

Burlington Road Neighborhood Association

BRNA EXPRESS

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Conductor's Corner

ALERT-TAKE ACTION!

As you know Diane and I are founders of Nebraska's Heart for Missing Children DBA as A Hand To Hold. One of our programs is The Amber Harris Project, where we try to alert neighbors of Sex Offenders in their community. As you may know, Amber was taken from her neighborhood and murdered by a sex offender. This is why in May, we host a Knock and Talk to neighbors of these offenders, hoping to reach all the neighborhoods of sex offenders throughout Omaha. Along with this project we try to keep informed of what is going on with our laws in Lincoln and changes that could affect our neighborhoods concerning these laws. **This is where we need you!** Please call your Senator and ask him to vote **NO on LB 460**. Why? Here is just a few reasons.

This summary is of the impact of LB460/Amendment 873, it allows for individuals who were identified as having a low risk of recidivism as of December 31, 2009 to be subject to registration and community notification procedures of the act and the rules and regulations in effect as of December 31, 2009. These changes will not affect anyone who was not a low risk offender as of December 31, 2009.

In reviewing AM873, the Registry Division has determined that there will be a need for separate registries, one which applies to those who were low risk as of December 31, 2009, and all those that do not fit into criteria provided in AM873.

The operational impact of AM873 is notable in that two separate registries will be necessary to keep the reporting and verification requirements and procedures separate. Confusion may occur with offenders, members of the public, Sheriff's office personnel and Registry personnel as to which requirements and procedures apply to which offenders. Sheriff's offices, who will receive address changes from both groups, will have to determine which sort of change is allowed for each separate offender, while one offender will be allowed to make changes in writing in five days, the offender covered by current statute must make changes in person within 3 days.

Individuals who were low risk as of December 31, 2009 are not bound to report the same information as those that would be covered under current statute. (They will not be required to report internet info and anything required under 29-4006 that was not added or clearly stated in the previous statute.)

Individuals who were low risk as of December 31, 2009 shall be subject to verification procedures that were in effect as of December 31, 2009. All other individuals will be subject to the verification procedures within current statute. (they will only verify once a year via mail and will not have to appear in person at the sheriff's office) ***What about these physical changes in appearances?**

Since January 1, 2010 all registered sex offenders have been available to view on the internet. Should AM873 pass, individuals who were low risk as of December 31, 2009 will be removed from the internet (**almost 500 offenders would be removed**). At that time only law enforcement will have access to their information. This will raise many questions and concerns by citizens who previously had knowledge of these offenders who are no longer available. Members of the public, and victims, use the internet to track the whereabouts of registered sex offenders within their communities. In addition, noncompliance rates will likely raise and offenders will be confused as to which system they are under. **The separate systems will lead to confusion among local law enforcement in regards to which offender belongs with which reporting requirement. Its possible arrests will be made incorrectly due to this confusion.**

Additionally: **Victims will be impacted. The new language does not allow for victims to obtain address or location information for the Level I and II offenders who victimized them. This has always been provided in the past. Also, approved agencies will no longer be able to perform employment-based background checks for situations involving minor children.**

One thing that you need to remember is that our state is close to becoming compliant with the federal law, called 'Adam Walsh'. If this bill passes our state we will lose funds and continue to lose funding for each year we are not compliant. We hope you and the public will contact your senator and ask them to vote **NO, in support of this bill!** If it does pass, then our only hope is that the Governor does not sign it. Also, if you would like to volunteer to become a part of The Amber Harris Project, please give me a call.

*For the Kids & Community,
Your BRNA President Rebecca*

Keeping the Neighborhood on Track...

BRNA NEWS

DUMPSTER DAY

Saturday, May 14th

9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

38th & D -

Please enter from 42nd Street

We Need You!

**We need volunteers any time
between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

HOMEOWNERS:

Please clean up areas around your home,
alleyways and streets.

Help make our area beautiful.

Make trash short-lived.

It does not get better with age.



During this time, BRNA will also set up several tents. We will be offering some delicious fresh baked goods! We will also be offering items for resale. So – remember to start your Spring cleaning and join us.

YUMMIES!

BRNA will be selling homemade goodies at our Dumpster Day location.

If you wish to donate items, please bring them to the **BAKERY TENT**.

Bring cookies, brownies, or other finger-type goodies.

Pre-package your items in plastic sandwich bags – 2 or 3 per bag.



Thank you!

OTHER FREE SITES :

APPLIANCES – Go to 6880 Q Street – City Sewers Maintenance Building

TIRES – Go to St. Adalberts Church South parking lot on Wright St. (2800 S) Between 30th and 31st Streets.



DOS AND DON'TS !

- Be cautious and safety conscious at all times.
- Do not place materials in packer-truck that can be set out for regular garbage, yard waste or recycling collection.
- Do not arrive before 9 A.M. or after 2 P.M.
- Do not let kids run or play near the dumpster or other vehicles.
- Large items such as couches and other furniture will be accepted.
- Obey all traffic directions.
- Come enjoy some homemade goodies

DO NOT BRING ANY OF THESE ITEMS:

- Large rocks or concrete.
- Liquids or toxic materials such as paint, oil, or pesticides. (Call UndertheSink at 444-7465.)
- Yard waste including large logs & railway ties.
- Major appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, microwaves, etc. (See above.)
- Tires (See other sites above.)
- Batteries (Ask at some Repair Shops)
- Electronics such as TV's, computers
- (Call C.P. Recovery for computers - 73rd and F)
- Hazardous Material
- Dead Animals or Animal Bedding
- Manure

NEXT MEETING:

May 10th at 6:30 p.m.
St. Stan's Hall
41st and J St.

June 8th

Phillips Manufacturing has invited the BRNA membership to a Health & Wellness Day from 2 - 4:30 pm 29 & Babe Gomez Ave. (Across from the Stock Yard Exchange Bldg.)



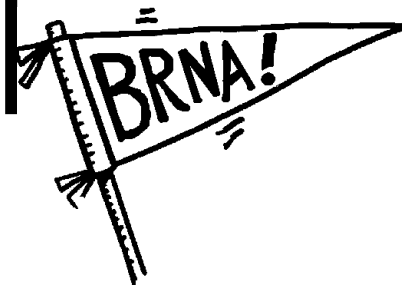
New U.S. and Marine flags are needed to replace the weathered ones on L Street and elsewhere in the BRNA area. Gary Kastric donated toward the purchase of a flag. (Thank You!) He attended the BRNA meeting and spoke about Alcohol Retail Outlet Ordinance (see page 4). If you are interested in donating, call Rebecca.

LIL GIBBS DEDICATION

On Friday, May 6th at 8:30 A.M. St. Stanislaus will have a ceremony to honor Lil Gibbs. A tree has been planted in her memory near the southeast corner of St. Stan's rectory. If it is raining the ceremony will be by her picture inside the social hall.



BRNA Family Day June 18th
Noon to 3



BRNA Membership!

Come Join BRNA

The month of May is the last month for newsletters to be sent out if you have not renewed your membership.



\$15 for new BRNA T-Shirts for sale. Must have money in by May membership.

ONE WORLD BUILDING PLANS

At BRNA's May meeting, One World sent a representative to speak about their building expansion near The Stockyards Exchange Building. There was some member opposition to the plans.

There will two public meetings at:
May 11th at 2:00 p.m. and May 17th at 6:00 p.m.
The meetings will be held at
4912 South 30 Street - Suite 103

Or write to:
U.S. Health Resources and Services
Attention: Ms. Ann Peisen
c/o OneWorld community Health Center, Inc.
4920 So. 30th St.
Suite 103
Omaha, Ne 68107
apiesen@hrsa.gov

ENOUGH- IS ENOUGH!

On Monday, April 25th Rebecca and I was asked to host a community forum concerning a proposed city ordinance. This ordinance would give communities more power to determine their own neighborhood landscape concerning liquor issues. Such as, if a liquor store wanted to move next to a school, this ordinance could prevent that.

This ordinance could include a buffer zone between churches, schools and liquor stores. The ordinance is currently being drafted and citizens such as yourselves will be given an opportunity to voice your concerns. We believe the ordinance is needed because the State Liquor Commission sometimes overrules the best wishes of the community.

Remember that we are pro business but sometimes when it comes to liquor sales enough is enough! Please look over this Resolution and consider signing it and sending it back to BRNA. If you have more questions or comments, Rebecca or I would be happy to talk with you.

Past President, Virgil

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT **Alcohol Retail Outlet Ordinance**

IN THE MATTER OF community support for establishing a local land-use (zoning) ordinance known as a Special Use Permit (SUP) and setting nuisance abatement standards to address the proliferation of alcohol outlets and substandard business practices in neighborhoods throughout the City of Omaha.

WHEREAS, the number of liquor licenses in Nebraska has increased substantially, a 31% increase since 1990, while the state's population has increased by nearly 16% during that same period of time;

WHEREAS, research indicates that alcohol outlet density is the single greatest predictor of violent crime in neighborhoods, greater than other social and economic factors; further, alcohol outlet density is associated with increased alcohol consumption, underage drinking, binge drinking, motor vehicle crashes, and hospitalizations among other health problems;

WHEREAS, research has also found that the proliferation of alcohol outlets is both a symptom of economic decline and a factor that worsens the decline;

WHEREAS, concentrations of both on- and off-sale alcohol establishments are associated with high levels of disorderly conduct, including nuisances, jeopardizing the quality of life for area residents;

WHEREAS, these nuisances include, but are not limited to, public inebriation, fights, driving under the influence of alcohol, public urination, littering, loitering, graffiti, noise, and vandalism;

WHEREAS, citizens and neighborhood associations throughout Omaha are working to reduce the number of nuisances to which the Omaha Police Department responds while improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the City of Omaha has the authority to require businesses, including alcohol outlets to obtain use permits to comply with operational standards as conditions of the permit;

WHEREAS, the use permit will establish standards of operation for licensed alcohol establishments in order to promote successful business practices compatible with healthy economic growth, community safety and enhance the quality of life for the City of Omaha residents;

WHEREAS, imposing conditions and standards of operation in a use permit will assist the City in its efforts to mitigate nuisances and promote a healthier, more successful business environment;

THEREFORE, we/I support local efforts to establish a land-use, zoning ordinance to advocate for more local control of better business practices in our community. This policy will help struggling neighborhoods address the increased violence and crime that is often associated with growing alcohol outlet density and problem businesses while working also to create a healthy business community.

Signature: _____ **Representing:** _____

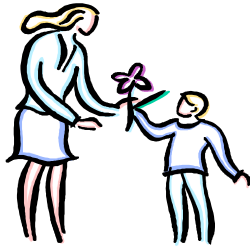
Printed Name: _____ **City Council Rep:** _____

Address: _____ **Zip** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Phone: (____) _____ **Date:** _____

HINTS AND INFORMATION

M for Memories
O for Others
T for Trust
H for Helper
E for Encourager
R for Remarkable!



What does your mother mean to you?

Rebecca



Citizen Patrol

Mark Fields said that BRNA has applied for the Mayor's Grant. If we receive it, we will be able to get Citizen Patrol signs for the entrances of BRNA, signs for the patrol cars, batteries for the radios, etc.

He also said the BRNA is given an \$18 credit per hour of patrolling which can be applied to the grant. BRNA patrollers earned over \$17,000 credit.

Thanks, Patrollers!

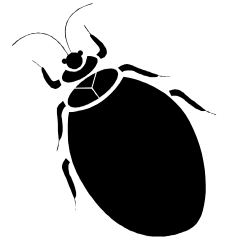
Call Mark if you are interested in joining the patrol. (402-733-9337)

Police Advice

Two local police officers attended May's meeting. They stressed that it is important to LOCK ALL YOUR DOORS at all times. Also, let would-be thieves think you are home by leaving lights on when out. If you are home and hear suspicious noise, yell out to scare thieves away. Call 911 when you see suspicious behavior in your neighborhood.

BEDBUGS

After more than 20 years of near extinction, bed bugs now seem to be everywhere in the U.S. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) now regards bed bugs as a "major problem." The reason for the big uptick seems to be increased international travel - these pests are hitching rides in our luggage. The good news is that bed bugs don't transmit disease - they're certainly unpleasant to have around, but they don't pose an immediate health risk.



You may have a bed bug infestation if:

- You see the bugs themselves - they are oval, flattened, brown, wingless insects that are about 1/4 inch long.
- You have red welts on your skin when you get up in the morning.
- You see blood and orangish-brown spots of bug feces on pillows and sheets.
- There is an unpleasant, pungent odor in or near the bed.

To prevent an infestation, try these measures:

1. When traveling, check behind hotel bed frames and under mattress covers for orangish-brown fecal spots.
2. When you get home, wash all your clothes in hot water and store suitcases in a plastic bag in a hot car trunk or attic (where temperatures exceed 120 degrees) for 48 hours.

Use

1. a mattress cover designed to suppress bed bugs.

Getting rid of bed bugs isn't easy, as they seem to be developing resistance to most natural pesticides. If you have bed bugs, get professionals to handle the extermination, and ask them to first try pumping hot air into your bedroom - bed bugs can't survive extreme heat.

<p>Call 444-4919 If you smell strong odors. Here are some hints in giving descriptions:</p>	<p>Cattle Paunch Septage (sewage) Dead animal Garbage Rotting plants Sour Eggs (rotten)</p>	<p>Grease Cooking Dog food Sweet Metal Mold / Mildew (moisture) Lawn Chemicals</p>	<p>Gasoline Diesel exhaust Tar Chemicals Creosote Plastic Burning rubber Smoke (burning)</p>
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BRNA's "This and That" Caboose

EASY OREO TRUFFLES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (16 ounce) package OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, divided
- 1 (8 ounce) package Cream Cheese, softened
- 2 (8 ounce) packages Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, melted

DIRECTIONS:

1. Crush 9 of the cookies to fine crumbs in food processor; reserve for later use. (Cookies can also be finely crushed in a resealable plastic bag using a rolling pin.) Crush remaining 36 cookies to fine crumbs; place in medium bowl. Add cream cheese; mix until well blended. Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
2. Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet. (Any leftover chocolate can be stored at room temperature for another use.) Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs.
3. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store leftover truffles, covered, in refrigerator.



THEY'RE BACK! THOSE WONDERFUL CHURCH BULLETINS!

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow..
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..
The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM .. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B S. Is done.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- Donuts will be served after mass in the church basement followed by blood pressure checks.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'



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See all BRNA Supporters and Members on
 the next page.

ATTN: Businesses or Organizations:

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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 402-502-2013 or email brna@cox.net

BRNA CALENDAR

May 10	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m. Refreshments: Mark and Deb Fields
May 14	DUMPSTER DAY 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. 39 th and D Street (Enter from 42 nd St.)
June 14	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m. Refreshments: Theresa Bidrowski
June 18	BRNA Family Day at Pulaski Park <i>No Rain Delays</i>

SPECIAL NOTES



Happy Birthday to
all members born in
May!
Happy Mother's Day!



There is still a great need. If you would like to
join the **BRNA Citizen Patrol**
Contact: Mark Fields 402-733-9337
Or write to BRNA:
PO Box 7126
Omaha, NE 68107

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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

or email brna@cox.net or rbpatlan@cox.net

Deadline on the 15th of each month

SEX OFFENDER

**Andersen Jr.,
Christian
Robert**

DOB: 05-19-1958

Registration

Duration: Lifetime

Race: W

Sex: M

Height: 6'00"

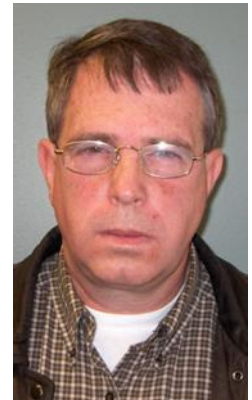
Weight: 190

Hair: BRO

Eyes: HAZ

Alias(es):

Andersen, Chris



Address (Reported by
Registrant as of 03-14-2005)

4502 Madison St
Omaha, NE 68117

Victim of Crime: MINOR

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	
<i>Councilman Gernandt:</i> ggernandt@ci.omaha.ne.us	

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 Theresa Bidrowski (402) 731-1592

**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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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.

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



*Next Meeting: May 10th
6:30 p.m. at St. Stan's
Bring a neighbor!*

Membership renewal time 2011!

(Last newsletter if not renewed)

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