

# Browncroft Crier

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BROWNCROFT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 10127, Rochester, New York 14610  
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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

August 14 - BNA Board Meeting - Library - 7:30PM  
August 21 - BNA Annual Picnic - Sycamore Grove - Ellison Park - 6PM  
Sept. 11 - BNA Board Meeting - Library - 7:30PM  
Sept. 16 - BNA Food Co-op Order Meeting - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7PM  
October 9 - BNA Executive Committee Meeting - Library - 7:30PM  
October 17 - BNA Candidates Night - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7:30PM  
October 25 - School #46 Halloween Party - 6:30 to 8PM  
Nov. 4 - School #46 PTA meeting - 7PM  
Nov. 11 - BNA Food Co-op Order Meeting - Emmanuel Covenant Church - 7PM  
Nov. 11-15 - School #46 Book Fair  
Nov. 13 - BNA Board Meeting - Library - 7:30PM  
Dec. 8 - School #46 Holiday Bazaar - 10 to 4PM  
Dec. 11 - BNA Holiday Buffet - Valley View - 6:30PM

## BNA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 1985-1986

It is time again for our annual membership drive. Chris Nicholson is our Membership Chairman again this year and she asks that you welcome your Street Rep who will be calling on you anytime from August 15 to September 10 asking for your support through your dues of \$2 per family. If you are not at home when your Rep is collecting, a membership form will be left which you can mail in, with your dues, to our P.O. Box 10127. BNA also urges you to join our parent organization, NEAD. As a paid member of BNA, a NEAD (North East Area Development, Inc.) membership is only \$1 so please give them your support too. These dues can be paid to your Street Rep along with your BNA dues.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors - I welcome you back - new and old neighbors alike. Our upcoming year will be an active one. BNA will sponsor several social functions and lectures of local interest.

Our social calendar will begin on Wednesday, August 21st, with the BNA picnic. Plan to come. A Committee is already working on our December 11th Holiday Buffet so save that Wednesday night too. Remember, these events help to foster our community atmosphere with its neighborhood spirit as well as to provide opportunities for new neighbors to get acquainted. As an organization, we also will address issues which effect our community at large.

We will make a concerted effort to restore the Browncroft markers; paper-work is in process to initiate this project. If private individuals would donate these historic markers back to the neighborhood, we could all enjoy their beauty.

Your Street Reps will collect membership dues in the next few weeks. They will also have our historical booklets available for 75¢. Please express your thoughts to them or call me at 288-9455. The only way for a group such as ours to thrive is for you to become involved. At this time, I also encourage you to join NEAD as it, too, is a worthwhile organization.

Sincerely,  
Dede Ranger

### KID POWER

Once again we appeal to the younger people in our neighborhood. We always have numerous requests for babysitters, pet, house and plant sitters, lawn mowing, raking and many odd jobs. If you are interested in earning money, then let your services be known. Call Margaret Richter at 288-0238 and list your name. She will put you in touch with someone who needs your help. Those in need of help may also call Margaret and, hopefully, she will be able to recommend the right person.

### INTRODUCING THE EXPLORATION STATION

An after school program for children from Kindergarten through 6th grade is being planned by the Emmanuel Covenant Church under the direction of Lorraine Dean. This program, which assures quality care with confidence, will offer computer learning and games, outdoor activities, supervised game room and crafts and a quiet place for homework and reading from 3PM until 6PM at a cost of \$2 per hour. Emmanuel Covenant Church is within walking distance of School #46. For more information call Pastor Ralph Dirksen at 482-8484.

### PAC-TAC (Police and Citizens - Together Against Crime)

Pac-Tac enters its 21st month of operation in the Browncroft Neighborhood this September. It continues on a Monday-Thursday, 7-10PM patrol beat schedule. We have, presently, 44 neighbors in the Corwin-Winton-Blossom area walking and 10 neighbors in the Browncroft-Winton-Elmcroft area. The Highland Section of the RPD has over 18 beats and over 250 volunteers.

The Pac-Tac members were entertained by the RPO and its Broadway Music Revue at the "Salute to City Volunteers" in May. A Pac-Tac summer picnic was held at Ellison Park in July with the raffling off of a VCR as a fund raiser. Pac-Tac'ers participated in a Bowl-a-Thon fund raiser along with NEAD, Highland Section and Goodman Street in May. Pac-Tac volunteers received recognition certificates from Mayor Ryan and Chief Leach.

We would like 30 more volunteers for our Pac-Tac Patrols, especially in the Northern section of BNA. Sign up and become active Pac-Tac'ers. The program is highly successful and rewarding. Watch for the Yellow Jackets throughout the evening. Please visit with them about crime prevention or to report activities you have seen that are suspicious in your own area. If interested, please call George Brunner (482-3594) for an application or for further information. Or call Bob Genthner (482-2441) Chairman of BNA's Crime Prevention Committee and also Leader of the BNA Pac-Tac Patrols (95a and 95b).

## BEAUTIFICATION

This year twelve new rose bushes were donated to the neighborhood for planting in the Browncroft Rose Garden. These donations enabled us to fill out our rose beds enhancing the park for the enjoyment of neighbors and visitors this season and for future years. Many of the donations were made in memory of family or friends which gives them a special significance to the neighborhood. The Browncroft Neighbor Association would like to thank these neighbors and friends for their contribution to the park:

Gladys E. Rathbone in memory of her husband Harold A Rathbone  
John C. O'Brien family in memory of their father, John F. O'Brien  
Emily B. Clark in memory of Mary L. Delehanty  
Katherine Petsos in memory of Mrs. Linnie Vangelow's Mother  
Marwode Neraker and Hugette Neraker  
Eitsa C. Petsos

## STOP SIGNS ON DORCHESTER ROAD

The BNA was notified by a concerned Dorchester resident of the Department of Traffic Engineering's plan to install a four-way stop at the corner of Dorchester, Gramercy and Arbordale. The request for stop signs was made to the Traffic Control Board by the Rochester Police Department based on the high incidence of "fender benders" occurring in the past three years because of poor visibility due to fences, low growing shrubbery and the curve in Dorchester Road. According to computerized police reports, there have been sixteen accidents in the past three years. Unfortunately, a provision of installing the signs was the removal of bottom branches of a very fine magnolia in order to ensure that one stop sign be visible from a required distance.

## STREET LIGHT UPDATE

According to Carol Manis of the City's Streetlighting Department, the City is currently engaged with finishing contracts for the installation of their new fiberglass streetlight system and will not begin to address the details involved with putting together the concrete system for neighborhoods such as Browncroft until after the first of the year. She has assured the BNA that those neighborhoods involved (Browncroft, Cobbs Hill Area, Rundel and Arnold Parks) will be contacted at that time to meet with the City in order to discuss matters concerning available concrete pole designs, harp salvage from RG&E and related costs. Anyone wishing to participate in this process may call BNA President Dede Ranger at 288-9455 or Cassy Petsos at 288-0955.

## WET AND WONDERFUL!

Although Mother Nature did not cooperate with BNA plans for a Strawberry Social in the Rose Garden in June, a lot of people enjoyed the good food and lovely music under the tent and in the rain! A special thanks to the committee that planned it so well.

## BNA ANNUAL PICNIC

Flyers are out for the annual BNA family picnic to be held on Wednesday, August 21, in Sycamore Grove at Ellison Park. Bring your own picnic supper - grills will be provided - and a dish or dessert to share, if you wish. There will be games and prizes for the children and a marshmallow roast for all. Join your neighbors at 6PM for good summertime fun!

## HISTORY COMMITTEE

The posters reproduced from the original Browncroft Realty Subdivision prospectus are still available for \$5. These attractive posters are 29" by 23" and suitable for framing. Call Holly Petsos at 288-0955 or stop by her home at 175 Browncroft Blvd.

## YOUR LIBRARY

The Winton Road Library will resume Saturday hours of 12 noon until 5PM on September 7th.

Remember to stop in and register for your new "plastic" card as our library will be going on line with the computerized system next February.

## KEEPING BROWNCROFT BEAUTIFUL

Many neighbors have been giving some extra attention to their tree islands (the strip of green between the sidewalk and street) by pruning, weeding and edging around ornamentals and planting flowers. These efforts have not gone unnoticed by this resident who is a walker and struggling gardener. It is hoped that the rest of the neighborhood appreciates the work of these neighbors who create more attractive surroundings for all, while beautifying their own properties.

The condition of tree islands in a neighborhood have a strong visual impact on the appearance of property in general. Being in the foreground of our field of vision, edged and tidy tree islands and sidewalks make an instant good impression and, conversely, overgrown tree islands with neglected barespots where weeds take hold and muddy, un-edged sidewalks contribute to an impression of dereliction in a neighborhood.

Browncroft has a reputation with municipal departments of being sensitive about its trees and "antique" ornamental plantings; the wisteria, magnolia, lilac and spirea clumps throughout the area. It is gratifying to see that residents are living up to that reputation and preserving that idyllic ambiance that is our legacy.

Cassy Petsos, Chairman  
Beautification Committee