



# Browncroft Crier

NEWSLETTER OF THE BROWNCROFT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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*The 2008*

## Winter Gathering

*Presented by  
The Browncroft  
Neighborhood  
Association*

at  
Glendoveer's  
2328 Old Browncroft Blvd

Friday, January 18th  
Cocktail Hour 6:00 p.m.  
Buffet 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person.  
Please RSVP by January 11th  
to the BNA Voicemail at 234-0160  
(Leave your name, address and number attending.)

and  
Please sent your payment (payable to BNA)  
by Jan. 18th to:  
BNA 30th Winter Gathering  
P.O. Box 10127  
Rochester, New York 14610

### *From the BNA President ....*

Bob Genthner....

Dear Neighbor,

I invite you to take advantage of our upcoming Winter Gathering. A time and place in mid-winter for our neighbors to relax and gather for chat, food and drink. BNA started this neighborhood party in 1978 (when I was first President) during the December Holidays. Terry Deckman was the first Holiday Buffet Chairperson and back then Glendoveers was known as Valley Echo.

Recently this gathering was moved to the month of January to avoid the congested holidays of December, but under either name, we have met every year since 1978. That is 29 years and our 30th party! I encourage you to get your reservations in as soon as possible for this popular Winter Gathering. There is a limit of 100 tickets. So, join the fun of this mid-winter break and enjoy this Browncroft tradition. See you there!

Our annual membership drive is slightly behind last year. I was hoping to be way ahead. Please take the time to find those renewal envelopes from the last CRIER and send in your support for your neighborhood association. At the same time I want to thank all those who have responded so far. You have responded financially with an average donation doubling the

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# Tree Planting Tribute to Bill Knapp

Bill Knapp was a retired Director of Parks for the City of Rochester and a Browncroft resident, who died in May 2004. He was a tireless advocate for the preservation of the historic Browncroft landscape. He catalogued all trees and shrubs located on the tree lawns and front yards of every property on 12 streets in what is now the Browncroft Historic District. His work was a necessary part of the survey documents for the National Register of Historic Places on record in the national archives.

His memorial fund, created by donations to the Browncroft History Committee, has been used to plant five trees in the front yard of School 46 on Newcastle Road.

In the past few years five maple trees, which were elements of the original historic landscape designed and planted by Brown Brothers Nursery, had been lost to the 1991 ice storm and other problems. Planting two red maples and three pin oaks in the spaces missing the original trees has restored the line of trees along the city sidewalk.

The trees were selected by Peter Schott (Yarmouth Road), and Cassy

Petsos (Browncroft Boulevard) and were planted by the City School District grounds crews under the supervision of Douglas Baker and School 46 Principle, Sharon Delly.

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\$5 membership amount. Thank You!

Your Board of Directors, Committees and Officers are busy working on your Browncroft concerns and representing Browncroft at every opportunity throughout the city to better our neighborhood. We are maintaining contact with other organizations and officials as necessary, such as the Mayor's office, Zoning, Rochester Police Department, Neighborhood Empowerment Team, Neighbors-Building-Neighborhoods Sector 8, Police and Citizens Against Crime, South East Area Coalition, Police and Citizens Interaction Committee, North East Area Development, North Winton Village, Rochester City School District, and others. Wherever it takes us! Come join the fight. The opportunities are limitless! Our BNA

Committees need members - no experience required - only a willingness to get involved and offering your time and talent!

Finally, visit our website <http://www.browncroftna.org>. It has lots of neighborhood information and is ever changing and expanding. It, along with our BNA-Announce subscription email service (well over 100 have joined!), brings to you neighborhood news and alerts of interest on a very timely manner - something the bimonthly CRIER can not always do. (You can join BNA-Announce on the website under "Contact" or email me directly at [bob14610@aol.com](mailto:bob14610@aol.com)).

Two other websites you might be interested in are: RPD/PCIC at <http://members.aol.com/pciceast/> for local crime news/alerts and PACTAC opportunities; and <http://members.aol.com/nbnsector8/> for the NBN Sector 8 Planning Committee which brings all neighborhood groups and stakeholders of our area together.

Call me anytime (482-2441) or come to our monthly administration meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Winton Road Branch Library starting at 7:30 PM.

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## BROWNCROFT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Family Names \_\_\_\_\_

First Names of Persons 18 & Over \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Residents: < age 18 \_\_\_ age 18-55 \_\_\_ >age 55 \_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$5.00 for annual membership dues

Additional Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YES I would like to consider volunteer opportunities available with the **Browncroft Neighborhood Association.**

Area(s) of Interest:

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Mail to: Browncroft Neighborhood Association Membersip Committee P.O. Box 10127, Rochester, NY 14610

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