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

- March 4 - Arts Week at School #46
March 8 - Roller Skating Party - School #46 Gym - 6:30 PM - \$1.50 - Open to all
March 11 - BNA General Meeting - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7:30 PM
March 13 - BNA Board Meeting - Library - 7:30 PM
March 15 - Drug Awareness Seminar - East High - 8:30 AM-2:30 PM (See Article)
March 18 - BNA Food Co-op Order Meeting - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7 PM
March 25 - Beginning of Kindergarten Registration Week (See Article)
March 27 - Dr. Rita Underberg - School #23 - Barrington Street (See Article)

BNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 11th

Monday evening, March 11th at 7:30 PM at Evangelical Emmanuel Church, join the BNA and "think Spring". We welcome Ted Bartlett of the Landmark Society who will speak on exterior renovation projects. Mr. Bartlett will show us how to approach renovations and exterior paint work in an appropriate manner so as not to compromise the integrity of our home's style.

Mark Caulfield, one of the owners of Historic House Parts, will also have a presentation, showing what is available to homeowners and renovators when doing a renovation, remodeling or decorating project.

Come and join in what promises to be a very informative and fun program!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Two points to ponder while waiting for Spring to arrive - Since we have an excellent reputation as an enthusiastic neighborhood organization, I would like to encourage all members to consider taking a more active position in taking charge of neighborhood affairs. This responsibility has rested in the hands of a few loyal and dedicated people, and I think it is time for a new slate. If anyone is interested in any executive position, street rep, editor or whatever, call me at 482-0421 or Betty O'Brien at 654-9727.

Also, an organization is only as strong as its membership. If perchance you haven't been contacted for dues, please contact Chris Nicholson at 482-1084, and we'll see that someone contacts you.

Hope to see all of you at the General Meeting next month.

Bob Malley

SCHOOL #46 NEWS

Dr. Rita Underberg, Child Psychologist, will speak on Children - They Can Be A Puzzle on Wednesday, March 27, at No. 23 School on Barrington Street - 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. This interesting evening is being presented - free - by parents from Schools #1, #23 and #46.

Kindergarten registration for School #46 will begin the week of March 25th at 8:30 AM in the school office. For more information, you may call the school office.

DRUG AWARENESS SEMINAR

East High School has rescheduled - to Friday, March 15 - its forum on "Strategies for Managing Drug-related Behavior". The seminar is from 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM. The speakers and workshops are sponsored by the New York State Division of Substance Abuse Services in conjunction with the East High Parent Group. This seminar is free to the public.

EAST HIGH PARENTS GROUP

Parents and others interested in East High are encouraged to come to the morning meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:30 AM in the teachers' cafeteria. Parents are working on task forces dealing with discipline, special education, school spirit and education. For more information on East High activities, call Shirley Malone, 482-9722 or Donna Davidson, 155 Corwin Road, 482-9897. Plan to attend all or some of these meetings and support your neighborhood high school!

YOUR LIBRARY

The Live 'n' Learners Programs continue at the Library on Tuesday mornings. On March 5th, the travelogue will be on Ireland and the Irish; on April 2nd, there will be a travelogue on English Country Gardens; and on May 7th, there will be two book reviews on two recently published biographies - Eleanor Roosevelt and Golda Meir. The programs are from 10:30 to 11:30 AM with refreshments served before each program.

VITA is volunteer tax assistance help in filling out federal and state tax forms offered at the Winton Road Library on the following dates: March 5, 12, 19 & 26th from 4 to 6 PM; March 6, 13, 20 & 27th from 2 to 5 PM; and March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29th from 2 to 4 PM.

BROWNCROFT STREET LIGHTING

Browncroft is not just getting older, it's getting better! All of the Browncroft Subdivision streets will be lit once again with the original style street lights of the early 1900's.

The official percentage has not been documented by city officials, but it is acknowledged that Browncroft petitions were successful in meeting the requirements and deadline for saving our concrete-style street lights on Newcastle, Croydon, Yarmouth and Beresford and re-acquiring this style for Corwin, Windemere, Dorchester, Gramercy and Ramsey! Seventy-five percent of the property owners of the circuit which the city defined as "Old Browncroft" containing the above named streets had to agree by signing a petition requesting City Council to create a special assessment district to support the cost difference between the proposed fiberglass/high pressure sodium fixtures and the desired concrete/harp fixtures. Browncroft's approximate percentage is seventy-nine.

The petitioning was a monumental task: Approximately 400 households had to be contacted in a less than two week period which fell in the middle of the holiday season. The neighbors who cared enough to take this challenge on were: Mary Ann Evans, Katherine Hogg and Linda Mauck of Croydon Road; Marwode & Hugette Neracker of Yarmouth Road; Joan Hopkins of Newcastle Road; George Cook and Betty O'Brien of Windemere Road; Dede Ranger and Marilyn Schutte of Corwin Road; Emily Patel and Grace Sweeney of Dorchester Road; Cathy McQueen and Nancy O'Brien of Beresford Road; Margaret Richter of Quentin Road. Residents were friendly and receptive to the petitioners. Great difficulty was experienced finding people at home at this time of year. With 79% of this area in favor of having the period style street light system, 21% were either not in favor or, as in many cases, not at home. The three streets with the highest percentages were Croydon Road (96%), Gramercy Park (90%) and Dorchester Road (81%). The other streets were all in the 72%-78% range.

Quentin Road also petitioned and received 90% in favor of keeping their concrete style street lights, even though, by not including this street in the same circuit as the Browncroft Subdivision, the city administration had not given them this option. It is hoped that Quentin Road's strong demonstration of their desire to have this style will encourage the city to adopt an equitable policy regarding this city-wide project, to the benefit of not only this street but other streets currently striving to preserve their streetscapes.

Browncroft, the Cobbs Hill area (off Winton Road) and Arnold Park (off East Avenue) have successfully completed their petitioning and other neighborhoods in the East Avenue and Pinnacle Hill areas are struggling toward preserving the same. Representatives from the neighborhoods who will be electing this option will be meeting with the city in the future to discuss more of the details in assembling the concrete pole systems for those neighborhoods. If you are interested in more information or to comment, call Cassy Petsos at 288-0955.

How PAC-TAC works.

People stop me and ask, "What is PAC-TAC?", "Does it do anything?", "Does it work?". Well let's take a look.... It's cold - temp at 18 degrees. It's 8:30 pm. Two neighbors are walking along Blossom Rd. near Winton Rd., talking about the weather. But they're also wearing Yellow Jackets, carrying a portable Police radio, and listening to the Dispatcher chatter away - calling cars - taking reports. They're members of PAC-TAC 95, assigned that evening to Topps and Wegmans and the area in between. As they approach Topps, they observe a man running out of the store and cross the parking lot with 4 store employees in hot pursuit! Immediately they call the Dispatcher on their radio and report, "PAC-TAC 95 at Winton and Blossom. Need police assistance. Man in tan coat - blue jeans being pursued by 4 employees of Topps. Heading east on Blossom." Immediately the call goes out from the Dispatcher and is heard on their radio. Two cars indicate they are responding. The PAC-TACer's keep walking. Other PAC-TAC patrols in the area are alerted by the broadcast. Ten minutes later, the officers in pursuit report they lost the suspects through the backyards along Balsam Street. The police talk to the employees. All is quiet. Suddenly, PAC-TAC 65 radios in, "PAC-TAC 65 at Harris Park. Man in tan coat - blue jeans just ran into Harris Park and is standing near the far end of the parking lot." Car 174 assigned to monitor the PAC - TAC beats that night immediatly responds. He finds the suspect still standing next to the parking lot - hunched over - out of breath. The Officer walks up and places him into the police car. Suspect in custody. The suspect never saw any PAC-TACer's ...

Now that's how PAC-TAC works... In fact that is how it did work on January 10th, 1985! It could have been your street, your backyard, your house. Join your neighbors in PAC-TAC now!

The Highland Section of the Rochester Police Dept.(RPD) and BNA are now recruiting volunteer participants who will be trained to walk a beat in this neighborhood. You will walk with another neighbor as often as you like between 1:00 - 3:00 pm or 7:00 - 10:00 pm, Monday thru Friday, as a visible crime prevention effort aimed at reporting suspicious activity. Participants will be reconized by their wearing of yellow jackets with the PAC-TAC logo and will carry a portable radio to communicate with PRD directly. Your visibility will foster and encourage full time Neighborhood Watch throughout your neighborhood.

PAC-TAC patrols exist throughout all of Browncroft. The 95a Patrol serves Corwin-Winton-Blossom-Gas Light-City Line. While 95b serves Browncroft-Winton-Elmcroft-City Line. Will you join your fellow neighbors already walking beats in your neighborhood?

If your answer is yes, an application form is on the back. Please fill it out and return it to: **George Brunner, 209 Beresford Rd.**

P.S.

Police report that in Dec: 11 burglaries in the past year in 95a/b were solved with the arrest of a 17 year old youth from the Colonial Rd.-Fairfax St. area. Also that a series of burglaries on Beresford (south of Blossom) were closed out with the arrest of a boy and a girl from the Monroe Ave. area. They were caught in Brighton and have been tied to over 30 breakins.

ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
HIGHLAND SECTION
PAC-TAC APPLICATION

BNA

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____
TRANSPORTATION (CAR) YES _____ NO _____
NOTE: ONLY USED IN TRAVELING TO AND
FROM AREA OF ASSIGNMENT

GENERAL HEALTH IS: _____ GOOD _____ SOME LIMITATIONS
NOTE: VOLUNTEER MUST BE CAPABLE OF WALKING FOOT PATROL

HOURS AVAILABLE: GENERALLY IN 3 HOUR BLOCKS

MORNINGS _____
AFTERNOONS _____ (1 - 3 PM)
EARLY EVENING _____ (7 - 10 PM / 7 - 9 PM
APRIL - OCT. / NOV. - MAR.)
OTHER _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL
JACKET SIZE _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL

AREA/NEIGHBORHOOD YOU WOULD PREFER TO PATROL:

☐ 95A (CORWIN - WINTON - BLOSSOM - GASLIGHT - CITY LINE)

☐ 95B (BROWNCROFT - WINTON - ELMCROFT - CITY LINE)

☐ BOTH

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE CHECKED FOR POLICE RECORD IN DETERMINING SUITABILITY.
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE OR CRIME OTHER THAN TRAFFIC
INFRACTIONS? _____ YES _____ NO

(THIS INCLUDES VIOLATIONS, MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES)

LIST: _____

SIGNATURE _____