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BRADY REGISTER

BRADY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pearl Farmers' Market – Grand Opening!

Sponsored by Sustainable Green Country, a local chapter of Oklahoma Sustainable Network, the Pearl Farmers' Market opens this month at Centennial Park on the southwest corner of 6th and Peoria. The market is open Thursday evenings from 4-8 pm, beginning April 5 and continues to October 4.

The opening of the market underscores the commitment of Sustainable Green Country to build the local food supply and support our local farmers. This goal has inspired the creation of the Pearl Market, Tulsa's only evening farmers' market, to provide fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables to build a healthier, more sustainable community. Available now are lettuce, spinach, radishes, herbs, live plants, hanging plants, grass fed beef, pork, and lamb. A new baker offers 100% organic freshly ground whole wheat honey bread. In addition to fresh produce, other locally made products such as salsa, granola, pasta sauces, and more will be available.

If you're interested in more about

sustainable living, Sustainable Green Country's monthly meeting will be held outdoors in the park with Nancy Moran

offering Garden Yoga! Free and open to the public! Be Vocal! Support Local! For more information see oksustainability.org.



It was a cold start on April 5 for the new Pearl Farmers' Market located on the corner of 6th and Peoria in the park. The market is open every Thursday from 4-8 pm.

Upcoming Brady Heights Events!

Everyone is Welcome! Childcare provided!

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Living Arts Myers Gallery and Liggett Studio

April 21, 7 pm – Living Arts 12th Annual Poetry Slam

Liggett Studio located at 314 S. Kenosha Ave. in Downtown Tulsa. Fast-paced fun event that ignores the traditional formal rules and takes a tongue-in-cheek approach to poetry competitions.

The competition places registered poets in heats with other competitors, with each poet receiving three minutes to perform their poem. Based on that performance, four judges will give a score from zero to ten. The judges will consider audience response to each poet as part of their total score, so participants are encouraged to bring their entourage with them to help their chance of winning. The competition will end once the first, second, and third place winners are announced.

Admission is \$6 for general admission, \$4 for Living Arts members. Admission is free for performing poets. For more information, visit www.livingarts.org or contact Linda Clark at (918) 585-1234.

In preparation for Brady Heights' Historic Home Tours slated for this fall which will coincide with the Oklahoma's 100th celebration we are looking for old photos and items of interest for Brady Heights' website history page and the Brady Register monthly newsletter. Please contact the newsletter editor/webmaster Celina Burkhart at celina@meandmymac.com or newsletter editor Michelle Barnett at RichMish@SBCGlobal.net. And as always, find current and past issues of the Brady Register, Historic Guidelines, and homes for sale at

bradyheights.com

Sacred Activism and the Power of Inclusion May 10-12

A coalition of diverse local and national political, social, and faith-based organizations and individuals will gather in Tulsa in May to create a vision for political and social action in the United States. Sacred Activism and The Power of Inclusion convenes in Tulsa at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. Presented by Wisdom University, a global learning community for adults opening to personal, social and professional transformation, this conference seeks to focus on the demands of the future and the possibilities for our country at a time when multiple crises undermine security and the world looks to the United States for leadership.

A host of distinguished national and local leaders in the spiritual and political fields will address the critical moral challenges facing the United States, including Robert Kennedy, Jr., Caroline Myss, Lauren Artress. Explore workshops

on a wide range of topics, including the environment and sustainability, civil liberties, new forms of spirituality, the gospel of inclusion, domestic violence, women in leadership, effective communication, and how different faiths can work together. Concluding the weekend will be a showcase of local non-profit organizations, featuring Tulsa's Sean Griffin in a facilitated process with all participants to develop a shared community vision of a brighter future.

Cost for the full conference is \$225, with reduced fees for full time students and seniors over 62. Reduced-price tickets are available for those wishing to attend portions of the conference. Call 918-378-6404 or e-mail sacredactivism@gmail.com for more information. Visit www.wisdomuniversity.org for a complete agenda and to register for the conference.

Renting but wanting a home? Down payment assistance!

Did you know? If you have not owned a home in the last three years, you qualify as a "first-time homebuyer." The Community Action Program "First-Time Homebuyer" program is designed to inform and educate potential homeowners about home buying and home ownership issues.

CAP's program will help you shop for lenders, learn to budget for housing expenses, and address your credit report issues. Our housing counselors work with local banks and mortgage companies to assist you in finding the right financing for your home purchase. Once you have completed our homebuyer education program, you will be eligible for \$2,000 to \$3,500 in down payment assistance.

It can all start with a call to attend a Housing Orientation Session. After orientation, you will undergo a financial evaluation during which a housing counselor will work with you one-on-one:

- Review your credit report
- Advise you of any credit problems
- Develop a plan of action to build or repair your credit
- Actively assist you in correcting errors

on your credit report

The next step in the process is to attend a Homebuyer Education Seminar. These seminars are designed to help you feel comfortable with the home buying process. After you have completed our Homebuyer Education Seminar, you will receive a certificate of completion to give to your lender.

Finally, for many families, down payment and closing costs present a barrier that keeps them from purchasing a home. CAP maintains a down payment and closing cost assistance fund through which you may receive assistance. To apply for this assistance, you must have completed the Homebuyer Education Seminar and the property you purchase must meet HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS). For information about our First-Time Homebuyer Program in English, please call Nadine at 382-3249. For information about our First-Time Homebuyer Program in Spanish, call Cecilia at 382-3258. For general information, call 382-3200 and ask to speak with someone from the First-Time Homebuyer Program.

Spreading the word: What makes historic neighborhoods special?

By Amanda DeCort, Tulsa Preservation Commission

You may hear people say things like, “What’s all the fuss about historic neighborhoods? Why do people think it’s important to preserve them? They’re just a bunch of old houses.” The next time you’d like to help someone understand the significance of Tulsa’s historic districts, keep these points in mind.

Tulsa’s historic neighborhoods are **unique**; they are an essential piece of our history and a **tangible** link to where we’ve been. The homes you find in our Historic Districts are some of the best examples in town. Each historic neighborhood showcases its own set of styles, materials, and building techniques. Studying these neighborhoods gives us an appreciation of the evolution of not only architectural fashion, but also technology. Look at the handcrafted wooden details of our earliest homes, and then observe the machine-age advancements of World War II and beyond. Compare a 1915 American Foursquare, built with double-hung windows to catch the breeze, and a 1956 California Contemporary ranch home in Lortondale,

<http://www.lortondale.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1> the first subdivision designed with standard central air conditioning. From pressed brick and carved wood to linoleum and Formica, Tulsa’s historic districts lead us through our development as a society.

Historic districts foster a great feeling of **community**. These neighborhoods are some of the most welcoming in Tulsa. Narrow lots, mature trees and front porches foster pedestrian activity and socializing. These qualities help make Tulsa’s historic districts some of the most sought-after places to live in Midtown. Homeowners’ associations and garden clubs in historic neighborhoods are some of the most active in the City.

Speaking of activity, Tulsa’s historic districts have **social infrastructure** in place that you would be hard-pressed to find in suburban subdivisions. Neighborhood elementary schools and churches are obvious benefits in a modern society that complains of too much time spent in the car. Wonderful Tulsa Parks (<http://www.cityoftulsa.org/recreation/parks/>) are there to be enjoyed, and residents

bump into each other while walking their dogs down neighborhood sidewalks.

In addition, close-in neighborhoods enjoy a **short commute**. These neighborhoods are a short walk or drive to downtown Tulsa and other employment centers such as our hospitals and universities. Goods and services abound in nearby Cherry Street, Brady Arts District, Utica Square, Pearl District, Brookside, and Whittier Square – you can get a cup of Joe at the local coffee shop, and hit the family-owned hardware store for munitions before you head back to this weekend’s home improvement project.

While we’re on the subject of home improvement, historic neighborhoods provide **diverse housing opportunities** for all of Tulsa’s citizens. A mix of sizes and types allow for a mix of residents. Small bungalows make great starter homes for young couples. Garage apartments provide opportunities for homeowners to supplement their income

with rental units, and allow renters the opportunity to live in historic districts. “Granny flats” and one-story cottages and ranches help seniors age in place, close to the services they need. Foursquare and larger Revival style homes provide more space for growing families. Some neighborhoods provide excellent home ownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers. In fact, home ownership is on the rise as several **historic preservation overlay zoning** districts experience a renaissance. For those in the market for something grand, look for the city’s most distinguished homes in our oldest neighborhoods. Tulsa’s historic districts truly have something for everyone.

“The best way to revitalize a community is to build on its strengths, to save and enhance the character that makes each neighborhood special.”
Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Green Living in Brady Heights

When I first moved into this neighborhood I noticed the creativity and ingenuity of my new neighbors. Most recently I began to take note of how many ways we live green in our neighborhood. Whether out of necessity or as an activist for the environment, most of us have used previously owned building materials when rehabbing our homes.

I fondly remember Easter day a few years ago when driving home from church we noticed the neighborhood hanging out the windows of an old house that was scheduled for demolition the following day. We quickly changed clothes and returned to stake our claim on many of the windows and a couple of doors while other neighbors stripped the house of moldings and dug up plants. And speaking of plants, several of us have beautiful roses and other shrubs dug up from the area where the new jail sits and as a neighborhood have often held plant exchanges in the spring.

I know one neighbor who has a solar

water heater, most of us have storm windows and doors. Some are using gray water (water previously used to wash clothes or dishes) to keep the yard green and there are several organic gardens in the area, mine included.

If it is no longer a monetary necessity to reuse, please consider doing it for the environment. You do make a difference and your actions encourage others to do the same. Hang out your clothes to dry, take your plastic bags to Albertson’s even if you don’t want to shop there, walk or ride a bike when you can, make use of those green recycling bins that our fair city provides, have a garage sale or donate to Goodwill or Salvation Army instead throwing away usable clothing or furniture.

If there are those of you out there who have found other creative ways to lessen our impact on the environment, let me know so we can include it in future newsletters.

– Margee

Announcements



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 596-2600

or visit their updated new website: tulsapreservationcommission.org

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!

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Know your warning sirens

Being prepared when disaster strikes can help save lives and property, prevent injury and decrease the cost of recovery. One part of being prepared in Tulsa is knowing what the City's warning siren system is telling you when the sirens sound. The 82 sirens, each of which can be heard for up to a 1-mile radius, are designed to alert anyone outdoors to take cover and/or to seek more information.

There are three types of sounds.

• **First is the three-minute "steady" tone.** It is used to warn both of impending tornadoes, and of chemical releases into the atmosphere. The steady tone is a one-note tone. The only change in sound during the three-minute period may be an increase or decrease in volume that is caused by a change in wind direction or velocity. (Hearing the steady-tone siren during pleasant weather may be a signal to protect yourself from hazardous materials which can be released by industrial or transportation system accidents. Depending on the material involved, and on wind and weather conditions, a hazard may be posed for a small area or a large area of the community.)

• **Second is the three-minute "waving" tone – similar to the "wailing"**

sound made by many police and fire vehicles on emergency missions. That signal is used only to warn of military attacks.

• **Third is the three-minute "high-low" tone – like that used by many European ambulances and police vehicles and occasionally by emergency vehicles in this country.** It warns of impending flooding.

The sirens are only a part of Tulsa's warning systems, which include local news media, NOAA Weather Radios (radios that are tuned to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's broadcast alert frequencies), and even some local wireless phone and pager services.

Upon hearing either the "steady" or "waving" sirens, citizens should seek shelter and tune in to local radio or television outlets for additional information. Upon hearing the high-low flood warning, citizens should avoid low-lying areas or any areas where flooding is likely to occur, and access local media for further information. When flood warnings are in effect, motorists should drive with caution and avoid driving in areas where water obscures road boundaries.



Photo: Urban Cowboys at Emerson – Margee Aycock

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