



MARCH 2009

# BRADY REGISTER

BRADY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Arts Parkway Phase II planning stages have begun

The Arts Parkway installation at Marshall and Denver is well on its way to becoming a reality! The installation, which will be constructed within the traffic circle, will include mosaic art work celebrating our neighborhood's children at play. The installation will also feature works by Garden Deva Sculptures. These sculptures will be holding colorful ribbon wands and are a tribute to Wanda Armour's rhythmic gymnastics class conducted at Emerson Elementary.

In order to raise money for the

installation, the BHNA Arts Parkway Committee will be selling garden stakes from Garden Deva for \$20. The committee is currently taking pre-orders, and will be purchasing the stakes after 25 orders have been submitted.

Purchasing a Garden Deva stake is a great way to beautify your yard while at the same time supporting the beautification of the entire neighborhood through the Arts Parkway Project! Contact Margee Aycock at [artistswaygallery@yahoo.com](mailto:artistswaygallery@yahoo.com) for more information.



See more Garden Deva items on page 3



## Invitation to Gospel Fest

By Pastor Bill Queen, Centenary UMC

Centenary UMC would like to become more involved with the Brady Heights community so we need help with ideas. One way we can be involved is to host events from time to time. As you may know, our church resembles the community, which is very rare for a church in that it is multi-racial and multi-economic. All are truly welcome.

On behalf of Centenary, you are invited to attend Gospel Fest on Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We have arranged a variety of musicians from soloists such as Ernestine Dillard to quartets such as Eternity. The evening should be both entertaining and meaningful with music

styles ranging from gospel, bluegrass, to contemporary.

There are two goals for the church. One goal is to raise money for missions and outreach. The cost for admission is \$5. Children twelve and under are free. The money raised for missions allows a relatively small church to do more than it otherwise could, so we can fulfill our greater mission. The second, and more important goal, is to invite the community to be introduced to Centenary in a non-imposing atmosphere. Whether you are a member of another church or not, please consider attending.

**BHNA Monthly Meeting – Saturday, March 21 at 10 am**

Centenary United Methodist Church, Corner of Golden and North Denver

Please enter through the South door, a sitter is provided

Read the blog at Brady Heights  
[www.bradyheights.org](http://www.bradyheights.org)

### Folk Salad Every Sunday

Scott Aycock's radio show, Folk Salad which airs every Sunday night on KRMG's FM 89.5 at 7:00, has been picked up by KOSU 91.7 FM and will air on that channel on Saturday nights at 8. We are real excited about this as now the show will play state wide and into a bit of Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas. The show supports a lot of Tulsa's and Oklahoma's amazing musicians and singer/songwriters. Check out <http://folksalad.com> for a listing of many musical happenings, including local and regional events.

**Classified ads** are available to residents and property owners in Brady Heights for no fee. If you have a wanted or sale ad, submit to [marissa@feelingismutual.com](mailto:marissa@feelingismutual.com). We know many people in the neighborhood who do everything from handyman work to dog walking and from catering to coaching. Wouldn't you love some free advertising? Just let us know what the Brady Register can do for you!

Need some authentic 1920s wood trim for your house? Call Alan at 348-2721.

Birth announcement: Autumn Jane born Jan 31st to Jenna and Jeremy Brennan. She was 7 lbs. and joins sisters Anna (4 yrs old) and Kara (2 1/2).

Margee Aycock's basement renter is a handy man who has been a plumber's apprentice in the past. He is always up for an odd job or two (i.e. painting, sheetrock, light plumbing) Contact Margee at [artistswaygallery@yahoo.com](mailto:artistswaygallery@yahoo.com) if needed.



### 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**  
[tulsapreservationcommission.org](http://tulsapreservationcommission.org)

# Community Gardening Update

By Michelle Barnett

Are you looking forward to the change in seasons? Itching to get out and plant something in the dirt? I happen to enjoy putting down potatoes in February and cool weather crops in March. The opportunity for a great garden is just around the corner.

To help neighbors plant their spring gardens and landscape their yards, Brady Heights will hold a neighborhood plant exchange at the Community Garden in April. Bring seed pods you've collected, bulbs you've dug up, and all those potted volunteer plants and trees. Last year we had hundreds of iris go to new homeowners and almost a dozen nandinas were distributed along with flats of periwinkle and marigold, dozens of seedling vegetables and hundreds of seed packets. All free for the taking.

That's right – there's no charge to participate, and neighbors are free to take as many plants as they have available space. The rules are simple: no weeds or unknown transplants and each plant or seed needs to be identified. The neighborhood plant exchange is a great way to meet new neighbors while beautifying the neighborhood for free.

Instead of digging up and throwing out those new seedlings, simply transplant them into a pot for the plant exchange. Be sure to add plenty of soil, and to keep the

soil moist until the roots have a chance to develop. To identify the plant, cut a pointed plant tag from a cottage cheese or yogurt container. If you don't have enough plant pots, put your plants in deli or margarine containers. Don't forget to add holes in the bottom of the container for drainage!

Divided bulbs are also excellent. This is a great time to divide out daylilies, iris or cannas. Did you know that forsythia will root from a cut budding limb? And, don't forget to include volunteer trees that have sprung up in your yard! Ground covers that have been pruned back will also work well – cuttings from ivy and creeping vinca can be placed directly in containers of water, until they develop new roots. Digging up an old perennial plant or wanting to get rid of a shrub? The plant exchange is perfect for disposing of no-longer-wanted shrubs.

You can also bring seed pods – such as lupine, coreopsis, honeysuckle, marigolds, and poppies. The seed pods can be stored in a clear plastic bag or a yogurt container, and should be properly identified.

More information will be provided in the April newsletter, but until then, look around your yard. Get some seeds started and we'll see you at the Community Garden!

## CRIME WATCH

Be on the lookout for suspicious activity in the neighborhood and call the Non-Emergency Assistance police line (918) 596-9222 if you see anything at all. It's a great idea to go ahead and program the non-emergency line into your cell phone so that it's there when you need it.

We have quite a few non-residents who travel through Brady Heights on a regular basis. Don't be hesitant to call the non-emergency line and ask for a police car to drive by to check out a suspicious individual. You never know what you might be preventing! Please watch out for one another! If you see a crime in progress PLEASE call 9-1-1.

If you see a hub of suspicious activity in the surrounding neighborhoods, report the location to the non-emergency line.

Keep your valuables out of sight in your vehicle, and get into a habit of checking over your car before you go inside. If you need to leave a valuable item in your car, put it in your trunk.

Don't forget to lock your house behind you, not only when you leave but also when you're at home. In the evenings, **KEEP YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON.** This won't prevent all invasive crimes but it will certainly help.

Tulsa Police Department makes it easy to report crimes by using their (918) 596-COPS line for anonymous tips. You can also text your tips to CRIMES (274637) by prefacing your message with "TIP918". You can even submit tips online a [www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=918](http://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=918)

# March Gardening recommendations from Tulsa's Master Gardeners

**Fertilize.** Begin fertilizer program for houseplants. Fertilize spring-flowering bulbs. Use a high phosphorus fertilizer (the middle fertilizer number). Fertilize cool season grasses. February through March is a good time to fertilize trees and shrubs. Feed crape myrtle now. (Resist pruning until leaf break) When the crocus bloom, feed iris. A 5-10-10 or 6-24-24 ratio is recommended. Spread fertilizer around rhizomes, but not on them.

**WATER** - If it hasn't rained for a week or 10 days, water. Even dormant grass will benefit. Don't forget the plants under the eaves.

**MULCH** - Continue inspecting plants for soil heaving. Keep mulch in place until soil begins to warm next month. Continue spading gardens when soil conditions permit. Cover with a thin layer of mulch.

**PRUNE** - Prune fruit trees and grapes. Prune maple, birch, elm and willow at the coldest part of the season. These trees will "bleed" less. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia, azalea and spirea only after they bloom. Wait until after bloom to prune hydrangea. These plants bloom on old wood. If you have staked a small tree in a pruning/training effort, loosen the wires or ties and inspect for rubbing or tightness. Loosen as required.

**PLANT** - If you missed planting your trees

and shrubs in the fall, now is a good time to put in new trees. By mid-February, cool season vegetables such as carrots, cabbage, lettuce, peas and potatoes can be planted. Veggies to plan by mid-March include: broccoli, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, onions, peas, spinach, and turnips. Plant blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, grapes, asparagus and other perennial garden crops later this month. Take cuttings from plants that have been wintered indoors. This is also the best time to divide or plant perennials such as daylilies, phlox, daisy and ornamental grasses.

**PESTS** - Dormant oil is a very effective deterrent for spider mites, scale and the eggs of other insects. Spray according to directions on a calm day when the temperatures are above 40 degrees but not within 24 hours of a hard freeze. Thorough coverage is necessary for good results. Do not spray dormant oil after bud break. Do not spray needled evergreens with dormant oil. This is the month to spray peaches and nectarines with lime-sulfur or other fungicides to control peach leaf curl. Begin plant gall control on oak, pecan, hackberry, etc. Apply pre-emergence weed control on fescue if needed. Give your houseplants a gentle shower with lukewarm water to deter spider mites.

## Tulsa Spirit Poster

If you like what you've seen driving on Denver towards downtown, you may be interested to know that a color photo poster of the artwork panels is available for purchase. The poster is available at selected local retail establishments in the Tulsa area and through the [www.bradyheights.org](http://www.bradyheights.org) website. Poster 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.



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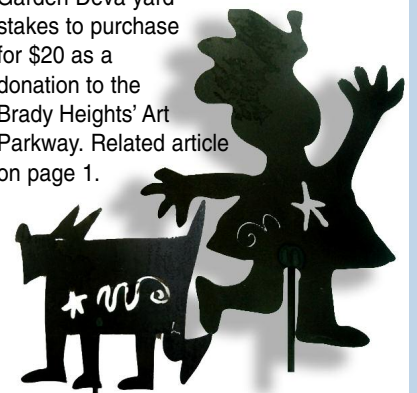
**Tulsa Preservation Commission**  
 BHNA Representative: Tim Williams  
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 BHNA Representative: Celina Burkhart and Jeremy Brennan

### Important Numbers to ensure A Great Neighborhood

Non-Emergency Police/Fire	596-9222
Crime Stoppers	596-2677
Animal Control Weekdays	669-6299
Afterhours	596-9222
Bulk Waste Collection	596-9777
Dept. of Human Services	430-2300
Mayor's Action Center	596-2100
e.g. Illegal Dumping, Pot Holes, Street Lights, Traffic Signs	
Mosquito Control	595-4200
Neighborhood Inspections e.g. Abandoned Cars, Code Enforcement	596-7698
Preservation Commission	596-2600
Recycling	596-2859
Truancy Reports	746-6249
Uniform Division North (Police)	591-4100
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[BradyHeightsRealtor.com](http://BradyHeightsRealtor.com)

Garden Deva yard stakes to purchase for \$20 as a donation to the Brady Heights' Art Parkway. Related article on page 1.



# Community Gardening City Council Ordinance Vote set for March 12

The City Council will meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 12 at the City Council Chambers in City Hall to consider approval of a new city ordinance that would allow community gardening on private property. City Hall is located at the One Technology Center at the NW corner of 2nd and S. Cincinnati Ave. Public participation at the hearing is encouraged, so please come out and express your views.

Board of Adjustment Planner, Duane Cuthbertson describes the discussion from the last council meeting: "... a few members of the Council expressed concern with supporting an amendment that would allow Community Gardens in neighborhoods by right and suggested they would not be voting for it as is. The current proposal would permit Community Gardens in all districts in the City of Tulsa as use by right.

The few Councilors expressed a desire to provide a check on any given proposed Community Garden through the Special Exception process in an attempt to ensure that surrounding homeowners are made aware of a proposed Community Garden and are provided an opportunity to provide input in determining whether the proposed Community Garden on the given property is an appropriate use of the land (compatible with the neighborhood); with the Board of Adjustment making the determination in a public hearing.

The Board of Adjustment application

fee would be around \$750 and it may be that the Special Exception use would trigger the platting requirement. A waiver request for the plat requirement is \$250, platting is significantly more. The process would require at least 45 days.

One Councilor expressed concern with the possibility of large and loud mechanical equipment not appropriate for a neighborhood setting as well as extended hours. Staff pointed out the provision ensuring that only lawn and garden equipment customarily found in the residential district would be permitted with the current proposal. Staff also informed the Councilor that the initial proposal had hours essentially limited to daylight and there was strong public input received urging hours consistent with current City of Tulsa park hours (5 am - 11 pm).

One Councilor verbally presented his support for the ordinance as proposed."

The ordinance proposal recommended for approval by the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (TMAPC) and presented to the City Council is found here: <http://www.cityoftulsa-boa.org/Proposed%20Ordinance%20Community%20Gardens.pdf>

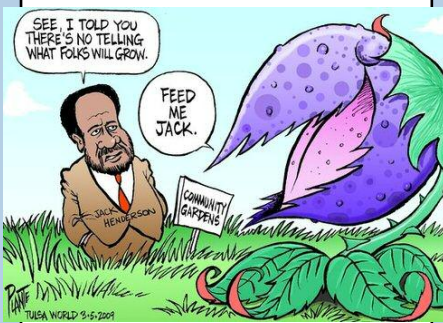
If you would like to speak with Councilor Jack Henderson to discuss the Community Garden Ordinance, he can be reached at 596-1990 or email him at [dist1@tulsacouncil.org](mailto:dist1@tulsacouncil.org).

For more comments and articles on the Community Garden issue pending ordinance check out the following article titled "Community helps gardens grow" published in the Tulsa World which can be found on Brady Heights website at: <http://bradyheights.org/news/2009March1-1.pdf>

...and the recent Tulsa World editorial "Bumper crop, Community gardens make sense" can be found on Brady Height website as well at: <http://bradyheights.org/news/2009March1-3.pdf>

and... "Radical Radishes" also from the Tulsa World opinions at: <http://bradyheights.org/news/2009March8.pdf>

and one more... "Let the Gardens Grow" again in the Tulsa World at: <http://bradyheights.org/news/2009March82.pdf>



To access the TMAPC presentation: <http://www.cityoftulsa-boa.org/Proposed%20Ordinance%20Community%20Gardens.pdf>

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!

