

# Burlington Road Neighborhood Association BRNA EXPRESS

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## Conductor's Corner *THE END OF SUMMER*

Can you believe it? Summer is almost gone and where did the heat go? I think we all got a good old fashion summer tan.

I am glad you had a safe summer, now I pray for a safe BRNA Family Day. I hope you all are coming! We have a South Omaha Clown for our kids and he's bringing all sorts of fun for them. Of course, we will have karaoke, rides and food, so tell your neighbors and bring your family for the best little family event in town!

See You There!  
Virgil, BRNA President



*Next Meeting:*  
**September 14th**  
**6:30 p.m. at St. Stan's**  
**Speaker:**  
Blanca Ramirez  
US Census Bureau

## BRNA FAMILY DAY 2010 Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

Welcome All Neighbors and  
Friends!



Free rides, food, music and fun!  
Come bring your families to

**Pulaski Park!**  
**Noon to 3 P.M.**

*Keeping the Neighborhood on Track...*

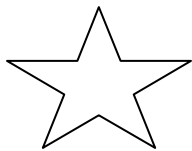
# BRNA NEWS

## Thanks to Family Day Contributors For 2010

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And THANK YOU to  
all BRNA Members  
who help at  
Family Day!



## TRAIL ON...

Approximately 60 concerned citizens showed up at the Kroc Center for a meeting on the proposed trail site on D Street. Our very own BRNA members, Clark & Judy, lead the effort in this area to hand out information about meeting notification on the trail. Many NRD Representatives including our BRNA rep, Tim Fowler, listened as the one hour old show of 'what a trail is' lasted too long. This meeting was suppose to last only 1.5 hours and time was running out. With too much reviewed information, the crowd couldn't keep their hands resting in their laps any longer. As it was during the presentation, hands keep rising with questions bursting out in-between the slides. With that blurted out, "As BRNA Founder, I want to make it clear, we are pro-trail but, has there been a traffic study to see the dangerous amount of semi truck traffic, for the community to walk on? "No, we haven't" was the reply. Then the flow of hands and questions really started to roll out from the audience. Many questions were along the lines of safety. One homeowner said the trail would be butted only 2 feet from her father's bedroom, how safe was that! One of the last questions I posed was, "What's going to be done now that you have seen the negative outpouring of neighbors here today. We don't want this on D street, so what's the next step and will you take this back to the NRD board or do we all have to show up to your NRD monthly meeting?" Since then, BRNA President Virgil has been keeping up with the NRD's John Winkler, here's his last response.

*Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 4:01 PM*

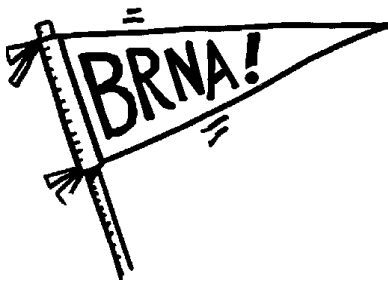
*Hi Virgil:*

*The NRD, City of Omaha and Big Muddy met to discuss possible trail route alternatives. As a result of this meeting we will be exploring alternate routes that go to the north of the industrial buildings as well as other design modifications which hopefully will alleviate the neighborhood's concerns with the current proposed trail location. I may enlist your assistance in speaking to the Industrial land owners, as well as, the Union Pacific Railroad. Hope all is well and thank you.  
Best Regards, John Winkler [jwinkler@pacionrd.org](mailto:jwinkler@pacionrd.org)*

So, at this point we have succeeded and the NRD has changed their location, we just don't know where at this point. We'll keep you appraised.  
Rebecca

## ATTENTION MEMBERS!

November voting is rolling around, in the US, Nebraska, Omaha and BRNA! Will YOU be the next President, Treasurer or Board Members? This is what America is made of. So think about it and put your name on the line!  
Ask our Secretary for a form, if you are interested!



# CHEMICAL LEAK IN BRNA

On the 17th of August, I sent a letter out to all elected officials. A Hydrochloric Acid release of 2000lbs was release into our sewers in April. XL 4 Star Beef Plant at 3435 Gomez Ave, didn't even have the decency to inform the public, by calling 911/Hazmat or the LEPC. They just simply washed it down the sewers and blew the cloud out from their building with a fan for over two hours. They admitted to only 370lbs of HCL.

Now, to all our readers, I through BRNA have been a lookout for the community for the past 6 years. I and other BRNA members have attended many meetings currently and in the past. Meetings such as the South Omaha Environmental Task Force, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, Community Lead Sites in Omaha, The Combined Sewer Overflow and SONA. Many of us act on different issues that affect our boundaries including the whole South Omaha area, such as Gangs & Graffiti issues. We are very informed when it comes to keeping our area safe.

But as a BRNA representative I wonder as I sit on these boards with business, industry and elected officials, if they are as concerned for us and our community as we are. The XL4 Star Beef Plant (the old Tyson Plant) seemed not to be concerned for our health and safety in the neighborhood or they would have called 911 to help. I think they were more concerned about making money and keeping their record clean, then keeping their employees and the community safe and free from harm.

At this point there are many investigations going and all are keeping me apprised of the ongoing investigations. I will keep you informed as I get information. But until then I need your help.

I may never know how many people this affected unless they start calling. **So, if anyone experienced chemical odors inside your house and have been experiencing side effects since then, go see your doctor.** Then call me to let me know. If you called 911 in the past year for odors in or outside your home call me. You may have seen the signs posted all around BRNA about odors. So, if you called the odor number 444-4919 in the last year, call me.

Yes, we have always had odors in the past, we live in South Omaha, the meat packing capitol of Nebraska. But, because we do we have many chemicals that those packing facilities have in their buildings. There are a huge list of odors that go on in our area, so if you called for odors other then chemicals, call me. I just need to know if you have been affected by any odor.

Unless I have a response from you, I cannot act on your behalf in these meeting. The more informed you are about what takes place in our community, the safer all will be. But we must all take responsibility to act on behalf of you, your family and the neighbors around you.

For the Kids & Community  
Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan  
BRNA Founder

*Odors and Street Problems:*

**Call: 444-4919**

On September 25, 2010 the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration is coordinating a national drug-take back day in an attempt to reduce the number of potentially dangerous controlled substances in homes.

These include old prescription drugs.

Nearest location to BRNA:

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CENTER MALL  
SUNDAY SEPT 26TH 12:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.  
42ND & CENTER STREET

## SAFELY CAN FOODS TO AVOID BOTULISM

By Julie Albrecht, UNL Extension Food Specialist



As Nebraskans begin to pick vegetables from their home gardens, many of them will decide to can their extra produce. While this is an excellent way to preserve food for future use, following instructions and taking certain precautions are important to guarantee proper produce preservation and to prevent illness.

*Clostridium botulinum* is a bacterium that has a spore that exists in the soil. In the absence of oxygen, like in jars containing canned foods, these spores will change to live cells and multiply rapidly. These bacteria release a toxin which causes botulism, a deadly form of food poisoning. Signs of botulism usually appear 12 to 36 hours after eating contaminated food. Botulism causes impaired vision, slurred speech, muscle weakness and paralysis that can result in death.

*Clostridium botulinum* cannot grow in acidic environments, so acidic foods, such as fruits, are safe from this form of contamination. However, meat, vegetables and other low-acidity foods must be canned properly to kill the bacteria.

If someone has never canned before and has the freezer space, freezing food is recommended over canning because it prevents *Clostridium botulinum* from growing. For long-term preservation, store frozen foods in a stand-alone freezer with a temperature below 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not freeze food in regular refrigerator-freezers. These units are meant for short-term storage and may not prevent frost buildup on food.

### DIEGO IN BRNA!

BRNA's Citizen Patrol plus a few other area patrollers came out to help HyVee with their event for JDRF (**Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund**). Diego was their biggest draw for children along with pony rides. BRNA's President couldn't stop talking with Diego and even tried to ride the pony! I hope it was a big success for HyVee and JDRF. It's not too late, you can still help if you missed the event at HyVee, please call (800) 533-CURE (2873) or send your donation to:

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International  
26 Broadway, 14th Floor  
New York, NY 10004

JDRF is an accredited 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency; all donations (including membership donations) are tax deductible. A receipt will be provided via e-mail. Additionally, donations of \$250 or more will receive a letter of acknowledgment.

Rebecca,  
BRNA Founder

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY FOR DRIVERS!

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in neighborhood.
- Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:
- **Yellow flashing lights** indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- **Red flashing lights** and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.



## MORE INFORMATION

### The Friends of the Omaha Public Library Book Sale

Friday, September 10, 2010 = 10 to 8

Saturday, September 11, 2010 = 10 to 5:30

Sunday, September 12, 2010 = 12 noon to 5

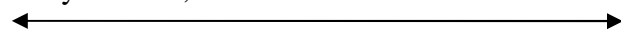
The Friends of the Omaha Public Library quarterly book sale will be held at Swanson Library, 90<sup>th</sup> & West Dodge. It will run Friday, September 10, 10 am to 8 pm, Saturday, September 11, 10 am to 5:30 pm, and Sunday, September 12, 12 noon to 5 pm. A Preview Sale for the members of the Friends will be held Thursday, September 9, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Come to the sale Thursday and become a member at the door for only \$15.00.

This is a great time to shop for your fall and winter reads -- every type of book is for sale. There is a wide variety of gently used books located in the conference rooms at prices as low as 25 cents. There are many many nearly new and gently used children's books. Come to the sale and get ready to read during the long fall and winter days.

Proceeds from the FOPL book sale provide additional revenue for programming and materials for the library. You not only get great books at great prices; you are also supporting YOUR Omaha Public Library.

For additional information, contact:

Polly Goecke, 402/493-8550

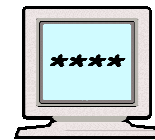


*School Days  
The whole purpose of  
education is to turn  
mirrors into windows.  
~Sydney J. Harris*



### FRAUD ALERTS

You may be receiving fraudulent email messages from COX about discontinuing your account. You can forward the email to [thisisspam@cox.net](mailto:thisisspam@cox.net) if you wish. **But delete these emails. Do not even open them.**



Cox will never email you personally about your account. This rule usually applies to most other businesses.

Here are some DON'Ts;

- **DON'T** give your password to anyone. Passwords are intended to protect your computer and your files. It's like giving the key to your house away!
- **DON'T** answer messages that make you feel uncomfortable because they seem improper, indecent, or threatening.
- **DON'T** give any personal information, such as your family's address, phone number, credit card or calling card numbers, or your picture to anyone on a computer network that you don't personally know.

### SOME TIPS FOR AVOIDING IDENTITY THEFT:

- Don't carry a checkbook. Pay by cash or credit card.
- Don't carry your Social Security card with you or use your Social Security number as your driver's license number.
- If you're a victim of identity theft, get a police report from your local police department, ask each of the three credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your credit report, and fill out affidavits of fraud with each company that issued credit in your name. Keep these documents forever.

From Clark Howard

BRNA wants to compliment the Parks and Recreation for doing a beautiful job keeping our park so beautiful this year. They trimmed and edged around the monument and around the whole park. They did a great job.

Thank You!



# BRNA's "This and That" Caboose

## TATER TOT TACO SALAD

2 cups frozen miniature tater tots
1/2 pound ground beef
2 tablespoons taco seasoning
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/4 cup sliced ripe or stuffed olives
1 cup shredded lettuce
2 tablespoons taco sauce
1/4 cup sour cream

— Bake Tater Tots according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in taco seasoning. Divide Tater Tots between two serving plates or bowls. Top with taco mixture, cheese, olives, lettuce, taco sauce and sour cream.



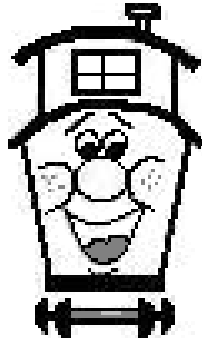
Teacher: Why are you late, Joseph?

Joseph: Because of a sign down the road.

Teacher: What does a sign have to do with your being late?

Joseph: The sign said, "School Ahead, Go Slow!"

## KIDS SAY THE DARNEST THINGS



- The future of "I give" is "I take."
- The parts of speech are lungs and air.
- The inhabitants of Moscow are called Mosquitoes.
- A census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population.
- Water is composed of two gins. Oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin.
- Hydrogin is gin and water.
- (Define H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>.) H<sub>2</sub>O is hot water and CO<sub>2</sub> is cold water.
- The general direction of the Alps is straight up.
- Most of the houses in France are made of plaster of Paris.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 opossums.
- The spinal column is a long bunch of bones. The head sits on the top and you sit on the bottom.
- We do not raise silk worms in the United States, because we get our silk from rayon. He is a larger worm and gives more silk.
- One of the main causes of dust is janitors.
- One by-product of raising cattle is calves.
- To prevent head colds, use an agonizer to spray into the nose until it drips into the throat.
- The four seasons are salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- The climate is hottest next to the Creator.
- The word trousers is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.
- Syntax is all the money collected at the church from sinners.
- The blood circulates through the body by flowing down one leg and up the other.
- In spring, the salmon swim upstream to spoon.
- Iron was discovered because someone smelt it.
- A person should take a bath once in the summer, not so often in the winter.

*"But now in September the garden has cooled, and with it my possessiveness. The sun warms my back instead of beating on my head ... The harvest has dwindled, and I have grown apart from the intense midsummer relationship that brought it on." - Robert Finch*

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# BRNA CALENDAR

<b>Sept. 14</b>	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 18</b>	BRNA Family Day at Pulaski Park. 1 to 3 p.m. More information later.
<b>Oct. 12</b>	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m.
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m.

## SPECIAL NOTES

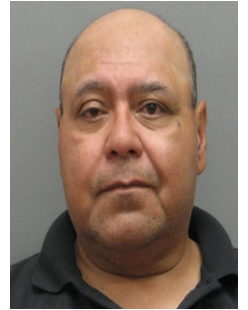


Happy Birthday to  
all members born in  
September!

### SEX OFFENDER

**Delgadillo, Quirino**

DOB: 09-01-1956  
 Registration Duration: Lifetime  
 Race: W  
 Sex: M  
 Height: 5'05"  
 Weight: 250  
 Hair: BLK  
 Eyes: BRO  
 2314 1/2 N St Apt 4 – Omaha  
**Sex Crime Conviction(s)**  
 Crime: Sexual Assault of a Child 3rd Degree F3A  
 Conviction Date: 03-02-2010  
 Place of Crime: NB  
 Victim of Crime: Minor



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If you have a story or a poem or just a great picture  
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**Contact Rebecca at 502-2013  
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There is still a great need. Any other business  
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# BRNA INFORMATION

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OPPD Street Lights Out	1-800-554-6773
MUD	554-7777
Graffiti & Gang Tip	444-5992
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Councilman Gernandt:	<a href="mailto:ggernandt@ci.omaha.ne.us">ggernandt@ci.omaha.ne.us</a>

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**Burlington Road  
 Neighborhood Association  
 Membership Application**

*Membership year runs January thru to December.*

Mail to:

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

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