

September is Literacy Month!

by Michelle Barnett

Did you know that more than 44 million people in the U.S. are functionally illiterate? In Tulsa County alone, there are some 57,800 people in that group. They cannot effectively complete a job application, read a newspaper article or help their children with homework. But promoting literacy in young children is surprisingly simple: read to them! And while there are a multitude of government and non-profit programs for literacy – its not programs, but people, that teach children and adults to read. People like you and me. Here are a few ideas for promoting reading at home and around you:

?? Establish a regular reading ritual - maybe after breakfast while around the table or night before bed.

?? Be a reading role model – kids take their cues from you.

?? Don't neglect small group reading – like library story time.

?? Have children write their own experiences and read them back. Even preschoolers can make up a story you write in pictures and then they "read" it back. It's even more fun to make a book from their story.

If you know someone in need of literacy assistance, the Tulsa City-County Library offers free tutoring in one-on-one sessions. Make a difference through reading!

Hurricane Relief Sale

The Aycock's have finished their latest remodel project and are giving away building supplies in exchange for a donation to Hurricane Relief. Items include 2-24x54 and 1-20x52 storm windows, 1-34x81 storm door, 1-32x78 solid wood interior door, track lights, antique hanging globe light, and 20 lead window weights. Call 583-3503 and ask for Margee.

Vote for The Spot Awards

The Tulsa World tracks Tulsa's favorite entertainers in The Spot Awards each year. Nominated this year are our own Jesse Aycock of the Dustin Pitsley Band and Dylan Aycock of Harmonious Monk. Vote them in at www.tulsaworld.com!

LOOKING FOR A
BABYSITTER!
WELL, HERE SHE IS!
CALL – 582-1948
ASK FOR CAROLINE

Place Your Ad
Here – Its Free!

The Web Place

Maintenance - Design - Hosting

Owner Operated by Jim Robson 918-770-4509

Proud Host of BHNA Website

www.thewebplace.com

BHNA Commercial Advertising

Submittal Date:
Friday, first week of the month

Rate Structure:
Contact richmish@familynet.net

Submit ads to:
richmish@familynet.net

Classified ads are available to residents and property owners in Brady Heights for no fee. If you have a wanted or sale ad, please submit to richmish@familynet.net no later than Friday on the first week of the month for inclusion in that month's newsletter. The newsletter is published the second week of each month.

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

*Amber Vail
BHNA Treasurer
907 N. Denver 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!

A Diverse Community, Preserving our Past, Promoting our Future.



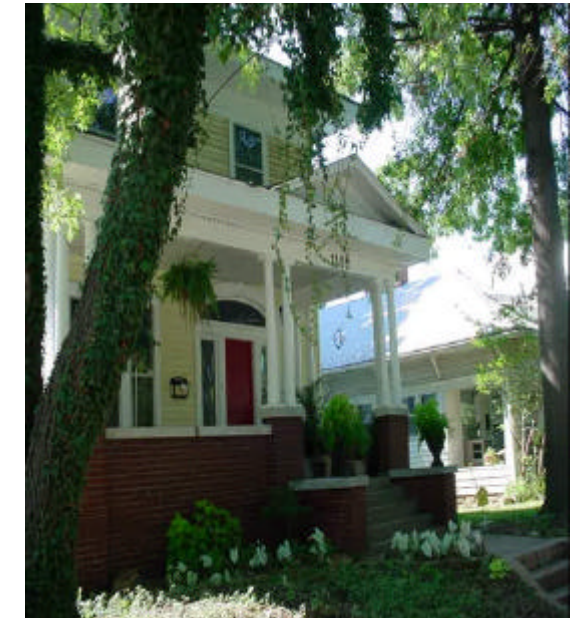
BRADY REGISTER

BRADY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Home Tour Set for October

by Michelle Barnett

You may have seen notices in the BHNA Register about our upcoming Home Tour ...in September. However, logistical "challenges" have prompted a move to Sunday, October 16th 2005, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. It promises to be a tremendously fun event – I know I've enjoyed getting to meet people in the neighborhood and seeing so many beautiful structures already. We are still working with individuals in the neighborhood who would like to have their home included in the tour. If you have something you'd like to show off, give Michelle Barnett a call at 592-9135. We're not only open to remodeled homes but good intentions as well: each tour features a "Before" home that would be redone before the next tour (2007). In either case, we would like to have at least two more homes available for viewing. But prior to the event, you can help by obtaining sponsorships for the event. Sponsor solicitation letters as well as event posters should be available at our September BHNA meeting.



Neighborhood Cleanup in September

by Michelle Barnett

In honor of National Neighbor Day, Brady Heights is having a neighborhood cleanup the evening of Thursday, September 22nd. So get out your trash bags and gloves and get going! Everyone is encouraged to get out, meet your neighbors and pick up trash on your block. Especially look out for the side streets with few homes – they tend not only to accumulate trash but also to become overgrown. If you have more than a normal trash can will require, you can also call and request a Bulky Waste Pickup Day - we encourage everyone to do so for Friday, September 23rd. This isn't something we can request for the entire neighborhood – each home has to request individually. The call number is **596-9777**. Unlike other trash days, on a Bulky Waste Pickup Day the City will accept large items, such as old appliances – even old furniture – that would not normally be allowed. This is a great opportunity to get rid of old junk without having to pay at a public dump. Remember – Neighborhood Cleanup Day the evening of Thursday September 22nd and call for a Bulky Waste Pickup Day Friday September 23rd.

Monthly Brady Heights
Neighborhood Association (BHNA)
Meeting

-- Tuesday September 20 --
-- 7:00 pm --

Chris & Kendra Freedom's Home
1115 N. Denver

Refreshments, childcare,
(and more chairs this time)
Donations for childcare accepted

Taking Notes

by Mike Keim

It's hard to believe, but September is really here. The kids are back in school and the pace of life is starting to quicken once again. Football games, soccer practice, and car-pooling are back on the agenda after a short reprieve. Why not take a break from life on the run, and join your neighbors at the BHNA General Membership Meeting for September, Tuesday the 20th, at 7:00 PM. Look for the signs in front of the home of Chris & Kendra Freedom's home at 1115 N. Denver. Babysitting and refreshments are, as always, provided. Donations accepted.

The August General Membership Meeting of the BHNA was highlighted by another special election, and talk of the upcoming Home Tour, along with a new location. After many years of meeting at Centenary Church, and several months of meeting at the Parish Church of St. Jerome, August was the first month for an in-home meeting. Richard and Michelle Barnett opened their home to Brady Heights neighbors and the living room was full. Chris Freedom was elected to the office of Vice President, replacing Jim Robson, who recently moved. Chris reminded us about the last time he agreed to be VP, a few days later, he was President. We all assured him that wouldn't happen again. The majority of the meeting centered on the upcoming Home Tour, and Clean Sweep preceding the tour. Now is the time to start getting that front yard looking good for all to see. Officer Ken Cooper of the TPD, was also on hand to update us on crime in the neighborhood.

With the calendar saying September, we all know what's around the corner. With the cool mornings and warm afternoons, it's the perfect time of year for just about anything, especially porch sitting. Soon we'll be stuck inside, counting the days until spring. Don't start counting just yet, there's still too much to do. Until next month, I'll still be Taking Notes.

Home Ovations

by Michelle Barnett

As we noted in our last newsletter, Brady Heights has about 25 vacant or "For Sale" properties plus 16 vacant lots. In all, these account for almost 30% of the homeownership potential in the neighborhood. The results of vacancy are seen in increased vandalism, vagrancy, and overall crime as well as decreased property values. We promised in our last newsletter to give you some information about potential partnerships for home ownership and we'd like to introduce to one successful example.

At Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, the university has partnered with their adjacent Trinity Heights Historic District to provide homeownership incentives for faculty. Under the program, the partnership renovated homes and constructed anew while coordinating low interest loans; the university also guaranteed the loans and pre-qualified the buyers under arrangements with two banks. The homes include both older remodeled properties and new, historically consistent, infill homes. The project has provided benefits to the City by increasing tax revenues; to the neighborhood through stable occupancy; to faculty by offering low-interest, quality housing; and to the University by improving faculty recruiting and retention. The program has also won a number of awards for historic preservation and public/private partnerships.

What does this have to do with Brady Heights? We are considering developing a proposal for Oklahoma State University – Tulsa based upon the Duke-Trinity Heights example. If you're interested in learning more about the Duke University homeownership program, check out <http://www.realestate.duke.edu/echomes.htm>. More information will be provided at upcoming BHNA meetings.



By Michelle Barnett and from Dance Review, Summer 2005

A record number of people rushed to get first seat selections at the 34th annual New York City Street Fair featuring the "Dance Theatre of Harlem", its legendary director Arthur Mitchell, and one young dancer from Tulsa, Oklahoma: Alise Armour. At 14, Alise has been studying at the Tulsa School of Ballet for three years and now has dance scholarships at both Holland Hall and the Tulsa Ballet. Her mother, Wanda Armour, said that she wanted Alise to go to New York to gain inspiration and perspective. You see, as one of two African-Americans at Tulsa Ballet, Alise represents a small and unique group of dancers. But at the Dance Theatre of Harlem she found herself amidst dancers of every color and race. During her two months in New York City, Alise enjoyed the challenge of performing and also the watching the performances others, from Broadway shows to Circ Du Soleil. But, happily for us, when asked by her mother what she missed most Alise replied her "own front yard". Well, welcome back Alise – we missed you too.



2025 Neighborhood Fund Update

by Michelle Barnett

Many of you have asked how Brady Heights is involved in the 2025 Neighborhood projects funded through the Mayor's Office. The funding limit under these grants is \$25,000 - quite a benefit for any neighborhood! As you may know we had looked into installing new decorative street lighting fixtures throughout the neighborhood. However, the quotes for the work came in around \$40,000 – just for the electrical infrastructure (no actual lights!). So, instead of starting a project we can't reasonably finish, we are looking instead at finishing a project already begun.

The Arts Parkway Project has long been an objective in the neighborhood. But the last major push for implementation was in 2001. The median at Fairview and traffic circle at Marshall are already in place but lacking irrigation systems, electrical lighting, structures, and landscaping that would make them complete. This is the object of our neighborhood fund application. The conceptual plan was submitted September 12. Upon approval we'll move into getting new quotes and finalizing our application. With any luck, we will be achieving this long-held goal for the neighborhood in 2006.

Neighborhood Garage Sale: Take Two – October 7th & 8th

We heard from so many folks that they just didn't have enough time to put together a garage sale with the neighborhood in July...so giving you another shot at selling the farm. Brady Heights will host a neighborhood-wide garage sale October 7th and 8th, Friday and Saturday. All homes are encouraged to take part by holding their own – or combined - sales throughout Brady Heights. A sale is a great money-maker – and who doesn't like a little extra cash? We will be posting an ad for the neighborhood in the Tulsa World as well. If you are planning to do a sale, let Michelle Barnett (592-9135) know so we can get you some invitations to the Home Tour to give out as well.



BHNA Officers 2005

Michelle Barnett	Pres.	592-9135
Chris Freedom	V. Pres.	
Mike Keim	Secy.	599-0774
Amber Vail	Treas.	

BHNA Board of Directors 2005

Leon Burnell	Erin Hannah
Sandra Klein	Terry Klein
Cara Lovell	Denny Young
Kendra Freedom	Tim Lovell
Rick Craig	Margee Aycock
Terry McGee	

Tulsa Preservation Commission:
596-2600