

BROWNCROFT CRIER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BROWNCROFT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

May 9 - BNA Food Co-op Meeting - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7PM
May 11 - BNA Board Meeting - Library - 7:30PM
May 13 - School #46 50th Anniversary Event - 2:30PM (See Article)
May 14 - School #46 "Spring Fling" - 10AM to 3PM
May 16 - BNA Annual Convention - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7:30PM
May 23 - School #46 50th Anniversary Event - 7PM
Aug 17 - BNA Annual Family Picnic - Ellison Park

BNA ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting on Monday, May 16th will consist of two parts. First, we will be electing our officers for next year. Second, we will have a "Town Meeting", breaking into committee groups to discuss future concerns and endeavors. Please come to this important meeting at 7:30PM at Emmanuel Covenant Church and shape the next year of your Neighborhood Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of new officers for the Office of President and Secretary will be held at our Annual Meeting, May 16th. The nominees for these two offices are:

PRESIDENT

Robert Malley - 303 Browncroft Blvd. - Bob, with his wife Judy and five children, has been a long time resident of Browncroft and twenty-five years in his business of Donuts Delite at Culver and Empire. He has been involved in BNA since its new beginning ten years ago - Chairman of the first Traffic Committee, Grand Marshal of the BNA Fourth of July Parade and a generous donor to many BNA events. Bob is dedicated to keeping the Browncroft Area the finest in the City, maintaining the quality of life and preserving the character of the neighborhood.

Kathleen Nye - 154 Merchants Rd. - Kathy is a graduate of the State University College at Potsdam and did graduate work at S.U.C. in Brockport. Married to Alan Nye, they have two sons and have lived in the neighborhood 5 years. She has served as Secretary of BNA for two years. Living in the Browncroft Area has contributed to the quality of life Kathy hopes to achieve for her family and BNA represents a commitment to maintaining that quality.

SECRETARY

Rich Warner - 28 Corwin Road - Rich is a Real Estate Broker with Habitat Realty, Pittsford. He attended Brandeis University and graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in Business. His

wife, Sally, is a certified Music teacher and at present is working on her Masters in Elementary Education. Along with the other nominees, Rich has a strong commitment to our neighborhood.

Dede Ranger - 193 Corwin Road - Dede has a BA in Economics and her MBA and is currently 'at home' with her two young sons and husband, Rick. Since moving into the Browncroft Area, Dede has been active in BNA and is a Street Rep for Corwin Road.

Continuing in their present offices are the following:

CO-VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mark D. Mink & Judy Farruggia Mink - 214 Browncroft Blvd. have been residents of our area since April, 1979. Mark is employed as a Probation Officer, County of Monroe. Judy is a Caseworker at the Mary Cariola Children's Center. They would like to see increased participation in BNA, maintain the residential character of the neighborhood with an emphasis on Zoning and continued beautification efforts.

TREASURER

Jim Nicholson - 28 Berwick Road - Jim has been an Eastside resident all his life and has lived on Berwick Road for 4 years. He and his wife, Chris, current President of BNA, have two children and Jim is employed by New York State Department of Labor. He believes BNA should maintain its reputation and strength as the representative voice of the neighborhood.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year has been an eventful year for the BNA. The general meetings have been topical and of varied interest. The picnic in August, Candidate's Night in October, Reassessment in November, Holiday Party in December and our Mini-Home Show I and II in February and March have all had a high level of participation. I feel gratified to have been President during this year and meeting so many neighbors. It makes me feel good to see people at meetings who have not been before - for this is what BNA is about. Getting input from everyone strengthens our organization and keeps it successful. Thank you to the other officers, committee chairs and street reps for contributing their time to help make everything happen.

Christine Nicholson

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Browncroft Rose Garden is weeded, pruned and fertilized and ready for a new season. On April 16th neighbors, with the help of Girl Scout Troop 56, worked in mud and cold to get the job done. Thank you Bob Genthner & Chris Richardson, Newcastle; Marwode Nercker & Dick Sale, Yarmouth; Russ Abate, Dorchester; Barbara Jones, Lanark; Ann Janciuras & Sue & Nathan Tibbitts, Browncroft; Cassy & Holly Petsos & Troop 56; Sharon Jacob, Leader; Anita Case, Jenny Kanthor, Sarah Richter, Alicia Roome, Taryn Siebert, Tina Sofia, Kristen Stoll, Jenah Williams & Cindy Young! This year the Beautification Committee will try a new work method - organizing work teams to take turns at doing a particular chore in the park on a morning once a month during growing season. If anyone not already on the committee would be

interested in working on a team, please make yourself known by calling Cassy or Holly, 288-0955. Our next work project will be planting the annual bed the last weekend in May or first one in June.

ARBOR DAY EVENT

As of the printing of this newsletter, an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony is being planned by BNA in conjunction with the City of Rochester, at the Browncroft Rose Garden on April 29th. This neighborhood has a special appreciation for its trees and through the past few years has worked successfully with the Dept. of Forestry to preserve this resource and continue the legacy. This is why neighbors and City Officials will be celebrating Arbor Day together in the Rose Garden.

ELLISON PARK SUBCOMMITTEE

Citizens advisory committees have been established by Monroe County to assure public participation in a Masterplan development for Genesee Valley, Durand Eastman and Ellison Parks. NEAD was invited to appoint a member to the Ellison Park Subcommittee. They gave the opportunity to BNA as this member is closest to Ellison Park. Cassy Petsos, Chairperson of the Beautification Committee, was appointed to the subcommittee. The first meeting was a tour of the park areas in the Ellison Park complex; east and west Irondequoit Bay area, Tryon Park and the wetlands of Irondequoit Creek and Ellison Park proper. The March meeting covered a questionnaire committee members filled out at the end of the tour conforming rough ideas by the landscape architectural firm Kotz & Schneider who the County has contracted to work on Ellison Park. The major emphasis of the group was environmental and maintenance with a moderate historical sites interest. There was little interest in ball fields other than maintaining or improving existing ones. There will be a public hearing to review the recommendations and plans of the park committees. If there is interest among neighbors in Browncroft, a meeting can be set up so more of the County's reports and intentions concerning park areas can be reviewed by BNA members. If you have concerns, ideas or would like to know more by having an inter-neighborhood meeting, please send a note to Cassandra Petsos, c/o BNA, P.O. Box 10127, Rochester, N. Y., 14610.

THE OLD HOUSE JOURNAL

Again we will be offering group rate subscriptions to the Old House Journal. They are available for \$12 a year - a 25% savings. We also have a special \$6 offer of the 1983 Old House Journal Catalog which sells in bookstores for \$10. The catalog is a "where to buy it" guide for the pre-1930 house. If you are interested in subscribing or would like to look at the magazine or catalog, call Holly Petsos, 288-0955.

BNA GARAGE SALE

This is in response to several neighbors who have expressed concern over the decision not to hold a garage sale this year. First, it is very difficult to find the volunteers to help with the organization of an event this size. Also, there were many complaints from neighbors about the litter, traffic congestion and general wear and tear in the neighborhood. We are hoping to control these unpleasant situations and will have future BNA garage sales.

NEAD FEST '83

NEAD will be sponsoring an Arts Festival on June 11 & 12 as part of this summer's NEAD FEST. They are looking for approximately fifty quality art and craft exhibits. If interested, call NEAD, 482-7320.

GIRL SCOUT LEADER DAY

April 22 was Girl Scout Leader Day when thousands of leaders nationwide were recognized for their voluntary contributions to Girl Scouting. We take this opportunity to honor these important leaders for their commitment and service to girls. Our Wincroft area division is especially proud of our leaders and welcomes this chance to extend a hearty thank you for all their fine efforts!

BNA ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

August 17 is the date reserved for the BNA summer family picnic in Ellison Park. Save the date - mark your calendar!

KIDPOWER

Homeowner - Do you need odd jobs done around your home? Teens - Are you willing to wash windows, walk dogs, mow lawns, clean attics and garages, rake leaves, houseclean, baby-sit, etc? If so, call Judy Farruggia-Mink, 288-4978. She will bring you together through Kidpower!

NEED HELP?

Tired of getting dirty fingernails with no results? Call Sabra for answers to gardening questions about trees, flowers, vegetables and houseplants. She is a Browncroft resident and volunteer with the Master Gardening program of Cooperative Extension. Reach her evenings at 482-8197 for odds of information.

SCHOOL #46 EVENTS

Up, Up and Away! In the continuing celebration of their 50th Anniversary, School #46 will have a balloon release and tree planting ceremony on Friday, May 13, 2:30PM. City Forester, Brian Lillie will preside as the school looks to the future of educating our neighborhood youth for the next 50 years! Join us!

Monday, May 23, at 7PM, is the rescheduled date for the 50th Anniversary Play, "Song & Dance of the Last Fifty Years" in the gymnasium.

Saturday, May 14, 10AM to 3PM - "Spring Fling" - Computer Fair, Bake Sale & Used Toy & Book Sale.

YOUR LIBRARY

Please join us for our last program in the travelog series. Adult Services Librarian, Ed Rosenberg, will take us on another slide tour of Greece and Egypt - May 3, 10:30AM.

NEW P.O. BOX

Please note that we have a new Post Office Box No. 10127. Use it often to tell us your ideas, suggestions or concerns.