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Browncroft Neighborhood Association's

Winter Gathering

Join us in welcoming 2025 with your friends and neighbors

Friday, January 24th

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2328 Old Browncroft Blvd.

**5:30-6:30 p.m. cash bar - 2 hot hors d'oeuvres and
cheese and vegetable platters**

6:30 p.m. Delicious Buffet Dinner –

Chef Carved Beef Sirloin

Chicken French

Rolls and Butter

Pasta with Marinara Sauce and Alfredo Sauce

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Vegetable Medley

French Green Salad with two dressing choices

Ice Cream Bar (Back by Popular Demand)

Coffee/ tea, Soft Drinks

Deluxe Door Prizes from area merchants

\$35.00 per person. Reservations due by January 15th.

(See registration form on page 4) Send payment to BNA, Box 10127, Rochester, NY 14610 or drop off to Ann Kanthor at 175 Dorchester Rd. Questions can be directed to BNAwinter@gmail.com



BNA APPOINTS NEW TREASURER

John McQueen, has served as the BNA Treasurer since 2021. He has done an exceptional job keeping the account and membership log up-to-date, providing the Board with financial statements, and keeping the bills paid. He and his wife, Kathy had lived in Browncroft for approximately 45 years, and unfortunately for BNA they decided to downsize to an apartment in Rochester's Center City.

The BNA Board cannot sufficiently express our thanks to John for holding this important officer position for the last four years.

The Board has fortunately, with John's assistance, found and appointed a new treasurer, Bruce Rumbold, another long-time resident of Beresford Road, having purchased in 2013 his family home (since 1959). Bruce, who has an MBA from the U of R Simon School, is currently retired from a career consulting in the banking industry and is now serving as treasurer for another not-for-profit, NeighborWorks Community Partners.

BNA has been, and continues to be in good hands. Thank you John and Bruce!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PAY YOUR DUES

If the membership form is still sitting around from the last Crier, it's a good time to fill it out and send it in. BNA household membership dues are \$10. Your membership is important to BNA. A strong neighborhood association contributes to a sense of community and is paramount to ensuring that government elected representatives and department officials pay attention to our neighborhood concerns.

Four Officers, 17 Street Representatives, and 8 Committee Chairs who serve on the BNA Board of Directors are working for you, as volunteers, to advocate the goals and objectives of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association (BNA) on behalf of the 672 residential households of the Browncroft neighborhood. Show your solidarity by paying your dues, and add your voice to neighborhood issues by communicating to BNA through inquiries@browncroftna.org.

Lost your envelope? No problem, just write your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address on a piece of paper along with any concerns or interests, enclose your check to the Browncroft Neighborhood Association and mail it to the Browncroft Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 10127, Rochester, New York 14610.

In addition, let us know if you wish to subscribe to the BNA-Announce e-mail list. BNA Announce is the best way to stay connected with BNA between newsletters and meetings. Using this e-mail list, which is not shared anywhere else on the internet or between recipients, enables BNA to provide timely news bulletins, digital newsletters, Rochester Police Department communications, and neighbors' requests.

Thank you to all of our members to date. Season's Greetings to all

BROWNCROFT ROSE GARDEN

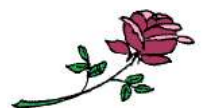
Fall clean-up took place on a chilly, damp day, October 26th. Volunteers did not prune some areas and beds due to plans to remove some reverted and overgrown bushes in the spring, with the City's help.

Thanks goes to the few, but stalwart, volunteers that gave their time that day: John Edelman, Kathy Edelman, Shalini Beath, Sharon Bloemendaal, and Cassy Petsos.

Thank you also to a resident of Merchants Road, Carol Bassett, who will be donating toward the

cost of a new bench for the park. BNA plans to purchase a bench and new bushes for the next summer season. Anyone wishing to be part of this project should contact BNA through their website contact page at <http://browncroftna.org>.

Thank you, as well, to the City Forester, Andrew Place, and Maplewood Park Supervisor, Shane Bates, for meeting with BNA Beautification Chairperson, Cassy Petsos on October 31st to look over the park and discuss what can be done.



SCHOOL 46 THANKS BNA'S NEW BOOKS FOR NEW STUDENTS INITIATIVE

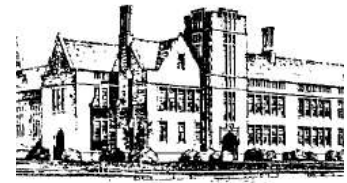
Eighty books were purchased for 40 students in the kindergarten class at 46. Funds to purchase the books were collected from donations from individual Browncroft members, as well as the BNA treasury. Ann Kanthor, of Dorchester Road is the project creator and implementer. This year, in addition to the books for the children, four hardcover picture books were donated to the 46 School Library.

The happy faces of the children can be seen in the picture thank you card below, and a handwritten note was received from the librarian, which read:

“Dear Members of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association, Thank you for your generous donation of four new books for our students at School #46 library. Jory John’s The Smart Cookie is a favorite of many readers who love the confections and can feel that being an individual is a blessing. Spreading My Wings by Nadiya Hussain shows students to be proud of who they are. I Want to Read All Books by Debbie Ridpath Ohi is every librarian’s dream for students. We Are The Builders written by Deepa Iyer is a perfect community book which recommends the qualities that should spread from home, school, neighborhood and our world.

What a marvelous collection to inspire self worth, desire to read and love of community in our children. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts.

Sincerely, Caroline Keeler, Librarian #46



SCHOOL #46 PTA

Austin Steward School #46 PTA will be hosting a pancake breakfast on February 1st, 2025 in the school cafeteria. We welcome our neighbors to visit, learn more about the school, and talk to families about their experiences.

RCSD School selection for 2025-2026 is now underway, and School #46 wants to show the Browncroft community what they can offer students right in their own backyard.

If your child turns 3 or 4 on or before December 1, you are eligible for free Pre-K.

School Selection

Deadlines:

For Pre-K: April 25, 2025

For Kindergarten and above: February 21, 2025

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The School 46 PTA is planning a number of new initiatives to reinvigorate their organization. Fund-raising, recruitment, and community engagement, which includes opening increased communication with BNA, will be part of this multilevel plan.

If you have school-age children, stay posted to BNA Announce and the Crier for future alerts.



CITY'S ANIMAL SERVICES COULD USE HELP TO HELP THE ANIMALS



Rochester Animal Services reached out to all the neighborhood associations to ask if they could attend a meeting. Due to the time of year and there being no general meeting scheduled, in the alternative they were invited to provide the Crier with some information about the Verona Street Animal Shelter operation. Here is what they told us:

The shelter, located at 184 Verona Street, cares for 218 animals on average. Most pets come in as lost (about 70%), whether that be finders unable to keep them, or our animal control officers bringing in strays off the street. We also see a fair amount of surrenders. Intakes dropped drastically during Covid and are now rising steadily toward pre-pandemic levels. This is a nationwide phenomenon. The maximum number of cats and dogs

across the street in Brown Square Park called the "Play Yard". It is one of the shelter's crowning jewels.

We have 25 staff members and a per diem vet, as well as 160 volunteers. We have an average of 20 volunteers per day giving an average of 45 hours. We partner with Lollypop Farm, who provides us with medical support. We also have many rescue partners who transport pets from RAS to their organizations. All cats are sterilized before release. The vast amount of dogs are also sterilized before release. Right now, we are prioritizing sterilizing females.

We ask that potential adopters come to the shelter to fill out an adoption profile that will help us guide them to a pet that fits their lifestyle. Next, they have to do a

the shelter can support is 55 Dogs and 60 Cats. For outside exercise we have an excellent space

meet-and-greet with pets they are interested in. If all goes well, our client specialists at the front desk process the adoption. We also recommend that adopters bring any dogs or family members in their household to a meet-and-greet. (We can't do meet-and-greets with cats.) Adopters should bring a leash or carrier to transport their new pet home safely. Cat adoption fees are \$35, and dogs \$50. Adopters must be 18 or older and have a valid ID.

Pets available for adoption, including information about the adoption process, can be found here: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/departments/departement-human-resource-management/pet-adoption>.

If you are an animal lover with love to spare, consider volunteering. As a volunteer you can enhance the quality of animals' lives during their stay at the shelter; improve customer service, such as lost-pet returns and adoptions; and promote programs and services to support adoptions, pet-retention and the human-animal bond.

Donations can be made to our nonprofit friends group, Verona Street Animal Society at <https://www.vsas.org/donate/>. Rochester Animal Services, 184 Verona St, Rochester, 14608, 585-428-7274

WINTER GATHERING RESERVATION: Due by January 15th

Please Reserve Tickets for: Name(s) _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

and/or e-mail. _____

\$35.00 per person X Number of People _____ = Total Enclosed \$ _____

Mail reservation to: BNA Winter Gathering, P.O. Box 10127, Rochester, NY 14610 or drop off at 175 Dorchester Rd. Questions e-mail bnawinter@gmail.com or call Ann Kanthor at 329-0708.

2024 BROWNCROFT HOLIDAY FUN - PART 1

HALLOWEEN



Holiday Lights

