



SUMMER ARRIVES!

BY GARY BYNUM AND DEBORAH KONDIS

Once again the Belmont-Hillsboro Neighbors will celebrate the arrival of summer with 'Ode to Otha - Bill Ramsey's Annual Birthday Party Celebration' on Saturday June 4th. Each year BHN resident, Bill Ramsey and his wife Lisa, host a birthday party paying tribute to the late, great, fife and drum blues legend Otha Turner and his lifetime of music and legacy. Proceeds from the event benefit Second Harvest Food bank.

Now in its 17th year, "Ode to Otha" is a party that you don't want to miss! Sweetbriar Avenue between Oakland and Hawthorne will be the site of this family-friendly block party featuring food, beer, margaritas, children's activities and wonderful Nashville musicians. This year's entertainment features Sharde' Thomas and the Rising Star Fife and Drum Band, Kentucky Thunder (Etta Britt, Jonell Mosser, Vicki Carrico and Sheila Lawrence), Bashful Mountain Broadcasters, Smoking Flowers, Stacy Mitchart, Blue Mother Tupelo, Dank Clementine, and special guests.

This is the perfect time to renew or join the Belmont-Hillsboro Neighborhood Association, as your entrance fee will cover your annual renewal or new member dues! BHN members will have \$15 annual membership renewal fee waived with their \$30 donation. Children under 14 get in free.

Last year's celebration had attendance of around 1200 and fund raising for Second Harvest in the upper \$20,000 range. This year BHN will have a booth at each end of the block to sign up members and sell "Otha" t-shirts. Come out and join us to celebrate Bill's birthday, Otha Turner's music, and our great neighborhood!

Otha's biography, as shared from the The Commercial Appeal article by Bill Ellis, printed February 27, 2003 is below. "Mississippi fife master Otha Turner died on Wednesday. He was 94."

"Renowned for his picnic parties, Mr. Turner - who played a homemade bamboo cane fife or wooden flute and spent much of his life as a sharecropper and subsistence farmer - was a living link to rural blues and fife-and-drum pre-blues that extended well into the 19th Century."

Turner got his start as a performer by playing the fife and drums at local picnic celebrations. Money he raised playing at these gatherings enabled him to buy the farm where he lived in the Gravel Springs Community outside Como, Mississippi (pop. 789) and where he and his wife Ada "Moochie" Turner raised four children.

Until the day he died, he still farmed, raised horses, hogs, cattle, watermelon, black-eyed peas, corn, etc. He hosted an annual Labor Day picnic featuring barbecued goat, barbecued pork, blues, and most importantly, fife and drum music.

Turner's unique style of fife and drum music has received national accolades and awards. He was perhaps proudest of his recent performance at Nashville's legendary Ryman Auditorium, where he,

his band, family and friends recreated a rural Mississippi "picnic" on the stage and received more than one standing ovation.

He has been featured on ABC's "Good Morning America" and NPR's "All Things Considered"; in The New York Times, The Oxford American, Blues Access, Living Blues; Billboard Magazine; and the French magazine "Vibrations."

His first CD - at the tender age of 90 - "Everybody's Hollerin' Goat" on Birdman records was recently named one of the top five blues albums of the decade by Rolling Stone magazine.

We look forward to seeing all of our neighbors and friends at this great event.

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TREE CANOPY FUND RAISER

BY GARY BYNUM

Belmont-Hillsboro Neighbors, Inc.'s second annual tree canopy fun(d)raiser "More Wood for the 'Hood" was held April 16th at the Home of Susan & Josh Tyler. This year, over 140 people attended and we raised approximately \$4,000, which goes directly toward planting neighborhood trees.

BHN, for the second year, was awarded a Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program (TAEP) Community Tree Planting grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Forestry Division in the amount of \$5,300 to improve its urban canopy.

Special thanks also to our sponsors and hosts who made this event possible including Tom Solinsky of Soundforest.org and especially to Susan & Josh Tyler, who graciously opened their beautiful home to host this event.

The Belmont-Hillsboro Neighborhood Tree Canopy Program is a street planting and maintenance partnership between Belmont-Hillsboro Neighbors, Inc. and SoundForest.org.

Because of your participation this year, 55 large trees have been planted in the Belmont-Hillsboro neighborhood that will provide shade and beauty for several generations. Thank you!

Phase One of our Program planted and will maintain for 3 years 55 trees in public land along Belmont Boulevard and selected tree planting strips of 18th, 19th, Magnolia, Brightwood, Cedar, Linden and Oakland Avenues. Phase Two will also plant and maintain 55 trees in the neighborhood.

In consultation with the Tennessee Forestry Division we have identified potential locations for trees that will grow to above 40 feet at maturity. These trees have also been approved by Metro Parks & Recreation as well as having Public Works approving the planting sites.

Planning has also taken into consideration safety concerns including unobstructed street signs, keeping cross street intersections clear, ensuring full line of vision and locations of overhead and buried utilities.

For the latest information on Tree Canopy plans, please visit www.belmont-hillsboro.org/tree-canopy.

POST NO BILLS! - THEY ARE ILLEGAL

BY TODD ADAMS

We see an abundance of posters pasted on utility poles advertising shows at the many clubs in Nashville. In some ways they have become part of the landscape in areas around our neighborhood campuses.

But as ubiquitous as these signs are, they are a blight on the community. Not only are they unsightly, but they also contribute greatly to litter on the ground when stormy rain and wind tear them from the poles. Because of this, they are illegal according to Metro Codes prohibiting litter.

In addition to posters, all of us have probably seen signs stuck in the ground near intersections and the side of the road. They advertise, "We buy junk cars", "Computer repair", buying houses, fitness classes, trash removal, and ironically, "Cheap signs". These signs are also illegal and Metro Nashville wants it to be known that anyone can and should remove these signs wherever you might see them.

Our neighborhood has unfortunately seen instances of people pasting stickers on street signs as well. These should be reported as soon as they are spotted so they can be removed. The number to call is 862-8750.

To learn more about illegal signs and Metro Nashville's efforts to prevent them, go to <http://www.nashville.gov/beautification/litterlaws.asp>.
[org/safety/index.asp](http://www.nashville.gov/safety/index.asp).

CRIME WATCH...WATCHING OUT FOR US

BY TOM CAMPION

Look for upcoming announcements on the BHN Website and on the Listserv for our neighborhood participation in the Nashville edition of 'Night Our Against Crime.' Belmont-Hillsboro Neighborhood will join forces with Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood in raising awareness on what we can do together to reduce crime where we live.

The 'Night Out Against Crime' is a national program celebrated on Tuesday August 2nd in cities across the country. A number of Nashville communities have participated in the past, this will be a first for BHN. A joint committee between BHN and HWEN has been formed to begin planning publicity, entertainment, refreshments and law enforcement participation. A prime neighborhood location is being arranged to make this fun for the family and informative for everyone.

If you would like to step up and help take "a bite out of crime," go to www.belmont-hillsboro.org and sign-up today.

BHN HELPING GET INFORMATION TO YOU THE WAY YOU WANT IT!

BY TRACY PATTERSON



The BHN Website is currently being rebuilt to be more user-friendly and intuitive. Visit the Website at www.belmont-hillsboro.org and view the events calendar, important neighborhood announcements, and links to BHN Groups' subscription service, Twitter and Facebook sites, the Tree Canopy Campaign, and the BHN Store. Check it out!

Since the email subscription service is for general neighborhood announcements, we would like the Facebook page to become a place for you, the neighbors, to be heard. Facebook and Twitter can be extremely effective tools in getting the word out around the neighborhood. 'Like us' on Facebook (@Belmont-Hillsboro Neighbors) and 'Follow Us' on Twitter (@bhn_online). Once you 'Like

Us' on Facebook, you will be able to post neighborhood happenings like "baby sitter wanted" or "garage sale next Saturday". When you see that errant coyote, you'll be able to start a discussion and provide feedback.

As more neighbors join and participate in the Listserv, we recognize we need additional email addresses with which to handle requests and posts. Use these email addresses for the following:

Info@belmont-hillsboro.org - requests for information about the organization and general correspondence

Announcements@belmont-hillsboro.org - the new address to send information to be posted on the Listserv

Calendar@belmont-hillsboro.org - the new address to request an event be added to the BHN Calendar

Be sure to visit the Website and see the latest events in and around the neighborhood. And remember if you would like to add anything to the calendar, simply email us at the address listed above.

PRIMROSE AVENUE AND PRIMROSE CIRCLE URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY

BY DAVID GLASGOW

In early May, the Metro Planning Commission unanimously approved the new Primrose Urban Design Overlay for properties located on Primrose Circle and Primrose Avenue west of Brightwood Avenue. The properties affected are outside the Historic Conservation Zoning Overlay that protects the character of most of the residential streets in the neighborhood. The UDO adjusts down the existing Zoning Code Standards to maintain the scale and feel of the existing homes in this part of the neighborhood.

Neighbors asked for the changes in particular to maintain the scale of the area and to improve traffic and parking in the area where there is a lot of pedestrian and bike traffic. Council member Kristine LaLonde organized several well-attended community meetings where the plan was created by residents and Metro Planning staff.

The UDO is different from a conservation overlay and relies on a set of design standards regarding building height, setbacks, frontage, driveways and "character" of the street without the requirement that existing facades necessarily be maintained as-is. Two zones have been designated within this UDO, with one allowing smaller front-yard set-backs for homes along the I-440 Sound Wall with little or no space behind the existing structures, and the other applying to the remainder of the properties to maintain contextual setbacks with other homes on the street.

Details are available online at: www.nashville.gov/mpc/docs/subarea10/PrimroseUDO010311.pdf





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BHN BEAUTIFICATION

BY MELINDA NEWPHER, BHN BEAUTIFICATION CHAIR

The BHN Semi Annual Clean-up day was held on Saturday April 23, 2011. Public Works donated a 40 yard roll-off dumpster, BHN rented another 30 yard roll-off dumpster and we coordinated with the Sheriff's department, using their compactor truck, to help us by cleaning up items dumped in the alleys. Goodwill was also on-site for donations.

A big thanks you to Tyree/Helios and Osborne's Bi-Rite for allowing us to place our roll-off dumpsters in their back parking lot for the clean-up. We had to close down early after about 35 trash loads because the dumpsters were full!

Thanks to all the neighbors who participated: Melinda Newpher, Ross Pepper, Gary Bynum, Rob Laird, Glenn Swann, Gill Geldreich, Virginia Spini, Susie and Tom Campion, John Ray Clemmons, Stewart Clifton, Liza Joffrion, Colin Bass, Brian Gallagher, Karen Borg, Maria and Owen Salas, Tim Holman, Lindsey Trella and Mark Moffatt, and Barbara Martin.

A special thank you these neighbors: Virginia Spini for holding down the fort at the entrance signing everyone in and keeping count of the people and number of trips, Ross Pepper, Gary Bynum, Rob Laird, Glenn Swann, and Gill Geldreich for assisting in the dirty duty of unloading the cars, trucks, and trailers into the roll-off dumpsters that were provided, Melinda Newpher with her trailer and Susie and Tom Campion with their truck for cruising the alleys picking up trash, to all who picked up trash on Belmont Boulevard and took down illegal posters from poles. Everyone please continue to remove illegal posters throughout the year!

A lot of bulk items like couches, rugs, and mattresses are being left in the alleys. Below are the numbers you can call to get these items picked up for FREE. Please do not leave bulk items in the alleys as they rot and invite rodents, and create unsanitary conditions.

We want to keep the clean-ups going, but everyone needs to cooperate. We are not allowed to dispose of certain items like construction debris, paints, oils or chemicals. Many were dropped off at the collection site and the neighborhood volunteers helping with the event were left to cart them away.

The following numbers and addresses may assist you in the future, so that we can continue to have the clean-ups and keep the neighborhood looking spiffy.

BULK PICK-UP: Call 862-8750 (Sheriff's Dept) – There is a limit of six (6) items per address.

The following accepted bulk items are: Old furniture, mattresses/box springs, sofas/couches, lawn furniture, lawn mowers, bicycles, baby furniture, exercise equipment, toilets, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, air conditioners, ranges, washers, dryers, automotive parts, including: fenders, hoods, metal bumpers, motor frames, transmissions, starters, alternators, radiators, rear ends, drive shafts, and brake rotors. Please go to www.nashville.gov/Recycle/bulkitems.asp for additional information or call 862-8750 with any questions.

For paints, oils and other waste, etc. you can drop off at 1019 Omohundro Place, 37210 (entrance on Freightliner Dr). Their number is 880-1955 and hours are Tues – Sat.: 8:00am – 4:30pm. Please take advantage of this facility.

This newsletter is distributed door-to-door on most blocks in the neighborhood (if it's not being distributed on your block, please volunteer!). We have also been sending it to members of BHN by mail, and it is now available online at www.belmont-hillsboro.org. If you prefer not to receive a print copy by mail, please let us know by emailing info@belmont-hillsboro.org. This newsletter was edited by Gene TeSelle and laid out by Susie Campion. The printing was done at Midtown Printing, 120 20th Avenue South, by our neighbor Fred Von Colln. PLEASE NOTE: This newsletter is not to be put "in or on" mail boxes, according to the U.S. Postal Service.

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