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BRADY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Tim Williams, a Passion for Preservation

Wess and Cathryn Young Community Service Award Recipient for 2009

The Wess and Cathryn Young Community Service Award is given annually by the Brady Heights Neighborhood Association to recognize individuals with a long-term contribution to both Tulsa and the Brady Heights' community. This award not only honors the recipient, but is also a living tribute to Wess and Cathryn who started the Brady Heights Neighborhood Association in 1980 and continue to be a guiding influence today. This year the Wess and Cathryn Young award was given to our neighbor, Tim Williams.

As a community constantly striving towards revitalization, Brady Heights owes much to Tim Williams and his passion for preserving our historic homes. It was in 1982 when Tim first committed to the neighborhood's potential by buying a home in Brady Heights – much to the dismay of friends and family. In the following two decades, Tim has worked

on the restoration of over 12 homes in the neighborhood, helping to restore the individual character of each historic home.

As he recognized that "each home is an individual piece of history" that needed legal protection, Tim was instrumental in the creation of our historic preservation zoning. As a demonstration of his devotion to historic preservation, Tim represents Brady Heights on the Tulsa Preservation Commission. In this role, he helps guide area homeowners through the Certificate of Appropriateness process, often representing Brady Heights residents at COA reviews.

Tim Williams has also served as BHNA president and was incredibly influential in bringing in positive attention to our neighborhood's efforts through events such as the Brady Heights Home Tour. Thank you, Tim, for your continuing service to our community!



BH President, Marissa Carter presented Tim Williams with the 2009 Wess and Cathryn Award at the BH March meeting.

Neighborhood Plant Exchange and Sale

Come join us after the BHNA meeting, April 18, for the annual Brady Heights Plant Exchange!

We will be meeting at the garden in the 1100 block of North Cheyenne around 11:30 am.

Bring extra seeds or excess plants from your yard and exchange them with your neighbors for an instant new garden!

All plants for exchange are free – just come and find something you like!

BHNA Monthly Meeting – Saturday, April 18 – 10 am

Centenary United Methodist Church, Corner of Golden and North Denver

Plant Exchange to follow at the Community Garden

During the April meeting we will forgo regular business in order to welcome two special guests. Our first guest will be Laureen Gilroy, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Tulsa. Laureen will present an informative talk on the disposal of yard waste.

Our second guest will be Captain Karen Tipler of the Tulsa Police Department.

Capt. Tipler will give us a crime report for our area as well as answering questions from community members.

Please enter through the South doors. Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

Read the blog at Brady Heights
www.bradyheights.org

Centenary United Methodist's Gospel Fest was cancelled due to our recent spring snowstorm. The event is tentatively being rescheduled for May 30. Stay tuned for more information.

Brady Heights welcomes its new neighbors

It's time already for a Brady Heights directory update! Nathan and Kristin Pickard can now be found at 636 North Denver.

Megan Bell and Cody Frusher have officially moved in at 1140 North Cheyenne.

Jessica Brent has begun her restoration adventure at 1010 North Denver.

If you have recently moved to Brady Heights, please send an email to Marissa Carter at marissa@feelingismutual.com and we'll add you to our email list!

Community Gardening Update

At our March Association meeting it was decided that garden beds in the community garden will be free for the first year, and \$10.00 each consecutive year. This will help us with costs associated with maintaining and beautifying the garden. Please don't let this stop you from gardening as there are scholarships available! To reserve a bed, please contact Jeremy Brennan at 585-9815, or Justin Pickard at jwpickard@hotmail.com. You can reserve your bed from last year by paying the \$10.00 fee to Jenna Brennan, the Brady Heights Neighborhood Association treasurer at 1160 N Cheyenne.



Tulsa Preservation Commission NOTICE

If you are planning updates to your home you will need a Certificate of Appropriateness for any action to the viewable exterior, other than painting.

Contact the Preservation Commission at 576-5675

tulsapreservationcommission.org

Keeping Up with Our Urban Forest

By Tim Williams

Get your trimmers and nippers out! Now is the perfect time to whip those shrubs, borders and trees into shape before they leaf out and become monsters - out to scrape the paint off your house and rub the shingles off your roof. Trimming plants, shrubs and trees away from your house now will also keep damaging moisture from concentrating under and on your walls and foundation.

Before the trees completely leaf out, take a minute to walk around your house - looking down the sides to see shrubs and trees that are growing too close or even rubbing against your house and roof. Remember, when they are weighted down with leaves, they will hang lower and farther than now.

In most cases some hooked nippers will easily trim most small shrub limbs away from areas around your house - you can also use some simple pruning techniques to reign in the growth of fast growing ornamentals like Crepe Myrtles and Rose-of-Sharon (aka Althea).

For most shrubs you can just trim the limbs with a straight cut. Cutting each limb at a different length will give the shrub a more natural look as it grows.

For trees and large shrubs, you may need to make a small cut on the bottom of the branch with a limb saw or a pole saw then complete the cut from the top of the limb.

For more information on proper pruning

techniques go to aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/pruning/pruning.html (or Brady Heights' website: www.bradyheights.org/news/ProperPruningTechniques.pdf).

Foundation plantings can easily cause moisture and rot on the lower spans of your siding if they are not regularly trimmed. Never let any type of vine or ivy attach to or grow on your siding, brick, trim or foundation. They hold and actually produce moisture which can greatly accelerate paint failure and rot.

Your bulb and spring blooming plants may be finished with their blossoms but the leaves need to stay up and in the sun until they have wilted in order to recharge the bulbs for next year. My grass grows fast and I need a way to easily mow around them. I take a piece of twine and tie the leaves up in a bundle like a standing hay bale; this lets me leave them up and out of the way for the month or so that they need in order to recharge for the next spring blooms.

Now is also the time to mow down your Monkey Grass (AKA Mondo Grass). Trimming it down to one inch will bring out new and strong growth. Spring is always a good time to mulch around trees, shrubs and in flower beds. If you saved your raked up leaves from last year, you can use them as a great natural mulch that will enrich your soil as it continues to decompose throughout the summer.

Students from Mingo Valley Christian School spend their "Day of Caring" getting Brady Heights Community Garden ready to plant.



Spring Cleaning in Brady Heights

The City of Tulsa will provide dumpsters to Brady Heights on Monday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 22 and again on Friday, May 29 through Sunday May 31. The dumpsters will be located on Latimer between North Cheyenne and North Denver, and at the dead end on Golden.

This is a great opportunity get rid of items that cannot left out for normal trash pick-up. Other FREE ways to get rid of trash:

Do you have used appliances or furniture to get rid of?

Curbside pick up of large household-related items is free with City of Tulsa refuse service. To arrange for pick up of large items, call Public Works Refuse Service at 596-9777. Types of items – household items such as furniture and appliances. Does not include construction or demolition debris, excess yard waste, trees, stumps, or autos. You must call to arrange this service! Don't just set it on the curb without calling first.

Do you have potentially hazardous materials to dispose of that can't be put into the trash? The Metropolitan Environmental Trust will be holding Household Pollutant Days at Expo Square on April 4 and 5 from 10 am - 3 pm. Items accepted include household cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, automotive fluids, cooking oil, batteries, all fluorescent light bulbs, small ammunition, smoke alarms, aerosol paint, hobby paint, pool chemicals, items containing mercury and unused or out of date prescription medications.

Items NOT accepted at the event include latex paint, tires, computers, radioactive waste and commercial waste. To dispose of latex paint, remove the lid and let paint completely dry. Place cans of dry paint next to regular residential trash for pick up.

Transport pollutants to the event in the trunk of a car or the bed of a pick up truck. Wear gloves while handling pollutants. To deliver items, enter the fairgrounds from

15th Street at Gate 7. Trained volunteers will remove pollutants from vehicles. Again, this event is FREE to the public.

Do you have leaves or tree limbs to get rid of?

The City of Tulsa accepts tree trimmings and yard waste from citizens, processes the material, and gives away wood chips to Tulsa citizens. The Brady Heights community garden recently benefited from this service! This service is available for free for Tulsa residents. For more information, call 596-2100.

Do you have general trash and debris to dispose of?

Quarry Landfill on 46th Street North, 1.5 miles east of

Highway 169, will be having FREE landfill days in April 22 and 23. Hours will be 7 am - 3 pm. The landfill closes promptly at 3 pm.

Just show up with your trash by the trailer-load and a copy of a City of Tulsa utility bill to take advantage of this offer. Call 596-2100 for more information.

Do you have old computers, keyboards, cell phones, stereos, or other electronic items cluttering up your closets?

Tulsa Partners, as a part of its support of sustainable living through the Millennium Center project, will host an electronics recycling event April 23-26, drop off location and hours to be announced.

Done in coordination with Tulsa-based company Earthecycle, for every 100,000 pounds of electronics, Tulsa Partners will receive \$10,000.

Companies with a number of items can arrange for individual pick up and have the items count toward this event.

To find out more about Earthecycle, go to www.earthecycle.us/index.html.

Meanwhile, gather up your electronics! Not sure if your equipment qualifies? Check out this website:

www.earthecycle.us/gpage1.html.

April
20-22
and
May
29-31
Dumpsters
in Brady
Heights
also available
Metropolitan
Environmental
Trust,
Tulsa Partners,
Curbside
pick-up and
Quarry
Landfill

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Tulsa Preservation Commission
BHNA Representative: Tim Williams
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BHNA Membership is open to residents, property owners, churches, and businesses within Brady Heights. Annual dues are \$10 per year and tax-deductible donations are gladly accepted. To support BHNA, with dues or donations, make your check or money order out to BHNA and send to:
Jenna Brennan
c/o BHNA 1160 N. Cheyenne Ave,
Tulsa, OK 74106.

Or come to the next BHNA monthly meeting, join up, and get to know your neighbors. Make this year the year you get involved and make a difference in your community – beginning here in Brady Heights!

Garden Deva yard stakes to purchase for \$20 as a donation to the Brady Heights' Art Parkway.



Classified ads are available to residents and property owners in Brady Heights for no fee. If you have a wanted or sale ad, submit to marissa@feelingismutual.com. We know many people in the neighborhood who do everything from handyman work to dog walking and from catering to coaching. Wouldn't you love some free advertising? Just let us know what the Brady Register can do for you!

In early March, **Crosbie Heights** started its own garden at 315 S. Phoenix. Owen Park will be starting up a community garden as well in mid-April at 524 N. Santa Fe. Go by and see what our neighboring communities are growing! Visit the Crosbie Heights Neighborhood's new website at www.crosbieheights.org

Some of the amendments to the Community Garden ordinance are as follows:

- 30 days before starting a community garden, a permanent sign that is legible from the street must be installed bearing the property owner's name, address and telephone number. Any issues neighborhood residents have about the garden can be reported to the owner for resolution.
- Owners of properties abutting the garden must be given written notice 30 days prior to starting a garden.
- Motorized equipment can only be used in the gardens between the hours of 8 am - 8 pm.
- Dead plants are to be removed no later than October 31 each year.
- Within a residential zoned district, operating hours for community garden activities shall be restricted to between 5:00 am - 11:00 pm daily.
- For this upcoming growing season only, the council agreed to shorten the 30-day sign and notification requirement because of the lack of time before planting should start.

Related Community Garden video:
Channel 6

<http://www.newson6.com/Global/SearchRresults.asp?vendor=wss&qu=community+garden>

New archive articles that can be found on Brady Height website:

Tulsa World article – Community Garden Ordinance:
www.bradyheights.org/news/TWCGOrdinanceMarch26-09.pdf

Tulsa World editorial by Councilor Henderson:
www.bradyheights.org/news/TWEditorialHenderson3-09.pdf

OETA's Oklahoma News Report – OETA Community Gardens Grow More Than Veggies:
www.bradyheights.org/news/OETACGGrowMoreThanVeggies3-09.pdf

City Council Approves Community Gardening Ordinance

There was a great turnout in support of community gardening at the March 26 City Council meeting. Only one voice was heard against the ordinance, while 19 Tulsans spoke in support of keeping community gardens affordable and accessible to all neighborhoods. Many Brady Heights neighbors were in attendance. Our councilor, Jack Henderson, had been the sole dissenting voice on the council. Prior to beginning public discussion, Councilor Henderson spoke in support of the ordinance – provided a few amendments were added. One by one, the speakers, previously prepared for a tougher struggle,

stood and voiced their support of Henderson's amendments with only minimal changes. The council generously allowed each of the 20 speakers to speak their minds, and then voted unanimously to "allow community gardens on vacant private land without special permission from the city". Council Chairman John Eagleton's announcement of "Let the planting begin!" was met by applause and cheers from the gathered assembly. See sidebar for amendments to the ordinance. Read the complete ordinance on Brady Heights' website at: www.bradyheights.org/news/20090326.pdf



Brady Heights in Print

Xposure Business Magazine featured a great story about Brady Heights in their January/February issue. Visit Xposure online at <http://www.xposurebusiness.com/> or pick up an issue at the Quicktrip on Gilcrease Museum Road.

Tulsa People has featured Brady Heights in an article titled "The Brady Bunch" in its April 2009 issue. The article, by staff writer Joy Jenkins, beautifully illustrates our community's spirit while spotlighting the stories of a few Brady Heights residents. Margee Aycock and the Brennan family are featured in full color photographs along with the community garden, the Tulsa Spirit monument, and Tina Wilson's home at 1174 North Denver.

The article can be read online at

<http://www.tulsapeople-digital.com/tulsapeople>

More great press may be in the works! Every year, the **Tulsa Business Journal** profiles a neighborhood of interest in its annual Residential Real Estate issue. In past years, the neighborhoods have been newer, "master planned" style, communities. With the current trend in housing moving towards the revitalization of existing homes, the Tulsa Business Journal will possibly be focusing on Brady Heights in 2009. While the profile on Brady Heights isn't yet a certainty, it is an honor to be considered! It certainly speaks highly of Tulsans that their interests are swinging towards existing historic homes and away from McMansions.