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BRADY REGISTER

BRADY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Centennial Witness Tree Project Seeks Trees That "Witnessed" Statehood in 1907

"The purpose of the Centennial Witness Tree project is to find trees which 'witnessed' Oklahoma statehood in 1907 and also to locate the first trees planted by Oklahoma settlers," said Becky Durrett, Vice President of The Tree Bank. The project is a joint effort of The Tree Bank Foundation, the Forestry Services of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and The Oklahoma Centennial Commission. The Brady Heights neighborhood is the location of several homes that date to pre-statehood – it may be that your trees do too!

"Trees played an important part in the lives of Oklahoma's first settlers," Mark Bays, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, explained. "In addition to fuel and housing materials, Oklahoma's trees provided protection from the sun and wind, and added beauty to the landscape. Many of the trees which populated the



forests and plains of Oklahoma in 1907, as well as those planted by settlers soon after, are still standing today and we hope, with the help of the community, to find and identify these 'witness' trees," Bays said.

Trees eligible for the Witness Tree Project must have an estimated age of over one hundred years and stand within the boundaries of the state of Oklahoma. The effort is an official project of the Oklahoma Centennial Commission.

Each Witness Tree will be registered on an official list and the owner will

receive an Oklahoma Centennial Commission certificate. Descriptions of the tree's historical significance or any special interest stories about the Witness Trees will be compiled and published in a commemorative booklet.

To nominate your Witness Tree, complete an Official Nomination Form; provide a description of the tree's historical significance or any special interest stories about the tree; a photo showing the full height and width of the Witness Tree; a description of the tree's species and location; and the circumference measurement of the tree's trunk, taken at approximately 4-1/2 feet above the ground.

For help with identifying the species of the Witness Tree, contact the Forestry Services at The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry at 2800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or by calling 405-522-6158.

Official Nomination Forms may be obtained by sending a self-addressed envelope to The Tree Bank at 16301 N. Rockwell, Bldg. A, Edmond, OK 73013 or visit their website at www.thetreebank.org

BHNA Annual Business Meeting

The agenda will include nominations and elections for officers and available board positions as well as an amendment to the bylaws (see page 2). The proposed bylaw amendments would add language to express our commitment to non-discrimination and equal opportunity as well as language to provide a minimum acceptable balance to our banking account. At that time we will also recognize the winner of the Wess and Cathryn Young Award for 2006.

See page 3 for more information on officers

Saturday, January 13 – 10am

Centenary United Methodist Church
Golden and North Denver Avenue

Calendar

Brady Heights Neighborhood Events

Sat., Jan. 14 – **BHNA Annual Business Meeting 10am at Centenary United Methodist Church.** See page 1 and 3 for more information.

Living Arts Myers Gallery

308 S. Kenosha Ave. 585-1234

Jan. 11-Feb. 1 – A View With A Room. A new room installation by Kansas City artist Scott Kilman and photo sculptures by Tonkowa, OK artist Audrey Schmitz.

Sat., Jan. 13, 7 pm, \$6 at the door. Pocket Film Fest. Living Arts of Tulsa and the Living Arts Video Committee present the 2nd Annual Pocket Film Fest, a collection of pocket-sized films less than 15 minutes in length. This year's festival includes work by filmmakers both local and regional in scope, with artists from Tulsa, Stillwater, Oklahoma City, Dallas, and Austin.

Sat., Feb. 10, 6-10pm – Mi Corazon: A Night of Ballroom Dancing. All Souls Unitarian Church, 2952 S. Peoria, \$20 members, \$25 non-members at the door.

Sat., Feb. 17 – Living Arts 2nd Annual 24 Hour Video Race. Participating teams will gather at 12:00 midnight, Fri., Feb. 16 and will have 24 hours to write, shoot, and edit a shorter than 5 minute video, relate to a surprise theme that will be revealed to participants on the night of the competition. The video must be returned to Living Arts or IAO Gallery (811 N. Broadway in Oklahoma City) midnight on Sat., Feb. 17. Teams may include up to 8 members. Categories: 18 and under, College, Adult or Animation. For more information contact Living Arts.

Jan. 27-28, 10am-4pm – Life Drawing Intensive. 2-day workshop for all levels of expertise. Capture the nude figure through lines, shadow, and volume on paper. 18 years old and above. Artist/Instructor: Erin Turner. \$60 fee.

Beginning Feb. 19 – Video Art Production. Middle and High School age students in partnership with Youth Services of Tulsa but meets at Living ArtSpace. Ins and outs of video movie making, video production and editing techniques as an art-making tool. Enroll through Youth Services of Tulsa, Scott Heberling at: SHeberling@yst.org or call 382-4427. \$50. for 12 weeks. Mon., 5:30-7:30pm. Instructor: Dave McPherson.

Tulsa Preservation Commission NOTICE

If you are planning updates to your home – and aren't we all – you will need a Certificate of Appropriateness for any action to the viewable exterior, other than painting. Contact the Preservation Commission at **596-2600** for more information.

2006 – A Year in Review

It seems sometimes, especially around December, that we are so busy catching up with friends, shopping, and enjoying the season, that its difficult to do anything but sleep once January 1 rolls around. But looking back on 2006, there's been quite a bit of activity in the neighborhood, some of which I'd like to recap here.

In 2006 we got serious about cleaning up the neighborhood, literally. We partnered with Central High School to conduct two trash clean up days in the Spring. In the Fall, Tulsa Sheriff's Department provided inmates to clean out illegal dumps and overgrown vegetation in alleys. And the City provided dumpsters on two occasions for free disposal of debris.

We also worked to educate the neighborhood about local programs for assistance and safety. Tulsa Master Gardeners, Home Ownership Tulsa, City Inspections, the Drug House Abatement Program, Tulsa Police Department, and Neighborhood Watch made presentations at the monthly BHNA meetings and Safety Committee meetings. In addition, the neighborhood newsletter team worked to provide one article each month about programs that provide financial or physical assistance to those in need.

We worked hard to raise funds for special projects and the general fund by conducting a plant sale in the spring that raised about \$100 and the Tin Roof Art Show in December that raised about \$600. We contacted local corporations and foundations to obtain grants for special projects. We also benefited by the donations of in-kind services, such as

printing by Anthony Clark at Keller Williams Realty, which allowed the funds we raise to go even further.

We helped our neighbors. Central High School students helped us do improvements to the home of senior neighbors in Spring 2006. We also partnered with Crossover Bible Church to scrape and begin painting the exterior of another senior widow's home. We worked with Emerson Elementary to help strengthen their art program by providing an artist to visit with classes and conducting an art contest. We partnered with Owen Park for a Centennial Home Tour in 2007 and we are working with other historic districts through the Coalition of Historic Neighborhoods on issues that affect us all.

And we played together, whether at any one of a number of impromptu summer parties, the September Block Party or the Christmas Party. You make Brady Heights a place where it's hard to take an energetic walk because I always end up talking to people along the way!

Plans for next year are shaping up as well. It's fulfilling to see the hard work of the Safety Committee paying off with decreased crime and increased neighborhood awareness. It's exciting to hear the plans of the Housing Committee as it works with private developers on plans for new infill housing on Cheyenne. I am especially encouraged as I see the hard of work individuals making a house a home and a historic district a true community. And next year, who knows? But I can't wait to see.

Eastern Caribbean Is Romance your kind of FUN???

7-days May 12th Balconies
from \$879 pp dbl

Free brochure: **585-CRUZ**
Inside and oceanview cabins also
available. Call about vacation security
and house-sitting.

Update:

Brady Heights website update is coming in January, the place to find past issues of the Brady Register (Brady Heights' monthly newsletter, like this one), Brady Heights' Historic Guidelines, new and old homes for sale.

bradyheights.com

BHNA General Elections at Jan. 13 Business Meeting

As you may have noticed, January is the month we make a lot of important decisions for our neighborhood. If you would like to be more involved, there are plenty of opportunities. And each opportunity has its responsibilities.

Board Members – Board members must be members. They serve a 2-year term and may be elected to successive terms. All board positions are volunteers. They are required to attend board meetings and may be removed from office if they miss three consecutive meetings. Board members are asked to be actively involved in a committee.

Officers – Officers must be members. They serve a 1-year term and may be elected to successive terms. Each office requires about 10- 20 hours per month including meeting time. All officer positions are volunteer. Any officer may be removed from office upon missing 3

consecutive board meetings. The **President** presides over meetings and has general supervision and management of the affairs of BHNA. The President is a limited power position and cannot vote, nominate, or make or second a motion (but manages to get things done). The **Vice-President** exercises the powers of the President in their absence and serves as Parliamentarian at all meeting, plus other duties as required. The **Secretary** keeps the minutes of all meetings, keeps the files of the association, has charge of the corporate books and a myriad of other responsibilities that you would have to ask Mike about. The Secretary provides a summary of events for the newsletter and serves as the general mailbox/postman for BHNA mail. The **Treasurer** keeps reports of annual dues, donations, proceeds, etc. and a regular book of accounts. The Treasurer

disburses funds and provides an accounting of all transactions. They provide a monthly report at the monthly BHNA meeting. The financial accountability of this organization is key to its 501(c)3 status and, as such, the Treasurer are relied upon heavily.

Committee Heads – Committee Heads are members and volunteers who lead smaller groups to accomplish specific goals of the larger neighborhood association. Our committees have been informal and open. If you see a topic you'd like to be involved in, do it! There are other potential pursuits that may not yet have committees as well. Some current committees include Safety, Home Tour, Housing and Arts Parkway. Committees usually meet on a regular basis, depending on the needs and timing of upcoming events, and make monthly reports to the general membership.



Opportunities for Rehab Assistance: Rebuilding Together Tulsa

Rebuilding Together is the nation's largest volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income homes and communities. In Tulsa, that means that our low-income neighbors who are aging or living with a disability have help to refurbish and restore their homes to

warmth and security. Over the last nine years, Rebuilding Together Tulsa volunteers have helped make over 1000 repairs for 187 homeowners. The program conducts the bulk of its work in April but provides work throughout the year for items like wheelchair ramps, electrical,

roofs and exterior handrails.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be over 60 or living with a disability
- Live in Tulsa City Limits
- Own their home
- Meet low-income guidelines as defined by HUD.

If your household income is less than those in the table below, you meet the criteria for assistance through Rebuilding Together Tulsa.

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
\$30,500	\$34,900	\$39,250	\$43,600	\$47,100	\$50,600	\$54,050	\$57,550

If your household income is less than those in the table below, you meet the criteria for assistance throughout the year.

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
\$13,370	\$15,260	\$17,185	\$19,075	\$20,615	\$22,120	\$23,660	\$25,165

To obtain an application, see their website at: www.rebuildingtogethertulsa.org or call 742-6241. If you need assistance in developing an application, we have people who would be willing to help, just call Michelle at 592-9135.

Announcements

Congratulations to Whit Smith and Dusty Saul on the 1100 block of North Denver!
The happy couple was married on December 29th, 2006 (Nassau, Bahamas).

A hearty neighborhood welcome to Katharina Muehlbauer who is new to Tulsa and to Brady Heights. Katharina, 16, is an exchange student from Germany who will be attending high school in Tulsa for the Spring semester. She is staying with the Aycocks on the 1100 block of North Denver.

Our condolences to Mike Keim and his family on the passing of his sister, Georgiann Marie, on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, after a 20 year battle against Multiple Sclerosis, and recently against breast cancer. Georgiann was born January 14, 1954 and spent a good deal of time the neighborhood over the years, as many of the Keim family have lived here.

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:

Richard Barnett
c/o BHNA 904 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!

2006 BRADY HEIGHTS OFFICERS

President: Michelle Barnett
Vice President: Anthony Clark
Secretary: Mike Keim
Treasurer: Richard Barnett

2006 BRADY HEIGHTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sandra Klein	Larry Minor
Alex Galimberti	George Aveilhe
Cara Lovell	Nathan Pickard
Denny Young	
Bob Glidewell	<i>We currently have</i>
Margee Aycock	<i>one vacant seat on</i>
Terry McGee	<i>the board</i>

Tulsa Preservation Commission: 596-2600
BHNA Representative: Tim Williams

Coalition of Historic Neighborhoods
BHNA Representative: Margee Aycock

Amendment to BHNA Bylaws

BHNA will discuss and vote on three proposed amendments to the bylaws that will acknowledge some unspoken tenants of the organization and allow us to better conduct business. The first amendment would be an addition to Article V: Membership and would become Section 5. The proposed bylaw reads:

“BHNA does not discriminate with regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or physical or mental disability in matters of membership, recruitment of volunteers, or delivery of services.”

The second amendment would be an addition to Article IX: Execution of Instruments and would be added as Section 4 to read:

“A minimum cash reserve of \$50.00 will be maintained in either a bank account, petty cash, or a combination of the two.”

The third amendment would be an addition to Article XIV: Informal Action and would amend the paragraph to read (new text in bold):

“Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if, prior to such action, a written, or emailed, consent is ~~signed~~ provided by ~~all~~ a quorum of the Board or of the committee, as the case may be, and such written consent is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee.”

Changes to the bylaws can only be made by an affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the members at a meeting at which a quorum is present. At least two days prior written notice must be given as well. Comments or changes to the language above will be considered prior to the final vote.

Creole Blackeye Peas

Yield: 7 servings*

Butter-flavored cooking spray
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped green pepper
2 cans (15 oz. each) blackeye peas (with or without jalapenos), drained and rinsed
2 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes and green chilies
1 bay leaf
7-8 oz. low-fat cooked smoked sausage (such as Healthy Choice)
3 cups hot cooked brown rice

Directions:

1. Spray a Dutch oven with butter-flavored cooking spray. Heat over medium heat. Add onion, celery and green pepper. Sauté until onion is clear.
2. Add remaining ingredients except rice and heat until boiling. Reduce heat. Simmer uncovered for 15 minutes. Serve over hot cooked brown rice.

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