



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.

February 2017

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Monday February 6, 2017

at
Burroughs Elementary School

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

Guest Speaker

Jody Prude

Division of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Bring:

- ◆ Money for 50 / 50 raffle
- ◆ 2017 Dues

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month is Jody Prude. Jody is the manager of the Division of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. The Division of Parks, Recreation and Forestry is dedicated to the effective management of Toledo's green-spaces, and to provide programs, facilities and opportunities to enhance the quality of life for all of our citizens and visitors to Toledo. Please join us as we discuss what 2017 looks like for the city of Toledo and how this effects the BNO.

2017 Goal Setting

Thanks to all who participated in our January meeting to help us define the goals of the BNO as well as special functions. Below is the list of goals set by YOU:

- Development of the triangle into a Pocket Park
- Safety
- Community Awareness Campaign
- Getting our City Council representatives more involved in our neighborhood
- Housing
- Streets

2017 is the year of the BNO! If you feel drawn to any of these topics please join us as we develop the committees which will be the driving force of success!

Triangle Garden Project - Phase 2

The Triangle located at the intersection of Airport Highway and South Ave. is the heart of The Burroughs Neighborhood. It is our high traffic focal point. It leaves an image that reflects upon our neighborhood. It is our gateway.

The Triangle once held a gas station, a used car lot, an empty unkempt lot that had weeds and overgrowth, mud and broken cement. Cars and trucks randomly parked there with for sale signs or flat tires.

The BNO got involved. They worked with the city to cover the cement with mulch and block off all driveway entrances. Over the past years neighborhood volunteers have beautified the area. They planted trees, bushes and flowers. They weeded, cut grass when the city got behind and edged the sidewalks in the front part of the triangle.

Now it is time for Phase 2

We are planning to develop it into a Pocket Park.

A Pocket Park is a small park accessible to the general public. Pocket parks are created on single vacant lots or on small, irregular pieces of land. They can provide greenery, a place to sit outdoors or a visual design.

Pocket parks can increase the value of nearby homes. One study conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, found that "attractively maintained small and medium parks have a positive influence on neighboring property values."

The BNO will be working with the City and community members this year to continue to maintain the area and build on it.

We do have some dedicated volunteers but you are always welcome to join us. This is a simple fun way to volunteer. Scouts and students can earn community service hours. Maybe we can form a "Do Not Litter" or a "Don't trash our Neighborhood" Campaign. Maybe we can plant flowers to beautify our neighborhood.

If you have any ideas or ways you can help please email newsletter43609@gmail.com or call 419-205-5878.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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

February 6th

Mar 6, April 3, May 1

We Need Your Opinion!

Would you like to see more or less of something in our neighborhood? Is there something missing from our neighborhood? Let us know through email, bno.group@yahoo.com, or stop by one of our monthly meetings to tell us in your own voice. We are here for you, and all of our neighbors, to spearhead initiatives that would benefit our community. If you are going to send email, make sure to be clear about what you're talking about in each email, and use the subject line to help us keep everything organized.

Thank you in advance!

Business locations with newsletters

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

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

<p>Kahler</p> <p>Toledo Heights Public Library</p> <p>Sunoco at Airport and Fearing</p>	<p>Vito's</p> <p>Stop By</p> <p>Stop N Go</p> <p>Trinity Glass and Trends</p>
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Newsletter Home Delivery Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed if we are going to continue home delivery after this winter break. Our volunteers have done a wonderful job of keeping The Burroughs Neighbors informed of our meeting updates as well as other news. However without more volunteers our home delivery will definitely stop.

Community News and Events

Look what's happening in our Neighborhood

2017 Challenge: Perform a Random act of Kindness and Change a Community

Imagine, someone allowing you to cut in a lane of traffic, when you were running out of time, and desperately needed to get somewhere...and then you, on a different occasion, at random, extend the same grace to someone else. Or imagine, someone shoveling your snow or cutting your grass, *free*...and then you doing the same for someone else; or what about paying for someone's groceries, or paying for someone's restaurant bill, or gasoline, or toll booth cost, or cooking a meal for someone, or visiting someone sick. No strings attached, no ulterior motives, ***just simple kindness!*** Could that happen here in the Burroughs neighborhoods, or in the Toledo community? Researchers cite evidence of wonderful health benefits mentally/emotionally and physically from extending kindness to others.

I challenge YOU to do a random act of kindness, and start a movement of goodwill toward our neighbors and the community!!!

**Business / Vendor Craft Fair
is just around the corner.
Watch for more information**

BNO Calendar of Events 2017

February or March - Fundraiser Dance

April 22 - Global Youth Service Day

May 6 - Craft/Vendor Fair

June 1-3 - Community Garage Sale

August - BNO Picnic

August or September - Burroughs Elementary School Open House

October - Burroughs Elementary School PTO's Trunk or Treat

Beginning in November - BNO Christmas Family Drive

December 4th - BNO Christmas Party