



Browncroft Crier

NEWSLETTER OF THE BROWNCROFT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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It's Summertime. Come to The BNA Family Picnic

Rain or Shine.

Join your neighbors and friends

Wednesday evening

July 19th

starting at 5:30

at Spruce Shelter

in Ellison Park.

(entrance on the south side of Blossom Road)

BNA will provide charcoal fires for grilling,
hot dogs and rolls, condiments, cold drinks and marshmal-
lows.

Bring a dish to pass and your own plates and
silverware for your family.

If this year is anything like the past we will have plenty of
delicious food for everyone and

Door prizes for the children

RSVP by Calling
234-0160 (leave a message)
by July 17th
to to help us plan!



It's fun. It's free.
Meet your neighbors at the park on July 19th!
Hope to see you there.



President's Message

by Dede Ranger

Dear Neighbors,

It is with great pleasure that I am serving as the BNA president again after a 20 year hiatus. I would like to thank Henry Viau for serving as our past president for the last two years. Also, my appreciation to the BNA Board, who works collaboratively in "making things happen" for our neighborhood.

The Board is comprised of a mixture of new and old, many of the same members I worked with 20 years ago. We have a team of people who are passionate about our neighborhood but we would welcome anyone who wants to become more involved.

We have numerous committees for one to explore such as: beautification, newsletter, hospitality, historical, education or if you like to walk, delivering the newsletter. We just activated a new voice message system at **234-0160** so you can leave your name and number or come to the BNA Board meeting on August 9th at the Winton Road Library at 7:00 pm..

Our first event of the year is the BNA picnic on July 19th. Come and meet your neighbors and "break bread together." It is in sharing of our time and talents and participating in these on-going events that makes us a community in the truest sense of the word.

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BNA Annual Meeting.

The annual membership meeting took place at the Browncroft Baptist Church on June 14th. Sharon Bloemendaal, assisted by her husband, Jack, presented the neighborhood history slide show, Browncroft, A Beautiful Section of a Beautiful City.

Prior to the history slideshow, the BNA conducted election of officers for the coming year.

Our BNA Officers for 2006-2007:

Dede Ranger, President. Dede graciously accepted the nomination for president, a position she held for BNA in 1986 and 1987. Dede resides on Corwin Road with her husband Rick Ranger. They have three now grown "boys", who all attended School #46. She is employed by the Rochester City School District.

Dede's love of the Browncroft neighborhood has been demonstrated by years of commitment in serving as a BNA officer as Secretary in 1985 and later as president, and in working on issues ranging from zoning to School 46 to the streetlight project, historic landscape preservation Tree Committee, and the Historic Committee to get Browncroft listed on the National Register.

Cassandra Petsos, Vice-President. Cassy has lived in Browncroft her entire life. She is a founding member of the BNA, which was organized as a result of the truck traffic issue on Browncroft Boulevard. She had assumed a leadership position in that issue, which took Browncroft off of the truck route schedule, and went on to successfully get truck restriction signage on I-590. Cassy spearheaded the rehabilitation of the Browncroft Rose Garden, serving as Beautification chairperson, the historic streetlight preservation committee, and the Tree Committee which worked to maintain the historic landscape of Browncroft. She also has been involved in all zoning issues which impact the R-1 residential status of the neighborhood, and worked with her sister Holly and district liaison of the State of New York Department of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation to

get Browncroft on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cassy is also very involved with local environmental groups and People for Parks. She works for the County of Monroe.

Robert Phelps, Treasurer: Rob has been an excellent Treasurer for BNA in the past year. He lives on Croydon Road with his wife Karen and their two cats. They previously lived in Greece until June 2001 when they moved to Browncroft. He says they truly love the neighborhood.

He is a full time fire fighter with the North Greece Fire District. He graduated in 1995 from SUNY Brockport with a bachelor's degree in accounting and runs a part-time tax and bookkeeping business. He has also earned an associate's degree in fire protection technology from MCC.

Rick Alvarado, Secretary. Rick resides on Windemere Road. He is a finance manager at Getinge USA Inc., a healthcare equipment distributor based in Henrietta. He has lived in and around Rochester his entire life, residing in the North Winton Village area for the past 8 years, and now in the Browncroft neighborhood for almost two years. Rick says "I couldn't imagine having a better place to call home. I am excited to be a part of what makes our community strong and successful".

EVENINGS IN BROWNCROFT: PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY

Browncroft residents have character, specialized hobbies, fascinating collections and a wealth of information. We are beginning a series of small informal get-togethers for residents to share their interests.

The first, a wine-and-cheese soiree on photographic history and equipment, will be held at the home of Sharon and

Lead Paint

The health hazards of lead exposure have been general knowledge for many years. However, it has only recently received the public attention in the media and in the halls of government necessary to stir individuals and the community to take notice and take action.

This has come about as more and more studies have been done to definitively confirm original concepts, and to bring to light more chilling facts of the dangers to children, particularly children living in poverty in deteriorating housing. Brain damage and learning disabilities that lead to behavioral problems in children and young adults, as well as increased incidence of osteoporosis, kidney failure, and memory loss in later life, can occur from smaller levels of exposure than previously thought.

Lead poisoning from paint and fuel was known in the 1930s, at which time countries in Europe and Australia started removing it. In America the paint industry, successful in blocking government regulation, didn't start removing it until 1950, and it wasn't until 1978 that white lead for pigment base was replaced by titanium, according to Pat Boprey, Coordinator of the Finger Lakes Lead Resource Center.

The city of Rochester recently passed an ordinance that effects rental properties, in that a certificate of occupancy will not be issued unless the

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BNA District Reps

Elm District - Chris Gaudieri
Corwin District - Holly Petsos
Croydon District - Barb Duffy

BNA Committee Chairs

Beautification - Cassy Petsos
Crime - Robert Genthner
Hospitality - Vacant
Newsletter - Vacant
Zoning - Holly Petsos

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BNA Has Phone Contact Number

The BNA has purchased a voice-mail phone number, 234-0160. For any inquiries to the organization officers or committees, please feel free to utilize this number as it will be checked on a regular basis.

The cost of this service for BNA is currently \$7.95 per month.. If usage falls to zero for an extended period of time, however, we may suspend our subscription to it.

DORCHESTER STREET REP AND STREET REP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

We are currently looking for volunteers on Dorchester. The position of Street Representative to the BNA Board of Directors is vacant, as well as Street Rep assistant(s) who help in the distribution of the Browncroft Crier.

BNA Street Representatives are the organization's link to the neighborhood, bringing the concerns and issues of their neighbors to the BNA Board. Criers are distributed approximately 5 times a year. On average, reps and their street helpers deliver the Criers to about 25 houses. Delivering the Criers takes very little time, but it is a crucial activity within the organization to further communication between BNA and the residents, and it must be done promptly to ensure time sensitive information is disseminated.

Please leave a message in the new BNA voicemail box at 234-0160 if you would be willing to help BNA in these important organizational duties.

Volunteers Needed for:

Newsletter Chairperson
Hospitality Chairperson
Browncroft Rose Garden Chairperson
and workers
History Committee, marker restoration
and landscape preservation
Street Light Issue
Call 234-0160 and leave a message.

Lead ...

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property passes a lead hazard inspection. This does not affect owner occupants directly, but the City has a voluntary program to assist owners in lead paint poisoning prevention. For information check the City of Rochester's web site <http://www.ci.rochester.ny.us/publicsafety/lead/lead.cfm>.

Although this neighborhood's homes are most definitely affected, along with thousands of homes county wide, fortunately our homes are generally well maintained so there is no need to panic, or to rip out the wonderful architectural details of our older homes in an effort to eradicate lead paint from our properties. It would be impossible to do. What is necessary is to maintain painted surfaces by keeping the layers of paint that contain lead covered and sealed with new paint, and to ensure that you or your contractor utilizes lead safe work practices when conducting remodeling activities such as scraping and sanding, which can stir up lead particles, releasing them into the air and soil.

One can find fact sheets about safe practices on the HUD website at www.hud.gov/offices/lead/outreach/remodel.pdf, or by calling 1-800-424-LEAD and requesting a free copy of *Lead Paint Safety: A Field Guide for Painting, Home Maintenance, and Renovation Work*.

Also consider, that after decades of unguarded scraping and sanding, the soil around our homes may be contaminated and therefore not an ideal environment in which to grow vegetables, or to allow small children to get their hands dirty and put them in their mouth.

Further, knowing the above, this is no time to be tolerant of neighbors who have not properly addressed chipping exterior paint. Talk to them, and if necessary turn them in (It can be done anonymously.) to the City's NET office, at 428-7650, or contact the BNA voice mail system at 234-0160 and request that the neighborhood association do so.

We must, and we can, ensure a lead safe future, no matter when our houses were built.

Evenings

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Jack Bloemendaal.

Jack is the co-founder (in 1966) of The Photographic Historical Society, the oldest such group in the world. A former Eastman Kodak engineer, he is general chairman of the triennial PhotoHistory XIII, set for Oct. 20-22, with a symposium at George Eastman House. (www.TPHS.org).

The BNA get-together will be Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Space is limited, so the first 10 people to call 288-6359 will be able to participate.

If you would like to volunteer for an "Evening in Browncroft" call Sharon at 288-6359, jbloem@Rochester.rr.com.

The event could be musical, a book study, or sharing a collection or hobby such as gardening. If you prefer to remain anonymous in the newsletter, we could have a ³surprise² destination.

Set your own date and time, perhaps with a back-up date to accommodate those wait-listed.

What a great way to get to know your neighbors!

Save the Date...

July 19 - BNA Picnic at Ellison Park Spruce Lodge

August 8 - BNA Board Meeting - Winton Branch Library. Observers welcome.

September 14th - Evenings in Browncroft

September 20th - BNA Board Meeting - Lead Paint Info

October 18 - General Membership meeting with Mayor Duffy - Browncroft Baptist Church

Thanks Neighbor...

from David Adasiak

I want to thank everyone who attended the BNA Winter Gathering on January 20th. It was quite a success and once again, Glendoveer's provided wonderful food and a warm atmosphere.

It was great chatting with and meeting new neighbors. We even had a nice visit with our new Mayor Bob Duffy and his lovely wife Barb.

Browncroft is a terrific neighborhood because we have such exceptional neighbors. Over the years, so many of us have volunteered to help keep it that way but we need many more to follow in our footsteps. Please come to the next gathering, the Picnic on July 19th at Ellison Park.

A very special Thank You to all the area merchants who donated goods and services for the door prizes.

JIM'S RESTAURANT
RAVIOLI SHOP
EUPHORIA LIQUOR
CAPTAIN TONY'S
TIMOTHY PATRICK'S
CURVES
BALSAM BAGELS
CAPTAIN JIM'S
ELIZABETH GALLERY
MY TEE UNDERCARE
REMINGTON'S
PREFERRED PLANTS
POMODORO'S
THE BRIGHTON
JULIAN'S CLEANERS
CANAL TOWN COFFEE

SNAPS FLORIST
GEORGE BAILEY FRAMING
CHINA GARDEN
MAYER'S HARDWARE
WORLD GYM
UNIPET GROOMING
KAREN BIERTON SALON
EXPRESSIONS FLORIST
RECORD ARCHIVE
CAESAR'S SUBS
TREASURED MEMORIES
STANLEY STEAMER
MIDTOWN TENNIS
VOGEL'S COLLISION
CONNIE'S GIFTS

SUMMER PROGRAM AT #46 SCHOOL RECREATION CENTER

The summer and after-school recreation program is for youths ages 6-13 and includes summer breakfast and lunch programs, and seasonal special events.

Facilities available at #46 School:
Basketball Court - Inside, Football/
Soccer, Gym.

SUMMER SEASON HOURS:

June 27 through August 11,
Monday through Friday 9:00 AM -
4:00 PM
(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Activities and Programs include:
activities for youth, arts and crafts, court
and lawn games, group games, meal
programs, reading/storytelling, summer
breakfast program, seasonal sports,
double dutch, special activities, bingo.

Call (585) 428-7294 for more information

summer ☼ reminders

Always worth repeating (...and repeating...and repeating) for residents old and new:

■ Put yard debris out on the night before refuse pickup (Tuesday) only.

■ Parking on the front lawn or the public tree lawns is illegal and tacky.

■ Sweep grass clippings and dirt buildup off the sidewalks for both safety and aesthetic purposes.

■ Pick up immediately after your dog relieves itself whether in the public right-of-way, a neighbor's yard or your own yard.

■ Be considerate. We live together as neighbors.

Winton Branch Library

Summer Hours at the Winton Branch Library (611 Windton Road North) are Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursdays 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There are some fun summer programs available in all age groups.

Toddler Storytime is for 2 year olds who are not yet 3, and is held Mondays 10:30 a.m. July 10 - August 7 and Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. July 11 - August 8. Applications are available at the Library. **The Reading Club** is for ages 3 to Grade 6. Children receive a "Reading Log to record their reading time each week. Readers will receive a prize each week, with a drawing for larger prizes. There is no club meeting, but participants may attend an entertainment at the library August 10th at 10:30 a.m. **Ya Summer Reading** is for grades 6-12, July 3 to August 10. Win a prize for every book read, and every prize is a chance for a weekly grand prize drawing. **Chess** Wednesday nights, July 19, 26 and August 2 at 6:30 to 8:30 pm. with the Rochester Chess Center. Family Bingo Night is Monday August 7th 7:00 p.m. And more. Stop by the Winton Branch library and get more information or to register for a program.