

BROWNCROFT - MERCHANTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JANUARY 12, 1977

7:30 P.M.

Emmanuel Evangelical Covenant Church  
319 Browncroft Blvd. (corner of Fairhaven Rd.)

GUEST SPEAKER: Ken Frantz of the City Zoning Bureau.  
Mr. Frantz will discuss the advantages and disadvantages  
of an area becoming a preservation district. He will  
also address himself to matters pertinent to R-1 zoning.

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\* DON'T FORGET FOLKS ! \*  
\* Community School Nights are coming again this year. Every \*  
\* Wednesday evening beginning Jan. 19 and running through Wed., \*  
\* Feb. 16, all types of activities will be happening for you \*  
\* and your family at School #46. See the registration booklet \*  
\* for more information. \*  
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ZONING UPDATE: SALE OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO WINFIELD GRILL

Our Neighborhood Association was first contacted by the city in early 1976 and asked for input concerning the leasing of the parcel of land between the Winton Library and the Winfield Grill to the latter. Several people met with city officials and drew up guidelines.

Since then, we have discovered that the city had changed its position from leasing to selling (with certain specified covenants in the purchase offer. These covenants included some of our suggestions.)

On December 8, 1976, we met with Mayor Ryan and Neil Schulman from Community Development. At that meeting, Mr. Schulman gave us a verbal agreement to include certain other covenants. Matt has written a letter of confirmation to Mr. Schulman outlining these verbal commitments. The commitments are: 1. that we receive a copy of the new purchase offer; 2. that we receive copies of communications concerning sale of property; 3. a meeting be set up with Mr. Wilson (Winfield owner) and the Neighborhood Association; 4. that the covenant be added that the purchase of the land will eliminate the existing parking problem and the non-conforming status be removed; and 5. that no expansion of the existing building will be allowed either interior or exterior.

We have also communicated with the Winton Library concerning parking problems. A letter from Mayor Ryan, dated Dec. 10, 1976, stated that he has spoken with Harold Hacker of the Library Board of Directors. Mr. Hacker feels that the installation of a new parking lot next to the Winfield Grill would probably alleviate most of the problems. He also suggested that the city wait until the new lot has been installed before proceeding with any plans to enlarge the existing library lot. We have also requested an official interpretation of the Zoning Law concerning this property from the Director of Zoning, Mark Dudman.

We will continue to keep on top of this situation. Our thanks to Sandy Shapiro for his legal expertise and to Bob Genthner for his community organization skills in this matter.

DOG COMMITTEE PROCESS

The Dog Committee of the Browncroft-Merchants Neighborhood Association was formed at the direction of the past president, James VanMeenen, to find a solution to the problem of free-running dogs.

The steps of the process are:

- (1) General letter - Describing the problem, the law and offering a "hot line" to channel complaints (482-3474)
  - a) All complaints were logged
  - b) When complaints were specified, the next step occurred.
- (2) A specific letter to owners of dogs responsible for complaint
  - a) Complainant was contacted to ask about compliance
  - b) If compliance had occurred - Thank-you note  
If no compliance - next step occurred.
- (3) Dog Control Officer requested to visit
  - a) If compliance following visit - thank-you note
  - b) If no compliance - next step

- (4) Delegation of dog committee to visit to make certain situation understood
- a) Recheck with complainant
    - If compliance - Thank-you note
    - If no compliance - next step.
- (5) Arbitration - One of two methods
- a) The complainant could participate as an individual and utilize the data accumulated by the dog committee.
  - b) The dog committee could bring an owner to arbitration on behalf of the neighbor or the Neighborhood Association.

#### PEOPLE PROFILES

Many members of your Neighborhood Association are hard at work behind the scenes. We would like to salute them in this new column for their efforts on behalf of all of us. This month we are spotlighting our Zoning Committee Chairperson and four members of the Association who are coordinating Community School Nights.

Matt Felo is Chairperson of the Zoning Committee. Under his diligent and active leadership, this committee has been very busy these past few months. Matt, his wife Sandy and their two children Jennifer and Laura have lived at 22 Quentin Road for 3 years. Originally from Binghamton, Matt moved to the Rochester area about nine years ago. Matt is employed by Symons Manufacturing in Victor, New York. Beyond his commitments to family, job and Neighborhood Association, Matt is currently attending Monroe Community College studying business and sales.

Rocki Blair, our capable recording secretary, lives at 205 Browncroft Blvd. with her husband Tom. She is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington and is presently a Master's candidate at the University of Rochester. Rocki is a teacher and a housewife. Her last full-time employment was teaching a fourth-fifth-sixth grade in Alexandria, Va. She is now substitute teaching at School #46. Rocki is a member of our Zoning Committee and is one of our Neighborhood Association representatives working on Community School Nights. She is also on the Better Education Today membership committee.

Kathy and Terry Flynn live at 55 Quentin Rd. with their two children, Deirdre, 6, and Patrick, 3. Kathy, 32, is a former secretary and an unemployed dental hygienist. She is former member of the Board of Directors of the Third Church nursery school and is presently teaching religious education to kindergarten age children at Immaculate Conception Church. Terry, 33, is a graduate of St. John's University in New York City. He is employed as a comptroller and serves as the Democratic Party 20th legislative district committeeperson. Kathy and Terry are co-Vice Presidents of School #46 PTA and are presently co-chairpersons of the committee working on Community School Nights. They are both active members of the Immaculate Conception Church in the Third Ward.

Janet Genthner does double duty for our Neighborhood Association as Corresponding Secretary and member of the Newsletter Staff. Janet and her husband, Bob, and their two children Mary Kay and Mark have lived at 195 Newcastle Rd. for 3 years. Janet graduated from Nazareth College of Rochester and was employed by Monroe County Dept. of Social Services. Janet is very active in PTA at School #46 and is currently teaching religious education (C.C.D.) classes at St. John the Evangelist Church. Janet is also representing the Neighborhood Association in coordinating Community School Nights.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE to be in area: On MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1977 the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Brighton-Presbyterian Church at the corner of Winton Rd. and East Ave. The Red Cross hopes that regular donors and new donors will answer the call to donate blood. Hours are 1:00 til 6:00 P.M.

#### COUNTY LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENT

With the election of our former County Legislator, Gary Proud to the 131st New York State Senate District, there is a vacancy to be filled in the 20th County Legislative District. The District Committee will vote on and recommend candidates to the President of the County Legislature in January, 1977. The appointment is effective until the November 1977 elections. If you have any questions, you may contact Tony Leavy, (Chairperson of the Selection Committee) 196 Mildorf St. at 288-6748.

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Neighborhood Association is currently looking for a Chairperson for the Recreation Committee. Are you still

interested in swimming facilities at School #46 during the summer months? If so, let's try to get some funding for our area. If three or four people are willing to work on this, we may be able to obtain a portable pool at #46 for the summer. Interested? Call Sue Tibbitts at 482-8936.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Did you know?

...that the city has a new logo? Joe Ford and Phil Grannan attended the unveiling ceremony. It is hoped that the logo will provide a unified source of identification for the city.

...that tulips have been planted in the new flower bed of the Rose Garden for next Spring? Our thanks to our volunteer landscapers, Cass Petsos, Holly Petsos, Marg Hartman and Tom Blair.

...that Rocki Blair, Sharon VanMeenen and Sue Tibbitts attended a Community Forum at Monroe Community College in October? Each attended workshops and meetings that were relevant to their work in the Neighborhood Association.

...that the Neighborhood Association has a letter of welcome for newcomers to the area? Delight Dann composed the letter and it has been printed on the Association stationery. Street Reps will receive them soon.

#### NEWSLETTER STAFF

Janet Genthner

Sharon VanMeenen

Linda Howe, Typist

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Sue Tibbitts, Advisor

We would like to produce a Neighborhood Newsletter on a regular basis to keep members informed and up to date. If you can volunteer one evening every other month to help write and set up copy, please call one of the above staff members. Your assistance is needed and will be most appreciated.