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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
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Little Rock's Second Safest Neighborhood

August 03, 2007

# THE BRIAR PATCH

**BANA 10th Anniversary Celebration September 8, 2007  
Pulaski County Sheriff Charles "Doc" Holladay Set To Speak  
at BANA General Meeting and Big BANA 10th Anniversary  
Block Party on Betsy at the Intersection with Apache Road**

## BANA Board of Directors

### BANA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING Pulaski County Sheriff to Speak

The General Business meeting of the Briarwood Area Neighborhood Association (BANA) will be held Saturday morning, September 8, 2007 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall of Christ Lutheran Church 815 South Hughes Street. Guest Speaker for the meeting will be Pulaski County Sheriff Charles "Doc" Holladay. Other business will include a vote on new policy to govern BANA, election of directors, BANA Clings for members, and report on BANA Crime Watch. Read the "New Policy to Govern BANA" article by Nell Mathews Mock in this issue (pages 3 & 4). Bring morning goodies to share with coffee. Call President Jay Atkins for questions or additions at 664-0788, email [jatkins88@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jatkins88@sbcglobal.net).

### BANA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Block Party Set

BANA is 10 years old this year, established in 1997. Plans are being finalized for a Big Block Party on Betsy at the intersection with Apache Road from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be free hot dogs, refreshments, and entertainment by long time resident Chris Thomson a.k.a. Blind Boy White. Come join the fun and bring your neighbors. Call President Jay Atkins for questions or additions at 664-0788, email [jatkins88@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jatkins88@sbcglobal.net).

## BANA Events Calendar

**Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, 5:30 PM**  
**BANA Crime Watch Meeting**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**315 South Hughes Street**

**Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, 6:00 PM**  
**BANA Board of Directors**  
**Meeting**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**315 South Hughes Street**

**Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, 9:00 AM**  
**BANA Fall Business Meeting**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**315 South Hughes Street.**

**Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007,**  
**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**BANA 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**CELEBRATION BLOCK PARTY**  
**Betsy at Apache Road**

**Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, 6:30 PM**  
**Northwest Patrol Division**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**NW Patrol Substation**  
**10,001 Kanis Road**

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## **BANA Treasury Report 7/28/07** **Elizabeth Danley - BANA Treasurer**

BANA currently has \$1455.69 in the treasury. Since the last newsletter went out in February, BANA residents paid \$620 in yearly dues (\$10 a year) and we made \$289.31 at the BANA Plant Exchange. BANA has donated to our neighborhood school, Brady Elementary, \$186.87, and has paid \$419 for BANA clings that are given to BANA residents when they pay dues. Immediate upcoming expenses include the cost of printing the newsletter you are now reading, the cost of BANA meeting announcement signs, a donation to the Brady Elementary Butterfly Garden, refreshments for the September 8 General Meeting (9:00am) and the September 8 Tenth Anniversary BANA party (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.).

### ***BANA ON THE WATCH***

*If you missed it, here is a passage from Linda Cailouet's PAPER TRAILS column in the 7/23/2007 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette concerning our neighborhood. Many thanks to Linda Cailouet for recognizing us. While we are saying thank you, thanks to Lola and Sam Sussman, Linda's parents, for choosing Briarwood when they moved to Little Rock.*

#### ***ON THE WATCH:***

*Speaking of neighborhood involvement, it used to be that neighbors shared their news over backyard fences. But those days have been long waning.*

*Thanks to the ever-increasing number of people with a computer at work or at home, the fence talk has moved online via neighborhood-focused e-newsletters, chat groups and Web sites.*

*For example, there's been a rash of burglaries in Little Rock's Briarwood neighborhood in recent months. But crooks had better think twice before continuing to target homes there.*

*Residents, on high alert, have a very active listserv where subscribers alert their fellow neighbors not only to break-ins but suspicious activity, complete with detailed descriptions (and sometimes even a photo) of vehicles and occupants.*

As of July 30 there are 99 of us subscribed to the listserv. If you are not on the listserv but have an email address and would like to try it out, contact Betty Danley

([edanley1@comcast.net](mailto:edanley1@comcast.net) , phone 661-0523) or indicate on the dues form that you would like to join the listserv. The only requirement is that you live in Briarwood neighborhood.

### **DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR BRADY ELEMENTARY**

**By Nell Matthews Mock  
BANA Past President**

School is starting and summer is over. Many children are looking forward to returning to their friends and schools. But imagine the child who doesn't have the materials that he or she needs. The teacher stands up before the class and asks who has the pencils, the notebooks, colors, paste, blunt tip scissors, and so on that are a part of the beginning of school. Some kids may have everything because they had a parent, grandparent, or other adult who spent time and money to get these items. But what about the child who doesn't have that kind of support? Won't you take time the next time you are at the grocery store and buy just one packet of wide ruled paper or one package of number 2 pencils? Bring those to the **BANA General Meeting**, September 8 or to the **Celebration of 10 years of BANA** later. These items will be taken to Brady Elementary to be passed out to kids in need. Yes, school will have been in session for several weeks, but the need is still going to be there. Strong schools make a strong community. Let's show Brady we support education and our community kids.

#### **2007 BANA Plant Exchange**

By Elizabeth Danley

The Third Annual BANA Plant Exchange occurred on a sunny Saturday, April 28, 2007 in the Brady Elementary School parking lot. Originally scheduled for March 31, the weather did not comply, and the decision was made to postpone it. It was worth the wait. Lots of BANA residents appeared through the morning to share their gardens with each other.

April 28 was a lovely, if a little hot, morning. The only downside was that the gorgeous azaleas that Stan McDaniel of Healthy Lawns donated had grown past the blooming stage and were now green bushes again, still beautiful but potential buyers had to trust that

the color of the blooms would be what those who saw them blooming said they were! Jay Atkins, BANA president and auctioneer par excellence, auctioned to the highest bidders the azaleas and several nandina that Healthy Lawns also donated to the Plant Exchange. BANA residents brought plants, cuttings, and bulbs from their yards to trade and give away as neighbors talked, laughed, and sipped on coffee donated by the Coffee Beanery.

BANA donated \$144.65, half of the proceeds gained from the auction, to Brady Elementary. Added to that monetary donation and in collaboration with a UAMS effort, a collection was held to provide toothbrushes, soaps, and other personal hygiene items to needy students of Brady Elementary.

Thanks to all who participated in the BANA Spring activity. And special thanks go to BANA residents, Stan and Sheri McDaniel of Healthy Lawns and Shrubs and to John and Marylou Wright of the Coffee Beanery for their generous donations to this event.

We are happy to hear that John and Mary Lou have opened the Riverwood Inn in Glenwood, Arkansas ([www.riverwood-inn.com](http://www.riverwood-inn.com)) and sad that they will soon be leaving us. We want to thank them for their great support and remind BANA residents that, when they are in the Glenwood Area, to drop in on John and Marylou and say hello.

### **Business Patrons of BANA**

#### **Healthy Lawns and Shrubs, Inc.**

**Stan McDaniel**

**7225 W. 12th Street**

**(501) 227-6143**

#### **The Coffee Beanery**

**John and Mary Lou Wright**

**Park Plaza Mall**

**(501) 663-9334**



# **New Policy to Govern BANA**

by Nell Mathews Mock – Immediate Past President

The Briarwood Area Neighborhood Association held its first meeting in September of 1997. We are celebrating the end of 10 years of our continued existence this September 2007. You will read elsewhere about our grand celebration. This article is about the original policy that the neighborhood approved that set up our organization. As with many organizations, it is reasonable to review the original policy from time to time to see what remain appropriate or whether some changes are in order. Everyone at the September General Meeting will be asked to vote to approve the new policy so please review these two documents. Changes to the proposed policy may be offered as amendments with a second and voted for or against at that meeting. Here is the original policy approved September 30, 1997.

## **Organization:**

A 12 member executive committee will make decisions for the Association but should solicit the views of the membership before making major decisions or taking political action.

Members of the executive committee will each be elected to serve for a three-year term, with terms being staggered.

The executive committee will elect its officers at its first meeting.

Block captains will recruit new residents, distribute information, and keep the executive committee informed about concerns of members. They may also serve as Crime Watch leaders.

## **Standing committees:**

Initially there will be two standing committees. Other committees may be added from time to time to deal with neighborhood issues.

The **Government Relations Committee** checks on zoning, alerts neighborhood of problems, lobbies for favorable zoning regulations, brings concerns like traffic and infrastructure to government officials, and organizes political action.

The **Crime and Safety Committee** runs neighborhood watch program and other safety-related projects.

## **Meetings:**

Once a quarter and special called meetings for general membership; monthly meetings for executive committee; meetings as need for Association committees

## **Membership:**

Any person who resides in the area surrounded by Markham, I-630, University, and Rodney Parham and pays the required dues will be considered a regular member. Residents or businesses on either side of the perimeter streets may join.

The BANA Board suggests the following changes to this policy. Under **Organization** we want to specify the time requirements for election of Board officers.

We want to delete the last paragraph on Block Captain and move that to the **Crime and Safety Committee** section. Our current organization makes Block Captains a part of the Crime Watch program with their focus on crime prevention and safety.

We usually hold two meetings per year: one in March and one in September. Under **Meetings**, we would change quarterly to two meetings per year, but we can still call a special meeting at any time.

Finally, under **Membership**, our practice is that anyone who lives within the Briarwood Area is a member of our neighborhood association whether they pay dues or not. The BANA Board wants to represent everyone, whether they are renters, owners, long-term residents, or just moved in. Often, when someone runs into a problem and finds the members of the Association pitching in to help, they recognize the worth of having a neighborhood association that speaks up for them, helps pass out information, and keeps neighbors in contact with each other. Our treasurer, Betty Danley often receives a burst of paid up dues after such events because people recognize what an asset a neighborhood association can be, and they show their support by contributing.

Therefore, our new BANA Policy will be:

**Organization:**

A 12 member board of directors will make decisions for the Association but should solicit the views of the membership before making major decisions or taking political action.

Members of the board of directors will each be elected to serve for a three-year term, with terms being staggered.

The BANA Board will elect its officers at its first meeting within one month of election at the September general meeting.

The BANA Board is responsible for working with local, state, and national (as needed) governmental bodies to effect changes or correct problems in the neighborhood. These may include zoning violations, zoning changes, traffic issues, changes to the state property boarding I-630, and any other issues that impact the neighborhoods.

**Committees:**

Committees may be added from time to time to deal with neighborhood issues or organize social events.

The **Crime Watch Committee** runs the neighborhood watch program and other safety-related projects. Crime Watch Block Captains will distribute information, and keep the BANA Board informed about concerns of members.

**Meetings:**

Twice a year in the spring and fall and special called meetings for general membership: meetings as need for BANA subcommittees, and Board meetings when called by the BANA Board president

**Membership:**

Any person who resides in the area surrounded by Markham, I-630, University, and Cunningham Lake Road will be considered a member. Residents or businesses on either side of the perimeter streets may join. Dues are set by the BANA Board and published in the BANA newsletter, *The Briarpatch*.

# Briarwood Area Neighborhood Association 2008 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 \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be placed on the BANA list serve \_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

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Residential Membership (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail payments to:

Betty Danley, Treasurer  
BANA  
15 Sun Valley Road  
Little Rock AR 72205

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

Welcome/Membership _____	Holiday Decorations _____	Watch Walker _____
VIPS _____	Good Neighbors _____	Watch Captain _____
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?

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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
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: <http://www.briarwoodlr.org/>  
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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