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BRADY REGISTER

BRADY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Get ready for the holidays in Brady Heights

By Marissa Carter

Over the last few weeks we've been slowly edging towards the winter months. The temperature is finally dropping and the evenings are growing dark. Soon enough we'll be leaving the outside world behind in favor of good books and warm beverages. As each of our households become more insular over the winter, don't forget to check in with your neighbors! It's easy to lose track of community when the suns not shining brightly and the yard work dries up. While it may be a little too chilly to chat on the sidewalk, bring your neighbors in to your living room to continue the conversation over coffee or tea! The greatest part of living in Brady Heights are the relationships we have with each other. Remember to stay connected!

If you or a neighbor need help raking leaves or getting ready for the winter, please call me at 853-6479 and we'll see how the neighborhood association can help! We want everyone to



have a safe and comfortable winter!

At the October association meeting we had a great time meeting new neighbors and discussing plans for the upcoming Holiday Party! I can't believe it's already time to buckle down with our planning! This year's event will be making a triumphant return to the Brady

Mansion as the Kufdakis family has agreed to let us invade their new home.

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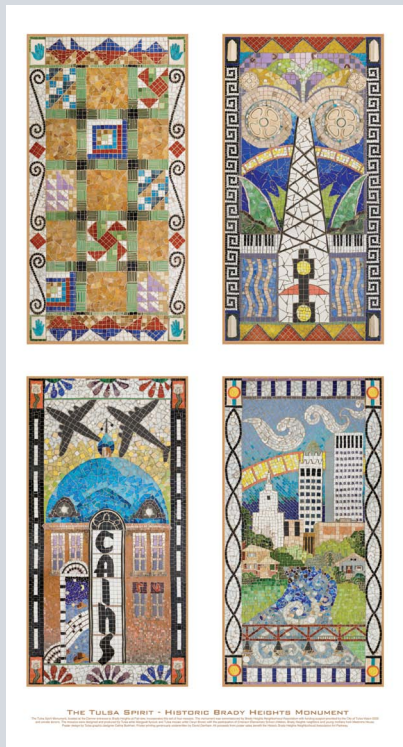
Are you on the Brady Heights e-mail list? Receive email updates about neighborhood happenings by sending your email address to Marissa Carter at marissa@feelingismutual.com.

Brady Heights Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting November 21, Saturday 10 am

The Brady Heights General Meeting will be held at 10 am on November 21 at Centenary United Methodist. As usual, a sitter and light breakfast will be provided. At this month's neighborhood meeting on November 21, I'd like for all of us to remember the less fortunate in our area by donating food to the John 3:16

Mission Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Each year, John 3:16 provides baskets to underprivileged Tulsa families that contain all the ingredients needed for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Please consider bringing something from the following list to the November meeting: frozen turkey, box stuffing mix, bag instant potatoes, pack dry

gravy mix, box macaroni and cheese, canned sweet potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, canned black eyed peas, canned cranberry sauce, jell-o or pie filling. After the meeting, we'll be taking all items collected to the Men's Mission at 506 N. Denver.



Brady Heights Tulsa Spirit Monument Poster and Greeting Cards available

Color photo poster and greeting card set of the Brady Heights monument artwork panels are available for purchase at selected local retail establishments in the Tulsa area such as Dwelling Spaces in downtown Tulsa at 119 S. Detroit Ave, the Gilcrease Hills Museum Giftshop, Zeigler Frameshop in Kendall-Whittier Square as well as through the Brady Heights website at www.bradyheights.org.

Poster and greeting card sales proceeds will support the further development of the Brady Heights Art Parkway. The poster size is 20 x 36 inches (vertical), cost \$20 includes tax, shipping and handling. The poster is suitable for framing and the panels are also each suitable for display as individual pieces. The blank greeting cards come in a set of 3 each (12) for \$15 which includes tax, shipping and handling. There are framed posters available for an additional fee by calling or emailing Celina at 810-1530 or celina@meandmymac.com.

House sitting and/or dog sitting services available: Call Ashley Avelhe, @ 344-7444. References available on request.

Remember bulky waste is a free service to City of Tulsa residents. Call 596-9777 to schedule pickup of unwanted household items.

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During the October meeting, we also voted for Jeremy Brennan to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors left by Erin O'Dowd. Jeremy has previously served Brady Heights as the 2008 Vice President. He is also very active in the Brady Heights Community Garden. He and his wife Jenna, Brady Heights Treasurer, are currently rehabbing their new home on North Cheyenne. Jeremy is incredibly devoted to his family, and his community. We're very happy to have him back on the board!

If you are new to Brady Heights, please send me an email at marissa@feelingismutual.com and introduce yourself! I'd love to get to know you, and

add you to our neighborhood email list. I'd also like to invite every household to join us at the monthly Brady Heights general meetings. The meetings are relatively casual and usually last just under an hour. They are a great way to meet your neighbors and find out what's going on in our area.

BHNA is a neighborhood association and NOT a homeowners association. Board positions are held by renters and homeowners alike. Every voice in our community has an equal opportunity to be heard . . . but the only way to be heard is to be involved! Looking forward to seeing you all at the November meeting!

Holiday and Upcoming Events

BHNA Monthly Meeting Saturday, November 21.

See page 1 for details.

Brady Heights' Holiday Party

Join your neighborhood friends for a Holiday party. See page 1 for details.

Brady Arts District First Friday Art Crawl - Dec. 4

Beginning at 6 pm in the buzzing district home to the new Living Arts of Tulsa studio, arts bar Club 209, Theatre Tulsa, the Brady Theater, Cain's Ballroom, Marquee music hall and a myriad of small shops and galleries nestled in new store fronts of old red brick warehouses.

Thanksgiving Day Lights On at Utica Square

Thursday, November 26, 2009. Put away the turkey, bundle up the kids, and head over to Utica Square. For over 40 years, Lights On! has evoked the holiday spirit in all who attend. Sip on some hot chocolate as you sing your favorite holiday carols. And for the little ones, Santa Claus will be there to conduct the final countdown when over 700,000 lights, adorning 175 trees, light up the evening sky. This Thanksgiving, make a Tulsa tradition a family tradition at Utica Square. FREE and open to the public. 6:30 pm, Utica Square, 21st and Utica.

Holiday Lights on the Hill

November 27-December 27. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This special event will have live performances by local high schools, churches

and other groups. We will have horse and carriage rides. 7:00-9:00 pm, Chandler Park, 6500 West 21st Street.

Arvest Winterfest Outdoor Ice Skating!

November 27-January 4, 2010. Larger frozen ice surface for skating. Oklahoma's tallest holiday tree. Improved concessions and hospitality. Grab your coat and mittens and come out to Winterfest! Downtown, BOK Center, 3rd Street between Dever and Frisco. 918.894.4200.

Rhema Holiday Light Display

Wednesday, November 25, 2009. The lights will shine from dusk until 11:30 pm each night from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Day. Admission is free. Now includes over 1.5 million lights. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through RHEMA's delightful winter wonderland. Rhema Bible College, 1025 W. Kenosha, Broken Arrow, OK.

2009 Festival of Trees

Friday, November 20 - Sunday, December 13. Tuesday-Sunday, 10 am-5pm, Thursday evenings until 8 pm, Mondays, closed. The 25th anniversary of Philbrook's Festival of Trees as well as the 20th anniversary of the commemorative Festival of Trees pins. Public Opening of Festival of Trees is Sunday, November 22, 10 am-5 pm. Garden Glow Saturday, November 28, 4-8 pm. Children's Party Saturday, December 5, 9:30 am-Noon. Four x Four Party Sunday, December 6, 5:30-9 pm. Philbrook Museum of Art, 2727 South Rockford Road. 918 749-7941.

Brady Heights Halloween Party Wrap-up

Thank you so much to everyone who helped in making the first annual Brady Heights Halloween Party such a success! Nathan and Kristin Pickard once again generously donated the use of their home for the party. Kathy and Giles Gregory did a great job with the planning and decorations! I think the Gregorys have found their life's true calling in the promotion of all things Halloween!

Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes, especially the costume contest winners! Beau and Cari Adams won third place for their couple's costume as a witch doctor (a witch and a doctor, respectfully). Kathy Gregory won second place for her flapper costume. Tammi and Ernest Soto's daughter, Sierra, won first place in a landslide victory as a gothic lolita inspired Alice in Wonderland.

Contest winners were awarded with gift certificates from Elotés and Joe Mammás. All children who attended the party went home with a special Halloween toy and a bag of candy from Centenary United Methodist.

Neighbors of all ages had a great time! Hope you can join us next year as we make the Halloween festivities a tradition!



In Memory of Heather Harp

Submitted by Michelle Hoffman

Heather Harp was a former Brady Heights resident and member of the BHNA board.

Heather Harp Howland was born in Oklahoma City on September 9, 1968 and transitioned from this life on November 4, 2009. Her early years were spent in San Antonio Texas. Her family moved to Tulsa when she was 14. She attended Kemper Military Academy in Boonville Missouri, alma mater of Will Rogers, and graduated from Tulsa Memorial High School. She majored in journalism/marketing at the University of Oklahoma. She is preceded in death by her Mother, Sharon. She is survived by her father John Howland of San Antonio Texas, and her brother Patrick Howland and his wife Patrice Pratt of Tulsa, and her nieces Ariel Pratt of Pennsylvania, Sierra Pratt of Tulsa and nephews, Rick Pratt of Pennsylvania, Shay Howland of Tulsa, Seth Howland of Tulsa.

Heather lived in San Antonio in her young adult years and then in 1995 she returned to Tulsa to care for her mother. She opened England & Harp, a successful antique and design store on Cherry Street in 1997. Her eye for design was impeccable.

As a member of the Tulsa LGBTQ community, Heather supported the mission of Oklahomans for Equality (OkEq) formerly known as Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights (TOHR). She volunteered her time and efforts at the Pride Store, co-directing the Pride Events and serving as the master of ceremonies for such events as the Pyramid Project Tea Dances and other fundraising events. She was very generous to the Capital Campaign for the Dennis R. Neill Equality Center and was among the top donors.

Heather had lots of interests and talents. She loved softball and played catcher while at OU and would gladly tell you that her knees haven't been the same since. She could belt out a song, deliver a sermon and demonstrate an Academy Award speech upon request. She was a founding member of Women of Council Oak in 2003 and a supporting member of Sisters in Song. She was a DIVA at heart and loved her make-up as much as she loved her family, friends and her beloved dog, Sadie, and her adventuresome cat, Thompson.

Heather developed liver disease in 2008 and was on the liver transplant wait list. Carol Brown and friends hosted a fundraising effort in September 2009 at Club 209 to assist with current medical bills and future transplant costs.

A memorial service will be held November 7 at the Dennis R. Neill Equality Center. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Oklahomans for Equality in her memory.

She will be missed. She will forever be remembered.

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Sand Springs Chamber Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade

Friday, December 4, 2009. Downtown Sand Springs. 7 pm. 245-3221. Free.

PSO Christmas Parade of Lights

December 12, 2009. Every year on the second Saturday night in December, Downtown is the stage for one of Tulsa's best Holiday traditions. The Public Service Company of Oklahoma Holiday Parade of Lights is a magical celebration. Several companies, organizations, and churches participate each year. The parade includes a variety of entertainment including spectacular floats, marching bands, dance teams, specialty groups, and even giant helium filled balloons like the ones seen in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. It is truly a celebration for all ages, and a wonderful way for Tulsa to join together and celebrate during the Holiday season. Free.

Tulsa Ballet -The Nutcracker

Dec. 12, 19 at 2 pm and 7 pm; Dec. 13, 20 at 2 pm; Dec. 17, 18 at 7 pm. Chapman Music Hall of the PAC. 110 E 2nd St. (918) 596-7122 for tickets.

Tulsa Toy Run

Sunday, December 13, 2009. Tulsa Abate Charitable Services will be hosting the 30th Anniversary TULSA TOY RUN. The largest Toy Run in the state. Meet at Tulsa Fairgrounds at 10 am Kick Stands up at 1 pm. End at River Spirit Casino. 918-949-4204. Email: webmaster@tulsatoyrun.com.

Ringling In the Holidays

Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Central Library's Media Center presents Ringling In the Holidays with the Tulsa Festival Ringers, the city's only auditioned bell choir since 1991. With 61 bells and 49 chimes that span five octaves, the fifteen-member group will "ring" a variety of holiday songs from the Nutcracker's "Trepak" to "Go Tell It on the Mountain." Free and open to the public. Cider available at the door. Sponsored by Central Library's Media Center, Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries, and Staff Association Recycling Proceeds Fund. Free. 12:00-1:00 pm. Aaronson Auditorium, Central Library, 400 Civic Center. Contact: Alyssa Dossett email: aloyd@tulsalibrary.org.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Tuesday, December 15, 2009. Dec. 15-20 at 8 pm and Dec. 19-20 at 2 pm. Frank Capra's beloved American holiday classic, adapted by Joe Landry, comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With five actors playing a few dozen characters, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Bring the whole family — especially the grouchy ones! Charles E. Norman Theatre PAC, 110 E 2nd St, Playhouse Theatre. (918) 596-7122 for tickets.

A Song of Winter-American Indian Theatre Company

Friday, December 18 at 8 pm, December 19 at 2 pm and 8 pm. Liddy Doenges Theatre - PC, 110 E 2nd St. American Indian Theatre Company: (918) 596-7122.

North Regional Health Center

- The Tulsa Health Department has recently opened a health center in North Tulsa to serve the residents within their own home area. Services offered are:
- Heart Improvement Program
- Immunizations
- Outreach Community Workers
- Adult Health
- Family Planning Services
- "Take Charge!" Women's Health Services
- WIC

Please pass this information along to your clients, constituents, neighborhood

leaders and residents, friends and family. Please refer anyone who is looking for services or would like to know more about them to Lori Franklin, RN, MSN and the other THD staff members there. North Tulsans need to know that there is top-notch professional care available and provided NOW at the North Regional Health Center.

North Regional Health Center (NRHC)
5424 North Madison Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74126
(918) 591-6006

Important tax credit Information for home and business owners

By Timothy Alan Williams

The US Treasury wants to give you \$1,500 – no it's not a gimmick! It is an energy efficiency tax credit for residential and commercial energy savings improvements. Things like insulation, high efficiency heat and air units, storm windows and doors, high efficiency refrigerators and appliances, etc.

This is a TAX CREDIT instead of a tax deduction. A tax deduction lowers your taxable income; a TAX CREDIT is money taken directly off of the tax you owe. Basically if you spend up to \$1,500 on any qualified purchase for energy efficiency in your home or business, you get \$1,500 taken off of your final tax bill from the Feds.

The purchase/improvement must be "QUALIFIED" – that is, the purchased product must be on a list prepared by the government. In most cases (but not always), anything that has the "Energy Star" logo on it can be used toward your credit. Also, there are certain amounts allowable for different items. You can get a clearer picture of what is allowable at: http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits.

Remember to keep in mind the historic character of your home as you

plan your weatherization improvements. Things like storm windows and storm doors are typically a usable purchase toward the Energy Tax Credit but they still have to be approved through the Tulsa Historic Preservation Commission. Be sure to check with the Commission before starting any exterior work or check with Tim Williams to ask if your project falls under the Historic Preservation Overlay Zoning Guidelines.

Those of you who are more ambitious may want to take advantage of the tax credit by installing solar panels or a wind turbine. The list of potential improvements is legion. This tax credit has something for everyone and should be used by everyone. It has been available for several years (except 2008) and hopefully will be available in future years. The \$500 is an annual limit so use it in 2009 and use it again in 2010. Even if you buy five to seven storm windows a year, you will be getting them for free and over a few years you will have all of your windows covered; your home will be warmer and your energy bills will be less.

For more info contact: Timothy Alan Williams, bittertaw@aol.com or 918-584-5787.

Do you love winter?

The brisk chill in the air – the frost on the windows – the trees like pen and ink paintings against the grey sky – a crackling fire in the fireplace . . . wait! the fireplace!?

Have you had it checked out lately? Most of the homes in Brady Heights Historic District (and almost all homes of our era) have beautiful GAS fireplaces. These fireplaces are not intended for wood or coal fires!!

Yes, there are a few in the BHHD/BHNA that can burn wood but they should be cleaned and inspected by a professional before using them.

The vast majority of the homes have only a shallow fireplace intended for gas stoves. Be careful using these as they can emit toxic fumes that can permeate the entire house if the chimney is blocked or in need of repair. If you don't know whether you can burn wood or not, check with a chimney cleaning company or other profes-

sional to assess the design of your fireplace and chimney.

The shallow style of fireplace was a trend in the early 1900s intended to keep that messy soot and ash out of the house. In most cases, the chimney has floor joists and wall studs running into the brick and can easily set the house on fire – no chateau flambé for the holidays if you please.

If you want to enjoy your gas fireplace, make sure you have a gas stove that has Oxygen Sensors and a Carbon Dioxide Sensor plus automatic shut-off and other safety features common in newer models. You can retrofit older styles of gas fireplace heaters but that is best left to the professionals.

Remember, your safety and your family's safety is at stake here (not to mention that spectacular and irreplaceable home of yours).

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!

2009 Brady Heights Officers

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marissa@feelingismutual.com

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BHNA Representative: Celina Burkhart and Jeremy Brennan

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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

www.tulsapreservationcommission.org

**Living Arts Call for Entries
for Events during the
Regular Season of 2010-2011**

Living Arts is calling for proposals in:

- Dance and Technology
- Process Oriented Works
- Local site specific works
- Installation...New Media
- New Music...Art Cars
- Video
- Outsider Art
- Costume Art
- Garden Art
- Performance Art
- New Movement
- Curation

SEND: a written proposal with description of the work to be presented; video documentation (DVD or VHS); CD or audio tape, 10-15 slides of representative work or CD/or DVD (Mac/PC formatted) with images in jpeg format (900 x 1200 maximum) with titles numbered in viewing order that corresponds to an accompanying list describing work (media, size, etc.); artist(s) bio(s): include phone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses; minimum technical requirements in order to present the work; time needed to install and minimum budget; dates available and SASE for return of materials. Deadline is December 1, 2009.

SEND TO: Steve Liggett, Artistic Director, Living Arts of Tulsa, 307 E. Brady Tulsa, OK 74120, for more info: 918.585.1234 or linda@livingarts.org.

Garden Deva yard stakes to purchase for \$20 as a donation to the Brady Heights' Art Parkway.
Contact Margee Aycock at artistswaygallery@yahoo.com



Champagne & CHOCOLATE

2009 HOLIDAY GALA
6-10P • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
LIVING ARTS • 307 E. BRADY

TICKETS: \$15 ADVANCE
\$20 AT THE DOOR

Corsets by Nicole Moan.
Photos by Bryan Crump



Champagne and Chocolate Fall Gala, Holiday Sale and Silent Auction

Living Arts of Tulsa presents the 2009 Champagne & Chocolate Gala and Holiday Art Sale! The event will be held at Living Arts' NEW BUILDING, 307 East Brady, in downtown Tulsa, and features the work of 100 of the best artists from Oklahoma. These original pieces have been priced to fit into your holiday budget so that you can give the gift of beauty to someone special or maybe simply as a gift to yourself!

The annual Champagne & Chocolate event has always been a glamorous highlight of the Tulsa holiday calendar. The complimentary champagne, exquisite chocolates and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by fine local vendors and chocolatiers. The 2009 event will also feature Nicole Moan's models wearing her elegantly designed corsets. If they so desire, attendees will even be given the opportunity to model the corsets!

Tickets are available for pre-purchase online at www.livingarts.org for only \$15.00 each or 6 tickets for \$75.00. If any tickets remain, they may be purchased at the door for \$20.00. Pre-purchase is strongly recommended due

Living Arts of Tulsa
307 E. Brady
Saturday, November 21
6-10 pm
Call Teresa Wilber
918-724-8733
for more information.

to rapid ticket sales.

A special preview party for Patrons of the 2009 Champagne & Chocolate Gala is available. Purchase of a Patron ticket of \$250.00 will include two tickets to the special preview of the available art. While enjoying the champagne & chocolate, the patrons will have the first opportunity to make a purchase before the official Gala begins. Patrons receive full credit of their ticket price towards their purchase.

In addition to supporting local artists and being able to give the gift of beauty to people you care about, your participation in this event will benefit Living Arts of Tulsa, a 501c3 non-profit organization, which is dedicated to "presenting and developing contemporary art forms in Tulsa".