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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION LEADERS MEETING - MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009, 6:00 P.M.

A citywide meet and greet with the mayor, a way to get neighborhood leaders working together.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009, 5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

How to Keep Your Neighborhood Safe, a presentation by the Tulsa Police Department is hosted by the Brookside Neighborhood Association. This events is free and open to all residents of Brookside. Please join us at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3737 S. Peoria Ave, for an evening of helpful tips.

TULSA MASTER GARDENER'S LANDSCAPE DESIGN - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009, 5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Join the Brookside Neighborhood Association for an information about how to plan for 10 years of growth. This events is free and open to all residents of Brookside. Please join us at Trinity Methodist Church, 37th and Peoria Ave.

FREE AND OPEN TO BROOKSIDE RESIDENTS

Tulsa Police's How to Keep Your Neighborhood Safe

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Trinity United Methodist Church, 3737 S. Peoria Ave, 743-8911

Tulsa Master Gardener's Landscape Design

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Trinity United Methodist Church, 3737 S. Peoria Ave, 743-8911

How to plan for 10 year growth patterns, planning for trees and gardens.

Digital Television

AARP now has a toll free DTV support. Please call 1-877-698-8068 between 8:00 am-10:00pm ET for assistance. AARP's call center staff will answer questions; provide information and telephone-based technical help to any consumers who need assistance with setting up their converter boxes and antennas. The Federal Communication Commission can also help, please visit www.dtv.gov or call 1-888-CALL-FCC.

Your New 2009 BNA Board Members

President	David Kramer	kramertd@yahoo.com
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BNA is seeking...

a Public Relations/Events Chairperson and several Area Representatives.

If you are interested, you want to volunteer, you want to learn more about news and events, or you have an issue you want us to know about, please visit www.BNAtulsa.com or our new site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/tulsa/brookside or e-mail David at kramertd@yahoo.com.

We want to know what you think.

Take our survey and tell us what is important to you! Go to <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB228RV83J5YB> or see either of our web sites for a link to the survey.

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The Next 30 Years: Tulsa Needs You.

PLANiTULSA is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the next 30 years of Tulsa's growth. This city-wide process to update Tulsa's Comprehensive Plan promises a new vision that is inclusive and reflects the needs and dreams of all our citizens.

The Comprehensive Plan guides the physical development of the city. Its policies will provide a framework within which individuals, businesses and public officials can make decisions that are consistent with the community's vision for the future.

The PLANiTULSA team has begun to conduct public, hands-on workshops that explore specific planning issues throughout Tulsa. These small workshops will allow citizens to study key planning issues in specific areas and then recommend possible strategies. The information learned from these workshops will be used to develop policies throughout the city.

The next workshops are scheduled for January 26 and 28. There will be more workshops in late February.

To learn more about PlaniTulsa, go to planitulsa.org. Sign up to receive e-mail updates about upcoming public workshops.

If you have any questions or would like to get more involved in PLANiTULSA, please contact planning@cityoftulsa.org.

January Board Meeting Notes

Treasury and Membership

Bonnie H. gave a financial report and a membership report. There are 64 paid BNA members so far for 2009. It was suggested that a reminder letter be mailed letting past members know that their dues are unpaid for 2009, the letter will go out very soon.

Newsletter

Sarah S. discussed several topics of interest to be included in the next newsletter. It was decided that the 2009 newsletters are to be scheduled for February, June, August and October. It was agreed that the rates for advertising in the newsletter would be lowered to \$20 instead of \$25 and BNA members will receive a 50% discount and will only have to pay \$10 for advertising in the newsletter. BNA will place an ad in the BBA newsletter regarding the advertising rates.

Web Site

Barbara V. reported that the person who had built our current web site is not readily available, so we will update areas when we can. The city-offered web site is completely free of cost. It was discussed that this may be the way to go with our web site in the future. To have a new web site built will be expensive. We will continue this discussion next meeting.

Zoning

Herb B. reported that several city board seats were becoming available and that neighborhood candidates are needed to sit on these boards. Board of Adjustment has one seat open and TMAPC has one or possibly more seats opening.

He also stated that Wednesday, January 7th the detailed site plan for the Bomasada development will be considered by the TMAPC. BNA takes no position regarding this development at this time.

The Jewel Club would like to build a staircase on a public sidewalk. If the city council approves the permit, it would set a precedent which would be used to support similar efforts in the future. BNA voted to oppose a "license" to build a private staircase on a public sidewalk in front of the bar, to do so is a violation of the use of public property.

Runoff and erosion of soil and silt from construction sites, both from property developers and various road construction projects was discussed. The resulting effect it is has on our storm water and sewer systems has been a growing concern in midtown. Herb continues to work with city officials to improve the enforcement of local and federal laws regarding this issue.

Brookside Lean and Green

The board is still waiting for information about the recycling center that was purposed.

New Business

David K. asked for Program Meeting topics to be e-mail him. These meetings will be in March, July and September.

A Public Relations/Events Chairperson is needed. The key task for this position is the organization of our annual Block Party.

The board needs to decide where to distribute BNA newsletters and how to solicit ads.

David wants to include a call for involvement from our members in our newsletters.

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Tulsa Million Miles

Tulsa Million Miles is a health and wellness initiative launched by Mayor Kathy Taylor with a goal of walking, running, swimming and biking one million miles - together, as a city. This initiative is powered through www.tulsamillionmiles.com - an interactive, customizable Web tool which allows anyone to create a free account and log exercise miles, monitor weight, form fitness groups, and access a wealth of health and wellness resources in the Tulsa community. Create a FREE account and for tips and helpful ideas visit www.tulsamillionmiles.com.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF BNA

Dear residents of Brookside,

Change seems to be a popular theme lately. For Brookside change has become a reality. Whether this takes the form of development, infill, or infrastructure it feels like the pace is increasing. The Brookside Neighborhood Association is a group that attempts to keep you informed of upcoming change, attempts to shape that change so that it benefits the residents, and attempts to proactively represent the residents in planning decisions. All this while fostering a sense of community for all the residents of Brookside.

If you are interested in the changes that affect your neighborhood, I encourage you to join us. We are actively seeking members of the association as well as board members.

Find out more about joining or attending board meetings by visiting our web site at: <http://www.bnatusa.com/>.

David Kramer
President, Brookside Neighborhood Association

Do You Precycle?

Precycling is when you consciously buy products with less packaging so you have less to throw away. If you think about it, it's a really smart, proactive way to cut back on the amount of waste we produce.

Why do we need to cut back? It is important to use less of the earth's resources, create less solid waste, and conserve valuable landfill space.

So, before you take your next trip to the mall or grocery store, avoid buying disposable products and those with elaborate packaging.

Let's send the message to manufacturers that Americans don't need over-packaged and disposable products!

Brookside Neighborhood Association
Membership Application or Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Membership New _____ Renewal _____ Dues are \$15 per household/year

Remit to: Brookside Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 52011, Tulsa, OK 74152-2011

www.neighborhoodlink.com/tulsa/brookside

BNA Annual November Meeting Highlights

The 2008 BNA Annual Meeting was held in November. The meeting provided an opportunity for one on one questions and answers with City Councilor, District 9, G.T. Bynum and a discussion about PLANiTULSA, see "The Next 30 Years" on page 2 for more information. Special Thanks to Charleston's Restaurant on Brookside for providing appetizers for the Annual Meeting.

Reporting Street Lights Out

To report burned out or malfunctioning street lights on either residential or arterial streets, please call AEP-PSO at 1-888-216-3523.

To report a problem with a street light on a highway in the Tulsa city limits, please call the Mayor's Action Center at 596-2100.

Fix Our Streets

On Nov. 4, 2008, Tulsans decided to invest in our future by approving the 5-year streets plan. This plan will reverse decades of neglect and provide one of the most significant public investment in our infrastructure in Tulsa history.

For more updates on the plan and to stay informed of the progress, please visit www.fixourstreetslive.com. There you can find a list of Brookside streets that are slated to be rehabilitated as part of the Fix Our Streets project.

For specific questions, please call The Mayor's Action Center at 918-596-2100 or e-mail info@fixourstreetslive.com.

I-44 Widening Projects: Improvements to Perryman Ditch

The I-44 widening project between Riverside Drive and Yale Avenue will continue as workers begin construction on drainage improvements to the Perryman Ditch.

The drainage project is a 1.25-mile long concrete structure 30 feet underground in the Perryman Ditch area. Perryman Ditch extends on the north side of I-44 from Riverside Drive to just west of Yorktown Avenue. This will serve as a major drainage structure for this corridor and must be started before any widening work on I-44 can begin. The \$42 million drainage project is scheduled to be completed in 23 months.

I-44 was built in the 1950s and has been overloaded, obsolete and hazardous for decades. The inadequate, outdated drainage culverts along with increased construction have led to flooding problems in the nearby residential areas.

The Brookside Neighborhood Association Newsletter is published four times a year by the BNA for its members. If you would like to advertise, be removed from the mailing list, or would like to submit a story, please contact the newsletter editor, Sarah Smith, by email at sarahsmith8000@hotmail.com.

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