



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

February 20, 2009

THE BRIAR PATCH

White Elephant Auction Pizza Party Kicks Off 2009 BANA Social Calendar Saturday February 28th, Little Rock Police Chief Stuart Thomas to Speak at BANA General Meeting Saturday March 14, 2009, BANA Events Calendar

BANA Board of Directors

BANA White Elephant Auction & Pizza Party Saturday, February 28th

The **White Elephant Auction and Pizza Party** kicks off the BANA social calendar on Saturday afternoon from **4:00 to 6:00 PM**, **Grady's Pizza and Subs**, located at **6801 West 12th Street**, cover charge **\$3.00** per person. Enjoy a slice or two of pizza and iced tea. Bring an unwanted gift to be auctioned by Jay Atkins for the benefit of BANA and get better acquainted with your neighbors.

BANA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 9:00 AM Saturday, March 14th

Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 315 South Hughes is the site of the BANA General Business Meeting, 9 AM, Saturday, March 14, 2009. This is your chance to voice your opinions and help plan the spring BANA events. The program speaker will be **Little Rock Police Chief Stuart Thomas**.

5th Annual BANA Plant Exchange 10 AM Saturday, April 18, 2009 Fundraiser for BANA Sponsored Programs at Brady Elementary

Don't miss the **5th Annual BANA Plant Exchange and Auction**, 10 AM, Saturday April 18, 2009 in the Brandy Elementary parking lot. Thin out your yard and garden by bringing the cuttings and plants for exchange with other BANA neighbors. Enjoy the exciting plant auction that includes decorative plants and shrubs all to raise money for BANA sponsored

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BANA Events Calendar

**Saturday, February 28, 2009
6:00 to 8:00 PM
White Elephant Auction Pizza Party**
Grady's Pizza and Subs,
8601 West 12th St.

**Saturday, March 14, 2009
9:00 AM
BANA Spring General Meeting**
Christ Lutheran Church
315 South Hughes

**Tuesday March 24, 2009
BANA Neighborhood Watch Meeting
6:00 PM**
7302 Woodside Drive

**Saturday, April 18, 2009
10:00 AM
5th Annual
BANA PLANT SWAP & AUCTION**
Brady Elementary School Parking Lot

**Tuesday, April 21, 2009
6:00 to 7:00 PM
BANA Board Meeting**
Brady Elementary Media Center

**Thursday, April 23, 2009
6:30 to 8:00 PM
NW Precinct Quarterly Meeting**
Northwest Precinct, 10001 Kanis Rd.

**Saturday May 16, 2009
4:00 to 6:00 PM
BANA Spring Block Party**
Brady Elementary West Playing Field

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programs at Brady Elementary. Coffee, juice, donuts, and pastries will be available.

BANA Listserv

The Briarwood Area Neighborhood Association listserv is an electronic boon to Briarwood residents. We are so lucky to have it and the expertise of Jim Bell who made it happen for us.

People on the listserv share concerns, ideas, and fun in the neighborhood: announcements about upcoming events for Briarwood residents, alerts of safety issues that affect Briarwood, reports of missing and found pets in our area, and other breaking neighborhood news.

Our BANA listserv currently has 153 members. It is restricted to residents of the Briarwood Area Neighborhood in Little Rock. For that reason when someone requests to join the listserv, we ask that they provide an address so that we can confirm that they live in our little "village."

If you have Internet access and live in Briarwood, please consider subscribing to the BANA listserv. There are different ways to do so. But probably the easiest way is to send an email to me, edanley1@comcast.net, and ask to be added. Another way is to go to the Yahoo website, <http://www.yahoo.com/>, and follow the directions.

The listserv is a terrific vehicle for keeping in the know about what is happening in our neighborhood. And another great electronic way is to go to the BANA website at <http://www.briarwoodlr.org>. That website is full of useful information for Briarwood residents. And it is fun to look at—definitely a "site" to behold.

But don't forget the old-fashioned best way to keep in touch and know what is happening around us. That is to know your neighbors. Nothing beats that method!

BANA Web Site Makeover

Please check out the new look of BANA web site www.briarwoodlr.org.

BANA Neighborhood Watch Notes

Joan Bachman – Watch Coordinator

There have been a few "incidences" in the BANA area within the past few months. I am working with Sgt. Zebbie Burnett of the Little Rock Police Department Northwest Precinct on getting some type of "feedback system" to me of which will be relayed to list serve participants and crime captains.

I attended the NW Precinct Quarterly Meeting on Oct. 23 on Kanis Road. There were only 3 in attendance from BANA. I was somewhat disappointed that more BANA participants were not there. Please think hard about attending those meetings, the next one is Thursday April 23, 2009 6:30 to 8:00 PM followed in subsequent quarters on July 23 and Oct. 22, 2009, same location. It was quite informative plus you get to meet several of the Shift Supervisors, getting a better feel for what is going on and the arrests that have been made. Everyone in Briarwood should want to be more aware of our neighborhood surroundings!

That leads to my next invitation. Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on March 24, 2009, 6 PM, at my house at 7302 Woodside Drive phone (501) 663-0203. Please plan to attend and represent your block. Jim Bell, WebMaster, has put out articles on the web site (briarwoodlr.org) after each meeting that I think you will find most informative if you were unable to attend.

Do not hesitate to call 911 if you feel someone walking or in a vehicle looks suspicious. Please have patience with the police as they have to take higher profile incidences first but you never know when "you" can prevent a crime just from being observant.

As a suggestion for a New Year's Resolution for 2009, Block Captains or other willing individuals might want to get a list of all people on your block or street. The crucial information needed is name/address/home number/work number/cell number and contact person with phone number. A few of us have done this and I have already used it twice. Always get permission from each individual for distribution to those on the list that you developed.

Once again, please do your part in making BANA a more safety conscious and SAFE place to live.

- STAY SAFE!
- KEEP YOUR OUTSIDE FRONT PORCH LIGHTS ON ALL NIGHT
- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND CARS
- CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOORS
- DO NOT LEAVE DOORS OPEN FOR PETS
- BE WATCHFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS SAFETY AND PROPERTY!

2008 Winners BANA Christmas Decorations Awards

1st Place

Home of Mr. Terry Eustice
717 Choctaw Circle,

2nd Place

Home of James and Debra Brown
5 Betsy.

3rd Place

Home of Bill and Alice Stuff
6508 Blue Bird.

Check them out online

<http://www.briarwoodlr.org/page82.html>

BANA is interested in:

Ideas for noise abatement along the new I-630 widening.

Sidewalk grants for Apache, Briarwood and Hiawatha.

VIPS Reading Program for Brady Elementary School.

For more information, email Jeff Whitby at jcwhitby54@sbcglobal.net.

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):

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. President-Elect
3. 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!"

Business Patrons of BANA

Healthy Lawns and Shrubs, Inc.

Stan McDaniel, 7225 W. 12th Street

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