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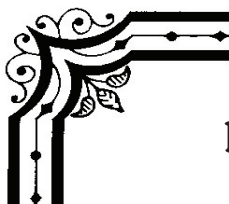
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BNA ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
7:00 P.M.



AT THE
GRACE CHURCH HALL
805 BLOSSOM RD (REAR BUILDING)

GUEST SPEAKER:

Erica Fee, Festival Producer
of the Key Bank Rochester
Fringe Festival



Election of BNA Officers:

President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary.
Nominations can be sent to BNA Board by email or
regular mail by the April 16th Board meeting, and will be
accepted from the floor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL GATHERING

PLEASE JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS

BNA ULTIMATE GARAGE SALE RETURNS

Weekend of May 4th and 5th
9 a.m to 5 p.m.



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BNA GARAGE SALE RETURNS Weekend of May 4th and 5th - 9 a.m to 5 p.m.

BNA's Ultimate Garage Sale (our 21st) returns on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, 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 household 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 27. 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>. 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 visit. BNA Webmaster Bob Genthner will post the types of items participating residents are selling at the garage sale on the BNA Website. 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 4 and 5.

David Kaiser (654-6604) is garage sale chairman. If you have questions, or if you would like to 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 27 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 participating 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 4. A list of participants and items for sale can be printed from the BNA website: www.browncroftna.org.

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 inter-

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From the President.....

James Seitz

Thanks to Skip Plenninger and the Social Committee for organizing the Winter Gathering at the Daisy Flour Mill. Another opportunity to meet your Browncroft neighbors, and a good time was had by all.

I will be stepping down as President of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association at the end of May, so this is my last article for the Crier. Thanks for all the support. It has been a privilege to be president of our neighborhood association, but it is time for me to move on and write my memoirs. That would be the shortest book ever written.

I could wax on gloriously, but I won't. There is one thought to leave with you: please keep "Neighbor" as the key ingredient of our Browncroft Neighborhood. Neighbors are the spice that creates the energy, fuels the compassion, that makes Browncroft a neighborhood.

Good luck at the garage sale. May you sell more than you buy.



MOVIE IN THE PARK

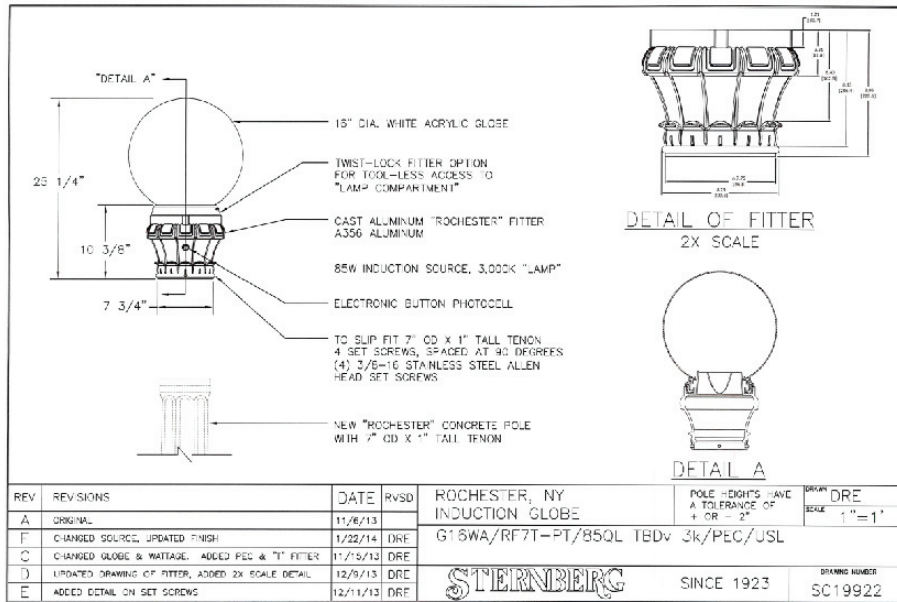
Mark your calendars. The Browncroft Neighborhood's
5th annual movie in the park under the stars will take place
on

Saturday, August 17th, starting at dusk
(Rain date August 18th)

So bring your lawn chairs or blankets and settle in to see another
great movie, this year with an added attraction. Free snacks will
again be provided.

Movie selection to be announced. Don't miss it.

BRIGHTON-BROWNCROFT LIGHTING CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN



Brighton-Browncroft lighting construction is to begin before summer 2019!

Working together with the Town of Brighton, neighbors in the Brighton section of Corwin and Windemere Roads west of the expressway got together and established a special "tax district" to fund the extension of Rochester's Browncroft lighting project to these streets. The project has been underway for more than 4 years and construction is about to commence.

In November of 2018, Mike Guyon and Evert Garcia from the Town of Brighton Engineering Department gave up a Sunday afternoon to provide a project update to the neighbors. Here were some of the key milestones.

- On August 9, 2018 the New York State Comptroller's Office approved the project and the creation of the tax district.
- On November 28, 2018 the Town of Brighton approved a bond resolution to fund the project.
- The contractor will be the same that executed the City of Rochester Project. The City of Rochester and the Town of Brighton have been working closely together to keep the design of the poles and lighting consistent with previous work.

Since that November review, the light poles have been ordered (same supplier as before). Construction will commence soon after their arrival in May, on a date that avoids the Garage Sale.

Bob Scheidt

NEIGHBORHOOD APPEARANCE

May is arguably the most beautiful time of the year for Browncroft, with the magnolia and other flowering trees, shrubs and bulbs in bloom.

The weekend of the garage sale is usually when these things pop, and we share them with the thousands of garage sale bargain hunters from all over the county and beyond. We want them to see our neighborhood at its best.

Hopefully, by then everyone will have been able to do spring clean up for esthetics and safety for the event and throughout the summer season. Please keep:

Sidewalks swept clear of grass clippings and silt deposits.

Curbs and tree lawns clear of unsightly garbage bags, yard debris, and junk on the weekends until the night before garbage day (Tuesday).

No cars parked across the public sidewalks or on the front yard.

In this way, residents and visitors will be able to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood, especially on weekends and holidays.

Thank you.



BNA GARDEN CLUB PLANS TOUR

The BNA Garden Club is planning a tour of Jerry and Karen Kral's garden at 900 N. Winton Rd. on Tuesday, July 16 at 4 p.m. For reservations to see the one-acre garden, call Jim Nicholson at 482-1084 or Sharon Bloemendaal at 288-6359. Google "the Jerry and Karen Kral Garden" to preview.

Garden fans may also enjoy the

ABC Garden Walk on July 14 and the Buffalo Garden Walk on July 27 or 28. More impromptu tours may include the George Eastman Museum grounds, or a trail near Old Browncroft Road. To be put on the e-mail list, contact Jim at jrn2800@frontier.com or Sharon at jbloem@rochester.rr.com.

Spring Clean-up

Browncroft Rose Garden
Saturday, April 27th
10:00 a.m.

(Rain date - May 11th)

Volunteers Needed
Please come and bring
tools: pruners, loppers. Also
handy are weeders and rake.



Spring Programs at the Winton Library

Cooking With Your Instant Pot and Crock Pot, Saturday, March 30, 11:00- 12:30 p.m.

Did you receive an Instant Pot recently and aren't sure what to do with it or how to use it? Need new recipes for your slow cooker? Join us as Instructor Liz Bauld prepares delicious entrees and shows you how to get the most from your Instant Pot and Slow Cooker. Generous samples provided.

Baseball's ALL-Time Dream Teams for All 30 Franchises, Monday, April 8, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Who is the best at each position throughout the history of each major league baseball franchise? Join local author and baseball expert Tom Stone as he discusses baseball's all-time dream teams for all 30 franchises from his new book, "Now Taking the Field." "Sports of all Sorts" podcast calls the book, "One of the most comprehensive books about the all-time greats from each organization in major league baseball." If you're a baseball lover, be sure to attend this lively discussion. Registration encouraged. Call the library at 428-8204. FREE.

Living and Working in Russia, Monday, April 22, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Jynks Burton and Steven Brown joined the Peace Corps in Russia in 2000, beginning their journey with just two suitcases each. Seventeen years after, having built and sold two businesses, they left Russia with a shipping container, plus two kids and two cats. They will describe their adventures in living and working in Putin's Russia over those 17 years. Registration encouraged. Call the library at 428-8204. FREE.

Sustainable Container Gardening Monday, May 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to create beautiful, sustainable and edible container gardens. Presenter MaryJo Lane of MJ Creative Gardens will teach you everything you need to create your own garden masterpiece. You will learn flower, vegetable and herb varieties best suited for container gardening. Also tips on preparing a soil mix, planting techniques and plans for building your own self-watering container. A garden gift basket will be raffled at the end of the presentation. Registration encouraged

Go Green.



**PLANT
A SHADE
TREE** (native species)

Garage Sale

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sections. Parking on front lawns is a parking violation, as well as being an eyesore. If you anticipate needing to get out of your driveway we suggest you place several orange cones at the end of your driveway.

HOURS: The Garage Sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. PLEASE DO NOT start selling items prior to the Official Start Time, as early sales encourage the public to descend upon the neighborhood and other garage sale participants before all is ready.

Dealers in particular will start pushing you to let them start buying things, often as early as 7:00 a.m. Please resist and ask them to return at 8:45 or 9:00 a.m., as the sale is advertised in the newspapers as starting at 9:00 a.m.

RAIN/WEATHER: Sale dates will be in effect rain or shine. Due to the number of arrangements that need to be in place, there will be NO rain date. It is up to each participant to decide whether to hold his/her sale in the event of adverse weather.

BE CONSIDERATE of your neighbors who are not having garage sales and encourage visitors to do the same.

D. D. Kaiser

NEIGHBORHOODS UNITE ON ZONING CONCERNS

A group from the Land Use Committee of the RocMNB (Many Neighbors Building Neighborhoods) coalition met with Commissioner Baye Muhammad of the City of Rochester Department of Neighborhood and Business Development to discuss zoning issues of common concern to many neighborhoods such as:

- 1.) Notification issues— timely notification of cases by postcard or internet, timely posting of agendas and case file/staff report information,
- 2.) Front yard parking issues,
- 3.) Non-compliant signage -- oversized, pole signs, excessive number,
- 4.) Inconsistencies within the Zoning Code,
- 5.) Notification and review of all approval procedures.
- 6.) Lack of sufficient inspection practices.

We discovered to everyone's dismay that the number of inspectors on staff has been cut.

A follow-up meeting is anticipated after the Commissioner can review these items with city staff.

Cassy Petsos

Save the Date

April 16 - BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Winton Library

April 27 - Spring Clean-up, 10:00 a.m. Browncroft Rose Garden

May 4 & 5 - BNA Garage Sale

May 22 - Annual Membership Meeting, 7:00 Grace Church, Blossom Road

June 18 - BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Winton Library

July 4 - Family Parade

July 16 - Browncroft Garden Club tour, 4:00 p.m., Kral garden at 900 N. Winton Rd.