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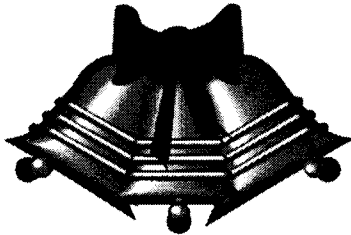
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*The BNA Holiday Dinner will be at the
Daisy Flower Mill*

Tuesday, December 11th

6:00 p.m. cash bar with appetizers

7:00 p.m. buffet dinner

*The menu has been updated and will include:
Garden Salad, New Potatoes, Vegetables, Chicken
Supreme & Carved Roast Top Sirloin.
Sherbet and coffee will follow.*

Tickets are \$20 per person.

For reservations please call

Diana Thornton,

Hospitality Chairperson at 288-7176

**Captain Sherman Scott,
Commander of the Rochester Police
Department's Goodman Section,
will be the featured guest at
Browncroft Neighborhood Association's
November 13 Community Meeting.**

**This event will be held at
7:00 at the Browncroft Baptist Church,
420 North Winton Road.**

*Captain Scott will discuss community
policing, the relationship of the Section
and NET Offices, home and personal
security, response to emergency calls,
and issues raised by participants*

*We greatly enjoyed Capt. Scott's
presentation to the BNA last year, and are
grateful for his return.*

*This forum is open to any interested
person, so bring your questions and
concerns, and bring a neighbor*

David Dickinson Kaiser, BNA President



Membership Drive to be Held in the Spring

The annual membership drive has been postponed until next spring. Thanks to all of you who paid your dues last year. Your membership dues help to support the ongoing activities of the neighborhood association, including this newsletter. Thanks also to the Street Reps for collecting dues and delivering the newsletters in all types of Rochester weather. Please welcome our new Street Reps: Cindy Majewski of Croydon Rd., Karen Jackson of Berwick Rd. and Cari Phillipson of Quentin Rd.

Officers

President - David Kaiser 654-6604

Vice President - Open

Treasurer - Mary Ann Evans

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State and Federal Legislation Pending for Historic Homeowner Tax Credits

by Cassie Petsos

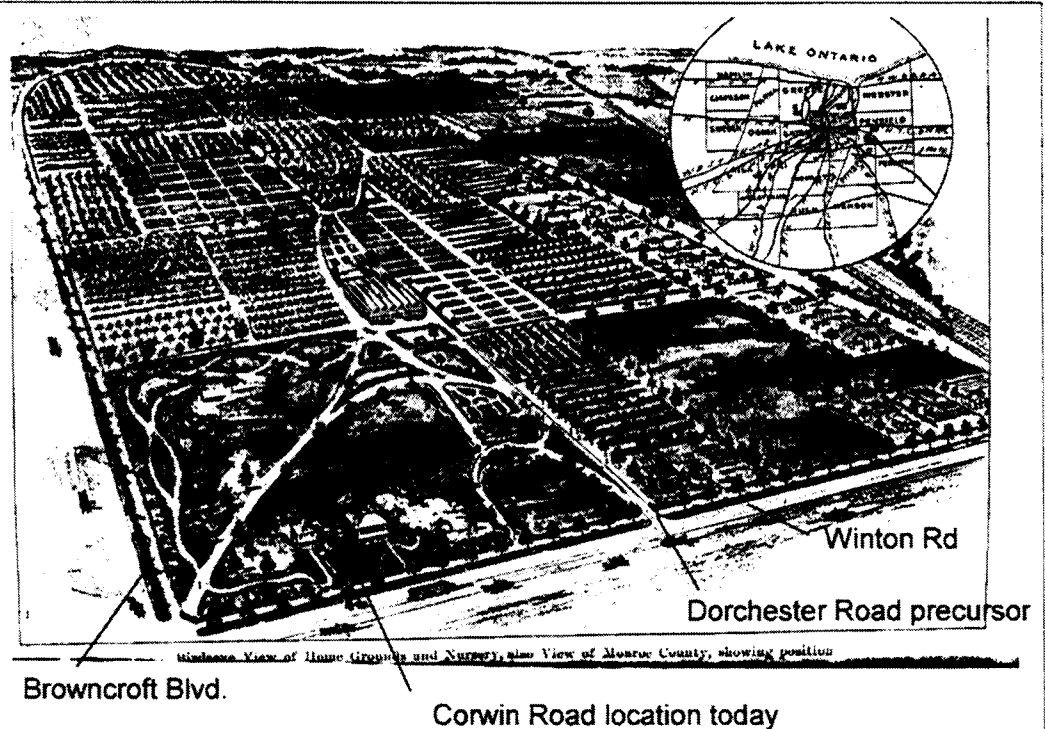
The potential benefits of historic district designation for Browncroft keep growing. There is legislation pending in the U.S. Congress as well as the State Assembly and Senate proposing to give income tax credits to individual homeowners of historic properties who rehabilitate (sensitively) or buy a qualified historic house.

The federal legislation is the "Historic Homeownership Assistance Act" (House and Senate bill numbers H.R. 1172 and S920) which provides an allowable credit of 20% up to a maximum credit of \$40,000 for a principal residence. Expenditures must be at least \$5,000 or the adjusted basis (total value of the property, minus value of the land). Qualifying properties include single family residences listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or on a state or local register certified by the Secretary of the Interior.

The State legislation, the "Historic Homeownership and Assistance Tax Credit", is an act to amend the tax law to allow either a 15% (for exterior work) or 20% (for both exterior and interior work) state personal income tax credit for qualified rehabilitation work to a qualified historic property. The work must be approved as qualified by the local landmarks commission, or if there is no such commission, by the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The allowable credit cannot exceed \$50,000, or \$25,000 for a married individual filing separately. The bill numbers are A03771, A00042, A05150 and S04557. One can review the text of these bills on the New York State Assembly's web site at <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg>.

Note that although designation on the National Register of Historic Places for Browncroft is strictly honorary and non-regulatory in terms of doing work on one's house, these bills create a financial incentive to perform such work in an architecturally and historically sensitive way.

Both of these acts extend the tax credit benefits, which currently are only available to not-for-profit or public owners of historic properties, to individual homeowners. But this legislation is not a given. It needs our



Birdseye View of Home Grounds and Nursery and view of Monroe County, showing position (c. 1910) Brown Brothers Continental Nurseries owned the property bounded by Browncroft Boulevard (then known as Atlantic Avenue), Winton Road, Blossom Road and east to what is Ellison Park today. They shipped quality nursery stock, including fruit trees, ornamental and shade trees, and flowering shrubs all over the world. They began subdividing their nursery in 1914 under the name of Browncroft Realty Corporation.

support by contacting our State and Federal representatives and asking them to support and/or cosponsor them. The federal legislation has been in the works since 1999, and is not in the fast lane. The State legislation has the support of the Legislature and the endorsement of Governor Pataki, but given today's budget woes, it may languish, as well

"The Browncroft History District fund is still taking donations to cover the cost of the cultural resource survey and associated photographic and duplication expenses for the application to the State for historic district designation and listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Please contribute by sending a check to: The Browncroft History Fund, P.O. Box 10127, Rochester, New York 14610.

School # 46 Events

Saturday, December 1st
Holiday Bazaar & Craft Sale

Thursday, December 20th - 7 p.m.
Holiday Concert



From your editor:

The next issue deadline is December 10

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