

Burlington Road Neighborhood Association BRNA EXPRESS

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Conductor's Corner

COMMUNITY



Everyday people move in and out of their homes to their destination, as the world spins around them. As Virgil and I were at the Pit Stop getting gas, I watched five or six people pulled up to the air pump, to fill their tires. These people didn't even get gas was my thought, didn't get a car wash, they didn't go in to buy a snack! But they pulled up to get free air!

Then I thought again, not very many places have free air for the community. But Pit Stop does because that's just the way Tim, the owner is. The Pit Stop is the only one of two gas stations in BRNA. So, we always go there. I know with gas prices heading up, everyone tries to find the cheapest gas for your vehicles. But, sometimes the pennies don't add up when you drive farther, just get a bit extra.

Virg and I always try to keep the money in our area, it just good neighborly sense. It helps our BRNA business members when we utilize their businesses.

So the next time you need gas, give our BRNA Businessman, Tim the business and stop and say hi, he always has a minute. And the FREE AIR is just a little extra for the community, he doesn't have to do it, but he does!

Rebecca
BRNA President



Membership renewal time for 2011! Use the form in this newsletter to join or renew your membership. Or come to the next meeting and sign up there!

DUMPSTER DATE!

Spring BRNA Dumpster Date has been set. We'll give you more information about the exact day in our next edition.



BRIDGE REPAIR

February 7, 2011

Effective immediately, "Q" St. will have one lane closed for westbound traffic from 26th St. to 27th St. This restriction is due to bridge deck repair and will be in effect until further notice.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact the Traffic Engineering Division, Jeff Brittain, 444-5950.

Glenn Hansen
Acting Traffic Engineer



Next Meeting:
March 8th at
St. Stan's Hall
41st and J St.
6:30 p.m.

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Keeping the Neighborhood on Track...

MORE NEWS

BR-R-R-R-R...

The BRNA February Membership Meeting was canceled due to frigid temperatures. Hopefully this was not an inconvenience for anyone.



A GOOD DEED FOILED? OR NOT?

On a very cold Friday around 9 pm, our city street workers were out filling potholes on F Street. Our BRNA hearts took pity on them. They only had over 100 more to go.

So we went out and bought large coffees from McDonalds as a thank you from BRNA. The manager that night made fresh pot just for them and said that they could come back in for refills. What great neighbors! Well, we went back to F Street to drop them off but they had finished the F Street corridor with most holes filled. That left me holding eight large coffees in my lap. I didn't want to stay up all night drinking them getting buzzed with caffeine! So, we went on a BRNA search, in hopes to find them but they must have left of the area.

So the next stop was the Stevens Center, the people there were so thankful. I wish we could have brought 30 cups. Many met us before we could put down the cups. If you ever have some extra coffee, creamer, sugar or cups...take them down and meet some new friends in our neighborhood. Many of us are so fortunate; we must never forget those who are not. We had one plan....God had another!

WANTED!

If you were a past member of the South Omaha Boy's Club in its first 30 years (Girls also) with dates and card number if you can still remember it! Or if you have had children, grandchildren or buddies that have also been members in the past. Please contact Rebecca at 502-2013 rpatlan@cox.net

Happy Birthday, Virg and Gilbert (Diane's husband) and all members born in March!



St. Stanislaus School



4801 So. 41 St.

**Kindergarten Round - Up
K - 8th Grade Open House**

Saturday, March 19th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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- Convenient monthly payments with opportunities for tuition assistance.
- Affordable before and after school daycare with hourly rates.
- All students / denominations are welcome. Come grow and soar with us!

OTHER NEWS

Dear BRNA Neighbors,

As the budget-writing Appropriations Committee continues to finalize its preliminary budget proposal, the Legislature has begun debating a number of issues that are important to South Omaha. Here are just a few of the issues we will be discussing in the coming weeks:



Passing a Balanced Budget With No Tax Increases

The State of Nebraska faces a \$986 million deficit in the upcoming two-year budget cycle, which means my work on the Appropriations Committee will be particularly challenging this session. Governor Heineman recently unveiled his budget proposal for the 2011-2013 biennium, which provides a good starting point for passing a two-year budget that addresses the fiscal crisis without raising taxes on Nebraska families and businesses. I will continue to look for innovative ways to make our state government both smarter and smaller as a member of the Appropriations Committee for the next two years.

Prioritizing Property Tax Relief

One of the proposals included in Governor Heineman's proposed budget is the elimination of state aid to cities, counties, and natural resource districts (NRDs). Floor debate on this proposal, LB 383, was held earlier this month. While we face many difficult decisions in balancing the budget this session, I oppose LB 383 because current state aid to local governments provides significant property tax relief to Omaha and Bellevue residents. Property tax relief will continue to be my top priority as I have the honor of representing LD 5 in the Legislature.

I would like to invite you to visit my website, www.senatorheathmello.com, to stay informed with up-to-date information, and as always, please feel free to contact me with your concerns at hmello@leg.ne.gov or (402) 471-2710.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to represent you in the Nebraska Legislature.

Working for you,

Heath Mello
State Senator
District 5

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Neighborhood Builders March Workshop – "Money 101"

Our next Neighborhood Builders Workshop is on Thursday, March 24. Titled "Money 101", this event will cover questions regarding grants, bookkeeping, fundraising and more. This workshop will be at 6:00pm at The Micah House, 1415 Avenue J, Council Bluffs. If you haven't already registered for the "Money 101" workshop, you can register with Ron at (402) 561-7582 or rbdouch@mail.unomaha.edu. Dinner will be provided by Boxer BBQ. For more information on the workshop, go to <http://www.unomaha.edu/ncenter/>

OPS will be hosting a series of public forums to receive input from the community regarding the 2011-2012 budget. As you are aware, state aid will be cut for most school districts. OPS is facing about a \$11 million reduction. The meetings will be held at South High on Thursday, March 3 from 6:30 until 8:00 PM

City crews repair potholes year around. Most potholes form in late winter and early spring when rain or snowmelt freezes overnight. When water in cracks and other defects in the pavement freezes, tremendous pressures result and the pavement will break and fail.

Crews work throughout the year to seal pavement joints and cracks. This makes pavement less susceptible to freeze / thaw action.

Call 402-444-4919

ODORS? Call: 444-4919

If you smell strong odors. Here are some hints in giving descriptions:

Cattle	Grease	Gasoline	Mold / Mildew (moisture)	Creosote
Paunch	Cooking	Diesel exhaust	Sour	Plastic
Septage (sewage)	Dog food	Tar	Eggs (rotten)	Burning rubber
Dead animal	Sweet	Chemicals		Smoke (burning)
Garbage	Metal	Lawn Chemicals		Rotting plants

OTHER NEWS

TAXES AND FEES

Every time we turn around it seems that we have new taxes or fees. It now cost more to get your cars plated, water fees are slowly going up, higher sewer fees, taxes at restaurants have been added. What's next? Let's all hold on to our wallets and purses. But the main reason for this story is a news article I read in the Omaha World Herald on Friday, February 18th. The new director of the Learning Community just got a raise and didn't even start work yet. It seems the past director who left was being paid \$91,800 per year. The Learning Community hired the new guy starting at \$115,000 per year. If my addition is right, that's a \$23,200 dollar raise without lifting a finger. One of our learning community board members is Past Senator, John Synowiecki. In fairness to Mr. Synowiecki, I did ask him if He voted for this pay increase. As of this date I haven't received an answer. It also seems that the past director will be given \$12,000 to help with the leadership transition for the new director. BRNA members, this seems to be a big waste of taxpayer money. How much more can you afford to give to the government for big salaries? Maybe we should invite Mr. Syowiecki to BRNA and explain to us just what the Learning Community is and if he did vote for this \$115,000 salary, Why?

But word of caution, when a politician tells you they are raising taxes for the kids, hold on to your wallet or tell them if you keep raising my taxes, we won't have enough to support our own kids. If you'd like a copy of the OWH article call me, call or email me.

Be an informed voter!

Virgil Patlan
BRNA Past President

STOCKYARD EXCHANGE BUILDING PAST AND PRESENT



The StockYards Exchange Bldg: A New Look or Not?

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Check out one of BRNA's member's opinion on our website. brnaomaha.com

Some Irish Facts

- According to some historians, over 40% of all American presidents have had some Irish ancestry.
- The Vikings founded Dublin in 988.
- Dublin was originally called "Dubh Linn," which means "Black Pool." The name refers to an ancient treacle lake in the city, which is now part of a penguin enclosure at the Dublin City Zoo.
- The national symbol of Ireland is the Celtic harp, not the shamrock.
- Ireland was once densely forested, but was practically denuded of tree cover in the 17th century.
- Ireland has virtually no coal deposits, even though it's just 60 miles from Wales, one of the world's richest coal fields.



HELPFUL HINTS

MARCH GARDENING TIPS



- 1.If weeds occur in bulb beds do not remove them by cultivation. Pull them by hand so that the bulbs and roots will not be disturbed.
- 2.Trees which bleed such as birch and maple should not be pruned until after their leaves are fully developed.
- 3.Complete the pruning of shrubs, ornamental trees before growth starts, except for spring flowering shrubs. Prune those which bloom in spring as soon as they finish flowering.
- 4.Start transplants indoors of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant.
- 5.Don't plow your garden when the soil is wet. It will form clods which are difficult to break up and interfere with cultivation during the summer.
- 6.Parsley is rich in vitamins A and C. Start some seeds indoors now for later transplanting to a sunny corner of the vegetable garden.
- 7.Pick a permanent spot for herbs in the garden. Many of them will come up year after year.
- 8.If you haven't done it already, check stored tools and outdoor furniture for signs of rust. Remove any surface rust with steel wool and paint with rust inhibitive paint.

BE CAUTIOUS!

A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage:



- Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.
- If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Some killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.
- Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side... If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out. **IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.** (And better paranoid than dead.)
- **ALWAYS** take the elevator instead of the stairs. Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot. This is especially true at **NIGHT!**)
- Tip from *Tae Kwon Do*: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

Free Income Tax Preparation Site



Walk-in Neighborhood
Financial Stability Center
(no appointment necessary)

Family Housing Advisory Services 3605 Q St

Monday 9 AM-1 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1-8PM
Saturdays 9AM-3PM

When you go to a VITA site be sure to have the following items:

- Proof of identification
- Social Security Cards for all individuals with SSN numbers
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter
- Proof of Foreign status if applying for an ITIN
- Birth dates for all people listed on the return
- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R etc.
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available
- Proof of Bank routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit, such as a blank check
- Total paid to childcare providers and the provider's tax identification number (SSN or Employer ID)
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the return

BRNA's "This and That" Caboose

IRISH CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of chicken soup
3 cups water
1 cup chopped celery
2 onions, quartered
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
5 carrots, sliced
1 (10 ounce) package frozen green peas
4 potatoes, quartered
3 cups baking mix
1 1/3 cups milk

- 1 In large, heavy pot, combine soup, water, chicken, celery, onion, salt, poultry seasoning, and pepper. Cover and cook over low heat about 1 1/2 hours.
- 2 Add potatoes and carrots; cover and cook another 30 minutes.
- 3 Remove chicken from pot, shred it, and return to pot. Add peas and cook only 5 minutes longer.
- 4 Add dumplings. To make dumplings: Mix baking mix and milk until a soft dough forms. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto BOILING stew. Simmer covered for 10 minutes, then uncover and simmer an additional 10 minutes.



MERGERS

Polygram Records, Warner Brothers, and Keebler Crackers merge to become Polly-Warner-Cracker.

3M and Goodyear merge to become MMMGood.

John Deere and Abitibi-Price merge to become Deere Abi.

Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining merge to become Zip Audi Do Da.

Honeywell, Imasco, and Home Oil merge to become Honey I'm Home.

Denison Mines, Alliance, and Metal Mining merge to become Mine All Mine.

Federal Express and UPS merge to become FED UP.

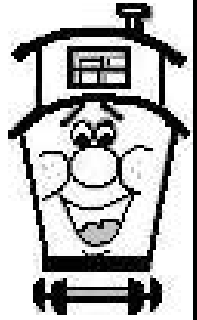
Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge and begin manufacturing reproductive organs.

Knott's Berry Farm & National Organization of Women will merge and become Knott NOW!

Fairchild Electronics, Honeywell Computers, and Rothschild will merge and become Fairwell Honeychild.

3M, J.C. Penney, and the Canadian Opera Company will merge and become 3 Penney Opera.

Grey Poupon & Dockers Pants will merge and become Poupon Pants.



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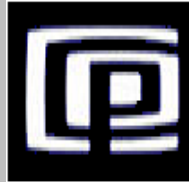
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**See all BRNA Supporters and Members on
 the next page.**

ATTN: Businesses or Organizations:
Newsletter Advertising

Submit a business card or what you would like your advertisement
 to say. Advertisements are \$10.00 per month (or \$100.00 per year)
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BRNA CALENDAR

Mar. 8	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m. Refreshments: The Patlans
Apr. 12	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m. Refreshments: Diane Luna
May 10	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m. Refreshments: Mark & Deb Fields

SPECIAL NOTES



Happy Birthday to
all members born in
March!

SEX OFFENDER

Leibert Sr, Jon David

DOB: 07-16-1957

Registration Duration: Lifetime

Race: W

Sex: M

Height: 5'09"

Weight: 250

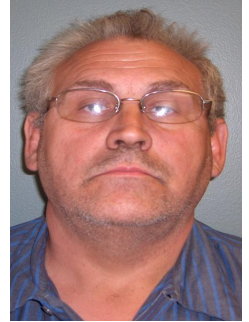
Hair: GRY

Eyes: GRN

Crime: SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD F3A

3246 Polk St.

Omaha, NE 68107



***There are now 51 offenders
registered in the 68107 area and 17
in the 68117 area.**

www.nsp.state.ne.us/sor/find.cfm

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Thank you for your continued support!

**If interested in joining - Call:
Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan at 402-502-2013
rbpatlan@cox.net**



**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 402-502-2013
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Deadline on the 15th of each month



**If you are interested in
joining the BRNA Citizen Patrol,
Contact:**

Mark Fields 402-733-9337

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BRNA INFORMATION

Important Numbers

Mayor's Hotline	(402) 444-5555
Councilman Gernandt	(402) 444-5522
Odors, Potholes, Snow Removal	(402) 444-4919
OPPD Street Lights Out	1-800-554-6773
MUD	(402) 554-7777
Graffiti & Gang Tip	(402) 444-5992
<i>Omaha Email Hotline:</i> hotline@ci.omaha.ne.us	
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**Burlington Road
 Neighborhood Association
 Membership Application**

Membership year runs January thru to December.

Mail to:
BRNA
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) \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City and zip: _____

Phone # _____

Fax # _____

Email: _____

(Please check.)

Renewal:

New member:

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Mail (See above) or Email (brna@cox.net) ad request with Subject line "BRNA Ad".



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Bring a neighbor!

Membership renewal time!

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