



# Browncroft Crier

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## BNA Winter Gathering

Friday, January 23

at Glendoveers

2328 Old Browncroft Blvd



5:30-6:30 Cash bar and hot hors d'oeuvres

6:30 Delicious Buffet Dinner with ice cream  
bar for dessert. (see inside for full menu)

Plus deluxe **RAFFLE ITEMS** from area merchants

\$45.00 per person.

Reservations due by January 16th

Send reservations payable to:

BNA, Box 10127 Rochester, NY 14610

or drop off at Ann Kanthor's home,

175 Dorchester Rd.

Questions directed to: [bnawinter@gmail.com](mailto:bnawinter@gmail.com)

### Winter Gathering Reservation:

Please reserve tickets for:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ and or email \_\_\_\_\_

## Join your Browncroft Neighbors in welcoming 2026

at the BNA WinterGathering on January 23, 2026. The Events Committee of BNA has planned this **GALA Celebration at Glendoveers on January 23, 2026.**

The delicious Buffet Dinner includes a cash bar with hot d'oeuvres and a cheese and vegetable platter beginning at 5:30 The Delicious Buffet Dinner at 6:30 includes:

Rolls and Butter, Chef Carved Roast Sirloin, Chicken French, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Mini Penne with Marinara and Alfredo, Fresh Vegetable Medley

And an ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR

Coffee and Tea

In addition to this deluxe dinner there will be a RAFFLE with many items solicited from neighborhood restaurants and businesses. There is a good chance that you will go home a winner!

We encourage you to plan to attend for a Night Out with friends and neighbors. See front page for reservation details. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ann Kanthor at 585-329-0708 or email us at [bnawinter@gmail.com](mailto:bnawinter@gmail.com)

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## ***WHY & HOW TO PAY YOUR BNA DUES***

If the membership envelope 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.

In case you haven't lived here long, or didn't notice, BNA has organized the semi-annual Garage Sales for 40 years, Garden Tours, free Picnics, Winter Gatherings, free Ice Cream Socials, maintains a website and facebook page, has occasional general meetings with topical guest speakers, and publishes this newsletter. That's a lot

for your \$10!

Our four Officers, 17 Street Representatives, and 8 Committee Chairs who serve on the BNA Board of Directors are volunteers, to advocate the goals and objectives of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association, as are our Beautification Committee workers working in the Browncroft Rose Garden to ensure the neighborhood front door looks nice.

Show your solidarity by paying your dues, and add your voice to neighborhood issues by communicating to BNA through [inquiries@browncroftna.org](mailto:inquiries@browncroftna.org).

Lost your envelope? Then 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 or cash and mail it to

the Browncroft Neighborhood Association at P.O. Box 10127, Rochester, New York 14610, or drop it off to the Treasurer, Bruce Rumboldt, 283 Beresford Road.

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 and get meeting and event notices. Using this e-mail list, which is not shared anywhere else on the internet or between recipients, enables BNA to provide timely City 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***

## FROM THE TREASURER....Bruce Rumboldt

Hi all, I hope everybody was able to enjoy the start of the Holiday season with a few days off for Thanksgiving and time spent with family and friends. I wanted to update the neighborhood on BNA's financials as we are 6 months into our 2026 fiscal year.

I would categorize the start of the dues season as a bit slow. We ended last year by collecting dues from 209 (31%) households. We budgeted this year for an increase to 35% of dues-paying households, although our stretch goal is to get to 50%.

To date, we have collected dues from 151 households (21%) so we are behind. While I have your attention, please try to find the envelope provided in the previous Crier and send in your dues. As always, feel free to drop the envelope in my mail slot at 283 Beresford.

I do want to share positive news and thank all of those neighbors that paid extra this year (and last). The average amount of dues paid per household is approximately \$13.50.

The Board also wishes to

extend our thanks and gratitude to Tom and Carolyn Argust as they have made a donation to BNA of \$3,000! They were concerned about deficits and wanted to make sure that BNA was able to continue its mission to keep the neighborhood thriving and connected. This gift was 100% unrestricted and the Board is discussing how these funds will be used. As an aside, the Argusts are part of the cohort that pays extra dues as well. Many thanks!

Another success story was the School 46 book drive (new books for new students). This is a separately funded initiative that was budgeted for \$400 and raised \$735! This means that the school library also received new books. Special thanks to Ann Kanthor for her tireless effort in fundraising for, and coordinating this event.

In wrapping up, we are asking neighbors wishing to attend BNA events, to please pay your dues as your dues go toward paying for or subsidizing these events. We accept payments at all events.

## ANN WEINTRAUB IN MEMORY

Ann Weintraub, Browncroft's Home for a Lifetime organizer, died September 28, 2025 at age 86.

Ann lived on Newcastle Road until 2015 when she moved to Valley Manor on East Avenue. While a resident of Browncroft she partnered with Lifespan and Jewish Family Services in 2009 to organize and lead a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) to help neighbors remain in their homes as they age. Browncroft's Aging In Place Committee volunteers provided rides for residents to medical appointments, grocery and drug stores – "Be on Your Way With BNA". They also compiled a list of reliable contractors, which was available on the BNA website.

Ann, a graduate of the U of R with a Masters Degree in Education, had a 34 year career with the Rochester City School District as a teacher, a principal at School 37, Supervising Director of Elementary Education, as well as many leadership roles with Rochester Teachers Association. She was also the instructor for the graduate course in Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision of the Elementary School at Nazareth College.

Browncroft was fortunate to have such a caring community leader and neighbor.

She is survived by her brother, Philip Weintraub; sister-in-law, Diana Weintraub; her niece, Jenna Weintraub; and her husband, Sam Waters; and by many friends including her Browncroft neighbors.

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## RECYCLE HOLIDAY TREES

City of Rochester residents can recycle their natural trees at designated tree drop-off centers around the city, where they will be chipped into mulch and returned to the public at no charge.

The sites closest to Browncroft are Cobbs Hill Park at the Lake Riley Lodge east parking lot at the corner of Culver Road and Norris Drive, and Norton Village opposite #341 Waring Road.

Trees can be left at the curb, as regular refuse, unbagged, on normal garbage pick up days.

Artificial trees that have reached their end-of-life must be taken to the Monroe County Eco Park at 10 Avion Drive. For more information on Eco Park drop offs check their site at [monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://monroecounty.gov/ecopark).

## GROWING CONNECTIONS AT SCHOOL #46!

School #46 is actively working to strengthen student connections with nature and our community.

The students are benefiting from exciting new outdoor initiatives. In addition to the beehives kept on site, an outdoor classroom space has been established near the back corner by Newcastle Rd, providing additional opportunities for hands-on learning.

Additionally, the PTA plans on enhancing the preschool building with a new garden featuring native and sensory plants this spring. These plants not only provide a delightful experience for the children but also teach them the importance of supporting our local ecosystem and pollinators, like butterflies and bees. Please reach out if you would like to assist!

Thank you,  
Hillary Agosti

## Pancake Breakfast & Community Visit

The PTA warmly welcomes the entire neighborhood to join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast on

**Wednesday, January 31st, starting at 10:00 AM.**

This is a perfect opportunity for the BNA community to visit the school, see what's new, and perhaps share memories of their own children's time here. We are striving to foster a stronger connection between School #46 and our neighbors.

A donation of \$5 per community member is appreciated to help support our school programs. We look forward to seeing you there!

## NEW BOOKS FOR NEW STUDENTS -

For the past nine years Browncroft Neighbors have generously gifted two new books as a welcome gift to the kindergaren students at Austin Steward School #46. The joy that this gift brings to the students is evident in the photos sent by the teachers. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity this year we were able to extend our gift to purchase an additional 15 new books for the school library, Caroline Keeler, school librarian sent the following thank you note:

*Dear Neighbors,*

*Thank you for the donation of \$200.00 to purchase books for our students at Austin Steward Elementary School No. 46. I appreciate the opportunity to choose great titles from Hipocampo Children's Book Store. Our K-6 readers will dive into these books about holidays, dinosaurs, football, friends and a fantasy graphic*

*novel. We are grateful to have neighbors like you! Thank you once again for your generosity.*

*Sincerely,*

*Caroline Keeler Librarian*

And from the teachers:

*Our students were once again delighted to receive their new books. They truly spark pure joy! Please extend our heartfelt thanks to all of your generous donors, and thank YOU for coordinating this tradition each year. It is such a thoughtful and special way to welcome our new friends to school!*

*Sincerely,*

*Emily Hasler &*

*Donna Broughton*

*(K Teachers)*

The Spring BNA Crier will have information as we continue this project for the 2026 school year.



# NEIGHBORS ENJOYED A FALL PICNIC

It was a perfect fall evening September 19th for neighbors to get together at Ellison Park and share delicious dishes of their making while our BNA President, Andrew Spadoni, barbequed hot dogs.

Allen Hopkins played folk music, and a good time was had by all.



Andrew serving Bill Boyle his hot dog



Outside on the veranda. Allen Hopkins in background & below



Cool Kid from Quentin



Ann Kanthor, Committee Chair, Husband & Friends



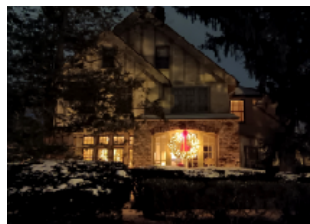
Help Yourself to Lots of Great Dishes



Dessert Anyone?



# FESTIVE HOLIDAY LIGHTS



*Take a walk or drive, from Elmcroft south to Blossom Road, and try and identify the houses!*