



THE FLOOD, LISTSERV AND US

BY TOM CAMPION

We all knew it was going to rain. Channels 2, 4, 5 and Fox had the Doppler up and running early, but even then, we didn't know what was coming. It didn't take too long once it started after 7:00 AM that this was going to be trouble.

The first BHN Listserv email came in from BHN President Lindsey Trella at 4:04 PM on Sunday forwarding the state of emergency message from Mayor Dean, and it just grew from there. Thankfully, Lindsey's updates kept coming.

People helping people...here are some emails posted on the Listserv:

- We have pumps and hoses
- Teenager willing to help
- Please conserve water
- I need a sump pump
- Pumps on Oakland Ave – thanks so much! We had an unbelievable response today and thanks to the generosity and kindness of our neighbors, now have three pumps going at 2809 Oakland! We have had generous offers of fans, shop vac and more pumps. Most wonderfully, our neighbor and friend, Robb Earls, plus his friends Derek and Amy, whom we had never met until today, came over and helped set everything up, working tirelessly until all three pumps were going. We hope that we can get the water out by tonight and start to clean up. We should be done with pumps by tomorrow and we are happy to ask their three wonderful owners if others need to borrow.
- I have help to give. Need to know where to donate supplies/time/trans-

portation/housing assistance. Please let me know how my friends and I can help! Many thanks, Morgan Zuehlke

- A small group of neighbors on the lower end of 19th Ave South had banded together to start getting water out of the flooded basements. A big thank you goes out to Scott Hatcher and his gas-powered pump. Scott and his fellow neighbors worked hard to pump out a number of basements along the street.

- I am a neighbor on Blair. The office where I work is in Metro Center, we are looking for some temporary office space (hopefully just a couple of days) There are 8 of us from this department, we would need a room which has power and internet access. We were able to go into the complex today and grab a few items (like computers) but that's pretty much it. If anyone knows of any space please let me know.

- Health Department advises repeated hand washing after contact with floodwater.

- I have one of those large round floor fans to lend again.

- Our Neighborhood Rocks! A neighbor arrived last night with a sump pump and my water problem is almost gone. Thanks to Tom and all of the neighbors who helped others. Let's get our neighbors who are not on the email list to join. The response was fast and friendly! Terry"

Moral to the story: Join the **BHN** Google Groups Listserv. Simply go to www.belmont-hillsboro.org and click on "Join the Listserv" link. Stay in tune with what's going on in the neighborhood. Good news or bad, our neighbors look out for each other and that's why our neighborhood is such a great place to live.

CREATIVE IDEAS NEEDED FOR THE BOULEVARD

BY DEBORAH KONDIS

The Belmont-Hillsboro neighborhood is blessed with a lovely tree-lined boulevard bordered by some of Nashville's finest historic homes. Belmont Boulevard also accommodates a large number of cars, bikers, runners, dog walkers, and baby strollers, with room for all in its urban layout.

A serious problem emerges with the many cars that pass on the right (illegal!) in the bike lane (double illegal). When cars enter the bike lane, they jeopardize the carefully planned arrangement that keeps everyone safe on Belmont Boulevard. Already we have had one seriously injured biker hit by a motorist who entered the bike lane.

One answer is for cars to slow down, enjoy the lovely new trees, wait while left turns are being made and never drive your car into the bike lane! There is room for everyone if we can respect the lined street.

If anyone has any ideas that could enhance the safety of Belmont Boulevard and discourage right-side bike lane passing we would welcome them. Perhaps you have lived in a city that successfully addressed this issue and could share your ideas with us? Remember, we would need to avoid costly options as Metro, especially now, has other pressing priorities. Everyone would benefit.

Those who can, do.
 Those who can do more, volunteer.
 ~Author Unknown

LANDMARK HOME BURNS; REBUILDING BEGINS

BY GENE TESELLE

You can't help noticing the big house with pillars on a large lot at 1504 Linden Avenue. It's one of the prize houses in the neighborhood, begun in 1899 by Leland and Marie Louise Hume and modeled after a steamboat they had seen on the Rhine. One striking feature is the atrium inside the entrance, open to the second floor, with an impressive staircase. Since then it has been a nursing home, the residence of Bob Ferguson, a major figure in country music as well as a champion of the Choctaw tribe, then of Ray Walker, then of Donna and Rayford Hilley. It was often the scene of social events involving many political and artistic dignitaries.

Brett Sheriff and Jenkins Hardin bought it a few years ago and have put lots of effort into rehabilitating it. They have also been generous in opening it up for neighborhood social events. It was the scene of a well-attended fundraising party for BHN's Tree Canopy Project on Friday, March 26th of this year.

Then on Tuesday, March 31st, the 5 PM television news showed flames coming out the roof. It was a dramatic shot, and on seeing the news broadcast people immediately spread the word by e-mail and telephone. Fortunately Brett and Jenkins, their son Tate, and their dog Biggs were at home and immediately began taking furniture and valuables out of the house. Nearby neighbors came over to help, too. Gary Bynum began spreading the word by phone.

According to a Channel 5 news story, nine engines, three ladder trucks, two ambulances, two rescue trucks, and five chiefs came to the scene. It took hours to cool down all the hot spots. Linden and surrounding streets were filled with cars, and the police had to close the streets completely with flashing blue lights.

There was extensive fire and smoke damage. The stairway and gallery in the atrium burned and collapsed. But the family, neighbors, and friends managed to salvage the antiques in the house.

In the face of this devastating event, Brett and Jenkins took a can-do approach. They were grateful to be unhurt and to have place to live, clothes, food, and a daily schedule that they could more or less continue. They decided to rebuild, so they began salvaging mantles, door frames, and other items. Port-o-lets and roll-offs appeared on the property, and a contractor started demolition and additional salvage within a day. Neighbor Joe Kovalic, who has been rehabbing the house next door, took on this job as well.

The house is a neighborhood treasure, and we appreciate the stewardship of Brett and Jenkins in maintaining it, not only before but after this disaster.

PLANTIN' WOOD IN THE 'HOOD EVENT UPDATE

Our first spring party was a huge success. We had close to 200 attendees, who at night's end helped raise over \$5,500 for our Tree Canopy Fund. Thank you to our wonderful hosts Jenkins Hardin and Brett Sheriff who graciously opened up their beautiful home for the night.

Special thanks also goes to our sponsors, who are, more importantly, our friends and neighbors: Rita Frizzell of Dakini Graphics, for an amazing job bringing our theme to life; Mark Deutschmann of Village Real Estate Services; Randy Rayburn of Sunset Grill; Will Shuff and Alex Torres of 12 South Tap Room; Janice Zeitlin of Zeitgeist Gallery; and of course Paul Johnson and Ed Smith of Bacon & Caviar Gourmet Catering.

Be watching around the 'hood as we

continue adding trees to our existing tree canopy. The latest development is that we were able to purchase 20 serviceberry trees after an out-of-state order was cancelled. These are native trees, approved by NES and Public Works, which can be planted under utility lines on the east side of Belmont Boulevard and on other streets. This is an ongoing project that many neighbors can continue to support.

NEW LOOK COMING TO TAYST

BY CHRIS CHAMBERLAIN

Neighborhood favorite restaurant tayst is planning to go through a few changes. After six years, Chef Jeremy Barlow decided it was time for the restaurant space to have a little bit of a facelift. The plan is to close the restaurant from Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Tuesday, June 8 and to rework the decor and reconfigure the dining space. Chef Barlow wouldn't give up all the details of the changes but did hint that new paint and new dining furniture was probably in the plan. Here's hoping that his contractors are speedy so that the doors open again as soon as possible.

In addition to planning for the restaurant remodel, Chef Barlow has also been an active volunteer in the flood relief efforts. As soon as the extent of the damage to the city became evident, Barlow was on the phone and spreading the word among his social media network that he was ready to help and ready to cook. Working with volunteers in the kitchen, Jeremy fed hundreds of displaced homeowners and cleanup volunteers in the crucial first days after the storm. Many other restaurants in the neighborhood are donating food or portions of their proceeds to relief effort. Thank your local restaurateur and continue to patronize BHN establishments whenever you can. They are important employers and assets for our neighborhood.

When the world says, "Give up," Hope whispers, "Try it one more time." ~Author Unknown

NEWS ALERT: BIKE LANES ARE FOR BIKES!

BY JOHN RAY CLEMMONS

We are fortunate to have bike lanes in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, visitors to our neighborhood and some neighbors have forgotten the purpose of bike lanes. Bike lanes are for bicyclists to travel in the appropriate direction as marked! Bike lanes are not to be used for: passing lanes for motorists; jogging lanes for strollers; or social gathering areas. While this may sound comical, it is a serious safety hazard and is happening every day. If you see someone using the lanes in a dangerous way, remind them of the purpose of bike lanes. This will ensure safety for all.

Under state law, cars must give bicyclists three feet of clearance. Currently bike lanes have signs saying "Bikes Only." They are marked by solid white lines, which cars are not to cross. Furthermore, it is illegal to pass on the right when a car is stopped for a left turn. Illegally using the bike lane for passing can result in a ticket from Metro Police.

NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME: TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

Once again BHN is observing this national "take back the streets" event by encouraging neighbors to make their presence known on the streets - with walking, jogging, biking, holding block parties, or just being sociable. It's also a good time to coordinate safety measures with your neighbors.

THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER ARE UPON US

BY JOHN RAY CLEMMONS

Due to recent serious events in the neighborhood, which include dog attacks and traffic incidents, it is important to remember the following important RULES about responsible pet ownership: Safety first!

1. Keep your dog leashed at all times when off your property. **Metro Code 8.04.110** requires a dog owner to have "full command" of his/her dog at all

times when off the owner's premises. While you may be able to control your dog without a leash, you cannot control other things around you which may cause you to lose control of your dog. It is best practice to have control of your pet at all times with a leash to ensure everyone's safety, including your beloved pet.

2. Take action if your pet has an aggressive nature. With knowledge comes responsibility. Under the laws of Tennessee, if a dog owner is on notice or has knowledge that his/her pet has a vicious disposition or has bitten before, the owner can be held personally liable for the actions of their dog should it cause harm to someone. Be responsible and protect yourself and your neighbors.

3. Keep our neighborhood clean. You have a neighborly duty to pick-up after your dog. It is unsanitary and just plain rude to allow your pet to poop in someone else's yard and leave it. Carry a recyclable bag with you on your walk to clean up after your pet and properly dispose of the bag.

4. Beware of coyotes. If you have small animals, such as cats, please keep them inside your home or safely fenced yard at night. Numerous reports of missing cats and other small animals are likely the result of many urban coyotes which have recently been spotted throughout our neighborhood.

14TH ANNUAL HOME TOUR SATURDAY, OCT 2 HOME TOUR PLANNING BEGINS! VOLUNTEER NOW!

Planning for the BHN Home Tour this fall is underway! Co-Chairs Glenn Swann and Van Pond are assembling a great team of folks to organize this event. Currently the committee is doing research on potential homes for the tour, which is being planned as a totally walkable event in the very core of the 'hood. Volunteers to head up some specific sub-committees are still needed - and you can get involved at a level that suits your availability. The Home Tour Committee is a great way to meet more of your neighbors and

get the low-down on the evolution of the neighborhood from old hands and new ones!

If you'd like to get involved, email Glenn Swann or Van Pond at swann.glenn@gmail.com or vpondjr@bellsouth.net.

They will put your name on the email list and let you know when the committee meets. Currently the committee gathers monthly. The committee is looking forward to another great Home Tour on the 2nd of October to showcase our incredible neighborhood! Come be a part of making it happen!

BEAUTIFICATION: CLEAN-UP DAY

BY GENE TESELLE

The day started off with chilly weather and a bit of rain, but through the morning the sky cleared and the day warmed up. Public Works supplied a 40-yard roll-off, and we rented a 30-yard; both were filled by noontime. Folks came with trash from homes and alleys. Several neighbors spent the morning with trucks or trailers cruising alleys and picking up trash. In addition, a crew from the Sheriff's office, picked up nearly 2200 pounds of trash in alleys.

Several neighbors spent the morning helping unload trash. Others picked up bags, gloves, and bright-hue vests supplied by Metro Beautification and walked various streets picking up trash. Afterward lunch was served to volunteers at the home of Bill Ramsey, with hamburgers and hot dogs supplied by Chris Hyler, master chef from the newly opened neighborhood restaurant, Burger Up located on 12th Avenue South.

Thanks to the many people who came and the many who helped; and to Helios Artglassworks, Osborne Bi-Rite, and Corduroy Horse Antiques for putting up with us.

The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers
~Terri Guillemets



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EVENTS CALENDAR

June 5 - "ODE TO OTHA"
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Saturday, 2 - 9 PM
Sweetbriar Avenue

June 12 - *Outdoor Cinema
Raising Arizona

July 11 - *Outdoor Cinema
The Jerk

August 3 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AGAINST CRIME

August 14 - *Outdoor Cinema
The Graduate

September 11 - *Outdoor Cinema
Monty Python & The Holy Grail

September 25 - FALL CLEANUP
DAY Saturday, 8 am -12 pm

October 2 - 14th ANNUAL HOME
TOUR Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm

October 11 - BHN
ANNUAL MEETING Monday, 7 pm

*The Belcourt Theater Second Saturday Outdoor Cinema Schedule movies start at sunset and are FREE! Bring your blanket & a picnic for a great outdoor evening!

ANNUAL "ODE TO OTHA" BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2 TO 9 PM - SWEETBRIAR AVENUE

Each year Nashvillian Bill Ramsey hosts a birthday bash honoring blues fife and drum legend Otha Turner and his music, with a variety of bands. The event has come to be recognized as the beginning of the summer social season in Nashville.

The street will be closed off between Oakland and Hawthorne; headquarters will be at Bill Ramsey's house, 1711 Sweetbriar Avenue. The family-friendly event includes food, beer, margaritas, clowns, pinatas, and lots of music. This year's groups include Sharde' Thomas and the Rising Star Fife and Drum Band, Kentucky Thunder (Etta Britt, Jonell Mosser, Vicki Carrico, and Sheila Lawrence), Blue Mother Tupelo, Debbie Ritter & 4-40 Blues, Bashful Mountain Broadcasters, and other special guests.

The suggested donation of \$30 goes to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Children under 14 get in free. BHN will have booths at both ends of the block; \$15 of your donation will count as BHN membership, and the entire

\$30 will be contributed to Second Harvest. Last year almost eighty individuals or households joined BHN (new or renewal), and the contribution to Second Harvest totaled \$1,020.

COUNTRY MUSIC MARATHON AND POTLUCK BREAKFAST WRAP-UP BY GENE TESELLE

For the tenth year, neighbors and friends gathered on Belmont Boulevard for our annual potluck breakfast to cheer on the racers. Our Community/Social Committee provided coffee and juice, plates and cups, and other essentials; neighbors prepared potluck breakfast dishes.

Because of the threat of storms and tornadoes, the race started fifteen minutes early, and the racers began to come by soon after 7 AM. It took several hours for the 33,000 runners to pass by, and as usual we distributed the last of our goodies to the stragglers. The winners of the marathon finished in something more than two hours, but slower runners were diverted to the Stadium and other shelters around 10:30 when rain, lightning, and thunder heralded the beginning of a rainy day. Special thanks to everyone involved.

Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy. Music is the electrical soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents." - **Ludwig van Beethoven**