

Burlington Road Neighborhood Association BRNA EXPRESS

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Conductor's Corner Thanksgiving Blessings

November winds bring the cool of the season before the cold. Trees start shedding off their leaves making way for their hibernation time. It is a needed season for without it, new growth for the next year would not happen. As the tree looks dead, it is actually dormant and works its magic from within. New life is conjuring up its power for the Springtime show. BRNA too is conjuring up its power; it may look dormant to some. But, when the magic burst forth in the Spring, you will know it was all worth the hibernation.

Sadly to some we may look like we are giving in and quitting BRNA. But actually we are dormant for a season and a reason. Sometimes you just need a breather or you will just burn out. As I have said in the last issue, I did step down from some boards. This has slowed our steps in hopes that others may be given an opportunity to show up on behalf of BRNA where we will gain momentum in the next year.

So, during this November season of Thanksgiving, I'd like to share just exactly what I am thankful for. Number One, I am thankful for a Gracious God, who let me form a neighborhood association called BRNA. I am thankful for you, our members and the many friends I have made through it. I am thankful for the changes He allowed me to make for our neighborhood, by Quality of Life. I am thankful for the businesses that have blessed BRNA with their products, monetary gifts and changes to their buildings for our neighboring benefits. I am thankful to St. Stan's who lets us come and fellowship in their hall. I am thankful to our board that continually looks out for BRNA's welfare. I am thankful to our talented and giving newsletter and webmaster, Theresa, who continually makes BRNA look great to the community of Omaha. And most of all, I am thankful that Jesus gave His life for me and you and has given me the best Husband (Virgil), children (Mejo, Fofie, Kipper and Boone) and all my 17 grandbabies to love and cherish!

What are you Thankful for? Take a moment and think about all your blessings present and past.....
Thanking God
Rebecca, BRNA President

TURKEY DINNER RAFFLE!



For every membership we receive by the November meeting, that member will be eligible to win a delicious **full-course Thanksgiving Dinner from Hy-Vee!** This is a \$65.00 dollar value! Also, if you recruit a new member your name will be added to the drawing again! Your name must be put at the bottom of the new members membership form. So you will have 2, 3, 4 or 5 ways to win that turkey dinner!

The drawing will be held at the November meeting, so be there or be a turkey for not showing up! Get those memberships in and get ready for a delicious turkey dinner.

If you have any questions call 402-452-9933. Thanks! Virgil Patlan, BRNA Past President

Next Meeting:

St. Stan's Hall

41st & J

Nov. 8, 2011

At 6:30 p.m.

Greta Ritchie State Farm Insurance is our speaker for November...She's one of our business members too!

Bring a neighbor!



December 13th
Christmas Potluck!

6:30 p.m. at St. Stan's

Keeping the Neighborhood on Track . . .

BRNA MEETING NOTES



The BRNA meeting was held at St. Stan's Hall Oct 10, 2011 with 22 members and one new member present. The minutes were read along with the treasurer's report.

Discussion included the web site that has been set up for BRNA. Our newsletter may be published every other month instead of monthly to save cost.

Ideas are needed as to what to do about BRNA days. Should we cancel or replace with something else. Ideas are welcomed.

The evening's speaker was from One World. He talked about the two new buildings at the Livestock Exchange Building area. They are waiting for approval of building plans. E P A is deciding on impact on area. BRNA is concerned about an area for children to play. There are about 65-70 children living in these apartments. The project would involve 100-120 new jobs if approved.

Membership Drive: If you get a new member to join BRNA you'll get your name in a drawing for a complete turkey dinner.

Omaha Coalition of Citizens Patrol needs more people to take the class and to help our area especially with Halloween coming up and also before and after school. We are trying to get kits for graffiti removal. October 20th is another **OCCP Class**. Let Mark Fields know if you're interested in becoming a volunteer. Classes are held at N W precinct 108th and Fort from 6:30 to 9 pm

Keith won Calcutta. Meeting was adjourned.
By Pat Shukis, secretary

PUMPKIN PAINTING at the October Meeting



Thank you to all our business members for their memberships and EXTRA donations towards BRNA!

GOOD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

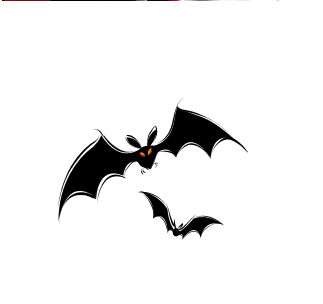
A Big THANK YOU to Hy-Vee for all the pumpkins donated for our October Membership Meeting!

BRNA HAPPENINGS

Anonymous

May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!

St. Stanislaus Halloween Parade



SPECIAL REQUEST TO MEMBERS:

If you know someone who is sick or has passed away, please contact BRNA's President Rebecca at 402-502-2013 (please leave a message).



Rebecca will send a card on BRNA's behalf. We always must remember our members!

The Patlan's are Proud Grandparents Again! Daniel Alexander Patlan II was born on Saturday, October 8, 2011 and got to watch his first Nebraska Cornhuskers win their Homecoming Game against Ohio State with his daddy! GO HUSKERS! GO DANNY, you 9 lb. 4oz.

Husker-to-be Linebacker boy!



St. Stanislaus Holiday Boutique!

Wednesday Evening

Nov. 9th

7-9 p.m.

41st and J Street

\$1 Admission

Favorite Vendors

Raffle Prizes



SOUTH OMAHA ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE

SOETF Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2011

Don Preister opened the meeting at 7:36 AM by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending and participating. He shared the mission for SOETF, seeking to identify area environmental problems, then implementing corrective solutions to them, in a spirit of voluntary cooperation with business, residents, and government.

Don then asked all present to introduce themselves.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes so they stand approved.

Treasurers Report: Don reported that there was \$220 in the treasury. \$1400 was collected for the Packers Monument repairs. Thank you to Nebraska Beef, American Labs, Nebraska Cattlemen, XL Four Star Beef, Nebraska Truckers Association, Darling International and Greater Omaha Pack for their donations. The repairs have been made to the Monument, and we received a discount so it did not cost as much as expected. The bronze plaque was \$856, the stone work was \$200, and the installation was free, so there was \$344 left over. There is a grand total of \$564 currently in treasury, but some of that may be spent on the rededication. They are looking at doing the rededication towards the end of October when the weather is cooler. It will possibly be held on a Wednesday or Thursday around 9:30am. Invitations will be sent out when the date and time is set.

Truck Compliance:

Trooper Mike Johnson from the Nebraska State Patrol reported that in June and July, 28 violations for load securement/spilling load were written in Douglas/Sarpy Counties. They did a selective with OPD in July and August. Two tickets were written for spilling load yesterday, and there were three trucks on F St, two of which were between 42nd & 45th Streets. The State Patrol is still short staffed in Omaha.

The Omaha Police Department reported that they are assisting with selectives. They may look at having them earlier in the day, around 7 instead of 8 because people are reporting problems earlier in the morning, but this may be difficult due to shift change times. Trooper Johnson said they may be able to go down earlier and start selectives before OPD officers arrive.

Manure Subcommittee: The committee has pretty much eliminated the methane digester idea because there is not enough material and the material that does exist is of a low quality. They are still looking at a few other ideas.

Air Quality: The air quality report was sent out via email prior to the meeting. Don is going to check because it appears some complaints are not making it from the complaint hotline to the air quality department.

Tim Burns reported that 2 complaints were called in, but no upset conditions were found with either. One complaint was received on a day that was hot and humid, with no breeze. The Federal Office of Management and Budget is still looking at new ozone standards, which should be released in next few weeks.

Mike Arends with the Missouri River Water Treatment Plant reported that no complaints have been received since the last meeting. They have only received two complaints this year, and both were when the odor control system was starting up for the year. People may not be calling them with odor complaints because they know they are busy with the flooding situation. They have put in temporary odor control processes. Normal operations will start up again when the flooding concerns are over. They had a record amount of water processing through the plant in June and July. The Missouri River crested June 21st at 36.3 feet at the I-480 flood gage, which is seven feet above the flood stage and 6 feet above the record high since the 1952 flood. The river is still at 34.4 feet, so it has gone down slightly. The Army Corps of Engineers is reducing the amount of water flow from The Gavins Point Dam gradually. They have plans in place for restarting operations as water goes down. The plant projects and improvements related to the CSO project are still continuing. Don asked about the levees and how they are holding up with all the water. Mike said there were some areas of concern, especially around the airport, and north of the airport. The city has put in many pumps to help in these areas. We have been lucky that we had a hot, dry July, as that helped. The levees are still being inspected to ensure there are no problems. Mary Ann asked if there was any damage from the flooding. Mike said they still can't get to any of the structures that may have damage because of the water. Nothing on the plant site is damaged, but there could be damage to underwater pipes, etc. They are also not sure exactly where the river bank is right now, as the water may have eroded it. They have put in for damages through NEMA and the city's insurance carrier. The berm was built on top of the main road to the plant, so there may be damage to the road as well. The storm sewer system was plugged and shut down, as well as a few other pipes, which had to be done using dive teams. There is probably around \$500,000 in facilities that will have to be repairs and replaced.

Dave Hackworth shared that a lot of effort went into operations at the treatment plant, it was all done with no injuries. One person had a heat issue. Over 300,000 sandbags were placed around the building as well as tons of dirt and rock. The pumping center by the Qwest/Century Link Center has been keeping that area operating. Fred Thole's last day was yesterday, but he is doing well. Michelle will be sending out the manure spills report. It seems that the number of spills increased, but they were smaller spills. People are calling in spills instead of just complaining amongst themselves!

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American Labs reported that they just finished a couple of projects. There is a new dock on the south side and a new sewer separation tank. Matt said the north building is just past 50% completion for its interior sewer separation work. They have not done major wet processing since July. Construction will be moving to the outside of the building in the next couple weeks.

Jim from Darling said they still have two blending plants in South Omaha. It has been a quiet year for odor complaints there too. They had a few issues with the warm weather, but have been working through those and with their suppliers to solve problems. They have had no upset conditions, but it is very warm inside their buildings.

Univar reported that Barry Kopf has retired. They have not filled the General Manager position in Omaha yet. They have hired one for the district, but he will live in St Louis, so he may be able to come to a meeting in the future. Jimmy said it has been a quiet year so far. They are still improving their safety process and doing internal audits.

Dr. Adi Pour from the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) shared some more information about the new air quality site that monitors multiple particulates and air contaminants. What they have seen over the summer is that there are times when Omaha would have exceeded the federal ozone levels, depending on what the final levels are determined to be. She suggested having MAPA come to a future meeting to speak about the awareness campaign on keeping ozone at low levels; they have been working with the city and DCHD on this. For example, they recommend filling up your gas tank in the evening when it is not as hot outside (the gas fumes create ground level ozone when it is hot), and riding a bike instead of driving short distances. Dr. Pour said she heard people say multiple times that South Omaha has the highest asthma death rates for children in Omaha. She passed out information based on zip codes for the past 5 years. The 68107 zip code is not the highest ó 68111, in north Omaha, is significantly higher (as well as the Boys Town area, due to small population there). The 68107 rate is lower than the county average. Dr Pour will send this information electronically to be sent out to whole group. It is also West Nile virus season. DCHD has nine sites in the county set up to collect mosquitoes to count them and analyze for West Nile. So far, they have had 2 mosquito pools that have tested positive, both on 11th and Grace. They are trying to stay ahead of this. There have been high mosquito counts at Spring Lake, but no West Nile. When a high count is found, they do apply mosquito larvacide, which is relatively safe for the environment as it kills larvae, so they don't develop into adult mosquitoes. She advised everyone to feel free to call the health department about large pools of standing water.

NDEQ Report: Don shared that NDEQ does not issue final reports. If further action is taken after an incident, they just keep working on the situation. EPA said it is taking no further action. NDEQ also says no further action is needed. NDEQ also said the chemical spilled was a bleach. Garry Gernandt mentioned that internal procedures at XL Four Star have been changed since the incident occurred.

OPPD Substation: Don reported that OPPD did remove the old building and they have done some grading. The next step is to remove fence and do grading along 27th Street and then put up new fence and plant trees next spring.

Ready Mixed Concrete: A report was received from Ready Mixed Concrete and distributed via email. The incident was reported the same day, despite what their report says. A letter was also sent later, to them, and that letter may not have been received for three weeks. They are hopefully paying more attention to the activities on their property now. Councilman Gernandt expressed disappointment in their response action.

At the last meeting, Mike Arends talked about the Partners in Pollution Prevention Program. He brought more information about the PPP program and passed it out to anyone interested. The information can also be found at <http://P3.unl.edu>, under client benefits .

Garry shared that his office was notified that the deck on the Q Street Bridge will be restricted starting August 27th for deck repair. He thanked the SOETF group for participating in the fight against graffiti. In July, the city brought in Graffiti Consultants from California, and they are working on citywide plan to fight graffiti. The next step is to have a survey done of every graffiti tag in the city of Omaha. They are working to complete this by August 24th. On Saturday Aug 20th, people will meet at the Center Mall, from 9-3pm, to do this survey. Maps and cameras will be provided.

Don asked if there was a better way or time to hold these meetings? Dave Hackworth said the early time works well for city. Several people would like to see graffiti issues back on meeting agenda or discussed at meetings. Sue Bednarz asked if anyone had ideas for getting neighbors interested in upkeep, etc in their neighborhood. Don recommended talking to Oscar Duran to see if his Cultivating Community Leaders group could assist in a neighborhood scan type of event. Please send any feedback you have about SOETF to Don.

The October meeting will be at the library on October 13th.

Don thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting adjourned at 8:57am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lacey Merica.

BRNA's "This and That" Caboose

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST SAUSAGE CASSEROLE

- 1 pound ground pork sausage
- 1 teaspoon mustard powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups milk
- 6 slices white bread, toasted and cut into cubes
- 8 ounces mild Cheddar cheese, shredded



DIRECTIONS:

1. Crumble sausage into a medium skillet. Cook over medium heat until evenly brown; drain.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together mustard powder, salt, eggs and milk. Add the sausage, bread cubes, and cheese, and stir to coat evenly. Pour into a greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Cover, and chill in the refrigerator for 8 hours, or overnight.
3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
4. Cover, and bake 45 to 60 minutes. Uncover, and reduce temperature to 325 degrees. Bake for an additional 30 minutes, or until set.

From M.K. Meredith (Allrecipes)

PEANUT BUTTER CHEWS

"These candies are made by boiling corn syrup and sugar with creamy or crunchy peanut butter. Crushed corn flakes are added before these treats are hand molded into small balls."

- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3 cups cornflakes cereal



DIRECTIONS:

In a heavy saucepan over medium heat, mix together the peanut butter, corn syrup and sugar. Bring to a boil, remove from heat. Add cereal, mix well and mold into small balls.

(Allrecipes -Caroline)

HOLIDAY ONE-LINERS

*What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?

-Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

*What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmastime?

-Sandy Claws!

*If Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus had a child, what would he be called?

-A subordinate claus.

*What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

-Claustrophobic.

*Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

-So he can ho-ho-ho.

*Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

-Because he had low elf esteem.

*What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

-Frostbite.

*What did Adam say on the day before Christmas ?

-It's Christmas, Eve !

*What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month ?

-The letter "D" !

*What does Father Christmas suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney ?

-Santa Claustrophobia !

*Who delivers cat's Christmas presents ?

-Santa Paws !

If the only prayer you ever say in
your whole life is 'thank you',
that would suffice.

-Meister Eckhart

Reminders for BRNA:

Yardwaste last pick-up on Nov. 28th.
It will begin again on April 2nd.

Christmas Tree Sites:

Brown Park near 15th and U St.
LaVista Sports Complex 66th St. South of Harrison

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BRNA CALENDAR

Nov. 8	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m. Refreshments: Mark & Deb Fields
Dec. 13	<i>Christmas Potluck Party at 6:30 p.m.</i>
Jan. 10	Meeting at St. Stan's 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTES



Happy Birthday to all members born in November and December!

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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Brennauer, Matthew Martin

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Registration Duration: 25 Year
Race: W
Sex: M
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 206
Hair: BRO
Eyes: BRO
Alias(es):
Brinnauer, Matthew M



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3934 U St - Omaha, NE 68107

Sex Crime Conviction(s)

Crime: Attempted 1st Degree Sexual Assault F3
Statute Number(s): 28-201 28-319(1)(c)
Jurisdiction: Sarpy
Court: District
Conviction Date: 02-21-1997
Place of Crime: NB
Victim of Crime: Minor



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

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Important Numbers

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Graffiti & Gang Tip	(402) 444-5992
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 Neighborhood Association
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