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**Briarcreek Banter**

A publication of the Briarcreek Neighborhood Association

## President's Message

By Dan Orza

Burrrrr..... will it ever get warm? Hopefully, before long we'll be enjoying warmer weather.

Congratulations to the Christmas Yard-Of-The-Month winners! First place went to Rick & Laurie Stanford, who live at 6917 Briarcreek Drive. Runner up was awarded to Jeff & Marsha Napoliello, who live at 6115 NW 97th street. *(Pictures are on the last page of the newsletter).*

First place received a \$100 Savings Bond from MidFirst Bank and the Runner-Up received a turkey from Crest Foods.

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## BNA Quarterly Meeting Report

The Briarcreek Neighborhood Association (BNA) Quarterly meeting was held February 15th at 7:00 pm, at Wiley Post Elementary. BNA business that was discussed:

~ Friday night's vote to accept the bid of licensed and bonded electrician, Steve Ocker, finalized months of work. Over the past several months, BNA Board members have been meeting with licensed, bonded electricians to obtain bids to install high efficiency lighting at all of our Briarcreek Entrance signs. This dresses up the neighborhood, improves the aesthetics of the signs, but also improves visibility of the entrance signs for emergency vehicles.

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### Save the Date!

#### Spring Cleanup

Mid-May 2010

Our Annual Spring Cleanup Day coming in May. We will need volunteers to help in the entrance beds. More info coming soon ...

#### Next Quarterly Meeting

May 10, 2010

Get involved, stay current with neighborhood activities - attend the BNA Meetings.

Quarterly Meeting Report *(continued...)*

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~ Report by Compliance Chair, Joyce Heidelberger, regarding complaints received about multiple cars parked on the street as well as complaints concerning

multiple cars parked in cul-de-sac areas;

~ BNA President and Vice-President attending Neighborhood Alliance training to learn ways to better serve and implement programs for the neighborhood.

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Snow + Salt = Potholes

What a winter we've had and according to the weather forecasts, it's not over yet! As we dig out from this winter of record snow, ice, and cold temperatures - we will be dealing with the results of that weather with potholes. To report potholes in OKC streets, call the Pothole Hotline at 405 631-1111. Or call \*OKC on your cell phone.

OKC Downtown Getting a Make-Over

Downtown Oklahoma City is getting a makeover. A massive renovation project of more than 180 acres in downtown Oklahoma City is slated to begin in just a few months. The initiative, named Project 180, is a three year, \$140 million re-design of downtown streets, sidewalks, parks and plazas to improve appearance and make the downtown districts more friendly to walkers and pedestrian visitors. The make-over begins in May.

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Random Acts of Kindness Week starts February 15th. What does it take to be a good neighbor? Sometimes it's a simple gesture:

- offer to baby sit for new parents,
- shovel snow for elderly neighbors,
- offer to plant flowers for a shut-in neighbor
- or just smile at everyone you meet!

If you are a neighbor in need, please contact any of our BNA officers or committee members - we are here to help.

### Treasurer's Report

**By Robert Ross**

First, thank you to those who have paid their \$50.00 annual dues. We currently have 60% participation which includes neighbors who contribute by allowing us to use their water to keep our landscaping healthy and green. We appreciate their cooperation and support.

With spring around the corner we can all contribute by keeping our yards maintained, weed & trash free, mowed, and edged. This protects the value of the entire neighborhood and makes Briarcreek a safe and desirable place to live and raise a family.

So how is your money spent? Yearly expenses typically run between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The following is an itemized list of last year's expenses. Any surplus amounts collected are put into savings for future improvements, emergency repairs (*such as damage to our fence*) and other possible expenses.

If you have any questions about past or current expenses, please don't hesitate to ask. If you are unsure whether you've paid your dues for this fiscal year, you can reach me at [jr4boys@cox.net](mailto:jr4boys@cox.net) or 470-1120. Dues can be mailed or dropped off at

6604 NW 94<sup>th</sup>. Please make your checks payable to the Briarcreek Neighborhood Association or just BNA.

**Fiscal year end 2009**  
**EXPENSES**

Mowing Perimeter	\$2,750.00
Fertilization/Weed Control	540.00
Water for Entrances	100.00
Entrance Maintenance	65.00
Sprinkler System Repair	170.00
Soil Sample	10.00
Watering/Drip System for	
Rockwell plantings	670.00
Gator Bags & Hoses	133.36
BNA Cookout Signs	34.00
Newsletter & Copying	351.96
Neighborhood Alliance Dues	120.00
Welcoming Committee Costs	100.00
American Self Storage Fees	17.00
City Permits	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,111.32</b>

### Welcoming Committee Report

**By Kelli Moore**

We welcome to Briarcreek, Bob and Lynne Kanary who bought the house at 6900 Briarcreek Drive.

It has been cold and wet and most of us have not been outside much, but block captains please don't

forget to notify me of new neighbors. We want to welcome them properly and keep our lists current.

\*If you are a new to the neighborhood and have not received your welcome basket, please call me at 728-2829 or email me at [envoyxl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:envoyxl@sbcglobal.net)

### Compliance Committee Report

**By Joyce Heidelberg**

We have received ongoing complaints about cars being parked on the street for extended periods of time and of cul-de-sac areas being used as a parking lot.

When possible, park your vehicles in your garage or in your driveway. Please be considerate of your

neighbors when you have company visiting that they do not block street passage or driveway access.

The BNA Compliance Committee is working to address these complaints and to resolve these issues. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at [joyce.george@cox.net](mailto:joyce.george@cox.net).

**Be RESPONSIBLE • Fulfill your OBLIGATIONS • SUPPORT our neighborhood • PAY YOUR DUES!**

## Yard of the Month - Holiday Winners

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It is wonderful that we are able to give these special awards to honor our residents who work hard to make their homes and Briarcreek beautiful. Soon it will be time to begin Yard-Of-The-Month awards in the spring. We all look forward to the beautiful spring flora and fauna! Winners will receive a \$25 Gift certificate from Bethany Country Store.

The winners of the Christmas Yard-of-the-Month were chosen by popular vote. If you did not receive an email about the competition and voting, please notify Susie Brown ([susanbrown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanbrown@sbcglobal.net)) or Jana Ross ([jr4boys@cox.net](mailto:jr4boys@cox.net)) so that we can add or correct your email address in the BNA neighborhood list. We are trying to have current email addresses of everyone in the neighborhood so that we can communicate with you better.

As we move into 2010 we continue to work hard on Briarcreek projects. I am pleased to announce that the Entrance Sign Lighting Project is almost complete. The bid has been awarded and installation will begin immediately. Very soon, you will be able to see our Briarcreek entrance signs at night. Yea!!

Our Annual Spring Cleanup weekend will be in mid-May, which will be here before you know it! We will need volunteers to help clean out the entrance beds, trim and clean around the new plantings along Rockwell and to plant new flowers in the entrance beds. We will be contacting the members of the BNA Landscape committee help to with the May cleanup and planting. If you are interested in joining the Landscape Committee, Chairing the Committee, or simply helping out with social activities for that day - please email Susie Brown ([susanbrown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanbrown@sbcglobal.net)).

Susie Brown and I (*BNA Vice-President and President*) will be attending a Neighborhood Leaders workshop. This free workshop provides us with contacts and tools to help develop community improvement projects for our neighborhood. This 8-week course will instruct us in better ways to access City services, develop successful grant projects, organize neighborhood specific programs, navigate City Hall, establish membership drives, communicate effectively to all of you, and much more.

Please volunteer. We need your support and help to make Briarcreek a better place for everyone.

Briarcreek bylaws and covenants are on the web at  
<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Briarcreek/home>