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THE BRIAR PATCH

Spring Neighborhood Meeting March 12 - Positions open for BANA Board of Directors, Volunteers Starting at Brady Elementary, and Jay Atkins looking for help with Fun Plant Exchange March 26 at Brady Elementary

BANA Board of Directors

BANA Spring Meeting

March 12, 2005, 9 AM

Christ Lutheran Church

BANA Brady Volunteers Have Started!

by Paula Cox

The Spring General Meeting of the Briarwood Area Neighborhood Association will be Saturday, March 12, at 9 AM in the fellowship hall of Christ Lutheran Church on Hughes St. We will review BANA activities of the past two years, plans for future activities, and our Crime Watch program. Board member Jay Atkins will be looking for workers for the plant swap and extravaganza coming on March 26. Come hear Jay wax enthusiastic about some really great plans. Parking is available on both the north and south sides of the church with access to the fellowship hall through the main doors on the east side or directly to the fellowship hall on the south side. Please mark your calendar. If you can't make the meeting, a flyer will be distributed later with the plant swap plans or go to the BANA web site, www.geocities.com/briarwoodlr/000-directory.html. Our web master, Jim Bell will post meeting pictures and a short summary.

Did you read the recent article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette? It showed a list of schools that have been required to participate in an improvement program because of benchmark scores. Brady is in its second improvement year and continues to make progress. This is truly an opportunity for us to make a difference!

Our volunteer program at Brady is off to a great start! We have some people who have already started volunteering and several more who are signing up. There are so many ways to help! You can tutor, mentor, assist on field trips, participate in career day – just about anything that interests you! If you would like more information, just give me a call at 661-9150 or email me at

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What is Jay Doing?



Jay Atkins, Realtor, long-time Briarwood resident, and BANA board member is buzzing with ideas. He is excited about getting more people involved in projects in the neighborhood and the first ever BANA plant swap is his baby. He will be asking for volunteers

to make this happen so on March 12 when he brings out all his ideas, be ready to jump on the Jay wagon and hang on for a great ride.

Crime Watch is a Neighborly Job

Spring is here and we are all working outside more. This means that we have an opportunity to help watch over our and our neighbors, houses. It also means we tend to leave the garage door open, leave the lawn mower out while we go fetch a hoe, or leave some tools out in the open while working on some project. Be aware that there are people who drive around just looking for the bike, the sander, the tool box, or the cultivator. Look around and see who doesn't belong here. Let your neighbors know if you are going to be gone for a few days. Use a timer to turn on lights inside and outside and leave a radio playing. Arrange for your mail and paper to be picked up by a neighbor or held until you return. Don't leave the trash can out by the curb. Your neighbor is happy it roll it back in for you, if you just ask.

Those Noisy Neighbors

Well, the house next to you sold and instead of a new family, you got at least three adults who each have three friends and they all have cars. The parties are loud and long and the visitors are parking on your grass. What to do? First, go over and introduce yourself to the neighbors. Be friendly, but firm. Remind them that this is a family neighborhood and people have to go to work and school and you hope that they will remind their guests that the noise must be turned down at a reasonable time. Usually, if they realize that there are people who expect reasonable behavior, they respond. If they continue to park on your property and nothing you say seems to be making an impression, warn them that you will call a tow truck to remove cars. You have the right to call a private tow truck to remove the offenders. The tow truck driver will collect his or her fee from the car owner. Persistent calls for noisy parties will not endear the renters to either their landlord or the police. No more than three unrelated adults may live in a single family home.

Help Keep BANA Tidy

Help keep BANA tidy by picking up trash around the neighborhood. Carry two grocery plastic sacks and sue one to protect your hand as you help keep BANA sparkling.

Volunteer for Tree Plantings on Marguerite

We have about \$1000 left in an ENACT Tree grant that must be spent by March 25 (all reimbursement requests submitted!!!). Nell Matthews Mock led about 12 volunteers in planting 15 pine trees around Marguerite and Flag in November. This is the second time BANA has planted trees along Marguerite with a goal to make a visual screen shielding the residents from view of I 630. However, she has run out of time and energy for more tree planting and welcomes someone else stepping forward to take over this project. Moreover, we need an overall plan that the state highway maintenance crews and Little Rock Parks and Recreation can embrace. Contact Nell right away if this is your gig.

Neighborhood Challenge Grant Program

We can apply for up to \$1,500 from the 2005 Neighborhood Challenge Grant, but the deadline is March 31. Bring your ideas to the spring meeting or send them to Nell Matthews Mock. This is a 50:50 grant with us having to provide labor or in-kind donations. Examples of funded projects include crime watch signs, garden tools or machines for a lending program, entry signs like our Briarwood and Cardinal Heights signs, or anything else that you can dream of that will enhance our neighborhoods.

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Briarwood Area Neighborhood Association 2005 Membership Drive

Yes, I would like to be a part of BANA! Please add me to the membership list with the following contact information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Residential Member (\$10) _____

Associate Member (\$20) _____

Please mail payments to:

Betty Danley, Treasurer
BANA

15 Sun Valley Road
Little Rock AR 72205

I would like more information about the following committee(s):

Welcome/Membership _____

Holiday Decorations _____

VIPS _____

Good Neighbors _____

Crime Watch/Public Safety _____

Civic Affairs _____

Neighborhood Enhancement _____

BANA Board of Directors _____

Do you have any special skills - like carpentry, computer skills, gardening, leadership, etc.? We always need helping hands and creative minds! Also if you have any comments about neighborhood issues can you please list below?

What's BANA?
It's the
Briarwood Area

Neighborhood Association!

WHAT AREAS ARE INCLUDED?

BANA consists of the following neighborhoods:

- Briarwood
- Brook Park
- Cardinal Heights
- Fair Hills
- Markham Manor
- Plaza Terrace
- Sunnymead
- Tyndall

Shared Vision

Although the organization is an informal group, we have some common objectives, such as:

- **To promote** camaraderie and goodwill among neighbors
- **To assist** in preserving the distinguished value the neighborhood has traditionally upheld regarding appearance and demeanor
- **To help** inform the neighborhood regarding common issues and areas of interest
- **Knowing** that there is strength in numbers, to present a unified influence regarding public and civic issues that affect our area

Membership

Membership is open to any resident living in a BANA neighborhood. Area schools, businesses and churches are invited to be Associate Members. (Associate Members have no voting privileges.)

Dues

We are a voluntary organization so we have no mandatory dues. However, knowing that we need revenue to accomplish our goals, we ask that each participating household pay \$10 per year.

Leadership

BANA is coordinated by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of 12 members - 5 of which hold the following offices:

- President
- 1st Vice-President
- 2nd Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Meetings

- **The Board of Directors** meets quarterly, at a board member's home. Everyone is invited to attend Board meetings.
- **The general meetings** are held twice per year - once in the spring and once in the summer.
- **All meeting notices** and locations are announced by posting signs at various

intersections in the neighborhood, delivery of the newsletter and posting on the website.

Committees

BANA has the following standing committees and also forms special committees as needed: (Committee chairs keep the Board notified of new information)

- Welcome/Membership
- VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools)
- Crime Watch/Public Safety
- Holiday Decorations
- Good Neighbors
- Civic Affairs
- Neighborhood Enhancement

Communications

- **Website:** BANA's website it is located at: www.geocities.com/briarwoodlr
The website is an excellent source of updated information, photographs, maps, etc.
- **Newsletter:** *The Briar Patch* is also an excellent source of news. It is published quarterly, shortly before each meeting and is distributed by hand to neighborhood residents and the free newspaper stand at Kroger. It keeps the area updated on various topics of interest, committee issues and meeting information.

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