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BRADY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.



Groundbreaking Celebration – New Homes

On April 17, 2001, the Mayor and representatives from the Home Builders Association of Greater Tulsa, Fannie Mae, Brady Heights Neighborhood Association, Tulsa Development Authority (TDA), Spirit Bank, and the MetaFund all joined friends and neighbors in breaking ground for six new "spec" homes in Brady Heights.

Four of those homes will be located near the cul-de-sac in the 600 block of North Cheyenne and two will be built in the 700 block of North Cheyenne. The home builders include Chesapeake Building Company (Linda Johnson and Rick Ellis), Tara Custom Homes (Brandon Jackson, a north Tulsa developer), and Billy Cassetty Company (Billy Cassetty). The new

homes will range in price from \$190,000 to \$220,000. A special thank you to the City of Tulsa and all the partners for initiating the Brady Heights vision for "infill" homes in our neighborhood!

We look forward to welcoming six new families to the neighborhood, in addition to the Johnson family who has poured the footings for their new home on the cul-de-sac!

General Membership Meeting: May 12 – 9:30 am

Centenary Methodist Church, 631 North Denver Avenue
(Childcare and Refreshments Provided)

Reception for Blue Ribbon Art Committee members

BHNA Board Meeting: May 15 – 6:00 pm

St. Jerome Parish Church, 205 West King Street

Board Meeting Agenda:

- CDBG Application Recommendations
- Fairview Apartment Update
- Blue Ribbon Committee Update
- Emerging Preservation Leaders Scholarship Program

The President's Corner – *Emily Warner*

A Blue Ribbon Committee has volunteered to guide Brady Heights through a process to place art on the center median at Fairview and the traffic circle at North Denver and Marshall. (See related article, "Slow That Traffic.") We will ask artists to design the art pieces to be placed on the median and traffic circle and the Blue Ribbon Committee, through synergy among its members, to transform art ideas that are yet to be dreamed into realities in Brady Heights.

The stellar committee (at press time) includes, former Water and Sewer Commissioner, Patty Eaton;

former Street Commissioner, J. D. Metcalfe, who is also the first recipient of the BHNA's cherished Wess and Cathryn Young Award; Dr. Gary Trennepohl, President of OSU-Tulsa and stalwart supporter of the Brady Heights neighborhood; Jerri Jones, our own historic garden presenter (on April 1, 2000) and artist, Charles Gilmore, former President of the Home Builders Association of Greater Tulsa; Marty Newman, an avid preservationist at the local, state, and national level; Shawn Schaefer, a current member of both the Tulsa Preservation Commission and the Tulsa Arts Commission; and

David Denham, owner of the Kennedy Mansion and supporter of the neighborhood.

The Brady Heights Neighborhood Association wants to cordially extend its thanks to these Blue Ribbon Committee members by hosting a reception at the May 12, 2001 General Membership Meeting. That's at 9:30 a.m., at Centenary Methodist Church, 631 North Denver. Please come and meet and greet our honored guests! John Offutt has taken the responsibility of selecting a great epicurean delight! Come eat and greet our guests!

Slow that Traffic!

By Emily Warner

After six years of advocacy, Brady Heights benefitted from the City of Tulsa's initiative to slow speeders in Brady Heights. The City of Tulsa has recently installed two "traffic-calming devices" on North Denver.

A median graces the entry into Brady Heights near Fairview, which will one day have a formal sign greeting motorists who enter the Brady Heights neighborhood. Also slated for placement on the median will be a monument of some sort – yet to be determined.

A traffic circle, the first of its kind in Tulsa, is centered at Marshall and Denver. The purpose of the traffic circle is to slow the traffic. Two more traffic-calming devices are included in the sales tax extension package to be called to a vote on

May 8, along with OSU-Tulsa acquisition funds. The traffic-calming devices are a pilot project to evaluate "what works" in slowing traffic

in neighborhood. The City is considering using similar devices in other neighborhoods.

Renovation and Dumpsters

Rebuilding Together, formerly Christmas in April, worked on three houses in the neighborhood during April. Mrs. Marjorie Hamilton's house, 758 North Denver, was partially painted by volunteers from Thrifty Rent-A-Car.

Mrs. Hall's house at 919 North Denver has a new front porch, thanks to volunteers from Quick Trip.

Ms. Anna Veronsei at 1155 North Cheyenne has a repaired roof and

new paint job done by volunteers from the Home Builders Association of Greater Tulsa. Check out these houses!

"Dumpsters for more than a week," thanks to City of Tulsa, Mayor's Office, were an unexpected bonus of having Rebuilding Together in the neighborhood. Thank you to Rebuilding Together, especially Claudia Ellingsworth Brierre — the glue for the project!

Taking Notes – BHNA Board Meetings Summary

By Mike Keim

I'd like to start by saying Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers in the neighborhood. It's been a busy month around here. We've had groundbreaking for the new homes in the neighborhood, the Rebuilding Tulsa project, Easter, and just general Spring Cleaning. The Board of Directors was equally busy at the monthly Meeting. A motion was passed concerning the reimbursement of committees. One person per committee will be responsible for collecting and submitting receipts for payment. Also, any changes to the 2001 budget, shall be reviewed by the Board, for further action.

The Board also voted to sponsor a fundraising event, e. g. a spaghetti dinner, etc., to raise funds to allow

the BHNA to "give back" to Tulsa Project Impact and the Homebuilders of Greater Tulsa, for their generosity and commitment. Pursuing the funds for a researcher to look into the documented history of the "historic trail" that runs through the 1100 block of both Denver and Cheyenne, was also approved. A motion to form a Blue Ribbon Committee to raise funds for the Brady Heights Art Parkway, in tandem with the Neighborhood Development Capital Improvements Subcommittee, was unanimously endorsed by the Board. I'm sure Emily Warner will have more to say on this.

Plans for future General Membership meetings were announced. A reception for the Blue Ribbon

Committee will be held at the May 12, 2001, meeting. Also, the June 9, 2001, meeting will feature a presentation by representatives of OSU-Tulsa, concerning housing plans.

Committee reports were heard concerning the presence of dumpsters in the neighborhood. Some have been sighted, in regard to the Rebuilding Tulsa project. More are planned sometime in June (more details to come), and before the Home Tour in September. The Youth Committee reported a great turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Neighborhood Development Committee reported more than 50 people, including dignitaries and residents, were on hand for the groundbreaking for the new infill houses.

It was reported the Fairview Apartments are now owned by CAPTC. It is still unclear as to their definite plans for the property. An ad-hoc committee will be formed, by members of the BHNA, to communicate with Steven Dow and CAPTC on this matter.

The large white house at 555 N. Frisco will not be demolished, as was earlier feared. An 80 foot tall cellular tower, shorter than usual, will be landscaped, and tastefully fenced. No blinking light will be atop, and it will not be visible from our neighborhood.

Once again, Happy Mothers' Day to all, and have a safe Memorial Day. It's hard to believe it's summer. We all remember all the snow and ice of not so long ago. Until next month, I'll still be Taking Notes.

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Annual Brady Heights Home Tour Set for Saturday, September 29, 2001

Nominations are now being accepted for homeowners who are interested in having their home included on the tour. The Home Tour Planning Committee expects to select about 10 homes for the Annual Home Tour. The hours of the tour will be from 11 am to 5 pm. You will be expected to attend some planning meetings before the tour date.

If you would like your home or garden considered to be part of the tour, please contact: John Offut at 587-4147.

Coming Soon! June 9, General Membership Meeting, OSU-Tulsa Housing Plan for Campus Adjacent to Brady Heights, Dr. Gary Trennepohl, President, OSU-Tulsa



Spring Celebration - April 17

At the April 17 General Membership meeting, our own Joyce Thompson, not only shared valuable information about plants, but thoroughly entertained the audience at the same time. Thank you, Joyce for your great contribution to a fun event.

Also, a special thanks to the members of the Youth Committee for hosting a great Easter egg hunt as a part of the spring celebration. The youth seemed to enjoy the treats and hunting the eggs! It was a good time!

2001 New Paid Members in April

Alquita Goodwin
Linda Logsdon
Diana Lugliani
Steve Lugliani
Karen Robson
Jim Robson

Wess Young is Honored



Wess Young received the A. C. Hamlin Award presented during the 14th Biennial Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus banquet held in Oklahoma City on April 24, 2001. Wess was one of several survivors of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot to be honored. The awards were made by Senator Maxine Horner, Chair of the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus. Congratulations to our own, Wess Young!

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LOST AND FOUND

Wednesday, May 2, a 2-3 month old, golden colored, short haired, female puppy was found. Appears to be well cared for and likes children. If you are missing a puppy or would like one, please call the Burkharts at 592-2255, 752 N. Denver.