

# Browncroft Crier

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## Renovate and Remodel Fair March 7th, 7:15 p.m.

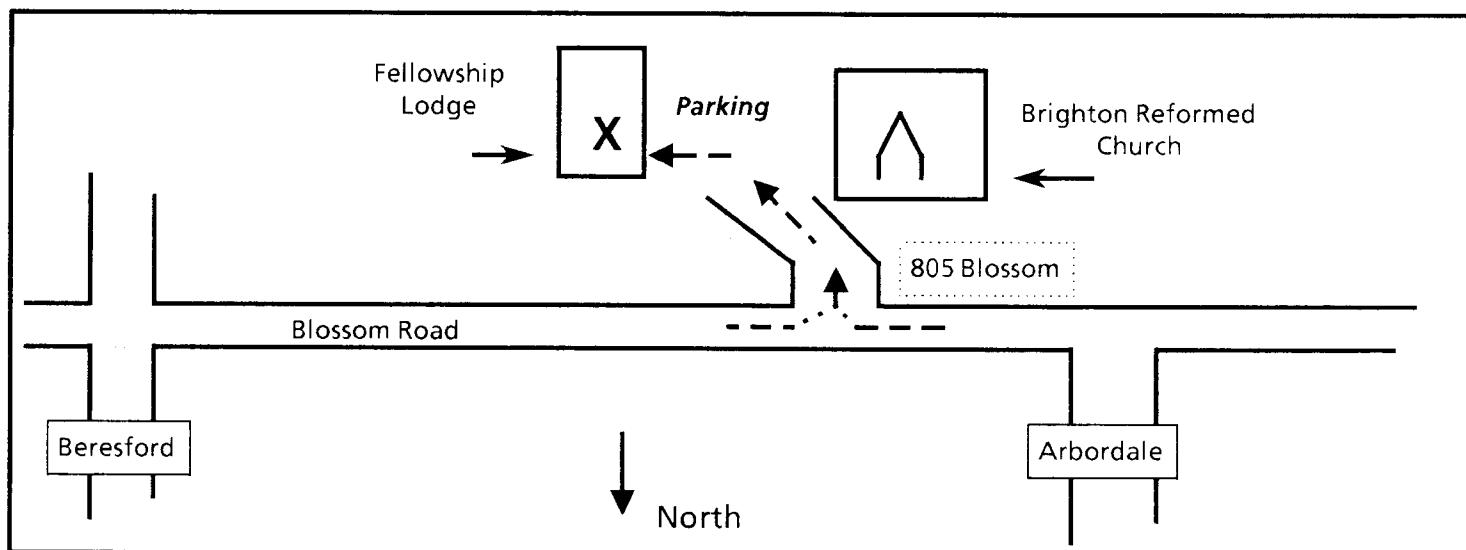
AT: Brighton Reformed Church's Fellowship Lodge  
(see map below)

BNA invites you to our Spring Program designed to get you motivated, to help you tackle home and garden projects.

Seven guest speakers knowledgeable in a variety of topics have been invited to share their experience with us.

The speakers will give a short presentation and then be available for questions at their individual display tables. You are encouraged to stop and talk to these experts about your individual home repair and garden or other projects.

- 1.) Dick Shannon, City Forester: maintaining City tree islands, city and/or resident responsibilities and the Foster Forester Program.
- 2.) Michael Miller, "Flowers First at Phelps": demonstrating how to make a floral arrangement.
- 3.) Cornell-Cooperative Extension: answers gardening project questions on lawn care and composting.
- 4.) Karen Caulfield, "House Parts": what's available to homeowners in the way of reproduction hardware, plumbing fixtures, moldings, as well as salvaged antique hardware etc.
- 5.) "Fabric and Findings": presents Decorative Window Treatments.
- 6.) Ken DeWeaver, Librarian at the Winton Road Library: an overview of Library programs and will have books on gardening, home repairs, and renovations projects available to lend that evening.
- 7.) George Cook, Chairperson of the BNA Garage Sale Committee: May 4th and 5th, he'll have tips on how to run a successful sale. Those wishing to can sign up for the sale.
- 8.) Susan Bush, Crime Prevention Person at NEAD, and an Officer from the Highland Section: Crime Prevention methods, locks etc. and also residents will have the opportunity to sign up for a home security audit.



## LANDMARK HOUSE TOUR COMES TO BROWNCROFT

The Landmark Society has chosen the Browncroft Tract for this year's June House Tour. This well attended annual affair will mark the first visit to the Browncroft area of this highly visible event. This 10-12 house tour is now being pulled together with nominations, visitations and confirmations. Further details will be made available as they are released.

## ROSE GARDEN - SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 20th

Saturday, April 20th marks the beginning of the 1991 spring-summer work season in the Browncroft Rose Garden as this is the date of the spring clean-up. BNA volunteers are needed annually at this time to un-mound and prune approximately 180 rose bushes and to plant new bushes donated by neighbors. This major volunteer undertaking is necessary to ensure the health and appearance of our beds for the rest of the growing season.

NEW VOLUNTEERS: Please call Cassy Petsos at 288-0955. An information packet on rose culture, gardening season schedule of tasks, and pre-season exercises is available, on-site instruction on pruning, if wanted, will be given.

**ATTENTION** 1990 BEAUTIFICATION TEAM WORKERS: Please call Cassy to advise whether you will or will not be able to work in the Rose Garden this year.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER --Betsy Clifford

Winter is back with a vengeance and my thoughts are pulled to Spring. My seed catalogs are piling up on my desk and I wish my much-neglected garden would look anything like the pictures. Every year at this time I vow that my garden is going to get its act together and every year the weeds take the final bow.

This year I've added a new resolution: spiffing up the tree island in front of the house. With the Landmark House Tour coming to Browncroft in June I'm looking to late Spring and early summer Bloomers. Maybe I can get some ideas at the March 7th General Meeting, "Renovate and Remodel Fair". If any of you have any helpful suggestions for a not-very-successful garden, please come to the meeting and let me know.

## ELM/MERCHANTS PROJECT TO BEGIN

City Council at its January 8th meeting approved legislation in regards to the construction project for the Merchants-Winton-Elm intersection. It was agreed that the intersection will remain the same as presented in "Option #4" (i.e. the status quo configuration). This position was in full agreement with the majority of the neighbors around the project ascertained through polls and surveys conducted by neighborhood leaders. However, it was not the complete consensus hoped for by City Council and BNA, as several neighbors spoke in support of other options at the Council meeting.

There will be widening of Winton and Merchants Road with left turn lanes added. The project will include some curb replacements, sidewalks, and street lights. Work is expected to begin in the spring and be completed by this fall.

## CRIME PREVENTION UPDATE

### - OCTOBER 1-31:

Browncroft Blvd: **Burglary.** Suspect entered and removed VCR, jewelry, radio, cassette and sander. Suspect: Unknown. Time: 9am-3pm.

### - NOVEMBER 1-30:

There were no serious crimes reported this month!!! Congratulations!!!

### - DECEMBER 1-31:

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## I Live in a Good Neighborhood - Why Do I Need PAC TAC?

PAC TAC stresses Crime Prevention. Patrols are a deterrent - your presence can actually prevent crime. PAC TAC gives you an opportunity to meet your neighbors, and them to meet you. You'll be kept informed of what is going on in your neighborhood. You can make your neighborhood safer because PAC TAC gives you the opportunity to make a difference.

## NEWS FROM ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL - 545 HUMBOLDT STREET... "WHERE KIDS COUNT"

Our initial registration drive is ongoing until March 1st. Please call the school at 654-9437 if you are interested in registering your child for the '91-'92 school year.

Thursday, March 21st from 7:00-8:30 pm a Kindergarten Information Night will be held. Come and meet the teacher, see the classroom and find out what goes on in a typical week in kindergarten at St. John's. Our children are busy in their full day program learning math, religion, reading and writing as well as participating in self directed learning centers. They attend art, music, gym, library and computer class each week. Students are using their classroom computer daily. We now offer a before and after school care program. St. John's is hoping to offer a half-day kindergarten program in September of 1991. Please stop by on the 21st and check us out.

Wednesday, May 1st from 7:00-9:00 pm will be the St. John's Creative Kids Fair. Please visit us and see the array of creative work our students have done this year. There will be art, science, social studies, reading and writing projects on display. We will also have music and gym presentations and much, much more.

## BNA GARAGE SALE - SAT/SUN - MAY 4th and 5th.