideration and consensus.

The latest case was regarding a fence for a corner lot that will run along the sidewalk of the side street and back up to the edge of the house in order to make a private space for the owner and his pets. There is always a difficulty with corner lots, and as there are several such fences in the neighborhood, BNA was not opposed this application, but rather provided suggestions about landscaping across the front part and the addition of an architectural top for the fence -- all things the homeowner himself was planning to do. By having attended the hearing and re-enforcing this, it became part of the record in the

decision. The fence was approved.

The other zoning issue that pops up all the time is front yard parking. This spring there was the case for a variance, by a neighbor who wanted to carve out an area of her front yard and pave it for parking purposes. The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously denied the case, as they have done fairly consistently in regard to such applications throughout the city. One zoning Board member commented that front yard parking is never allowed.

We have a problem with this on certain streets, and we are working to bring awareness to homeowners that it is illegal and you can potentially be ticketed, be required to attend a hearing and be fined. Please don't park on your lawn. It makes your property, street and neighborhood look rundown and it

depreciates your and your neighbors' property values.

Neighbors on Beresford and others have been working with the City of Rochester Zoning Department and code enforcement to resolve the issue of a mobile home parked in a driveway that spans the total distance from the house to the sidewalk. There had been misinformation, and consequently poor enforcement of our zoning code causing the issue to drag on for awhile. Now that everyone has brought the issue to the Director of Zoning and our Neighborhood Service Center, the issue will be focused on and resolved. Research of the zoning code and persistence by the neighbors made a difference.

Holly Petsos

# YOUR BEAUTIFICATION VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

## Spring Clean-up got off to a late start this year

Due to the efforts of a few dedicated volunteers most of the beds were weeded and somewhat pruned in time to enjoy the June blooming in the Browncroft Rose Garden.

Many thanks for hours of toil in the park go to Linda Siple and Tom Gibbons of Ramsey Park; Mary Ann Evans and Linda Mauck of Croydon Road, Rosemarie Hattman and Linda Seitz of Dorchester Road, and Cassy Petsos of Browncroft Boulevard, as well as to the Rosé team pictured below.

This garden park in the center of the neighborhood, and at an entry way of the city, is an important community asset that provides a pleasant respite to relax and enjoy the trees and flowers, toss a frisbee, fly a kite or admire in passing while walking through the neighborhood.

BNA's maintenance of the flower gardens through volunteerism for the past 40 years may not be a sustainable enterprise going into the future unless new neighbors join in. Another option may need to be worked out to ensure that this open space continues to reflect the neighborhood in the best way.

Cassy Petsos



## Roses, Rosé... and no Weeds

The Browncroft rose garden got a final spiffing up in time for the Neighborhood Garden Walk, held on Sunday, June 25.

Pictured are neighborhood residents Josie Leyens, Rosemarie Hattman, Linda Seitz, Anna Salzer, and Sharon Bloemendaal, along with Browncroft Blvd. residents Linda Quinlan and her son Jacob, who served as event photographer.

It seemed fitting to enjoy a few sips of the pink drink while providing one last preen to those lovely blooms.

Linda Seitz



## Brownies to the Rescue

Like good elves, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 63189 and their parents met in the Browncroft Rose Garden on May 30th to plant the annuals in the circle bed.

The begonias and dusty



millier were provided by the City of Rochester and BNA. The girls did a fantastic job getting them in, and we all look forward to seeing them grow and fill in the bed with season-long color.

Thank you: Gabby Wilson

(and mom, Betsy Wilson), Delaney Conroy (and dad, Kevin Conroy), Laura MacAleavy (and dad, Stephen MacAleavy), Sophie Gagnier (and mom, Linda Shih), Riley Peterson (and mom, Carrie Peterson), Lindy Hilbert (and mom, Amy Parkhill), Gia Cavallaro (and mom, Michele Cavallaro- Troop leader).

When the flowers grow and become more visible, we -- and the commuters passing by -- will enjoy them through out the season.

Cassy Petsos

# Browncroft Neighborhood Association Night At Frontier Field



## Saturday, July 21, 2018 @ 6:05pm

Watch the Rochester Red Wings take on the Norfolk Tide

**\*Post game Fireworks and Concert Included**

**Exclusive discounted tickets are available in our section!**

**\*Available until July 21st at 4:00pm**

To reserve tickets, visit: [www.ticketreturn.com](http://www.ticketreturn.com)

**(homepage pictured below)**

**Step 1:**

Use the username:

**Browncroft**

and password:

**Neighborhood**

**Click the Grey Button**

**Step 2: Click on the 7/21/18 Game**

**Step 3: Follow on-screen instructions to select your seats.**

**Then "Confirm Selected Tickets" to proceed to check-out page**