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BNA ANNUAL MEETING and Elections

Thursday, May 18th

7:00 p.m.

**Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1000 Winton Rd. N.**



BNA's annual organization meeting for members and residents to come together, elect the officers for the 2017 - 2018 year, hear an interesting presentation, and share neighborhood concerns.

Guest Speaker: Christine Froehlich

Presentation: Gardening With What We Have:

Christine served as the Director of the Rochester Civic Garden Center for 10 years and continues on as a popular instructor. She is an experienced gardener who began her horticultural career working in public gardens in Virginia. As a freelance garden writer, she has contributed articles to many prestigious national and local horticultural publications. Find out more about Christine and her work by visiting her blog: www.gardeningwithwhatyouhave.

Christine will walk us through a variety of landscape projects that illustrate many common plant, design and site problems. She'll take you through a step by step process that will help you learn how to evaluate your existing landscape and correct plant, design and site problems so you can create the garden you really want.

Don't Miss This Opportunity To Join Your Neighbors-



**Election of Officers, Exceptional Guest Speaker,
Neighborhood Topics and Refreshments!!**



BNA GARAGE SALE RETURNS

WEEKEND OF MAY 6TH AND 7TH

9 A.M TO 5 P.M.

SEE ALL THE DETAILS INSIDE



BNA ULTIMATE GARAGE SALE RETURNS

Weekend of May 6th and 7th - 9 a.m to 5 p.m.

BNA's Ultimate Garage Sale (our 20th) returns on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advertisements will appear on-line and in the Democrat & Chronicle the week before the sale and in the Messenger- Post newspapers the Wednesday before the sale. Signs will be set up at major intersections bordering the sale area. We request that each house-

Brighton-Browncroft Lighting Progress

Significant progress has been made on extending our street lighting to the Brighton sections of Windemere and Corwin.

Neighbors representing nearly 80% of the assessed property value, submitted notarized petitions to the Town of Brighton in support of the Project. The Brighton Engineering Department plans to receive Town Board support on April 12th to have this topic added at a future public Town Board meeting.

Note that April 12th is NOT the public Board Meeting date. This is merely the date the Board decides to add this topic to the agenda for a future public board meeting.

I will communicate the date, time and location of the Public Town Board Meeting once it is scheduled. Having a great turn-out from the BNA at the Public Town Board Meeting would be helpful in showing the support that this project has.

Bob Scheidt
BNA Vice President

hold planning to participate in the Garage Sale observe the following guidelines. In this way, we can assure another successful sale, and maintain the legendary quality that keeps buyers coming back.

REGISTRATION FEE is still only \$5.00 per household, due by April 26. This fee covers publicity, insurance, ads, balloons, map, port-a-johns (at the Rose Garden at the corner of Merchants Rd and Lanark Crescent and at the SE corner of Dorchester and Newcastle Rd at School #46), and website listing of individual sales.

Registration forms are available at <http://browncroftna.org/Garage%2BSale> and in this newsletter. Your paid registration entitles you to post your sale's items (40 word max) on both our "LIST OF SALES" and "MAP OF SALES" to be available on our web site for download.

Please complete the application form and send it to BNA Garage Sale Registration, PO Box 10127, Rochester, NY 14610, marking the attached map with your street address and an "X" at the approximate location. The map will aid buyers looking for streets to vis-

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Officer Nominations

Nominations for BNA officers are proceeding in preparation for the Annual Meeting elections on May 18th.

The slate of officers so far is as follows:

President - open
Vice-president - Bob Scheidt
Treasurer - Robert McLoughlin
Secretary - Jennifer Sahrle

We are fortunate that Bob Scheidt and Robert McLoughlin have agreed to continue in their respective positions.

Many thanks to Linda Siple, President, and Sandra Swanson, Secretary, for their dedicated years of service.

Nominations remain open until the election. Contact Holly Petsos, 288-0955 to nominate a candidate for any of these positions.



Winter Gathering, A Cheerful Way to Start the New Year



In Memorial... Browncroft Trees Lost in the Storm

With great sadness we report that the wind storm of March claimed more of our aged Browncroft sentinels than the ice storm of 1991, which weakened many.



177 Newcastle Road



155 Corwin Road - stump now



153 Windemere Road



Newcastle Road

Our rows of maples forming the historically impressive alleys of shade down Corwin, Newcastle and Windemere now have more empty spaces - interruptions - in the pattern of the Brown Brothers Nursery landscaping done for the Browncroft Subdivision as envisioned by Charles J. Brown.



Newcastle Road near Corwin



230 Corwin Rd



Exciting Things are Growing Over at School 46

Charles Carroll School 46 is consulting with a Finger Lakes Eat Smart New York Garden Specialist and Foodlink Nutrition Educator along with the District's Healthy Initiative to develop a proposal for a raised bed garden for the Fall of 2018. More details will be coming soon.

Kristina Storrin
Special Education
46 School

Volunteers Needed

On **Saturday, April 22nd** between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. your BNA will be doing its annual **Browncroft Rose Garden Spring clean-up.**

We need many volunteers to help with raking, pruning, and spreading mulch. This is an important annual volunteer activity that BNA has performed in this highly visible garden park for 44 years. This type of commitment can only continue with the participation of new neighbors coming on board to work with old neighbors.

The clean-up time will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. But any amount of time you can give will help.

Wear long sleeves, hats and boots; bring water, clippers, loppers, kneeling pads, rakes, hand spades and/or weed diggers.

The rain date will be April 29th same time.

Loose Dogs...

From a concerned neighbor contacting BNA

The number of dogs running loose in the neighborhood seems to be on the rise.

A neighbor's pit bull, who was not contained on their property, came into someone else's yard last week and roughed up their dog, requiring a trip to the vet.

Some friends found a puppy in their front yard last week and the owners said "we always just let her out and she usually stays in the yard."

I also see people frequently walking their dogs with no leash and all of these things seem like a disaster waiting to happen.

Please remind everyone that there is a leash law here and they should be responsible neighbors. Thanks.

Garage Sale

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it. BNA Webmaster Bob Genthner has agreed to post on our website the types of items participating residents are selling at the garage sale. Registered participants wishing to publish their web garage sale ad should e-mail their listing of 40 words or less to the address noted on the registration form (preferred) or submit a written description on the back of the registration form. Our neighborhood sale was the first to be on the Internet!

For those who want to also be open on Friday, this will be posted on the internet. Print media and our website address will list only May 6 and 7.

David Kaiser (654-6604) is garage sale chairman. If you have questions, or if you would like to

Sustainable Energy

Rochester People's Climate Coalition is a not-for-profit group of environmentally minded individuals, groups and businesses concerned about global warming. They are working to help bring lower cost, more renewably sourced electricity to Rochester residents and small businesses through a program called Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). City government is currently reviewing their proposal, also.

What is CCA? It is a method whereby the energy demand of residents and small businesses in the municipality are aggregated together, and the large number of consumers creates more leverage in negotiating electric rates and energy supply choices.

To learn more about this initiative go to: <http://www.rochesterclimateaction.org/our-work/community-choice-aggregation-cca/>

Melissa Carlson is the RPCC contact.

volunteer, please call him. Sharon Bloemendaal, who began the first BNA garage sale in 1981, is again handling publicity. Sharon notes "The sale is as busy as the Corn Hill Arts Festival, only we have pre-owned treasures! Where else can you find more than 200 garage sales within a square mile? People plan trips from hundreds of miles away to coincide with this event." Don't forget - Return the application insert by April 26 if you want your sale to be included on the list and in the map.

HOUSES PARTICIPATING IN THE SALE: In keeping with tradition, we request that each par-

Tax Time - Prepare Now for Next Year

Before starting a home improvement project this year, homeowners within a National Register Historic District are encouraged to check out the state's Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, if your improvements exceed \$5,000, of which at least 5% is on exterior work.

A \$5,000 or more **tax credit** is worth the simple paperwork.

Go to www.nysparks.com/shpo for more information.

icipating home display 3-4 colored balloons that should be inflated and tied to a stick in front of the house. This will identify the residence as an official BNA Garage Sale participant. Volunteers will hand out balloons and a map to each registered participant on May 6. A list of participants and items for sale can be printed from the BNA website: www.browncroftna.org, as well as the "Garage Sale Tips" sheet.

PARKING: There will be MANY cars in the area on Saturday and Sunday, and we must follow City parking regulations so that we don't hinder any potential emergency vehicles in the area.

Vehicles must be parked on the correct side of the street as indicated on the signs on the lamp poles and on the corner poles at intersections. Parking on front lawns is a parking violation, as well as being an eyesore. If you anticipate needing to get out of your drive way we suggest you place several orange cones at the end of your driveway.

David Kaiser
Garage Sale Chair