



The BBC Neighborhood Association Needs You!!!



Nominate

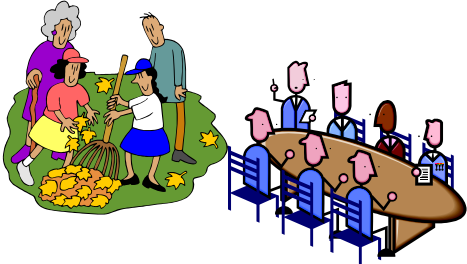
Come to the January 25th meeting and nominate yourself or someone you know for a position as an officer of the neighborhood association. Positions include:

- ☞ President
- ☞ Vice President
- ☞ Treasurer
- ☞ Secretary

Come to the February 28th meeting, listen to the candidates speak, and vote for officers that will lead the association and represent us with the City.



Vote



Get Involved!

Sign-up for a committee or start a project committee of your own to address a problem you see with the neighborhood.

- ☞ Dumpster Day
- ☞ Summer Picnic
- ☞ Traffic
- ☞ City Funds\$\$\$ for special projects
- ☞ Fence

WHAT'S GOING ON?!?!?!?!?!?

By Ken Elmy

Like the sign says the BBC Neighborhood Association needs you! Our monthly meetings have dwindled from a mighty 90+ people attending down to 9. Our committees have gone from an average of 10 members to 3. We had a great start this past year but won't be able to keep going without your on-going, consistent support.

- △ Who will attend city meetings to make our vote count for neighborhood spending?
- △ Who will write, publish, and deliver the newsletter?

△ Who will get behind various neighborhood projects like dumpster day, the summer picnic, and the painting of the Poplar Street fences?

The neighborhood association can do a lot for our neighborhood but only if people get involved. There are just a handful of people left in the leadership of this association and we won't be able to do much without your aggressive involvement this year.

Do we want a vibrant, growing neighborhood or are we content to let this one slide into a ghetto? It's your choice!

NEXT MEETING

The **January 25th** meeting is coming up fast! The next two meetings are critical to a successful restart of this year's neighborhood association.

First, in the **January** meeting will be *taking nominations* for officer positions. **What do officers do?** Come to the meeting and find out!

In the **February 28th** meeting we will be *voting on candidates* for the officers position. Each candidate will be given a few minutes to speak before we vote.

Both meetings will be held at 7PM in the BBC Elementary School Forum room.

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



First of all allow me to say what a great honor it has been for me to serve as the president of the Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association for the year 2004. I hope my tenure has seen an increase in participation of all of our neighbors in the association. In looking back I am proud at some of our accomplishments but saddened also at not being able to accomplish some of the tasks we had set out for ourselves.

In the next few months we will be selecting officers for the 2005 year. I will be stepping down as president. Therefore, I would like to discuss with you, my neighbors, the direction we would like to see our association take in the future. We need leadership. It would be remiss of me not to recognize the leaders we have among our party. My thoughts are by no means exclusive. You are the best judges of what you perceive, and your perspective is, I am sure, different from mine.

First of all, let us consider Ken Elmy. He has done a fantastic job of keeping us all informed. Ken has been a work horse throughout the year producing a paper that is the envy of every other neighborhood in the city. He is consistently in on everything that is going on in the neighborhood and he has been there for us throughout the year. Although, with all he currently does will he be able to take on added responsibility?

Next, consider Steve Harris. He has done an excellent job of slogging through the intricacies of our Neighborhood Action Plan. He has accomplished what we set out for him. Is Steve ready to step up to more responsibility?

Then there is Vince Gorski. He is a guy you do not hear much about but don't forget he organized and carried out our dumpster day. That required the management of a large number of people and coordination with the city. Secondly, it was an excellent money maker for the neighborhood. Do you think Vince may

make a good executive?

It is a shame we will be losing Herb Wilkins. He is such a stalwart supporter of our neighborhood. Whatever neighborhood he is going to will be lucky to have him. However, if Herb had not gotten ill we would not have learned what a natural leader we have in Jack Robins. Here is a person with the inner strength and outward bearing to manage our organization. Do you think we can draft Jack to lead our organization?

Lastly, remember Kim Mattox. She has been involved in the Neighborhood Association for quite a while. She has spent many hours meeting with her neighbors along the Poplar / 49th Street corridor. Is

she capable of managing the entire association?

We should of course retain Karen Sexton. Yes she works long hours. She puts in a lot of overtime at her job, but she has never let us down. Karen has been there for us every step of the way.

All of the people I have mentioned have been an active contributing part of our association. There may be others as well who I have not thought of that will want to contribute. We need leaders like this to carry on the work of our organization. Just a few things we should consider when thinking about the upcoming year.

— John

CALENDAR IDEAS FOR 2005

By Kim Mattox

January	
>	Nominations for new officers at general meeting Jan. 25th
>	Annual planning meeting on Jan. 13th
>	Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance (NTSA) meeting on Jan. 18th
February	
>	Election of new officers at general meeting on Feb. 28th
>	Kick off of Picnic Giveaway Game?
>	NTSA meeting Feb. 15th
March	
>	New Life for the "Fence/Beautification Committee" as Poplar Street fence painting resumes.
>	Guest speaker at general meeting on Mar. 28th
>	NTSA meeting on Mar. 15th
April	
>	Dumpster Day! Date to be announced!
>	General meeting Apr. 26th
>	NTSA meeting Apr. 19th
May	
>	Possible bulb exchange/tree planting event
>	Guest speaker at general meeting on May 31st
>	NTSA meeting on May 17th?
June	
>	Neighborhood garage sale, date to be announced.
>	Guest speaker at general meeting on June 21st
>	NTSA meeting June 21st.
July	
>	Meeting in the park (TBD or skip this meeting?)
>	NTSA meeting July 19th
August	
>	Annual Summer Picnic - watch for date and event details!
>	NTSA meeting Aug. 16th
September	
>	Neighborhood Watch program at general meeting?
>	NTSA meeting Sep. 20th
October	
>	Local Fire Department presentation at general meeting?
>	NTSA meeting Oct. 18th
November	
>	Nominations for next year's officers at general meeting on (TBD)
>	NTSA meeting Nov. 15th
December	
>	Happy Holidays! No general meeting this month.
>	Next month – January election of new officers?

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