

Browncroft Crier

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

August 30 - BNA History Committee Meeting - Library - 7:30PM
Sept. 12 - BNA Food Co-op Meeting - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7PM
Sept. 14 - BNA Executive Committee Meeting - Library - 7:30PM
Sept. 19 - NEAD Candidates Night - East High School - 7 to 9PM
Sept. 23 - School #46 Playground Dedication - 6:45PM
Oct. 12 - BNA Board Meeting - Library - 7:30PM
Oct. 17 - NEAD Annual Meeting - East High School
Oct. 26 - School #46 - School Board Candidates Night - 7PM
Oct. 28 - School #46 - Halloween Party - 6:30PM

BNA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - 1983-84

BNA Street Reps will be ringing doorbells September 1st through October 15th asking for your support for your Neighborhood Association. This year membership dues will be \$2 per family. Costs such as printing the newsletter, flowers for our gardens and the expenses for our newly formed History Committee have increased making it necessary to raise the dues. By having 100% street participation, it shows our strength when dealing with City Government and also shows pride in our neighborhood. If you are not home when your street rep is collecting, a membership form will be left. Please mail it with your dues to our P.O. Box 10127.

Did you know that, as a paid member of BNA, you can join NEAD's membership for only \$1 more - a savings of \$2. Get in on the best bargains in the city and join your neighborhood groups that support YOU!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the members of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association, I would like to thank you for your support and confidence in selecting me to head the BNA. For 15 years my wife, Judy, and I and our five children have thoroughly enjoyed living in this neighborhood which we feel is the finest in the City of Rochester. It was with this in mind that, when approached to run for office, I felt it was appropriate to give my time to an organization that has done so much to assure that our neighborhood remains a stable, mature area that has been conducive to fine living. With the same dedication that my predecessors exhibited, I will strive to preserve the area as single family homes, to prevent any commercialization or change of character that would drastically alter the nature of the neighborhood that was conceived by the Brown Brothers at the inception of this subdivision.

We have a precious jewel that is our neighborhood and, like a precious stone, it should be cherished and protected from any incursion that would demean it. I have had the occasion to meet quite a few of the people of the neighborhood recently and I was impressed with the hospi-

talility and graciousness with which I was greeted. This, I think, is the greatness of the area - the fine people who live here. I feel it is a privilege to represent the neighborhood and want you to know that I am open to any and all problems or concerns relating to the neighborhood.

I would like to apprise you of the status of the property at the corner of Newcastle Road and Browncroft. Although the contractor who purchased the land was granted permission to erect six semi-detached condominiums by the Rochester Planning Commission, there are landed deed restrictions prohibiting double houses, Bostons or apartments on that parcel. The group of concerned neighbors that opposed this type of housing initially, are now bringing suit to enforce these deed restrictions so that the neighborhood will remain as single family homes. We will keep you informed of the results of the adjudication.

There are many events, projects and programs that are coming up. The Sesquicentennial of Rochester is next year. Please get involved and keep interested in your BNA. It will help us greatly and also will enrich your own lives.

A final note - please help the street reps by paying your dues early and keep informed by reading your newsletter.

Sincerely,
Bob Malley, President

SCHOOL #46 PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

The playground at School 46 has new equipment. An official dedication has been planned (rain or shine!) in the schoolyard on September 23rd from 6:45PM to 8PM. In case of rain, the dedication will be held indoors. Music will be provided by Nancy Park and Blues Brass with Allen Hopkins of Newcastle Road. You are invited to bring a picnic supper, if you wish, and picnic on the school lawn before the dedication.

VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP TIME

School #46 is looking for volunteers in the neighborhood to assist our children in various ways - anyone with special interests, extra time or who just enjoys working with young children. We need your skills in tutoring, listening to children read, helping in the library or with special projects. Please call Barb Jones, 288-3410, or the school, 288-8008, and volunteer your help.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT #46

Pre-school programs will begin in October at #46. For more information call Janet Licht, 654-9557.

KID POWER

Fall clean-up is just around the corner. If you need help in completing your chores, call on our neighborhood youths. Kid Power is still going strong! Judy Farruggia-Mink (288-4978) will be happy to match a hard worker to your needs. Don't forget - you can find great baby-sitters too through Kid Power.

BNA PICNIC

A perfect evening in the park was enjoyed by more than sixty people at the BNA annual family picnic on August 17th. Watch for this popular event again next year and join in the summer fun.

SPECIAL THANKS:

With much regret, we say goodbye to Barbara Lipari, Gaslight Lane, who has resigned from our Newsletter Committee and will soon be moving from our neighborhood. Barbara has been a very active member of BNA for many years and has served on the Newsletter Committee for seven years as Chairman, writer and typist. She has also been Street Rep for Gaslight Lane during that time. Her interest in the neighborhood and the time and talent she has given to the Association is greatly appreciated and we will miss her very much! Bravo Barbara and good luck to you and Ron, Christopher and your new baby!

Another vote of thanks goes to Pat Pasquarella of Ramsey Park for her time and help in the printing of our newsletter for the past year. Thanks so much, Pat!

NEAD NEWS

There will be a meeting of the Northeast Neighbors Group to discuss and review the findings of the survey of human services delivery in the area. The meeting will be held twice so that if you can't attend one, you will be able to get to the other.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 - 7-8:30PM at School 33

Saturday, Sept. 24 - 10-12 noon at St. John's Parish Center

Also note two other NEAD events listed in the calendar.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The History Committee has been busy working through the summer toward completion of its project. In June, Margaret MacNab, Historian for the Town of Brighton, gave a lecture on the history of Brighton. Our neighborhood was part of that town until 1914 when the City annexed it. The Committee has a completed outline of what needs to be done. Anyone interested in the project should call Bob Genthner (482-2441) or Holly Petsos (288-0955). We need information gatherers, writers and oral interviewers.

Speaking of history

The old Browncroft street markers, which stood on every corner, are the combined focus of both the History and Beautification committees. As part of the City's Sesquicentennial celebration, the History Committee wants to locate any lost ones still in existence for the purpose of returning them to their positions in the neighborhood. The Beautification Committee is planning a cleanup and maintenance project for those still standing.

So, come on all you amateur sleuths out there! Any information leading to the whereabouts of those markers would be greatly appreciated and should be passed along to the History Committee to follow up.

BEAUTIFICATION

You may have noticed how neat and clean the Rose Garden is this summer! It's due to the team system devised to spread out the work schedule for all the volunteers. Workers have been dedicated and have shown fresh enthusiasm for the garden. There are three teams of at least eight workers. Each team is scheduled to work two hours every six weeks. Anyone wishing to join a team may call Cassy or Holly Petsos at 288-0955.

We have been fortunate this summer to also have had a group of Youth Conservation Corp workers in both our parks. The workers have been

youths 17-19 years old. They planted lilacs in the small park at Elm & Merchants Road and they did a great deal of cleanup work and mulching of trees in that park and in the Rose Garden.

\$1000 GRANT

The Ad-Hoc Committee set up to collect ideas about how to spend the \$1000 that the Browncroft Neighborhood Association received from the Old House Journal is still looking for ideas and suggestions before it makes recommendations to the BNA Board of Directors. Some of the ideas received are: decorative signs welcoming people to the neighborhood, new street signs, the purchase of heat guns for rental purposes in the neighborhood, the printing of a fancy history booklet or to use the money for zoning purposes. It's not too late to submit ideas or to give your opinion - but hurry - because the Committee wants to decide soon. Drop a line to our P.O. Box 10127.

ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

This Committee has a new Chairman, Gary Hunter of 275 Browncroft Blvd. We welcome Gary to the office.

REDUCED HEATING OIL PRICES?

We could save \$80 to \$120 yearly by forming a BNA Heating Co-op! If you heat with oil and would like more information on this idea, call David or Kathy Adasiak at 288-7312.

YOUR LIBRARY

Perhaps you have noticed that the copying machine is gone from the library. Be patient - there will soon be a new one to take its place. After September 1st, a new machine will be available for your use.

The library will continue the travelog series for adults on the 1st Tuesday of each month beginning in October. Watch for the brochure at the library.

Also, the library will begin accepting registrations, in person or by phone, for their story hours which will begin Sept. 15th. Register with Mrs. Block or Miss Hoffman for the following programs:

- Monday - 7PM - 3 & 4 year olds - A brand new series continuing for eight weeks
- Wednesday - 9:30AM & 10:30AM - 2 year olds - Toddler Story Hour continuing for eight weeks
- Wednesday - 1PM - 3 & 4 year olds - beginning late October and continuing through April
- Thursday - 9:30AM & 10:30AM - 3 & 4 year olds - October through April

COME TO THE THIRD ANNUAL BNA Picnic

WEDNESDAY, August 17th

6:00 PM TIL DUSK

SYCAMORE SHELTER

ELLISON PARK

(ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BLOSSOM RD)

- GRILLS WILL BE SET-UP FOR EVERYONE TO COOK THEIR MEAT ON
- IF YOU WOULD LIKE, BRING A DESSERT OR FRUIT TO SHARE
- THERE WILL BE GAMES, PRIZES, & MARSHMALLOW ROASTING FOR THE KIDS



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