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The Brady Heights Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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**SPECIAL AWARDS AND GUESTS, DOOR PRIZES AND ELECTIONS,
FOOD AND COMPANIONSHIP***

BRADY HEIGHTS ANNUAL MEETING AND HOT DOG/CHILI LUNCH HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Brady Heights Annual Meeting will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 11 in Centenary United Methodist Church. At least six vacancies on the Board of Directors will be filled at the Annual Meeting, plus there will be elections for the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President. The winner of the Wess and Cathryn Young Community Service Award will be announced at this meeting. Also, a

cash award will be given to the person who brings the most new dues-paying members to the annual meeting, as well as other door prizes. Invitations have been extended to several special guests, including the new Chief of Police. Please consider coming to this important meeting. The neighborhood association will provide hot dogs and chili. Neighbors are asked to bring their favorite desserts for eating after (and perhaps during?) the Annual Meeting. Please bring your \$10 dues so that you can vote in the election at the Annual Meeting.

Election of Officers and Directors

Time Requirements: The current president is recommending that each director and officer make a commitment of at least 5 hours a month to doing neighborhood business. Two and a half hours of that time will be taken up by the monthly general membership and board of directors meetings. The rest of the time would be taken up with activities ranging from contacting other residents to planning special events or participating in some committee assignment.

Board of Directors: At the Annual Meeting, six two-year terms for the Board of Directors will be filled by election. Any member of the neighborhood association who has paid \$10 dues for 2003 may vote in the election or run for a vacancy. Membership is limited to residents within the neighborhood association boundaries, people who own property in the neighborhood association boundaries, or the designated representative of a commercial or non-profit (church) entity within the neighborhood boundaries. Current board members whose terms are expiring are Cynthia Mack, Tom Mordecai, Don Thompson, Peggy Truesdell, Robert Wiggins, and Cathryn Young. Our association does not have term limits, so these people are eligible to run again. If any current directors are unable to remain on the board their second year, their positions will also be filled at the meeting.

Officers: The four officer positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and

President are filled annually through a vote of the general membership.

The **Treasurer** is required to keep the neighborhood accounts; record donations; pay bills or reimburse residents for association expenses; file reports as needed to the Internal Revenue Service and State of Oklahoma; and arrange for other fiscal/auditing activities as required by our responsibilities as a 501(c)(3) incorporated non-profit entity.

The **Secretary** is required to keep all minutes and related paperwork for meetings of the Board and General Membership, allowing for documentation of association activities as required by our responsibilities as a 501(c)(3) incorporated non-profit entity.

The **Vice President** acts as the Parliamentarian for meetings, using Roberts Rules of Order as a reference. He or she also runs meeting in the absence of the President and, should the Presidency be vacated, will assume the duties of the President.

The **President** provides leadership for neighborhood meetings and activities and generally represents the neighborhood association to outside entities.

BRING A NEIGHBOR*OR TWO*OR THREE, AND WIN A PRIZE! The member who brings the most new dues-paying members (not members in 2002) to the neighborhood association annual meeting will receive a \$50 cash prize donated from an anonymous source. The person and their invited neighbors must be present to win and have paid their \$10 dues for 2003.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RECEIVES DONATION OF 1164 NORTH CHEYENNE

In a month of multiple meetings and difficult decisions, the Board of Directors has agreed to accept the donation of the property at 1164 North Cheyenne from Winfield Investment LLC. Former City Councilor Gary Watts, the legal counsel for Metropolitan Housing and Community Development, Inc., has agreed to give us a title opinion on the property. Teresa O'Rourke is developing a proposal for marketing the property to investors, which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors next month. Randy Long is overseeing property, at least to the extent of providing temporary covering for fallen-in garage. The Neighborhood Compliance Department is willing to work with saving this property, the neighborhood on which had a signed demolition order. We will keep residents informed on our progress as the board works on this project in the coming months. If you have questions, helpful information, or are ready to volunteer your assistance, please contact Randy Long at relong@gbronline.com.



1164 N. Cheyenne

WELCOME BASKETS were given to new neighbors, Tisha Cheatham, and sister, Chablis Gilbert, at 1118 North Denver.

BENEVOLENCE

Condolences to the family of Mrs. McBee on her passing. Also to the family of Herman Stone on his passing, and to Terry and Howard McDaniel for a recent loss in their family.

ART PARKWAY BLUE RIBBON FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Blue Ribbon Committee for funding the Art Parkway and Historic Street lighting project met in December and is planning a fundraising event for the Spring, and are discussing increased

linkages with OSU Tulsa and finding interim artwork to place at Marshall and Denver. Meanwhile, Tim Lovell is working with a granddaughter of Cathryn Young on an application to the Sarkey's Foundation. More to come as details develop.

WESS AND CATHRYN YOUNG COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

There are two candidates this year for the Wess and Cathryn Young Award for long-term service to neighborhood and community. These candidates were nominated by neighborhood association members.

The Honorable Don Ross retired this year after a long term of service in the State House of Representatives for our district. He has written a column in the Oklahoma Eagle for many years and was a key voice on the Tulsa Race Riot Commission. Don Ross spoke at the Brady Heights Infill Housing Summit in 1998, and afterward suggested we build our first new house ourselves. He facilitated gathering the necessary entities to make this first house a reality. In recognition of his long-term service to Tulsa and to our neighborhood, Don Ross has been nominated for this award.

Emily Warner is a former City Development Director, former Neighborhood Association President, and former President of the Tulsa Preservation Commission. As City Development Director in the 1980's, she worked with northside residents in their efforts to create a better place, and started the process that created the Greenwood Jazz Festival. At a time when Brady Heights was not a sure investment, Emily chose to buy her home and live here, showing the commitment of a civil servant to the revitalization of the northside. In recent years, she has been the prime mover in preserving Brady Heights and promoting its future, earning this nomination.

The Board of Directors voted on these two candidates. The awardee will be announced at the annual meeting.

EMERSON ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY BASKETS

Special thanks to Cynthia Mack, who made holiday baskets distributed to children at Emerson Elementary, and to Marla Massey, who delivered the baskets and drew the names of the children who received them.

BRADY HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PARTY



Sandra Klein, Cathryn Young, & guest

Over 75 people attended the holiday party at the Brady Mansion on Saturday, December 21. Many were first-time attendees to a

neighborhood event. We want to especially thank Tom Mordecai for all of his work on this marvelous party, and to Tim Lannom, who let us use the Mansion and even answered questions of guests and gave tours of the upper sections of the mansion.



Wess Young & Marla Massey dancing the night away.



Tim & Cara Lovell

A good time was had by all!



The Aycock family & guest

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: THE VISION, AND THE WORK, CONTINUE...

A number of projects with various partners to our neighborhood continue to move into the new year. One article in our newsletter mentions the work of our Blue Ribbon Committee for the Art Parkway. Another mentions the assistance provided to us by Metropolitan Housing and Community Development through the pro bono counsel of attorney Gary Watts to give a title opinion on the property at 1164 North Cheyenne. We are in touch with the partners involved in the new housing construction on North Cheyenne, to see what we can do to expedite their sales. In a related move, we continue to dialogue with the City of Tulsa on the acquisition of properties at Main and John Hope Franklin Blvd. The acquisition of the properties could be as early as the spring, with demolition following some time after that. We have a developing relationship with the Major Mark McCrory of Tulsa Police Uniform Division North and others under his command to deal with crime in our neighborhood. And there is still the need for financial and technical assistance to property owners on rehabilitating and restoring their homes. The children of our neighborhood could still use a group like the Brady Heights Youth League to direct their energies and growth. All of this is to say we are in the midst of a lot of work, work that will continue through the coming year.

Your help, your advice, and your support is needed to make Brady Heights the kind of community that **preserves its past**, and not only **promotes its future**, but **builds it**. Come build a future at the annual meeting on January 11 and join the ranks of those who want to make a difference.

Tim Lovell, President 2002

TULSA POLICE UNIFORM DIVISION NORTH



invitation from us to the new Chief of Police. The police at Uniform Division

Major McCrory sent the neighborhood a holiday greeting card. He plans on attending the annual meeting, and has passed an

North, under his leadership continue to communicate with the neighborhood and work on our concerns. After hearing about two recent break-ins on the 1100 block of Denver, what appeared to be a break-in at the Denver Cleaners, and pedestrian traffic in our alleys, Maj. McCrory sent an e-mail, excerpts of which are below:

Tim,

I was made aware of the two break ins that you mentioned. I do not know anything about the cleaners. I do believe that our officers have been going through the alleys more than before. I have been up in your neighborhood and have actually seen this myself. I know you understand that we can't stop everything from happening in ANY neighborhood, but the information that we received from the neighborhoods do help keep myself and our officers informed on what the people who reside in the areas 24/7 see that we may not. We will continue to stay active in your neighborhood, Sgt. Sherman and his crew are busy working on some drug cases involving some problem people from within your association boundaries, and I will see you at your next meeting. (unless out of town with son's basketball team...I will let you know for sure!)
As always, thanks for keeping in touch with UDN!

Mark

Sgt. Luke Sherman sent the following e-mail:

As the Major indicated, we are working on several locations within the Brady Heights area. As these cases unfold, I hope they will provide solutions to some of your problems. Also, as mentioned before, I will instruct one of my Units (a 6 officer uniform group) to conduct more directed patrols in the BH area.

As information comes in regarding suspicious activity or drug activity, feel free to call as needed. Major McCrory forwards all pertinent information to me as soon as it comes in but if something happens in the evening hours feel free to call my extension, 591-4116. My hours are from 6:30pm to 2:30am.

Thanks again,

Sgt. Sherman





TAKING NOTES *By Mike Keim*

January is here again, that means it must be a new year. Time for: out

with the old and in with the new. A new BHNA Board of Directors, along with officers, will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the BHNA. Join your neighbors 9:30 AM, Saturday January 11, 2002, at Centenary Church on North Denver. Babysitting will be provided, and hot dogs will be served immediately following the guest speaker. Residents are encouraged to bring their favorite desserts and side dishes, to be shared by all. As always, DOOR PRIZES will be given away.

This year's recipient of the Wess and Cathryn Young Community Service Award will be disclosed at the Annual Meeting. Finalists this year are past president of the BHNA, Emily Warner, and former State Representative Don Ross. Both have many years of community service under their belts. A vote of the BHNA Board of Directors was conducted over the holidays, and their decision will be announced.

The Brady Mansion was turned into a holiday scene, for the Second Annual Holiday Celebration. Many thanks go out to Tim Lanom for donating a Saturday evening for our pleasure. Tom Mordecai, Cara Lovell, and crew, deserve an extra pat on the back for their efforts. The décor and the food were equally impressive. A good time was

had by all. Thanks again, to all who had a hand in this undertaking.

Highlights of the General Membership Meeting and the Board Meeting of December 14, 2002, include a discussion of the distribution of the newsletter. If anyone would like to deliver on their block, feel free to call any board member. In the future, a copy of the newsletter may be posted in a public place. The Supper Club and Centenary Church were possible sites mentioned. The house at 1164 N. Cheyenne was discussed in length. Winfield Investments, the owner of record, offered to donate the property to the BHNA, a 501 C3 corporation. After long deliberation, the BHNA Board of Directors voted at a special meeting, held prior to the Holiday Celebration at the Brady Mansion, to accept the donation. Many options are being explored at this time, and more news on this will be forthcoming.

Another year has passed for me as Secretary of the BHNA. I have enjoyed my time behind the pen and the computer, keeping you informed of the goings on in the neighborhood. Will I be back next month, or will someone else be in my shoes? Come to the Annual Meeting, January 11, 2003, to find out. Until then, I'll still be *Taking Notes*.



Happy New Year!

Current Officers:

President: Tim Lovell 587-6940
Vice President: Wess Young 584-6523
Secretary: Mike Keim 599-0774
Treasurer: Charles Ruble, Jr. 583-7315

Current Board of Directors

Randy Long Cynthia Mack
Kevin Gabel Terry Klein
Denny Young Tom Mordecai
Don Thompson Peggy Truesdell
Robert Wiggins Cathryn Young
Joyce Thompson