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Browncroft: Historic Homes

By Sharon Bloemendaal



Charles Brown's home

The Browncroft Duck Pond facing south toward Dorchester Rd., Brown Bros. Co. Office is at the left, Winton Rd. on the right.

In the late 1800s Charles Brown, with his brother Robert, set out to form a nursery. The Brown Brothers Co. was successful, with offices opening in Chicago and Toronto. By 1902 Charles decided to double the size of the old brick Corwin farm house and live in it. (That house is now the apartment building at the corner of Corwin Rd. and Winton Rd.; after Charles Brown's death it had been added to again, becoming a nursing home). Charles had built the nursery office, with its 35 employees who organized the sale of fruit trees and flowers.

He enlarged the bow in Thomas Creek to become a duck pond right next to Winton Rd. (this is across from what is now the Crawford funeral home). Geese and swans paddled around the pond in the summer—in the winter they were kept in a barn. Employees of the company could sit in the white benches and admire the fountain.

Charles Brown's home was on the north side of the pond, near the bank filled with flowers. On the other side of the pond, at the corner of Dorchester Rd., lived Charles' daughter Margaret, with her husband George Kaelber. The family wrote, "Margaret's house" above the white house at the center of the photo.

George Kaelber reportedly suggested the idea of Browncroft subdivision to Charles Brown. After all, it was good real estate, and they were able to provide the plantings—the wisteria and spruce. Those who walk down Dorchester Rd. can still see some of the houses in the photo. In fact, at 273 Dorchester Rd. (closer to Newcastle Rd.) is a home that utilized some of the pillars from the old office and the tenant home on the Brown Brothers property.

The homes built were a legacy—stately homes of wood, stucco, and brick. These lovely buildings are still well-cared for, gracious homes for families. These homes have character, and I've noticed, so do the people who live in them.

Photographing Interiors

Those who have seen our BNA history slide show have been able to see the interior of the Gleason mansion, complete with fireplaces, speaking tubes, ballroom, and icebox. We appreciated receiving permission to photograph it. If you would be willing to allow my husband and myself to photograph original features in your Browncroft home, we would love to do so. Please call 288-6359.

Browncroft Neighborhood Association Invites You To Its Annual Meeting

**Tuesday May 16th at 7:00 P.M.
at the Browncroft Baptist Church,
420 Winton Rd.**

Come and participate in our annual election of officers! Help with setting the goals and agenda for the next year.

Our keynote speaker will be Mary Wells, Executive Director of the South East Area Coalition (SEAC).

We have asked Mary to come and give us an overview of SEAC's programs and accomplishments. This will be a great opportunity for us to get acquainted with our new "umbrella" group.

Sharon Bloemendaal will present the Browncroft History Slide Show.

This is always a welcome opportunity for new residents, as well as old, to view these old pictures of the neighborhood, some of which date back to the late 1800's.

Nominations of Officers

The Nominations Committee is pleased to report that our current officers have agreed to serve for another year. They are as follows:

David Adasiak, of Corwin Rd.,
President

Peter Poifliet, of Newcastle Rd.,
Vice-President

Mary Ann Evans, of Croydon Rd.,
Treasurer.

The position of Secretary remains unfilled and nominations are being taken now or will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. If you are interested in being an officer in the neighborhood association, please call David Adasiak at 288-7726.

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Browncroft and the National Register of Historic Places

Browncroftonians know they live in a neighborhood which is interesting historically and architecturally. The Landmark Society of Western New York, the City of Rochester, and many other local groups and individuals familiar with our beautiful neighborhood know this also. The Browncroft Neighborhood Association, with the support and encouragement of all of the above parties, has decided to move forward toward obtaining official recognition of the significance of the neighborhood by being listed in the National Register of Historic Places as an historic district.

On March 23rd, a general membership meeting was held to inform neighbors and discuss the implications of being a "National Historic District". Cynthia Howk of the Landmark Society and Nick Zimbulyades of the Maplewood Historic District, the most recently designated district locally, were invited to share their knowledge of this process with Browncroft, such as what the designation is and is not, which other neighborhoods are listed, what the advantages are to the neighborhood and the individual property owners, what needs to be done to apply for designation status, and what resources are needed.

What is the National Register of Historic Places?

Established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, it is an official list of historic properties. The eligible properties can be individual buildings, objects, landscapes, archeological sites, or districts. A neighborhood qualifies as a district when it contains a collection of architectural features which possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship and which contribute significantly to the pattern of history in the community and the nation.

Listing on the National Register as an historic district is strictly honorary. There are no regulations or restrictions to the use or alteration of property by the owner, unlike local zoning designations, such as preservation district status. Property owners can paint their home whatever color pleases them, or even make changes which would diminish the architectural integrity of their home, such as applying artificial siding and aluminum windows. Fortunately, the majority of homes in the Browncroft subdivision have not done so, or we would not be eligible as an historic district.

Neighborhoods locally which are listed on the National Register include the East

Avenue/Park Avenue district, Corn Hill, Mount Hope, Grove Place, and Maplewood.

What are the advantages of listing if it cannot prevent deterioration of the historic features of the architecture by owners?

It can prevent local governments from using state or federal money for a construction project that would cause deterioration of the historic fabric of the district or property. Few municipal projects proceed without state and federal money. Although we don't see any major road widening or expressway projects in our neighborhood on the horizon, there is some reassurance in having this safeguard.

Are there advantages to the individual property owners?

Yes. Although the listing is only honorary and there are no tax breaks associated with properties in the district, it has an impact in the way the neighborhood is perceived in the community as a whole, which translates in maintaining property value in the real estate market. By obtaining recognition as a special place with excellent architecture, the neighborhood exhibits its pride and its commitment to preservation. We show that we respect the district's historic and unique qualities, the state and federal government respect it, and we all work together to ensure the integrity of the district (neighborhood) into the future. Realtors often use this designation as a selling point.

Are there any grant monies available for property maintenance in historic districts?

Yes, but only for properties owned by the public and/or not-for-profit entities, such as schools and other government properties, and churches. Browncroft could benefit from these grant monies in that the Browncroft cast iron obelisk street markers are on public property, as well as the concrete street lights, both of which are historic elements we want to preserve that will cost money to restore.

What is the process for nomination to the National Register?

To be listed on the national register properties (or districts) must first be listed on the New York State Register and then the State forwards a nomination of the property to the National Park Service for approval by the Keeper of the National Register. The New York State Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), will review an initial application containing

by Cassie Petso

documentation of historical/architectural information, to evaluate whether a property is eligible for listing. If the property appears to be eligible, Field Services Bureau staff will advise applicants how to prepare an acceptable nomination. That document is a highly technical and academic study of the contextual history of the district, which must also include a survey and write up of each individual structure and element within the district. Photographs, slides, and documentation must be attached to support the premise of historic and architectural significance.

Will property owners be notified and given an opportunity to agree or disagree?

Yes, when the draft nomination is submitted, SHPO will seek the comments of each property owner within the district, as well as those of local officials, and arrange for official review by the State Board for Historic Preservation. The nomination along with the Board's recommendation is forwarded to the Commissioner. Upon her approval the property is listed on the State Register, and the nomination is forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register.

Browncroft has already been deemed eligible as it was written up and listed as the "Browncroft Historic District" on a survey of the City of Rochester done in the late 1980's. The Field Services Bureau staff person for this area of New York State met with us and Cynthia Howk on February 23rd, and took a windshield tour of the neighborhood to give us advice on where the proposed boundary lines of the district should be drawn. Some of the criteria he used in determining what is eligible included: property age (must be greater than 50 years old); architectural integrity (should not be compromised by inappropriate alterations such as artificial siding); and historic continuity. He requested we provide his office with tax maps shading properties by age (i.e., pre-depression vs. postwar), which we have done.

What resources are needed to pull the nomination together?

A professional to write the cultural resource survey and assist in obtaining grant money; funds to cover the cost of the preparation of the survey, which we approximate will be between \$8,000 to \$12,000; supportive public officials; committed and enthusiastic residents to contribute any knowledge and documentation regarding the history of their home and this neighborhood, and to get involved on the history

**...National Register of Historic Places,
continued**

committee to carry out fund raising and events organization.

Fortunately we have an experienced Architectural/History Research Consultant already on board. Mary Santangelo, who is also a neighborhood resident, was highly recommended as an excellent researcher and writer by Landmark Society staff and the State Field Services Bureau representative. Mary assisted with the nomination survey for Maplewood.

Mary has begun already by contacting the Preservation League of New York State and obtaining their 2000 Grant Application Form and their advisement in preparing the application. We hope our preliminary eligibility for nomination to the State and National Register, and our project description will qualify us for a grant to cover all or part of the cost. Mary will prepare the grant application, which also requires technical information regarding the cultural resource survey. Do not be alarmed if you see her standing in front of your house taking pictures and notes, in the near future!

The project will be another case where the means are as important as the ends. The cultural resource survey will be a definitive history of the neighborhood and homes which we hope to make available at the library. According to Nick Zimbulyiades (from the Maplewood Neighborhood), the process is very rewarding for the neighborhood as it fosters a greater awareness of history and architecture. It will be fun and interesting, and Maplewood found, it brought the neighborhood together, creating a sense of pride and community identity.

Landmark Society Holds Coffee Walk In Browncroft

A walking tour will be given by Cassy Petsos, on Saturday morning June 24th. The tour will cover the history and architecture of Browncroft. Tickets are available from the Landmark Society for a small fee. We are very flattered to be asked to give a coffee walk of Browncroft.

We gave a walking tour of the neighborhood for the Landmark Society two years ago in late fall and it was very well attended and enjoyed by the participants. We hope the neighborhood is looking spiffed up by June 24th, to impress our guests even more.

Cassy is willing to give the tour exclusively for residents, also. You can sign up at the annual meeting if you are interested and a popular time will be decided upon.

President's Message

by David Adasiak

Well, Spring is here and, soon, we'll all be outside working in our yards, meeting new neighbors and reacquainting ourselves with those of us who have shut ourselves in for the winter. As a reminder, **SPRING CLEAN UP** is Wednesday, April 19th when City Environmental Services crews will haul away almost ALL bulk refuse set out by residents between the sidewalk and the curb. Exceptions include hazardous & chemical wastes & debris generated by contractors. Remember, refuse cannot be put on the curb before Tuesday evening. Let's try to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Two other events (Mark your calendars!) to meet and have fun with your neighbors are: **Our Annual Picnic (July 13th) at the Hazelwood Shelter in Ellison Park** and the **Holiday Party (December 5th) at the Daisy Flour Mill**.

April 18th at 7:00 PM is BNA's next Executive Meeting at the Winton Branch Library. Anyone interested in getting more involved with the neighborhood should plan on attending that meeting. We still need representation from the Elm District.

Our Annual Meeting, May 16th, will be at the Browncroft Baptist Church, 420 North Winton Road at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing our new alliance with the Southeast Area Collation (SEAC) along with the electing of officers. Mary Wells, Director of SEAC, will be there to introduce herself and to tell us how SEAC can help BNA. Please plan on attending, as this is a big change for us.

I mentioned above that Spring was here but everyone who lives in Rochester knows that there are only two seasons - Winter & Construction! This year won't be any different, as construction crews will be tearing up the following: (1) Browncroft Boulevard from North Winton to just past Newcastle; (2) North Winton Road from about Elm Drive to the Irondequoit border; (3) Lake Avenue from Stutson St. to Beach Avenue; (4) University Avenue from Goodman to Culver; among others. In our neighborhood, we must be mindful of additional traffic with people trying to circumvent the construction.

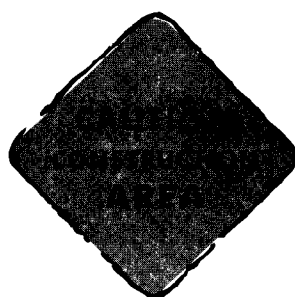
Watch your children, especially on Corwin Road. I was informed that app. 20,000 cars exit 590 at Browncroft, westbound, daily and we will not be able to avoid getting a share of the traffic "cutting" through the side streets. Newcastle, Dorchester and Fairhaven are also likely candidates for the increase. If the traffic gets to be too much and too dangerous, we'll need to group together and take issue with the City.

In closing, I have been informed that our House Numbers are not all up to code. The numbers should be BLACK, NUMERIC, 4" HIGH and EASILY VISIBLE from the street. This is important for Fire, Police & Emergency vehicles, along with delivery trucks, to readily find your house. Let's make an effort to make sure we all have the proper size numbers and that they can be seen from the street.

Mayer Paint & Hardware @ 226 Winton Road North has offered to give a 10% discount on the numbers in addition to a 10% discount for smoke & carbon monoxide detectors. Just bring in this Newsletter and your Driver's License to show that you're a Browncroft resident.

Feel free to e-mail me with any suggestions or concerns (david.adasiak@juno.com) or write to me at:

Browncroft Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 10127
Rochester, NY 14610-0127



Beautification

The Beautification Committee volunteers, will have been out to prune and clean up the Browncroft Rose Garden on Saturday, April 15th, by the time you are reading this. Annually in spring, the rose bushes must be pruned and the beds weeded out in order to start the growing season on the right foot. The annual bed also needs tending to spruce it up for the spring bulb display of tulips and hyacinths.

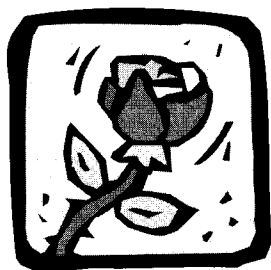
Please consider volunteering to work on this active and very rewarding committee. You can make a difference to a very important greenscape in your neighborhood. As our committee members age, move away or just get tired out, we find it harder and harder to find volunteers in these busy times.

Those who do volunteer feel that their efforts are very rewarding in that they get to see a beautifully tended garden with lovely flowers. It's like therapy for some, and others find the sociability of visiting while they work, and hearing neighborhood news, lots of fun.

Currently we have 3 "teams" that rotate the work schedule, where one team weeds for approximately an hour and a half every 6 weeks. That's not a lot of time to participate in a neighborhood project, especially if you are not involved with any other neighborhood activity. Or you can volunteer to work just on one job, such as spring pruning or fall cleanup or just planting annuals in May.

We need all kinds of workers to keep the task from being burdensome on a few. We are especially looking for help from Browncroft Blvd. and Merchants Rd. neighbors, who benefit so directly. Please consider doing your share. This certainly beats going to a dull meeting. Here you will tangibly see your accomplishment!

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Cassy Petsos, 288-0955.



Community Supported Agriculture

By Holly Petsos

For the past two summers, our household has participated in a community supported agriculture program by buying a weekly share of in season vegetables from an organic farm. We received vegetables from early June until the weekend before Thanksgiving. We participate in this program not only to consume organic products, but also because these types agricultural programs help preserve family farms, promote an ecological stewardship of agricultural land, and link us more personally with where our food comes from and how it is grown.

A neighborhood is a perfect area around which to organize community supported agriculture as it is a good place to locate a delivery of vegetables from the organic farmer. I pick up my weeks produce, delivered by Porter Farms in Genesee County, at a home in another neighborhood. I would like to ascertain if there is enough interest in our neighborhood to support a delivery directly here. If you are interested in learning more about this program, the cost, and what we receive, please call Holly Petsos at 288-0955.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Human Services needs your help!

There has been a marked increase in dog owners NOT picking up after their dogs. Not only is this unpleasant for park users but it can also pose a health risk. The City Code Section 31-C requires pet owners to clean up after their pets. This applies to the Rose Garden, the School #46 grounds and any and all public lands, including sidewalks and curb lawns.

Please be considerate of others, not only in our neighborhood but in our City and County Parks as well. Take a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog.

Browncroft Properties are HOT!

We all know how special our neighborhood is.....

The incredible architecture, mature landscapes, convenient location, schools, and the people. All are reasons we choose to live here! All are reasons we want to stay here!

Did you know that more and more people in the neighborhood are "swapping" homes? Some residents want a larger home; some want a smaller home. We know of two instances where homeowners have sold their homes to other neighborhood residents. These transactions began with casual conversations between neighbors!

If you are thinking of selling your home in the near future and are interested in speaking with us or creating a house swapping club, then please send an e-mail to mike@mcaldpin-ind.com or call Mike or Debbie at 654-5739.

Browncroft Boulevard Reconstruction

The City of Rochester Engineering Department held an informational meeting on March 28th to discuss the scheduled improvements to Browncroft Boulevard and Winton Road north of

Elmcroft Road. We should expect to see work commence any day with regards to utility companies doing their work in advance of the new paving. At the meeting neighbors discussed the pros and cons of certain parking plans, lane reductions and lighting. A future meeting will be needed to work on street light issues. This project is scheduled to go through this summer and have a completion date of July 2001. Traffic will be maintained throughout the whole project and all residents have been promised access to their properties during the reconstruction.

Anyone with questions or concerns contact: Rich Koss, City Bureau of Engineering Services at 428-6862

News from other Neighborhood Associations in our area

North Winton Village

North Winton Village Association is proud to announce that the Public Arts Class of Professor Roberly Bell of RIT chose our neighborhood to study for artworks to enhance the area and further promote neighborhood unity.

The RIT models have been on exhibit at 775 Park Avenue (the old Park Ave. Hospital), Thursday - Sunday, 1:00-6:00 p.m. After April 16 the exhibit will move to the Winton Branch Library, 611 North Winton Road. Please stop in and see the suggested artworks. Any ideas for funding this project would be welcomed.

The Blossom Road bus turnaround will be completed with spirea, lilacs and other flowering shrubs as well as numerous evergreens, this spring. The Blossom Road project completion will also feature concrete and brick bus stops and a mini park at the corner of Blossom and North Winton.

The NWVA has been working with Peter Seiprist, an architect with the Landmark Society to develop a Design District for the main streets of our neighborhood. It is included in the consultant's recommendations for zoning revisions to be voted on by City Council.

The NWVA hopes everyone enjoys the daffodils now blooming on North Winton and East Main Street. Thanks to everyone who helped plant them!

North Winton Village
Association, Inc.

Annual Meeting

April 27, 2000
7:00 p.m.

Browncroft Baptist
Church

420 North Winton Road

Election of Officers and
Neighborhood Issues

SEAC (South East Area Coalition)

LILAC TIME

Lilac Time, a committee of the South East Area Coalition, is a community based group with a special interest in Highland Park at Lilac Time. We celebrate the reawakening of the Earth and the promise of spring each year in the Park. Through special events, tours, lectures and displays of historic value, the Lilac Time Committee educates and engages the Rochester Community in a rich and rewarding relationship with Highland Park.

Lilac Time 2000 is a series of community based events for the whole family.

The Lilac Time Committee (LTC) is looking for volunteers to work on projects, to help with the events on May 13 and 14, to join the committee or in a variety of other ways. LTC welcomes the opportunity to include you in Lilac Time.

Please call Lilac Time Committee at 234-4717 if you are interested.

Friday, May 12th, 2000

**History of Highland Park at Lilac
Time**

**Historic Display at the Link Gallery,
Rochester City Hall, 30 Church St.,
Rochester**

Time: 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Free and Open to the Public

Refreshments Served

Harvest Queen Reunion

About 50 years ago, Gannett Newspapers sponsored a County Wide program called the Harvest Queen Pageant. Each year 35 Harvest Queens were crowned and participated in public events as ambassadors for their community. This year, LTC is calling all the Harvest Queens and their Alternates back to duty with a parade appearance in cars provided by the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society. Followed by a reunion in Highland Bowl. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the Harvest Queen Reunion and Historic Display will be held at 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Highland Bowl and Stage on South Avenue.

Mother's Day Sunday Picnic in the Highland Bowl - Sunday, May 14th

LTC invites all families to picnic in the Highland Bowl on Mother's Day.

A contest for the Best Dressed Picnic Table will help set the Day. Prizes and entertainment will be provided. All are welcome.

Lilac Time Lecture Series

New Plants in Yankee Soils: An Abbreviated History of Plant Introduction from Eastern Asia

Guest Speaker: Stephen A. Sponberg, Director of the Polly Hill Arboretum and Curator Emeritus at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

Eisenheart Auditorium, Rochester Science Center / Monday, May 15th, 2000

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM \$5 admission at the Door Refreshments provided.

**SEAC Annual Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2000**

7:00 -8:00 PM.

**Johnston Hall of Third Presbyter-
ian Church (corner of Meigs St.
& East Avenue)**

At SEAC's Annual Meeting, we honor the Merchant and Citizen of the year, give highlights of the past year and opportunities for the next. We elect the Board of Directors and conduct other business as necessary. Please join us as we share our accomplishments with you, our members.

Park Avenue • Arts Festival 2000 • Poster and Tee Shirt Contest

Submit your work for consideration as the poster and tee shirt design for this years festival. \$1,000 cash prize to the artist whose work is selected.

Your original work, color photo graph or slides will be accepted. All material will be returned. Send or deliver your entry by April 28, 2000 to:

The Springut Group / 97 Park Avenue
Suite C / Rochester, NY 14607

Call (716) 473-4482 for more details.

Call For Nominations

Young Citizen of the Year

Youth Advocate of the Year

For the past nine years, the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau has worked with the Monroe County Legislature to identify and honor youth and youth advocates for their contributions to our community.

The three categories will be honorees for Young Citizen of the Year, for individuals age 14 and under; Young Citizen of the Year, for individuals age 15 to 21; and Youth Advocate of the Year, for individuals nominated for their efforts on behalf of young people in Monroe County.

Please note that the completed nomination forms must be postmarked by May 1, 2000. In years past, a number of nominations were received that were either incomplete or illegible and could not be considered. If you have questions, need forms and sample letters or need assistance, please contact Ms. Rosanne Smith (428-4950) at the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau.

Some Useful Phone Numbers

Potholes Reported by Noon to be Repaired the Next Business Day!

For City roads - Call 428-5990

For State roads -

Call 1-800-POTHOLE

**Problems regarding Snow, Street Lights or Garbage Collection
Call 428-5990 (24 hours a day)**

**Quality of Life Problems regarding Noise, Property Code and Zoning Violations
Call the NET Office at 428-7650**

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GUN SAFETY LOCK PROGRAM

The Rochester Police Department Highland Section is looking for residents who are interested in talking a gun safety course, taught by the Rochester Police Department Highland Section Crime Prevention Officers. The course will be one night lasting approximately one hour. At the end of course there will be a drawing for a gun lock provided by Third Presbyterian Church on East Avenue. For more information contact Jennifer at 244-7405.

**The Great Escape
Baby-sitting Coop**

Did you know that our neighborhood has an active baby-sitting coop? The group has been in existence for 3 years now. Carmen Nashland, who started the group, moved out of state last year. Since then many others families have left and new people with young children have moved in. We are always looking for interested families to join our group.

What exactly is a baby-sitting coop? It is a group of neighbors who use coupons in exchange for someone watching their children. No money is involved! We also try to get together monthly. This helps everyone get to know each other better. Some meetings/events are with our children and we also have parents-only meetings. We have taken our children to various parks, museums or just had play dates at a member's house. Moms have gone to the movies, enjoyed dessert and coffee and even had a couples-only Valentine's party.

Please join us for our **next meeting** on: Thursday, May 11, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Debbie McAlpin's house, 304 Yarmouth Road

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, please call Debbie at 654-5739.

Officers

President -

David Adasiak 288-7726

Vice President -

Peter Polfleit 654-5325

Treasurer -

Mary Ann Evans

Secretary - Open

District Reps

Elm - Open

Corwin - Holly Petsos 288-0955

Croydon - Barb Duffy

Committee Chairs

Beautification -

Cassy Petsos 288-0955

Budget/finance - Open

Crime Prevention -

Bob Genthner 482-2441

Historical -

Sharon Bloemendaal
288-6359

Hospitality -

Diana Thornton 288-7176

Membership -

Ann Williams 288-6295

Newsletter -

Sharon Orienter 288-8076

Zoning -

Holly Petsos 288-0955

From your editor:

The **next issue deadline** is **May 26**

Please send all submissions, articles, announcements to me:

Sharon Orienter:

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soriente@mcls.rochester.lib.ny.us;
fax - 428-8353;

phone - days 428-8327,
home 288-8076;

address - 116 Browncroft Blvd.

All submissions **must be typed**. I prefer that all text be sent electronically, on disk or by e-mail, but if you cannot do so, please send your copy, typed, by mail or drop it off at my home. **Items not submitted in writing and typed will not be included in the newsletter**

Browncroft National Register Project

As part of the process of preparing a nomination to the National Register, I am conducting research on individual houses in the original Browncroft Subdivision and certain adjacent properties. If you would like to share information regarding the history and architecture of your property, please complete the following questionnaire and return it by mail at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your help.

*Mary Santangelo
(Project Consultant)
3 Gaslight Lane
Rochester, NY 14610*

HOMEOWNER QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____

Address _____

How long have you resided in your home? _____

Do you know the name (s) of the original or previous owners? _____

Who was the architect (if any) of your house? _____

The builder? In what year was your house built? _____

Do you have original plans or drawings? _____

Are there any additions such as an attached garage or enclosed porch? _____

When were they built? _____

Have there been alterations to the exterior of the house (examples: new siding, porch, replacement windows)? _____

Does your property include an original garage or landscape features? _____

Have any original architectural elements, outbuildings, or landscape features been removed? _____

Have you restored any of the above that were removed by previous owners? _____

Do you have old photographs of your house, street, or neighborhood that illustrate a different appearance? _____

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*Mary Santangelo
(Project Consultant)
3 Gaslight Lane
Rochester, NY 14610*

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