

# President's Message

## August 2013

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the installation of the water drip-system on Rockwell. It was hot, back-breaking work! We were able to complete this job with the help of Briarcreek neighbor, Jim McDowell, who owns J-Mac Sprinkler systems. With his expertise, assistance from his installation crew and hard work by our dedicated neighborhood volunteers – we completed the job within our budget. We now have a watering system on Rockwell for the landscaping that is connected to our own Briarcreek water meter. We appreciate the residents who live on Rockwell Terrace, who allowed us to use their water to keep the young plants alive during the first two years.

**BNA TREASURER:** We are happy to announce that Jessica Recupito has volunteered to fill the vacated treasurer's position. The BNA Board met on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to approve Jessica's appointment as the interim Treasurer. She will be voted in properly at the next quarterly meeting, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. We are sorry to see treasurer, Pam Harton, leave - but wish Pam and Kenn our best as they start a new life in Texas. Thank you Pam for the wonderful work and support you've provided BNA!

**Please mark your calendars to attend the next BNA Neighborhood Meeting:  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm  
at Wiley Post Elementary School**

We will vote to approve Jessica Recupito as the new BNA Treasurer. Additionally, if you are interested in serving on the executive board, as a block captain, or on a Committee, please send an email to [info@briarcreekonline.com](mailto:info@briarcreekonline.com) with a brief paragraph on your intent to serve and in what position.

Current officers, for the Briarcreek Neighborhood Association, are:

Dan Orza - President  
Susie Brown - Vice President  
Jake Jacobs - Secretary  
Jessica Recupito – Treasurer  
Kelli Moore – Welcoming Committee Chair  
Wanda Reynolds – Landscape Committee Chair  
Mike Yardley – Compliance Committee Chair

If you are interested in being active in any way, please give me a phone call Dan Orza, at 326-1124, or Susie Brown, at 728-1084.

**BRIARCREEK'S ANNUAL NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT (NNO)** will be held Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, at the bridge (on Briarcreek Drive). Every year the Briarcreek NNO is a great opportunity to know your neighbors better and have a good time in a beautiful location by the bridge. We will have food, beverages, music, and games for the kids and drawings for prizes.

We'll once again invite our local police and fire departments to join the celebration and meet our residents. It gives us a chance to say 'thank you to them for their service'. It's a real treat for our kids too!

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:** We are thinking it would be fun to have a Halloween Hay-ride and/or a Christmas sleigh-ride. Tell us your thoughts... are you interested in helping make this happen? Would you go on a fun hay-ride around Briarcreek? We need some folks - a team - to put this together. If you can help, contact us at [info@briarcreekonline.com](mailto:info@briarcreekonline.com).

**THE BATTLE FOR BRITTON:** At the November Quarterly meeting, we will be updating you on the latest news concerning our ongoing battle to save Britton Road from becoming a busy, noisy, high-traffic, four-lane road. If you haven't heard, Britton Road is about to be widened to four lanes. For the past few years, we have made requests through the City Engineer's office and other City officials to modify the plans from four lanes of traffic, to three lanes with bike paths. This would allow for two lanes of motor vehicle traffic, a center turn lane and bike lanes from Rockwell to MacArthur.

This is a safety issue for school children crossing the street to attend Wiley Post Elementary School, a safety issue for our residents trying to cross four lanes of traffic when entering and leaving the neighborhood and a quality of life issue to avoid the noise and additional traffic that four lanes would bring.

We are working to create a petition and will need your support and signatures. So please join us in this effort.

Thanks so much for all of the positive things so many of you do on an everyday basis. We have such good neighbors and a wonderful neighborhood. Keep up the great work!

Dan Orza  
BNA President