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ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2012-13 RENEW OR JOIN NOW!

It is time for our 40th annual BNA Membership Drive which spans our June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2013 fiscal year. For the first time in two decades, the BNA Board has increased the annual BNA household membership dues; from \$5 to \$10. Your returned membership form (enclosed) and \$10 donation is a strong sign of support to BNA's 17 street representatives, four officers, and eight committee chairs who serve on the BNA Board of Directors. The Board advocates the goals and objectives of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association (BNA) on behalf of the 672 residential households of the Browncroft neighborhood.

Please fill out and mail the

Household Membership application envelope provided with this CRIER newsletter. (However, if you prefer to save a stamp, you may drop the envelope off at 195 Newcastle Road.)

The Household Membership level entitles everyone in the residence to be a voting member of BNA and also entitles them to any member benefits offered during the year.

In addition to your phone number, BNA would also appreciate having your email address and your household demographics. There is space provided for both with the

additional option to sign up for our subscriber BNA-Announce emailing list, which is a great way to stay con-

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Summer Fun -- The BNA Picnic at Ellison

Photos taken by Linda Siple



Jim Kelly, Dorches-



our 14609 mailman, J.J. Visiko

Above foreground, Peter Schott and Mary Jane Tasciotti of Yarmouth Rd.



Former BNA Pres. Bob Genthner and new First Lady Jenny grilling hot dogs

From the President...

Aaron Thompson

The leaves on the trees are beginning to change; our neighborhood really shines this time of year and makes me smile when I look at all the mature trees lining the streets as I head out for the day. It reminds me how happy I am to be a part of this community.

I am not as fortunate as many are in Browncroft, to have grown up in the Browncroft Neighborhood. No, my wife and I moved here two years ago after we fell in love with our house and the surrounding picturesque neighborhood. Since then we have enjoyed walking our two pugs and meeting neighbors. In May 2012, I was elected as President of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association and I have been honored to serve since that time.

Service is in my blood – I have served with the US Navy for the past 16 years and I am happy now to serve as your President. So will I lower your taxes or roll out a new healthcare plan? Unlikely, but my goal as your President is to continue to ensure that the neighborhood that you know and love will be there for your children, and hopefully in my term I will be able to leave the neighborhood with a little something more.

During my term I want to ensure that BNA is providing a valuable service to the neighborhood and that each and every one of you know what that is. I encourage you to send in questions and let me know what you are wondering about and how we can be of service in making Browncroft a better place to live.

Another passion of mine is community. I think our neighborhood is ripe for block parties and get-togethers, but at times life can get in the way. I hope that each of you will let

STREETLIGHT UPDATE

We anticipate receipt from the City of street light location maps in the immediate future .

Erection of the new poles is scheduled for the spring.

Ivan Lennon

me know how the BNA can help in fostering that sense of community and togetherness. Send me your ideas! If we are close and look out for each other we will be able to face the many challenges that life throws our way – be it snow that needs shoveled, a cup of sugar for a recipe, or just a friendly ear to talk to. If we take care of our own, we will be able to maintain this great neighborhood that we all know and love.

Thank you and enjoy the Fall!

BNA's 2013 *Winter Gathering* Is Coming! January 18, 2013

Save the date for our 35th Annual WINTER GATHERING at Glendoveer's, 2328 Old Browncroft Blvd. Mark your calendar now! Look on the web site and in the January 2013 CRIER newsletter issue for details for this fun time for our Browncroft neighbors to relax and gather for conversation, food, and drink. Last year over one hundred reservations were received.



ON YOUR WAY



The Browncroft Neighborhood Association's Transportation Program

**The number to call for a ride is:
733-4386**

A team of neighborhood volunteers is ready to take you to medical appointments, grocery shopping, or for other necessary transportation needs within Monroe County.

All volunteer drivers have received training and background checks through Lifespan's "Give a Lift" Transportation Program.

In order to receive a ride you must live in the Browncroft Neighborhood and receive the Browncroft Crier. You need to call a minimum of one week in advance of your appointment and a driver will be assigned to you. Rides are free.

Please help by giving this information to neighbors who might need rides!!

***See the brochure
included with this news-
letter for more informa-
tion on the Browncroft
"Home for a Lifetime"
program .***

Street Happenings... Yarmouth Road's Annual Block Party in September.

A great time was had by all. Good food, great fun, catching up with old, and meeting new, neighbors. Many thanks to the planning committee for all of their effort.

They also held their first Men at Work



Chris Wagner, Thomson Chew, Bix Debaise



competition. Coming in first in his round and again in the Tournament of Champions the overall winner was Thomson Chew. Now we know who to call for those manly chores. Way to go Thompson.

Mary Jane Tasciotti

46 SCHOOL GROUNDS REPORT

On September 18th this writer, on behalf of BNA Board, met with #46 School Principal T'hani Pantoja and the building custodian. In that the school no longer serves the immediate community to the extent that it did in the past, regular meetings involving a BNA representative are essential to developing a cooperative relationship between "town and gown".

Specifically the matter of the tennis court was raised. It was noted that the Rochester City School District has no plans to utilize it as part of a physical education program. Accordingly, it was left in the hands of the City of Rochester Recreation Department as to whether the court should be demolished or maintained. The decision was to remove it, and it has been removed.

Regarding maintenance and landscaping outside the building, it was pointed out that the sole custodian is largely concerned with

interior maintenance. The possibility of neighborhood involvement in landscaping was discussed.

Ivan Lennon

Other Developments --

The playground has a new safety surface.

The portable unit that has stood on the Dorchester Road side of the building has been removed after fifty years of "temporary" service.

The sidewalks and tree lawns along the Newcastle Road side are getting a redo to create a better mix of paving and turf for the school bus passenger's drop-off.

The Rochester City School District is willing to work with BNA in conjunction with the Landmark Society and the State Office of Historic Preservation to save the wooden windows, rather than replace them with aluminum ones that would compromise the historic architectural integrity of the building.

Membership

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nected with BNA between newsletters and meetings. Over 362 neighbors are presently subscribed (that's up 10% from last year).

Annual dues are \$10 per household and go directly to supporting the activities of the BNA such as: publishing this newsletter (our largest expense); maintaining the Rose Garden at Browncroft Blvd. and Merchants Rd.; printing flyer notices; holding general meetings; and hosting our Winter Gathering Party and the BNA Family Summer Picnic.

Dues, unfortunately as with many organizations, only cover the basics and do not cover everything BNA wants or is asked to do. As you submit your dues, please take the time to consider any additional financial support that you can make to help us further our neighborhood work. Last year BNA had 251 member (\$5) households and 110 of those provided an extra contribution.

Thank you to all of our members!! Now is the time to renew or join and keep the traditions alive.

Bob Genthner, Membership Chair

BROWNCROFT ROSE GARDEN FALL CLEAN-UP

Is scheduled for Saturday, **October 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Please note the rain date is **November 3rd.** and looks to be more realistic per forecasts.

Priority task is to rough prune the rose bushes to prevent winter wind damage. Also, hosta dividing and redistribution is needed.

Volunteers are needed with their tools (loppers, pruners, saw, spade, weeder).

CITY SAYS: “THANKS”

As part of their “Flower City Looking Good” program the City of Rochester provided neighborhood groups with door hangers to be hung on homeowners’ door knobs of properties that deserve notice for

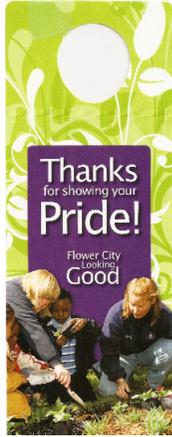
“1. keeping their lawns and gardens fresh,

2. sidewalks and driveways clean,
3. pick up, paint and repair your home and adjoining structures.”

Initially, we were provided with 20 hangers and the street representatives of each street were asked to nominate houses on their street that always look spotless. Our Windemere street rep, Joe Nunn, wrote back and said “all our houses should get one” before biting the bullet and nominating a few. Some street reps didn’t respond, though their streets have many tidy homes.

Clearly 20 were not enough for this neighborhood and an additional batch was requested and 40 more were received. Well, sixty door hangers proved to be not enough and they were passed out with difficulty. Joe was right. It would have been easier to give just about every house a door hanger, withholding a few for shaggy grass and gardens, grass clippings left on sidewalks, or chipping paint and damaged pavements. We didn’t want to request more and make a third pass.

So let us say “***Congratulations and Thank You***” to those who did receive hangers, and to all those who deserve one. There are too many to list here in either category, but you know who you are!



WINTON LIBRARY FALL EVENTS



ADULT PROGRAMMING

Winton Foreign and Independent Film Series

Monday, October 29, 6:30pm

“Schultze Gets the Blues”, 2004.
Rated PG, 114 minutes. In German and English with English subtitles.

Monday, November 26, 2012; 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm. “Swimming Upstream”

Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage and/or preferred snack, we will provide the popcorn.

Winton Reading Group

Monday, November 05, 2012;
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Winton Meeting Room

Reading Selection: “The Good Wife” by Robert Goolrick. Copies of the book are available at the Winton Circulation Desk.

NOVEMBER 1. BOOK SALE

The Winton Branch Library’s **Annual Book Sale** will be Thursday, November 1 – Saturday, November 3!

Please consider volunteering for a few hours. The book sale needs a few hours of your time. Thank you.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

Story Times:

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the meeting room. Registration is kindly requested but not required

Lapsit with Miss Jean

Fridays, November 02, 16, and 30;
9:30 am - 10:00 am

For babies 6-24 months and their parent or caregiver. Registration is kindly requested but not required.

Preschool Story time with Miss Jean

Fridays, November 2, 16, and 30 at 10:15am - 10:45 a.m.

For children 3-5 years old with their parent or caregiver as they prefer.

Registration is kindly requested but not required.

Wednesday is Nonsensical (WIN)

Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 28 at 6:30pm. Geared for children 10 and under, this program will have no rhyme or reason. It may be a craft, parade or a LEGO night, or something else entirely.

Siblings are welcome to attend.

Parents are asked to stay with those 5 years and younger.

Single Programs

Toddler Dance Party with Miss Jean

Saturday, October 27 at 10:30.

Have fun with your children during this short, but active program.

Children, and their parents, may attend in costume.

For children 18 months – 3 years.

Halloween Costume Parade

Wednesday, October 31 at 7:00pm.

Begin your Trick-or-Treating at the library. Costume parade begins at 7:00pm.

For infants to age 12.

No registration necessary.

For more information about the above programs please call the library at 428-8204, during business hours.

KUDOS to 5 Windemere Road property owners for planting new trees to replace the original maples that had to come down this summer, and in recent years! These residents have demonstrated their solidarity to the Browncroft Historic District’s uniform landscape design created by Brown Brothers Nursery for the Browncroft Subdivision in 1914. The shade trees were originally planted 30 feet apart, six feet from the sidewalk to the inside.