

# The B.N.O. News

## A Team of Neighborhood Advocates — Focusing on Community

Our mission is to serve the people of The Burroughs by providing information and services that contribute to the stability and vitality of the community and neighborhood we live in.

December 2016

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## Monday December 5, 2016

at

**Burroughs Elementary School** 

Doors open early at 6:30 pm Meeting starts 7:00 pm

> BNO Christmas Party

#### **Bring:**

- ♦ A dish to share
- Donation to our Christmas Family
  - ♦ Money for 50 / 50 raffle
    - ♦ 2017 Dues

#### Become a Member

With 2017 approaching, it is time for dues. Dues are only \$10 per address. This gets you to be a member in good standing. What does this mean? This means you get a voice, you can be an officer, you get a name tag (which goes into the basket for drawings).

Also, this ten dollars helps finance: newsletters, BNO picnic and other special events, Christmas Family, and other things that come up during the year. Please consider becoming a member. Our organization is only as strong as the members!

### **Recap of the November Meeting**

Dennis Kennedy of City of Toledo Code Enforcement walked through the procedures that the City has now started to implement. Their new program keeps a record of every code issue reported and fines are now being issued to negligent homeowners and landlords. These fines will accumulate if the repairs are not completed. Court orders will be issued. Inspectors as well as Community Officers are also reporting code violations.

By working together our neighborhood will be brought up to code. Visit: toledo.oh.gov/engage-toledo/ or call 419-936-2020 to report violations.

#### **BNO Christmas Party**

This month, December, we will not have a guest speaker. We are going to use this time to honor all the hard work of 2016 and to enjoy each other's company while we celebrate the holidays.

Please bring a finger food to share. Yes, we all enjoy eating a holiday cookie or two while getting to know our neighbors a bit more. Please plan on attending this very, merry time.



#### **BNO Christmas Family 2016**

We have found a family of neighbors who has humbly accepted our offer for assistance this holiday season.

If you would like to donate, or help in any way, please contact Robert at 419-917-1535 or Marcia at 419-304-8014, or bno.group@yahoo.com for pick-up or information. The last day we will be accepting donation items is Thursday, December 15th. Please consider helping a family of neighbors in need this Christmas.

#### The family includes:

- First, a 6th grade boy, age 11, who likes basketball, technology, magic, and could use size 12 pants, shirts, and has a size 4 shoe.
- ♦ Second, a 3rd grade girl, age 8, who loves Barbie, cooking, Spanish, jewelry and art projects, and wears a size 8 winter coat, and size 2 boots.
- ◆ Next, a Kindergartner boy, age 5, who loves planes, trains and automobiles, Paw Patrol, is learning to read, and wears size 6 winter coat and size 10 winter boots.
- Finally, a baby boy, age 6 months, who could use some size 4 diapers and a high chair.
- Let's not forget mom and dad, as well, who could use grocery/department store gift cards to offset the cost of food and bills. Any help, wrapped or not, is so graciously appreciated.

# **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

Upcoming meetings will be held at Burroughs Elementary School. Mark your calendar and join us!

**December 5th** 

Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6

#### **Newsletter Home Delivery**

Over the last few years The BNO has not delivered newsletters to your doorsteps during the harsh winter months. Our current plans for this year are to not deliver the newsletter for the months of January, February, and March as these months tend to hold our harshest weather.

Our volunteers have done a wonderful job of keeping The Burroughs Neighbors informed of our meeting updates as well as other news.

Thank you to all of our newsletter volunteers!
We appreciate all of your hard work in writing articles as well as in delivering the monthly newsletters.

Newsletters will continue to be available during the winter months when home delivery ceases at some of our local businesses. Be sure to stop by one of our local business locations to pick up your copy or bno.group@yahoo.com for an electronic copy.

**Business locations with newsletters will be:** 

Kahler	Vito's
Toledo Heights Public Library	Stop By
Sunoco at Airport and	Stop N Go
Fearing	Trinity Glass and Trends

A Special Thanks in Advance to these businesses for helping the BNO with their newsletter distribution.

#### Mark your Calendar

I know its early but.....The BNO Neighborhood Community Yard Sale has been set for a permanent date that will occur year after year. Starting in June 2017, our Community Yard Sale will always be the first weekend in June.

Plan and prepare to participate this coming June 3rd and 4th, 2017. Maps and directories are provided. The cost to participate is \$5.00. This pays for advertising. We have always had great turnouts! And its fun!

## Community News and Events

Look what's happening in our Neighborhood

#### **Investing in our Neighborhood** Do You Qualify? City of Toledo **Department of Neighborhoods** The City of Toledo's Department of Neighborhoods may be able to help you through one of their Neighborhood Stabilization Programs. **Contact a Department of Neighborhoods** Specialist at 419 245 1400 to learn more about ♦ Rental Rehabilitation Program Available to property owners of rental property in one to four-family buildings whose units are occupied by or will be occupied by low to moderate income households • Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program Available to the owner of record who has lived in the property you are inquiring about for at least 3 years. Owner—occupied rehab is designed to fix code violations only such as leaky roofs. faulty furnaces, crumbling foundations, possible lead hazard issues, etc. **♦** Down Payment Program Available to assist home buyers with down payment a and reasonable closing costs Homes located within low to moderate income census tracts will be eligible for down payment assistance.

A group is forming to become a Community Partner to work with the City of Toledo to help cut grass and weeds in our neighborhood.

If you would like to participate
Contact:
Michael Prince
The Cross Church
419-794-3434

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