

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
November 2007	<p>Meetings: General Meeting on November 13, 2007 November minutes found below</p> <p>Communications: The November/December newsletter is prepared and mailed to members in late October. Email reminder sent to those on email list in early November</p>	12
December 2007 9/18/07	<p>Meetings: General meetings scheduled for December 11, 2007. Meeting was cancelled due to severe ice/snow storm.</p> <p>Communications: Email reminders of the meeting were sent to those on the email list in early December. Email notice of cancellation was sent to members the night before the scheduled meeting. Telephone calls of the cancellation were made to both members who do not provide email addresses and those who do.</p>	0
January 8, 2008	<p>Meetings: Make-up general meeting (for December) and Holidays party. [BCNA does not usually meet in January]</p> <p>Communications: Email notice of the re-scheduled meeting was sent to those on the email list. Members not on the email list were notified via telephone.</p>	13

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COMMUNICATIONS

Email message sent to email list on January 7, 2008:

Please remember, and come join us, at the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is to make up the one we missed in December 2007, because of the blizzard.

It's still a Holidays Party time -- we can celebrate the new year. We'll have a short business meeting (election of officers for 2008) and then share whatever good food treats residents bring. If you don't have time to make anything to eat, that's okay -- come and be part of the good company.

Any questions, feel free to call me (841-4997) afternoons and evenings.

Note to all the other KU basketball fans: We have to meet at 6:30 this month, because the Rec Center closes at 8:00 in January. so, we should all be home in time to catch at least the last half of the game.

Hope to see you there!

Email message sent to email list on December 20, 2007

Happy Holidays to all of you!! I hope you each have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

We have decided to hold a January meeting in place of the December meeting we had to cancel because of the ice. Instead of a Holidays Party, we'll have a Slightly Belated New Year's Party.

We will meet on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. We won't try the cookie exchange this time, but bring any goodies left from the holidays (or fresh ones) and we'll share those at the meeting. We have to formally elect officers for 2008 and will do that at the meeting/party, plus catch up on any other business. Please note that we will begin this meeting 30 minutes earlier than usual. We have to start at 6:30 because the East Lawrence Rec Center closes early in January.

Please mark you calendars and come to the meeting/party. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 841-4997 afternoons and evenings -- and almost any time on weekends. We're looking forward to seeing all of you on January 8.

Email message sent to email list on December 11, 2007:

All --

Hope you are all getting through this ice storm safely and comfortably. For reasons of safety, we have cancelled the meeting and Holidays Party for tonight. We will reschedule it for some time in January, and I will notify you via email once a date is set. Please watch for the announcement.

In the meantime -- have a wonderful and happy holiday season.

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All --

Happy Holidays!! Please don't forget the BCNA Holidays Party this coming Tuesday (December 11) at 7:00 p.m. We'll not only have a good time at the party, but we will have a short business meeting. December is the month we have our formal election of officers for the coming year.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the party, whether you bring any food or not. We're trying a cookie exchange this year, but non-bakers are welcome to bring something else to eat, or just their good company. So, please mark your calendars and come.

Details of the cookie exchange are in the November/December newsletter. If you have misplaced the newsletter, those details, in brief are: Bring 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies, and bring a container to take other cookies home in. We'll put out 1 dozen of each person's cookies for consumption at the party. Those who brought cookies (or candy, or anything that can be divided into 36 pieces) can then take home an assortment of 2 dozen cookies from the other participants.

If you have any questions, call me (841-4997) and we'll talk about it.

Looking forward to seeing you all on December 11!

Julie

Email message sent to email list on November 1, 2007

All --

Please don't forget that we are trying a fall park and creek clean-up -- hoping to get ahead of some of the debris and mess we face in the spring clean-up.

We will have our clean-up this Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to come and spend the entire day with us, or any part of that time that you can come and help. Lunch will be provided

According to the Weather Channel, we should have a beautiful day on Saturday -- high in the upper 60s and sunny. A great day to enjoy working (and socializing) outdoors.

Please also do not forget our general meeting on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lawrence Recreation Center. As the newsletter said, part of our agenda will be devoted to discussing new ideas (from you, we hope) about new things that our neighborhood can do and get involved in.

Hope to see you Saturday!

Julie

NEWSLETTER



BROOK CREEK BREEZE

February/March 2008

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

7:00 p.m.

East Lawrence Recreation Center

Agenda:

Discussion of CIP Proposal Requests

Discussion of current City sidewalk proposals

New and Old Business

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

7:00 p.m.

East Lawrence Recreation Center

Agenda:

To be determined

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City sent a letter requesting Capital Improvement Project Submissions. This is an annual part of preparing their 6-year Capital Improvement Plan. This "allows the City to identify the needs of the community and to prepare a long-term funding strategy to meet those needs. It includes any projects that involve needed repairs or improvements to our existing infrastructure (streets, parks, city facilities, sewers, etc.) and the acquisition or construction of new infrastructure (fire stations, traffic signals, roundabouts, etc.) with an estimated cost of \$50,000 or more." The projects can address a need either in a specific neighborhood or elsewhere in the City.

The form and guidelines are available online at http://www.lawrenceks.org/cmo/capital_improvements_program.

The deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2008.

We would like to begin discussion of this at our February meeting. The proposal is not a simple one to prepare and requires research of all parts of a proposed project, the costs and time involved for each part, and how the costs and work would spread out over at least 6 years. The kind of time involved in that research may be more than we could do to meet the February 29 deadline. Given the time constraints, it would be difficult for BCNA to discuss and approve a project (or projects) to propose and complete the research within that time frame.

However, since the City does this each year, now is the time to begin the process of coming up with something that the neighborhood could really get behind and then doing what we could to put a proper proposal together, even if it means breaking out into sub-committees and allotting time at meetings for collaborative work among the sub-committees and membership in general to work up a solid proposal for the next year's requests.

We will have a copy of the guidelines available at the February meeting so that we can all understand what will be required for this.

NEWS ABOUT POSSIBLE SIDEWALK REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION

--- Julie Mitchell, BCNA Vice President

The Lawrence Department of Public Works recently requested Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to repair sidewalks and build new sidewalks in target neighborhoods. If the grant funds are approved, some of these improvements will be made in the Brook Creek Neighborhood.

Although sidewalk repairs are technically the responsibility of the property owners, the city understands that many people, especially in some of the older neighborhoods, may not have the financial resources to repair their sidewalks. Sidewalk repair and replacement can be quite expensive. In addition to repairing sidewalks in poor condition, the city hopes to add new sidewalks where needed, including along parts of Haskell.

Join us at the February 12th Brook Creek Neighborhood Association meeting and take a look maps showing the conditions of current sidewalks and where the city hopes to build new sidewalks.

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New Business

We alluded to new kinds of new business in the last newsletter - and here's more. The Brook Creek neighborhood is a very large one, geographically, and we need to figure out how to get more of our residents actively involved in neighborhood business and activities. We have a core membership who are wonderful about this, and we thank all of you who are part of this, and we need your assistance in expanding the number of residents who participate in BCNA. We need all of you to reach out to your neighbors who do not come to meetings, invite them to come with you, bring them, and introduce them to the neighborhood association so that we can welcome them. Below, you will find a list of new residents in the neighborhood. Please welcome them and invite them to come see what we have to offer.

We would also like to expand the kinds of things we cover in the newsletter. Please let us know about any events in your lives that you would like to share -- good things like the birth of a child or grandchild, a birthday, anniversary, major success at your job; or, on the other side, news of an illness or injury to yourself or a neighbor. We're a caring group of neighbors, but often don't express that care and concern because we don't know that a friend or neighbor might need it.

We would also like to feature individual residents in each newsletter -- people who are long-time residents who can tell us stories about the "old days" in the neighborhood, people who are doing things now that help make this neighborhood a special place to live, e.g., creating a special yard. Let Julie know of any such persons for brief inclusion in the newsletter. In the same general category, part of the quarterly reports that we must now submit to NRAC includes instances of "good neighboring." If you observe any such instances, please let Julie know about these, either through an email at brookcreek@sbcglobal.net, or by calling her at 841-4997. It doesn't have to be big things -- little instances add up to big things.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

1812 Maple Lane - Davis, John C. & Linda C.
 1616 E. 15th - Jaimez, Edward R.
 1514 Harper - Lemon, Meridith
 923 Oliver's Court - Musson, Adam M. & Spinelli, Katherine I.
 1717 Maple Lane - Slocum, Terry, Arlene & Diane
 1308 Summit - Salami Gitti
 906 Oliver's Court - Howell, Robert E. & Pamela J.
 1338 Brook - Craft, Kristin M. & Stanberry, Christopher
 1643 Bullene Ave.- Wright, Bryon & Baughan, Emily
 1817 Maple Lane - Wilson, Chad C.
 1910 Haskell Ave. - Pacs Properties, LLC
 1651 Bullene Ave. - Carroll, Matt
 1307 Brook - Courtney, Ryan L. & Haddad, Christina S.
 1647 Bullene Ave. - Wolf, Chris & Laura
 1527 Hanscom Road - Sanmiguel, Sergio T. & Andrea G.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

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Lawrence, KS 66046

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Join Your Neighborhood Association

Dues are \$1.00 per person, per year. This gives you voting rights at BCNA meetings. Clip, fill out, and mail to: Susan Miller, Treasurer; 1235 Prairie; Lawrence, KS 66044

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address _____

- I am enclosing my \$1.00 annual dues
 - I am enclosing _____ extra to help the neighborhood association.
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GOOD NEIGHBORING

Although the officers of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association know that our residents perform countless acts of unheralded kindness (e.g., good neighboring), we do not have documented instances to include in this quarterly report. We will continue to urge the recipients of such good neighboring to report these instances to us so that they can be included in future quarterly reports.