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The BNA

Winter Gathering

**at
Glendoveer's**

2328 Old Browncroft Blvd.

Friday, January 19th

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.-ish Cocktail Hour with
hors d'oeuvres

7:00 ish -until... Grazing Buffet

Tickets are \$15 per person.

For reservations please call

BNA Voicemail at 234-0160 by January 15th

President's Message

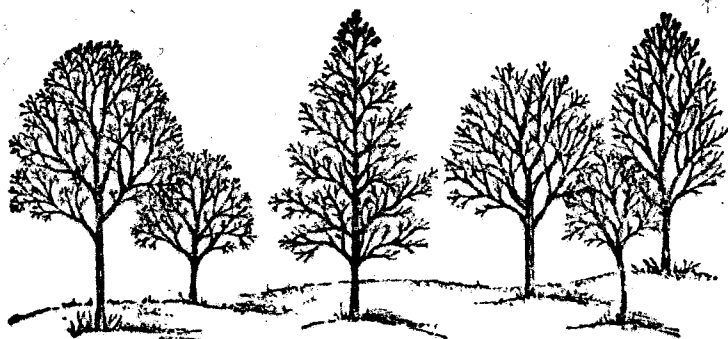
Dear Neighbors,

Our Holiday Gathering has grown each year thanks to the enthusiasm of our members. We hope you can either make it back again or, if you have never come before, make this year your first of many winter gatherings. What a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors- so save the date on your calendar.

The BNA hosted Mayor Duffy on October 25th. We had advertised the program as a "Fireside Chat" but in actuality it was a town meeting devoted to our concerns. After listening to Mayor Duffy field questions for well over an hour, I was renewed with a sense of hope and optimism for our future. Needless to say it was an informative meeting for those in attendance. The BNA is most appreciative of Mayor Duffy accepting our invitation to speak.

At this time of year, when we seem to be more aware of our blessings, look around you. We live in a wonderful community.

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Happy and
Safe
New Year
to All*

The BNA Ultimate Garage Sale Returns!!

MAY 5TH AND MAY 6TH, 2007
IT'S ONLY 4 MONTHS AWAY!
LADIES AND GENTLEMAN: "START YOUR COLLECTING!"

Yes, our 15th bianannual BNA Garage Sale is this year. Are you ready? The next issue of the CRIER will have all the details and participant application. But suffice to say there is expected to be 200 garage sales in BNA's 1 square mile. People have already planned trips from hundreds of miles away to coincide with this event.

The \$5 fee will be the same as last time to cover publicity, etc. and you will again be able to get additional details (i.e. application, parking, hours, maps, and the "what and where" of the sale) from our web site <http://members.aol.com/browncrft/> (yes the spelling is correct!) Or, you can just "google" Browncroft and the link will appear! Check it often.

Remember this is a fun event and thousands of visitors will descend on our neighborhood, hopefully leaving with a good and lasting impression of the city and Browncroft!

North Winton Village Reports...

The new ESL Federal Credit Union building is near completion on Winton Road taking up the parcel from East Main Street to Merchants Road. Their address is 215 Merchants Road and they are calling it their "Walk In" Branch. North Winton Village worked diligently with Karen Davis, the ESL Branch Center Manager, the ESL Attorney, and engineer who patiently listened to their neighborhood suggestions to achieve a building design that compliments, as much as possible given current building techniques, the early 1900s brick commercial buildings that stand across the street.

North Winton Village (NWV) reports that this has been a major development project with a very happy ending because of our city's zoning director, Arthur Lentilucci, and his staff, our ESL friends, our design center and the North Winton Village organization working in unison to have a bank that compliments the neighborhood. Also recognition goes to the Zoning Board and the Planning Commission for their sensitivity to the neighborhood's current and future plans.

NWV also reports another major improvement it is proud of -- the new facade at 1929-1933 E. Main St. The owner of this property, Joe Polizzi, worked cooperatively with NWV, the zoning department and the Design Center. The Rochester Police Department offices and North Winton Village will soon be occupying one side of this building.

Two more new businesses should be welcomed to the neighborhood: Serendipity at 720 Winton Road (Antique Shop) and Cartagenas Candles and Gifts at 722 Winton Road, 733-6424.

The annual North Winton Village Open House was held December 14, 2006. Our businesses showed their thanks to their loyal customers on this festive occasion. Kudos to the participating business owners and to the neighborhood residents who attended.

Many Thanks to the Fall Clean-up Volunteers in the Browncroft Rose Garden

Rosemarie Hattman, Kathy Flynn, Bob Kern, and Cassy Petsos worked on a temperate Saturday morning November 4th to put the rose gardens to bed for the winter.

Winton Branch Library Corner

WINTER STORYTIME - Registration for sessions will be mid-January. It starts up the last week in January and runs through the first full week in March. Toddler Storytimes are offered Monday or Tuesday mornings at 10:15 am, Preschool Storytimes are offered Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm, or Friday mornings at 10:15 am. Spaces are limited.

WINTON READING GROUP - will meet Monday, January 8 from 7:00 - 8:45 pm. The reading selection is *A THREAD OF GRACE* BY Mary Doria Russell. This critically acclaimed novel tells the little known story of a group of brave Italians who worked to save Jews trapped in Italy during World War II. Copies of the books are available at the Winton Branch circulation desk. No registration required—OPEN to all!

READER OF THE MONTH- Every child from Kindergarten on who reads at least one book can enter our drawing for READER OF THE MONTH. The box is held in the Lois K. Hoffmann's Children's Room. A prize and certificate awaits the next winner.

INCOME TAX HELP- provided by Rural Opportunities Inc. is a free of charge low income tax clinic at the Winton Branch Library on Saturday, January 20, 2007 from noon until 3:45.

Save the Date

January 19 - BNA Winter Gathering

March 28 - General Membership Meeting-Landscaping Presentation
Planned with a guest speaker

May 5 & 6 - BNA Garage Sale

May 23 - Annual Meeting, with BNA elections