

# Burlington Road Neighborhood Association BRNA EXPRESS

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## Conductor's Corner

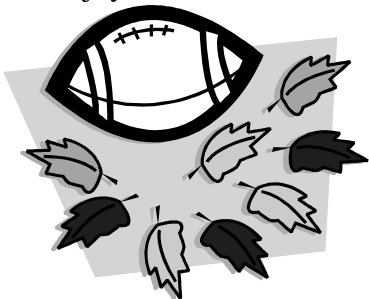
BRNA was started with the idea of improving the quality of life around our neighborhood. As BRNA members you have dedicated time and money to see that everything we do is successful. BRNA is still involved on two issues that directly affect our area.

The trail issue still is a major concern. It appears that the NRD is still thinking about plans to have the trail go east on D street. We all at BRNA strongly oppose this idea. Not only is it wrong to take homeowners property, but the truck traffic along D Street would make it unsafe for anyone using the trail. So we will keep you all posted on any new developments.

Well the smell the past few weeks have been the worst we in BRNA have ever had to contend with. It is not fair that we have to close our windows or go in the house to flee these odors. We have received numerous calls from homeowners in the area who have called the odor hot line at 444-4919.

Councilman Gernandt has called for a round table discussion to solve the problem. The meeting has been set for Monday October 4, 2010. It is our hope to end the odor so we can all enjoy the outdoors.

But enjoy the rest of the fall season.



Virgil Patlan,  
President

## BRNA FAMILY DAY CANCELED

Rainy weather and a cold wind prevented BRNA Family Day from going forward.



We wish to thank all who were planning to work at the event.

## ODORS IN BRNA:

On Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, BRNA officials will be meeting with City officials in a Round Table discussion regarding enforcement of odor control measures.

The "Stinky Details" will be given at the BRNA October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus**

*Keeping the Neighborhood on Track...*

## SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS

Ms. Blanca Ramirez from the US Census Bureau where she is Partnership Specialist. She spoke about how the bureau is \$1.6 billion under-budget on the Census project. She handed out flyers on the census data and methods.



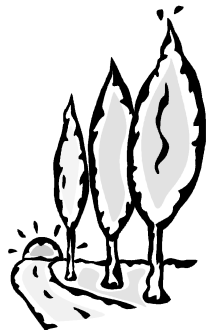
Participating in the census is in everyone's best interest, because the information on the forms is used by decision-makers to determine which communities, schools, hospitals and roads need federal funding. Filling out your census form is also the best way to make sure people like you are represented in the census.



Soloman Kleinsmith is Program Coordinator for the Neighborhood Center's pilot juvenile diversion program. The Neighborhood Accountability Board Program brings community members who are passionate about the lives of at-risk youth who have gotten in

trouble with the law in, to form a board that works with the youth, their family and other community stakeholders to find ways for the youth to make things right with the community, and learn from their mistakes.

Soloman said there was a need for people to help on a board which assigns kids to appropriate community work. Contact him if you are interested at the Neighborhood Center, 402-561-7582.



"October's poplars are flaming torches lighting the way to winter."

- Nova Bair

## HOOPS IN PULASKI:

There have been no updates on whether or not we will have full court basketball in Pulaski. We are still waiting for Councilman Gerandt and Creighton to find a permanent solution to our situation in the park.

I and some BRNA members and those who oppose a full court or any court have spoken to Jim Dorsey, who is employed by Werner Institute. He is asking acting as ombudsman.

He asked two main questions:

1. Tell him what we know about the problems we are having at the park.
2. What do we want to happen?'

My answers were short and sweet, "The city of Omaha put the courts there before BRNA existed for the community. If they decide to take them down to make certain residents happy, then give Pulaski Park a Water Park for families instead." I'd be okay with that!

Rebecca

**VICTORY BOXING CLUB**

*Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser*

TIME: 4 PM TO 7 PM

WHERE: 3009 R STREET - OMAHA, NE

WHEN: OCTOBER 10, 2010

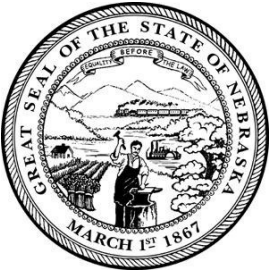
ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR \$10.00 !!!!

Please help us purchase a boxing facility for our youth.

Reverend Servando Perales  
402-612-8491

COME WATCH OUR YOUNG BOXERS PERFORM EXHIBITION MATCHES

# INFORMATION



Dear BRNA Neighbors,

Since the end of the most recent legislative session on April 14, 2010, my office has been hard at work learning about and researching issues that affect South Omaha.

These issues are taken up formally as “Interim Studies” by Legislative committees, and so far, three of my interim studies have been selected to have a public hearing before the Urban Affairs Committee.

**LR 449 Energy Efficiency Financing.** There are a number of programs available in other states and cities that make it easier and more affordable to save money on your home utility bills. This study will look at these different programs, and determine what needs to be done to implement these programs in Nebraska to help working families save on their energy bills.

**LR 469 Local Economic Development.** In our current economic climate, government needs to do more with less and ensure that Nebraskans are getting the most ‘bang for their buck.’ This study will look at the economic development programs available for cities like Omaha and Bellevue, and seek ways for the Legislature to improve their effectiveness. Updating these economic development programs will help spur new economic growth and create jobs in our neighborhoods.

**LR 468 Adoption of 2009 Energy Code.** Nebraska is currently using the 2003 version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), despite the fact that there are two more recent versions available. I am interested in learning more about why Nebraska utilizes an outdated code, and examining the potential energy bill savings to South Omahans of updating to the 2009 code.

The hearings for LR 449 and LR 469 were held on September 3, and a hearing for LR 468 is planned later this fall. Please feel free to contact my office at (402) 471-2710 if you have any questions about these studies, or if there is anything else I can assist you with.

Working for you,

Heath Mello  
State Senator  
District 5

**BRNA  
ELECTIONS  
IN  
NOVEMBER**



The President & Treasurer  
positions are up for vote.  
Come to the November meeting to vote  
or run for office.

**I am of the opinion that my life belongs  
to the whole community and as long as  
I live, it is my privilege to do for it  
whatever I can. I want to be  
thoroughly used up when I die, for the  
harder I work the more I live.**

**~George Bernard Shaw**



# HINTS & INFORMATION

## FALL GARDENING HINTS

- Start arm strengthening exercises about a month before you will be out in your gardens for fall clean-up. This will save you experiencing aches & pains and you'll be able to handle the work load better.
- Some people cut roses back hard in the fall and mulch around them heavily. You may also just leave the roses over the winter and then cut off the dead stems in early spring.
- Prune off the dead and ratty-looking perennial foliage on things like peonies and daylilies. But you may leave much of the perennials through the winter for some interest rather than having your beds looking like complete cemetery plots. Most things can be cut back and cleaned up in early March. And it gives you something to do when the fever for digging in the dirt hits early next spring.
- Plant bulbs now before the ground freezes. You can plant bulbs as late as the middle of December and they'll bloom just fine the next year.
- Happy gardening.

## AN EASY WAY TO HANDLE THOSE LEAVES:



No one likes raking leaves. As soon as you get them into a pile, the wind picks up, scattering the leaves all over the yard. You have to start over. If raking is not bad enough, it seems like it takes forever to get all of the leaves bagged. If you have always wondered if there was a better way, there is!

Don't rake. Wash the leaves into a pile. That's right. Wash them using a power washer (you know you've always wanted to buy one-here's your excuse). Spraying is easier than raking. Wet leaves don't blow in the wind. Wet leaves pack down better, simplifying the bagging.

"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools."

- Henry Beston, *Northern Farm*

## NEW LANDSCAPE FOR OLD PROBLEMS

On November of 2003, a concerned letter went out to one of our councilman about the Grain Elevators off 34th & Vinton. The safety of kids at that time was the concern, because children were climbing and tagging it with graffiti.

Farmland had sold it cheaply to a young man because they did not want the cost of tearing it down. His dreams back then of turning it into a rock climbing facility came to a halt because he had started building his new marriage. He sold the facility, but still is working with the new owner and the facility has proven to be a welcomed neighbor!

Improvements have been a healing balm to the decades of deterioration, as seen for miles and off I-80 interstate. The murals are icing on the cake and are a SMILE for South Omaha! We are excited about the changes and believe it will add to the quality of life for families in the area. The pictures were taken by one of our members, Virgil Patlan II. He is a one of the South Omaha Boy's Club photographers.

Rebecca



As seen along interstate 80

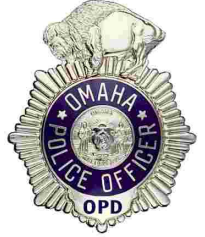
# MORE INFORMATION

## OMAHA POLICE Community Awareness Update

**THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE OF AUTO THEFTS IN THE SOUTHEAST PRECINCT.**

Here are some tips to help prevent your vehicle from being stolen:

- Always LOCK your vehicle and take the keys with you
- NEVER leave the windows rolled down
- NEVER leave valuables in plain sight
- DO NOT hide a second key in the vehicle
- Activate any anti- theft device available
- Never leave the vehicle running unattended
- Park your vehicle in the garage (if possible) or in a well lit area - Don't forget to LOCK it!
- Keep your garage door opener with you and don't leave it in plain view
- DO NOT leave your vehicle title in the vehicle - This makes it easy for a thief to resell it
- If you buy a vehicle from a private party, make sure you can locate them after sale
- Check the VIN# to see if it has been tampered with and make sure it matches the title
- Check your plates frequently to make sure no one has replaced them with stolen plates
- Do not pick up hitchhikers
- Report any suspicious activity or persons to 911



Practice overall security Contact the Crime Prevention Specialist in your precinct to start a Neighborhood Watch Group and receive additional crime prevention tips

*Please contact 911 if you see any suspicious behavior in your neighborhood.*

If you have additional information regarding these crimes, or other crimes contact Crime Stoppers at 444-STOP, submit a web tip to [www.OmahaCrimeStoppers.com](http://www.OmahaCrimeStoppers.com) or text "OPD" to 274637 (CRIMES)

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If you have additional information regarding any crimes contact Crime Stoppers at **444-STOP**, or submit a web tip to [www.OmahaCrimeStoppers.com](http://www.OmahaCrimeStoppers.com) or text "OPD" to 274637 (CRIMES)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIPS CRIMES STOPPERS!!!**



Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime by overcoming the two key elements that inhibit community involvement: fear and apathy. Crime Stoppers provides a telephone number, web tips and text messaging to encourage citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight against crime. Callers will remain anonymous and are eligible to receive a cash reward if the information given leads to an arrest or grand jury indictment of a felony offender. Crime Stoppers relies on volunteer Directors and tax deductible contributions from the public in order to operate the administration of the program.

**Check on the status of your tip Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 402-996-8477**

# BRNA's "This and That" Caboose

## PUMPKIN BARS

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 cups white sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs



### FROSTING:

- 4 1/2 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 9 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons milk



### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a medium bowl combine the pumpkin, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice and sugar.
2. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. Using an electric mixer, slowly add the oil, eggs and pumpkin mixture to the flour mixture.
4. Mix and pour into greased 17 x 11 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20 - 25 minutes. Cool completely before frosting.
5. To make Frosting: Cream the cream cheese, 9 tablespoons butter, vanilla together. Slowly add the confectioners' sugar and milk. May sprinkle with nuts.



## BRNA Laughter Caboose

- Speaking with Pumpkins -  
How do you talk to a pumpkin with three heads?



Hello, hello, hello...

- What did one Jack-o-lantern say to the other?  
Cut it out!
- What is a pumpkin's favorite sport?  
Squash
- Why do Jack-o-lanterns have stupid smiles on their faces?  
You'd have a stupid smile, too, if you had just had all your brains scooped out!
- What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?  
Frostbite!
- How do you repair a broken Jack-o-lantern?  
Buy a pumpkin patch!
- What's black, white, orange, and waddles?  
A penguin carrying a Jack-o-lantern.
- Why do pumpkins never quarrel?  
Because they have no stomach for fighting.

### Pumpkin Tips:

- Paint your pumpkin, rather than carve it.
- Spread petroleum jelly along carved edges to preserve the pumpkin longer.
- Serve pumpkin soup from a hollowed out pumpkin.
- Glue bits of carpet to your jack-o-lanterns to give them hair.
- Put a sponge in the bottom of a hollowed pumpkin and add artificial flowers and leaves to make a seasonal centerpiece.
- Hollow out small pumpkins and use as seasonal candle holders.

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 the next page.

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Submit a business card or what you would like your advertisement  
 to say. Advertisements are \$10.00 per month (or \$100.00 per year)  
 for business card size ad. Larger ads are also available - \$20 per  
 month for quarter-page, \$40 per month for half-page and \$60 per  
 month for full page ads. Special yearly rates can be offered for  
 these also. Call 502-2013 or email [brna@cox.net](mailto:brna@cox.net)

# BRNA CALENDAR

<b>Oct. 12</b>	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m. Refreshments: Mary Ann Anderson
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m.
<b>Dec. 14</b>	More information later.

## SPECIAL NOTES



Happy Birthday to  
all members born in  
October!

### BRNA Business Members & Supporters

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| AA Collision              | One World Health         |
| BNSF Railroad             | Quality Refrigeration S. |
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**Thank you for your continued support!**

**If interested in joining - Call:  
Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan at 402-502-2013  
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**Ask your Doctor, Dentist, Realtor (Etc.) to  
advertise in the BRNA Express!**

If you have a story or a poem or just a great picture  
(old or new), please let us know! Please limit stories to  
fewer than 300 words.

**Contact Rebecca at 502-2013  
or email [brna@cox.net](mailto:brna@cox.net) or [rbpatlan@cox.net](mailto:rbpatlan@cox.net)  
Deadline on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month**

### SEX OFFENDER

#### Wicker, David Lee

DOB: 12-17-1956  
Registration Duration: Lifetime  
Race: W  
Sex: M  
Height: 5'08"  
Weight: 200  
Hair: BRO  
Eyes: BLU  
Alias(es):  
Wicker, David L  
Wicker, Dave



**Address** (Reported by Registrant as of 08-05-2010)  
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Victim of Crime: Minor



**Thank You BRNA Business who have helped  
kick off the new BRNA's Citizen Patrol!**

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There is still a great need. Any other business  
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**BRNA  
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Omaha, NE 68107**

# BRNA INFORMATION

## Important Numbers

Mayor's Hotline	444-5555
Councilman Gernandt	444-5522
Odors, Potholes, Snow Removal	444-4919
OPPD Street Lights Out	1-800-554-6773
MUD	554-7777
Graffiti & Gang Tip	444-5992
Omaha Email Hotline:	<a href="mailto:hotline@ci.omaha.ne.us">hotline@ci.omaha.ne.us</a>
Councilman Gernandt:	<a href="mailto:ggernandt@ci.omaha.ne.us">ggernandt@ci.omaha.ne.us</a>

### **CONTACT BRNA:**

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 Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan 502-2013  
 Website & Newsletter Designer/Writer –  
 Theresa Bidrowski 731-1592

**Burlington Road  
 Neighborhood Association  
 Membership Application**

*Membership year runs January thru to December.*

Mail to:  
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**P.O. Box 7126**  
**Omaha, NE 68107**

***Make checks payable to "BRNA".***

\$12 Per Person (Per Calendar Year)      Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 Businesses / Organizations (Per Calendar Year) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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City and zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please check.)*

Renewal:

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*Next Meeting:*  
**October 12th**  
**6:30 p.m. at St. Stan's**  
**Bring a neighbor!**

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