

BROWNCROFT CRIER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BROWNCROFT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 10127, Rochester, New York, 14610 JUNE 1983

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

June 8 BNA Executive Committee Meeting - Library - 7:30PM
June 11&12 - Neadfest 83 (See Attached Flyer)
June 14 - Ellison Park Public Informational Hearing - Mercy High
Auditorium - 7:30PM
June 16 - School #46 Annual Picnic - 5PM
June 22 - BNA History Committee Meeting - Library - 7:30PM
July 18 - BNA Food Co-op Meeting - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7PM
Aug. 17 - BNA Annual Family Picnic - Ellison Park

BNA OFFICERS - 1983-84

Robert Malley of Browncroft Blvd. has been elected President of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association. Joining Bob for the coming year are:

Co-Vice-Presidents Judy Farruggia Mink - Browncroft Blvd.
Mark D. Mink
Secretary Dede Ranger - Corwin Road
Treasurer Jim Nicholson - Berwick Road

Thank you to all the candidates for their time and effort in supporting Browncroft Neighborhood Association.

PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION

The Planning Commission approved the proposal to construct three two-unit condominium structures on the former church lot at Newcastle and Browncroft Blvd.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The History Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 22, at 7:30 at the Library to discuss our history project for the City's Sesquicentennial. We still welcome new members to this committee. If you are interested, join us. Also, note the attached questionnaire. Please take the time to fill it out and return.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR #46

Initiated by Kevin and Lynn Kelley of Lanark, a letter was sent to the City requesting new equipment for the school playground which had fallen into disrepair. A committee comprised of members of the PTA and BNA met with Dick Marsh on May 19th. New equipment was selected and the playground is going to look terrific! A grand opening celebration is being planned for early September. Watch for more details.

YOUR LIBRARY

Don't miss the Pre-school Story Hour Program for July and August at the Winton Road Library. Registration is required.

PTA OFFICERS FOR 1983-84

Officers for #46 School PTA for the coming year are: President: Ann Kanthor; Vice-President - Joan Hopkins; Secretary - Sherolyn Mahoney; Treasurer - Sue Luce. The PTA looks forward to working together with BNA. One of the goals will be to expand the volunteer program by reaching out to area residents who have a special interest or area of expertise that could be shared with students. In addition, they hope to encourage more individuals to volunteer an hour each week in the school library or with individual students. For information about either program, contact Ann Kanthor at 482-0704.

The Annual #46 Picnic will be Thursday, June 16, starting at 5PM. Join the fun for food, games and raffle with door prizes. Everyone is welcome - bring the whole family!

REFUSE

Wednesday is garbage day in this neighborhood. This is an emphatic plea - Do not place yard debris, bundled or otherwise, at the curb any sooner than the day before garbage day! Do not place debris in the street or gutter. There will be inspectors policing the neighborhood to ticket violators.

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

Once again we have to turn our attention to gypsy moths. This year will be another bad one. We hope everyone was out looking for and destroying egg masses. They are now in the larva stage which means they are tiny caterpillars now. If you want an informational sheet, call Holly Petsos at 288-0955.

STREET CLEANUPS

If your street would like to schedule a clean-up project to trim up tree islands and do some spring cleaning, the Beautification Committee will help organize it and get a City dumpster for a weekend. Call Cassy (288-0955) for more information.

DONATION OF ROSES

Because of our strange winter and spring weather, we lost quite a few rose bushes in the garden. Four new bushes were put in and several more are needed. If you would like to donate the cost of a bush, let us know. Neighbors on Lanark Crescent donated a yellow Apollo bush in memory of their neighbor, Floyd Repp.

Watch for the new design in the Rose Garden annual bed. Also, volunteers are needed this season for weeding and watering. Work teams are being set up - call and give a little time to keep the Park beautiful.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

Do you have perennials in your yard that have taken over? Would you like to share them with your neighbors or is there a perennial you would like to add to your yard? Jot down what you want or what you have to offer and get it to Holly Petsos (288-0955) who will match up neighbors.

GARAGE & BAKED FOOD SALE

Troop 56 will hold a garage and baked food sale, Saturday, June 11, 10AM to 4PM at 176 Berwick Road to raise money for their trip to Canada in 1984. The sale will take place during the Lanark/Berwick/Elm & Elmcroft Neighborhood Sale.

BROWN CROFT NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Date _____, 1983

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Square footage _____

Date you moved into your home _____ When was your house built? _____

Who was the architect? _____ Who was the builder? _____

What was the original exterior surface and color? _____

When was your street built? _____ Where did it get its name? _____

Please list former occupants and years of occupancy, if known (use the back if you need more space).

Please list important architectural features of your house (eg. spiral staircase, gumwood or oak trim, leaded glass, gargoyles):

List dates of renovations or additions (if known);

Please relate any anecdotes or historical information about our neighborhood. Include your home, former owners, or neighbors and their homes. (For example, did you know that Leopold Godowsky once lived in our neighborhood?) Use additional pages if needed.

Do you have any photographs or postcards of your home or the neighborhood, that could be copied for our files or future publications? Do you have any other original documents?

Do you have the addresses of former residents who would be good resources for historical formation? Please list:

Please return to the BMA Historical Committee, PO Box 10127, Rochester, NY 14610

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North East Area Development, Inc.

Community Festival



Date: SATURDAY, June 11th Noon 'til 9 pm
SUNDAY, June 12th Noon 'til 6 pm

Place: EAST MAIN STREET
Between Arch & Herkimer Streets
Just West of Culver Road

Featuring: Arts & Crafts, Food & Games,
Live Entertainment, Prizes!!

The Browncroft Garden Tour

June 15, 1980
1-3 P.M.

15 Gramercy Park Saiger Residence

Florie Saiger has created a very pleasant garden environment that has many separate components that are pulled together to make a lovely relaxing outdoor space.

There are many old plantings in the yard that have been allowed to grow undisturbed. Notice the two large old black willows in the center of the lawn and the huge lilac surrounded by English ivy near the patio.

To the south side of the patio a garden was created to grow many vegetables, herbs, and perennials. Also in the back many wildflowers and ferns have been left to grow in a very naturalistic manner.

Near the driveway is the grape arbor which serves as a very convenient piece of garden sculpture. In the summer it shelters many houseplants and doubles as a serving space when the family entertains.

169 Corwin Road Root Residence

This is truly a magnificent garden! The Japanese maple and red maple gracefully shade the house and patio. Rhododendrons, dogwoods, azaleas and honeysuckle border the yard and a pleasing combination of perennials and annuals join in the garden melody.

Memorial Garden Fairhaven and Corwin Roads

This quiet little garden set behind the Emmanuel Ev. Cov. Church (319 Browncroft Blvd.) was created in memory of Shirley Anderson. Two small mounds were designed for planting. They are covered with juniper, spreading sedum and English ivy. Wood rounds are attractively used as a paving material for the path in the center of the garden.

116 Browncroft Boulevard Zona Residence

This lovely side yard is very lush and shady in character. Many perennials have naturalized and give the garden an old-fashioned feeling.

In spring you will find a gorgeous display of daffodils and later in the season hostas and daylilies provide a profusion of bloom. Several rhododendrons have been planted in the yard by the Zonas for added interest.

128 Berwick Road Ketchek Residence

On both sides of the front walk you can enjoy Mrs. Ketchek's wonderful rock garden. Early in the season it is filled with spring bulbs and later it becomes a mass of color with petunias, other annuals and roses.

You follow a quaint path that winds its way to the garden in back. Mr. Ketchek has built and maintained the lovely grape arbor on the left while Mrs. Ketchek has concentrated on the vegetable garden. The vegetable garden, attractively bordered by flowers, is surrounded on three sides with raspberry bushes. There are also currants and gooseberries in their yard as well as a small peach and apple tree.

196 Elmcroft Road Ansaldi Residence

The first thing one notices when coming up to the house is the goat cart on the front lawn which is 100 years old!

You enter the backyard through a gate on the side of the driveway and house, engineered and built by Mr. Ansaldi. The brick walkway leading to the backyard was laid by Mrs. Ansaldi.

You will notice how neat and clean the appearance of the yard is. All the shrubs have been painstakingly pruned. There is a tiny boxwood border around a small patch of strawberry and begonia plants.

This garden is particularly lovely at night with the illumination provided by lights that are recessed in between the yew border.

Mr. Ansaldi enjoys using his yard and particularly loves the low maintenance aspects of it.

Highlights

204 Dorchester Road Bentley Residence *FRONT YARD ONLY*

This front yard has design interest with its raised beds, ivy covered mound and tree groupings. The contemporary professional landscaping works well with the character of this large older home.

75 Browncroft Boulevard Corbett Residence

The front yard of this house is filled with a very lovely display of roses. Walk up and enjoy a truly beautiful selection of roses in Browncroft's "second" rose garden!

63 Browncroft Boulevard Teague Residence

In the backyard of this home is a beautiful old grove of rhododendrons that no doubt are left from the days when this area was a nursery.

We hope all who took this tour enjoyed and profited from the opportunity of seeing these yards. And we thank the gardeners for sharing their gardens with their neighbors.