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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jarrod Roecker

Happy March neighbors and BHNA members!

Spring is about to hit and I cannot wait for the cold to subside and the green to return. Spring is always a beautiful time of year. That being said, the Cowtown Great American Cleanup is March 30, 2019. We will meet at the park at 9am and if you want an all you can eat breakfast, meet at Grandy's at 8am for a \$3 buffet!

Thanks to Grandy's for supporting BHNA with this deal of a breakfast. Please call Volunteer Coordinator, Ashley Kane, at 817-528-7590 or email infobhna@gmail.com with the names of your participants and shirt size for your FREE commemorative t-shirt.

Progress on the park has been gradually moving along. The engineer will be assigned shortly and the design phase is expected to take a few months with public meetings to ensue in the summer last we were told by PARD. We anticipate having our new playground and park amenities in the spring of 2020.

You might have noticed that we have had several changes to our bylaws lately which include the following highlights:

Change to quarterly meeting/events- designed to draw participation and have fun!

Business members can vote!

Use of electronic voting so our homebound neighbors or members can participate

We hope you like these new changes and invite you to participate as much as you can.

Mural Project at Luella Merrett- BHNA is joining forces with Luella Merrett Elementary in painting a mural on the Frank Kent body shop wall by the street across from the school. The art work is by the art teacher, Debra Mims, at Luella Merrett and will depict children progressing through school and ultimately graduating with their high school diploma. Please email infobhna@gmail.com if interested in painting with us!

Cinco De Mayo Celebración- Last but not least, plans are underway of a Cinco De Mayo celebration with a soccer tournament and festivities. Do you like to play soccer or have ideas to make this event a blast? Please let us know at you guessed it... infobhna@gmail.com.

It is shaping up to be a great year for our neighborhood. Check out our events calendar at www.bomberheight.org and let us hear from you. The more participation the better neighborhood community we will enjoy. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

YARD OF THE MONTH

by Steve McCoy



Our latest Bomber Heights yard of the month can be found on Culver Street. After searching around the neighborhood I found this home and my first impression was "wow"! Everything about the front entrance says welcome. Neatly trimmed shrubs along with decorative planters run along the length of the house.

The front porch has a wishing well, hanging planter, decorative metal art and yes, even a rocking chair! Mature trees in the back and front yard frame the home. Last but certainly not least is the neatly mowed front lawn. Overall just a cozy, welcoming and warm feel.

Thank you to our great neighbors for doing your part in making Bomber Heights such a beautiful neighborhood!



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"GREEN THUMB GUY"

by Steve McCoy

Welcome to spring everyone! At least I think spring is actually here. As we begin to think about all of the projects that come about this time of year, the one main goal is a healthy, happy, beautiful lawn or flower garden (don't forget our edible plant friends).

At some point it will be necessary to use some sort of pesticide and that's what I want to focus on. The word "pesticide" actually refers to all of the various "____icides" that kill, including insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, molluscicides (snails), rodenticides, etc. It is most important to pay attention to what is actually in these products. That information is found on the label on the front and back of the bottle or bag. Most pesticides are either man-made chemicals, organic chemicals, biological organisms, or growth regulators.

The chemicals, whether organic or man-made, tend to be the most toxic.

Be careful to not equate "safe" with the organics. That bottle of 20% vinegar will burn your weeds and you!

Some organic plant based chemicals are actually much more toxic than those produced in a factory. The biologicals, such as B.T. for caterpillar or mosquito control, are great choices as less toxic insecticides because they target a very specific organism only.

Growth regulators, or IGR's, interrupt the life cycle of an insect and are most commonly found in insecticides for flea or roach control.

Snail baits can be extremely toxic to pets so consider using an alternative, less toxic control method. That is certainly only a brief mention of pesticide use information but I think you get my point which is ALWAYS use ANY pesticide with common sense and caution! I'll finish with my favorite three words...."Read the Label"! Happy gardening to all!

-Steve

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 21st 7p : Executive Meeting at Agape Baptist Church

March 25th 9a-4 : Painting the Luella Merrett Mural

March 30th 9a - 11a : Cowtown Cleanup at Z Boaz Park

May 5th : 2p - 5p Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Soccer Event at Z Boaz Park

October 9th : National Night Out, details pending

In January, your BHNA approved bylaw changes that include new scheduling guidelines for our meetings. We will have one meeting or event per quarter, and the executive board will meet with the same timing. All executive board meetings are open to the public, but only board members may vote on agenda items at these meetings..

This year, we are adding an event in the spring. We heard from our survey that our residents are very interested in soccer, so we want to host a soccer event on Cinco de Mayo for our neighborhood. This will be a social event for our families to get out and get to know their neighbors!

Follow our social media pages for regular updates on our events and meetings!

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