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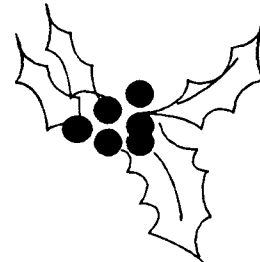
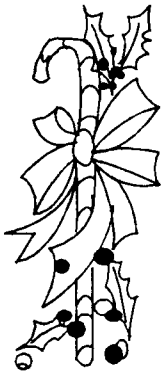
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BNA'S HOLIDAY BUFFET

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COME JOIN US!



Begin your holiday season with over 75 of your neighbors and friends at our 13th BNA HOLIDAY BUFFET at GLENDOVEERS (Old Valley View), 2328 Old Browncroft Rd, on Wednesday December 11th. There will be Hors D'oeuvres and cocktails (cash bar) beginning at 6 O'clock with the buffet dinner served at 7 O'clock.

Tickets are now on sale - \$10.00 per person - and are available from our Ticket Committee: Katherine Cook, 90 Windemere Rd. (288-1971) and Pam Dalton, 430 Yarmouth Rd. (482-4620). *Reservations must be in by December 5th.*

Letter from the President:

Dear Neighbors,

It is hard to believe that 1991 is fast coming to an end . . . and what a year! Having endured a war in the Mideast, a disastrous ice storm, one of the warmest (and seemingly longest!) Summer's on record, as well as our usual mountains of Fall leaves, I am sure the busy upcoming holidays will finish off this year with a bang!

We hope you will join us for our annual Holiday Buffet at Glendoveer's on Wednesday, December 11th at 6 pm. Always a festive time, I would encourage any new BNA members to join us.

We will also be sponsoring a neighborhood Holiday Lighting Contest, and it would be especially gratifying to see a great neighborhood effort in participating in this activity!

Please plan to join us on December 11th . . . have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a joyous holiday season, and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Pam Dalton

Winton Library

Winton Library urges you to drop a note or card to Governor Mario Cuomo, urging him to fully fund Chapter 917 in the Executive Budget currently under preparation. Preaddressed post cards are available at the library, and the library will mail them for you.

Also: a reminder that the library has an Apple IIE computer available for public use. Users must be 16 or older and take a brief orientation course. Call Ken DeWeaver at 288-6030 for details.

Upcoming: Vacation film special for children: Friday December 27th, 2:30 - 3:30 pm.

Come to a Holiday Concert at #46 School

#46 School Holiday Concert. "Holiday Happenings" December 12th (2 shows) 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Membership

Thank you to all our Street Reps who have turned in their membership dues. We are more than halfway there! For those of you who missed those beautiful October days to go out and collect, we hope you'll bundle up, call on your neighbors soon and ask them to support BNA. If, for any reason, you find that you cannot get out to collect or finish collecting - please call me (Betty O'Brien, 654-9727) and we will be happy to give you a hand.

We still are in need of one more Street Rep on Beresford Road and one (or two) on Elm Drive. A BNA Street Rep collects dues once a year, delivers Newsletters and flyers several times a year and acts as a contact between neighbors and the BNA Board. If you are a new resident, this is a wonderful way to meet and know your neighbors and get involved in your neighborhood association. Let us hear from you!

-- Betty O'Brien

Playground Committee

BNA is starting a new sub-committee to look into playground equipment for the neighborhood. We are investigating new equipment for Tryon Park in BNA's Elm District.

Please contact either Katherine Cook at 288-1971 or Laura Viau at 482-9177 for information and join the committee.

BNA FOOD CO-OP

The BNA Food Co-op will meet on Monday, January 13th at the home of Holly and Cassy Petsos, 175 Browncroft Blvd.

Webster Avenue Ice Rink

Webster Park Ice Skating Rink, at 530 Webster Avenue, will have free skating and free skate rentals again this year! Open skating will be from 3:30-5, 5:30-7, and 7:30-8:45 pm Monday through Friday. Saturdays and Sunday sessions will be 11:30-1, 1:30-3, 3:30-5, 5:230-7, and 7:30-8:45 pm. The one exception is Thursdays when the rink closes at 7 pm. Free lessons will be given on Mondays from 5:30-7, Wednesdays from 3:30-5, and Saturday from 9:30-11 am. The season will start Saturday, December 7th with special festivities. Check your local paper for more news from NEAD on this event. Attendance was up last year. Help support our local rink.

BNA HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST!!!!

As promised, BNA will have a Holiday Lighting Contest this year. Please decorate your house. We will be having lots of publicity and people do come from all over to view our lights. Three judges will be awarding three different prizes. Judging will be the weekend of December 20-22.

Stop by the Winton Road Library in December and see a picture of one of the original Browncroft holiday homes. We will be decorating the outside case in conjunction with the contest.

Anyone wishing to nominate a home or help drive the judges around, please call Laura Viau at 482-9177.

Aerobic Program at #46

Laurie Bast returns for her 4th year at the 46 School location with her "Lighten Up-Tighten Up" aerobic program. Laurie was a former Pat Drum Instructor and teaches the Pat Drum style (low and high impact) aerobics with the help of the Independent Instructor Association.

Lighten Up with specialized safe routines to burn fat and make you feel great! Tighten UP your body with a fun, easy to follow program to tone, shape, firm, and condition. The program runs through out the school year at #46 School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The fee is \$3.00 at the door. Bring a mat if you have one.

THE RE-MARKETING OF SCHOOL #46

The Browncroft neighborhood is fortunate to have in its midst a highly regarded school - School #46. Area parents who currently have children attending the school want to make certain the school retains its highly regarded status in the neighborhood. Thus there is a renewed focus on School #46 and the role it plays within our neighborhood.

Overall enrollment has, over the past few years, dropped off significantly as parents have made decisions to send their children to area private and parochial schools or move from the area completely. There tends to be a fear for some parents of "city schools". As concerned parents it is our objective to promote School #46 and make it a "most

desirous" school in which to enroll your children. The programs at school are outstanding and our faculty highly qualified. The building itself, having been featured in the Landmark Historical Tour this past summer, is esthetically pleasing and considerations are underway to make some selective improvements to the tennis courts, and basketball courts. We also are hoping to make some major changes to the playground which you will hear about in the future.

There is an excellent opportunity for the Browncroft Community to work together and once again position our local school as one of the highly respected and desirable schools in the neighborhood. Plans are urgently underway to "re-market" School #46 and we, as parents, encourage your support to once again make School #46 a neighborhood school as well as a city school.

If you would like to become involved in the remarketing effort or have ideas please contact Katherine Cook at 288-1971.

Holiday Safety Tips

We all get into the thought of the times -- Turkey, Christmas Trees, SNOW, parties, presents, children, and the list can go on and on. While you are doing your shopping and traveling about this season, remember your safety.

Any time you find yourself walking to your car or to your home, have your keys in your hand, and have the key you will need, ready to use. Unnecessary delay in getting into your home, or car can make you a potential victim. Once you're in your car and home, lock the doors behind you. You make a tempting treat to someone with those gifts. Don't unlock the door to your home, and leave the keys in the door. Santa will use the chimney, unwanted guests use the door.

When you park your car, leave your valuables in the trunk. It is very easy to break a window and get away with your treasures.

As you drive, be alert to what is going on around you. There are times when individuals are followed home from their shopping trips to the grocery store, and the mall. You arrive home, get out of your car, and you may be attacked. Keep your doors locked, look around and make sure you were not followed, before getting out. If you have a garage door

opener, make sure the garage door is closed, and that no one is in the garage before you get out of your car. If you find that you have been followed, and need help, honk your horn in the driveway. Plan ahead, tell your family and neighbors that if they ever see you in your car honking the horn repeatedly, that they should call the POLICE. If you're out on the road and found you've been followed, drive to a service station, or place of activity where you can get help. Fire stations are a fine place to go, the local office for the police is NOT. Fire fighters are in the house between calls, the officers are on the road, and no one may be at the office. BE SAFE, BE HEALTHY!

-- Highland Section PAC-TACer Newsletter (11/89)

BNA CRIME PREVENTION

There were 3 responses to the September call for PAC-TAC volunteers. Laura and Henry Viau have completed training and are walking in the North of Browncroft patrol area once a week. If you wish to participate, please call Bob Genthner (482-2442) for a PAC-TAC application. After passing a simple records check and a 1 hour training class, you will be ready to patrol the neighborhood in cooperation with the Rochester Police Department as a member of PAC-TAC.

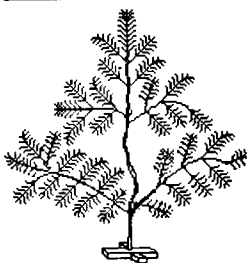
There have been several break-ins over the last 4 months in the Browncroft area. Please remember your crime prevention tactics. Try to leave a yard light on at night, lock all entry doors and windows, don't leave the garage open and unattended. Lock your car and keep it in the garage if possible. You can have a free house survey performed by the Rochester Police Department. Contact Sue Bush, Crime Prevention Organizer at NEAD (482-7320).

A neighborhood watch meeting was held in October on Elm Drive. The meeting was well attended and a presentation was made by the Highland Section Crime Prevention Officer. If your street wishes to have your own Neighborhood Watch meeting, arrangements can be made through NEAD. Contact Sue Bush, Crime Prevention Organizer at NEAD (482-7320).

If you hear or see any unusual activity in your neighborhood, don't hesitate - call 911 and report your observation. Your silence will not deter criminal or mischief activities.

Also, if you know or hear of a crime in the area, would you please drop a post card stating the day, time and crime to the BNA Crime Prevention Committee (c/o Browncroft Neighborhood Association, P.O.Box 10127, Rochester N.Y., 14610). This would be of considerable help to the neighborhood in following current happenings and concerns.

School 46



Holiday Bazaar

Saturday

December 7, 1991

10 am - 4 pm

Crafts



Baked Goods

Food

*over a 100 skilled crafters
and artisans of wood,
fabric and metal*

Featuring:



Toys

Linens

Ornaments

Stocking Stuffers

Stuffed Animals

Wooden Objects

Personal Handicrafts

Accessories

Clothing

Dolls



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BROWNCROFT CRIER WRAP UP

Suggestions on articles or items of interest can be submitted to Bob Genthner at 195 Newcastle Road or to EDITOR BROWNCROFT CRIER, P.O.Box 10127, Rochester, New York 14610. The next BROWNCROFT CRIER dead line is expected to be January 28th.