



BRIARWOOD AREA
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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The Neighborhood in the Heart of Little Rock

September 04, 2009

THE BRIAR PATCH

Learn How to Talk to City Hall, Run a Neighborhood Watch, and LR Code Enforcement - Kathleen Countryman (CVSS Alert Center Facilitator) talks to BANA Fall Meeting • Block Party Set (Apache Road west end)

BANA Board of Directors

BANA Fall General Meeting September 12, 2009 9 a.m.

There will be a meeting of the Briarwood Area Neighborhood Association on Saturday, September 12th at 9 am at Christ Lutheran Church in their Fellowship Hall (enter through the door on the "right" or south side of the building) located at 305 South Hughes.

Our speaker will be Kathleen Countryman from the Stiff's Station Alert Center. She will give our neighbors a brief summary of dealing with City Hall, neighborhood watch, and code enforcement. She will answer your questions or direct us to the proper departments.

Our agenda will also include BANA Block Party details, VIPS, Neighborhood watch, and BANA resident, Neil Deininger, who will discuss the I-630 Master plan, You may pay your 2009 dues of \$10 at this meeting, and we will have our annual Board election. We are still in need of a Vice President and Secretary, so search your hearts for how you can serve your neighborhood. Please bring your potluck breakfast treats! We hope to see you there!

BANA Events Calendar

Saturday, September 12, 2009
9:00 AM BANA Fall General Business Meeting
Christ Lutheran Church,
315 South Hughes

Saturday, October 3, 2009
4:00 to 6:00 PM
BANA Fall Block Party
Front lawn of 7705 Apache Rd.

Tuesday, October 6, 2009
6:00 PM
BANA Board of Directors Meeting
Home of James Thomson,
7700 Apache Road

Thursday, October 15, 2009
6:30 to 8:00 PM
NW Patrol Quarterly Meeting
Williams Substation
10001 Kanis Road

Tuesday, November 3, 2009
6:00 PM
BANA Neighborhood Watch meeting
Home of Joan Bachman,
7302 Woodside

Weekend, December 18th-20th
Judging of Briarwood Area
Christmas Decorations

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BANA Neighborhood Watch

Joan Bachman, Neighborhood Watch Coord.

As we come to the end of Summer and Fall is near, please remember that seasons don't change the necessity for us to always be aware of our surroundings!

Crime in Zone 60 (BANA is in Zone 60) is ranked second for lowest crime in the city! However, we can always improve! For example, from July 14 - August 12, Zone 60 had 8 criminal acts. This seems like a high figure, but it is not. Any crime is too much.

As I have stressed many times before, always be aware of your surroundings. I have driven around our area at night and am still amazed at the number of front porch and carport/garage lights that are NOT on. Keep these lights on ALL night and turn off the next morning. Also, set your alarms (if available) and lock your vehicles — taking valuables in at night which will be less tempting. DO NOT HESITATE AT CALLING 911 if you think something looks suspicious.

Up coming dates to put on your calendar:

Oct. 15, 2009 - Quarterly Northwest Precinct Meeting (10000 Kanis Road, 6:30 pm)

Nov. 3, 2009 - Quarterly BANA Neighborhood Watch Meeting (7302 Woodside Lane -663-0203. 6:00 pm)

Oct. 3, 2009 – Meet your Neighbor Block Party 4-6 pm. Street and Lawn area in front of 7705 Apache Rd.

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA)- in Little Rock, on May 26-29, 2010

NUSA is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. This conference features opening and closing events, speakers, presentation of awards, workshops, networking, special events, exhibits, neighborhood tours and much more. Visit www.nusa.org for more information.

We are asking for volunteers to serve on various committees. We will need hundreds of volunteers. Please contact Dwight Pridgeon at dpridgeon@littlerock.org or call 379-1515 for further volunteer information.

Meet your Neighbor Block Party

October 3, 2009, 4-6 pm.

Front lawn 7705 Apache Road

BANA Neighborhood Watch and your neighbors on Apache Road invite you to a Meet Your Neighbor Block Party, October 3, 2009 from 4-6 PM on the front lawn of 7705 Apache Road. Join us for fellowship, food, fun games, music, and information about our neighborhood watch program. We hope to have the block closed to traffic so we can have a street carnival.

If you wish to help with this event contact James Thomson 7700 Apache Road (501) 225-2891, jethomson@aristotle.net to volunteer your talents or if you need directions. I sign up sheet will be available at the Fall Meeting on Saturday September 12th. Thank you Sandra for making your wonderful lawn at 7705 Apache Road available to the neighborhood.

BANA Listserv

The Briarwood email listserv, created in 2005, is up to 165 members! Lots of people are aware that this email network is a handy method for announcing events and sharing concerns of the neighborhood.

A list of rules is automatically posted every month. These rules keep subscribers reminded of how to avoid sending inappropriate messages.

1. Post friendly messages only.
2. Limit messages to neighborhood concerns.
3. Do not post angry replies or accusations.
4. Do not post personal messages to the listserv.
5. Do not post political or religious messages.
6. Do not post chain letters.
7. Do not post commercial ads.

If you are not a member of the BANA email listserv and would like to join, contact me, Betty Danley, by email (edanley1@comcast.net) or by phone (661-0523). If you provide your name and address, and if you are a resident of Briarwood, we will subscribe you to the listserv. It's a great way to keep in touch with what is happening in our neighborhood.

A Special Kudos

The BANA board wants to give kudos to the special contributions that Trinity United Methodist Church provided to the students at Brady Elementary last year. Over 40 Trinity members volunteered as Reading Buddies, or Math tutors, and every classroom was "adopted" by a different Sunday school class. They also participated in the VIPS Reading Day, which ensures that every classroom in the Little Rock School District has a reader to read a book to a class. Brady had so many Reading Buddies volunteer, that they had to turn away volunteers! Trinity also conducted a uniform and supply drive, and gave each student a book for Christmas and worked with the Salvation Army Angel Tree project to ensure each child had a good Christmas. They also held an Easter egg hunt and worked with the PTA president, Kim Holland, to schedule a Saturday work day for members, neighbors, and parents help mulch and spruce up the school grounds!

The Brady Principal, Ms. Ada Keown, is proud to have the volunteers helping with the academic needs of the students. There has been a significant increase in student's test scores, because of all of the extra support the students received throughout the year! Brady's volunteer hours increased from 11,213 hours to 12,527 this year! Briarwood neighbors can continue to assist our students by donating supplies at the school, or at Metropolitan Bank located in Kroger's on Markham, or by becoming a Reading Buddy or tutor.

We are truly blessed to have so many kind neighbors from Trinity to thank for a great project and year of volunteering. Please take the time to acknowledge Trinity's Minister, Dr. Robin Moore and their contribution to our neighborhood school! Keep up the good work!

Report on Sewers

Nell Matthews

Little Rock's sewer system has sections as old a 100 years and as new as the most recent development. The older systems were clay pipes or compressed tarpaper and wood shavings ('orange berk or berg' pipes, which exists in BANA). These systems crack after years of use through land heave, compression, and general use. Once they (Con't. page 4 - Sewers Report)

Briarwood Area Neighborhood Association 2008/09 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)

Residential Membership (\$10) _____

Please mail payments to:

Hall Reynolds, Treasurer)
BANA
53 Flag Road
Little Rock, AR 72205

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

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Welcome/Membership _____ | Holiday Decorations _____ | Block Parties _____ |
| VIPS / Brady Elementary _____ | Good Neighbors _____ | Watch Captain _____ |
| Crime Watch/Public Safety _____ | Civic Affairs _____ | Plant Exchange _____ |
| Neighborhood Enhancement _____ | BANA Board of Directors _____ | Briar Patch _____ |

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 is 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

PURPOSES

- To promote quality residential life within BANA neighborhoods
- To promote friendly neighbor relations among BANA residents
- To encourage a high level of security within the BANA area
- To work with area schools to promote quality educational services for BANA residents
- To work with Little Rock, Pulaski County, and State governments as needed for the benefit of all residents within BANA
- 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.

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

A volunteer Board of Directors, consisting of 12 Directors, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, and 5 officers, leads BANA.

Officers:

1. President
2. First Vice-President
3. Second Vice-President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

Meetings

The Board of Directors meets quarterly, at varying locations. *Everyone* is invited to attend Board meetings.

The General Business Meetings are held twice per year - once in March and once in the September.

All meeting notices and locations are announced by posting signs at various intersections in the neighborhood, delivery of the newsletter, and posting on the BANA website.

Committees

BANA has the following standing committees:

1. Neighborhood Watch
2. BANA Website
3. "Briar Patch" Newsletter
4. Listserv (group email)

Special Committees (others formed as needed):

1. Nominating Committee
2. Holiday decoration judges

Communications

Website: BANA's website 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. Volunteers are always needed to help distribute the newsletter and other flyers!

Listserv: BANA has an email group through which we are able to communicate very quickly and efficiently with each other. If you have an email account, and would like to be added to the listserv group, please search for "briarwoodlr" on Yahoo Groups, click on

"BriarwoodLR," then click on "Join This Group!"

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crack, they leak into the surrounding ground (a health issue), and they collect storm water (water flows along the path of least resistance). This storm water inflow and infiltration, I & I, causes as much as a 40% increase in water going to the treatment plants, which are then forced to increase capacity to deal with storm water. If all the existing leaks to the system were repaired, our treatment capacity is more than adequate for current and future growth in central Little Rock.

One idea being discussed today is required inspections of sewer lines when a house sells. If like me, you got to replace your lines within a few months of buying your house, you would appreciate this requirement. If you are trying to sell a house, consider having your lines inspected and prove to potential buyers that the lines are good, along with the age of the roof and the furnace. If you are buying a home, consider asking for an inspection of the sewer lines along with the house inspection.

Inspection costs are around \$100 - \$200. A camera is lowered into the line and the system is inspected for cracks and breaks. A new sewer line costs around \$1500 to \$3000, depending on how easy access to the line is and how long the trench is for replacement. LR Wastewater will help homeowners pay for repairs that run under city streets because street repair is quite expensive.