



# 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.

**January 2017**

**email: [bno.group@yahoo.com](mailto:bno.group@yahoo.com)**

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**Monday, January 9, 2017**

**at**

**Burroughs Elementary School**

**Doors open early at 6:30 pm**

**Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

**BNO**

**Start-of-Year Planning Convention**

**Bring:**

\* Ideas for 2017

\* As soon as able: 2017 Annual Dues of \$10

\* Optional: Cash for 50/50 Raffle

## **December 2016 Recap – A Great Party!**

We were delighted to welcome three new neighbors who had recently moved into the Burroughs neighborhood to the fun of our fourth annual Christmas party. We enjoyed good conversation; a great selection of delicious home made food and purchased food while listening to Christmas carols. We had 21 very nice gifts to raffle off, including novels, Christmas CD's, Christmas decorations, coffee mugs and more. Since we were a smaller group than some years, some members even won more than one gift.

Of course we collected lots of nice gifts as well as gift cards to Krogers and other retailers for the Christmas family that we are sponsoring this year. One of our local churches even donated new winter coats for two of the children in our family. We hope that you and your family had very Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season and that you can join us next year for our annual BNO Christmas party which is always held the first Monday in December.

## **BNO 2016 Highlights**

**Vendor/Craft Fair** – Neighbors showcased their talents and merchandise through artistic and creative displays

**Global Youth Service Day** – Our neighbors and students joined thousands of Toledoans for a day of cleaning up our streets, and bringing team-work to our community

**Community Yard Sale** – Another year of continuing success in deals and sales throughout our neighborhood

**Picnic** – A food-filled and fun-filled wrap-up of the summer months, with games and activities for all

**The Triangle** – maintained by the hard work of our very own neighbors, and in the process of becoming our park!

## **Secretary**

Our Secretarial officer position remains vacant heading into 2017, and if you might be willing to try something new and show your written creativity, you're welcome to attend a meeting, become a member, and have some fun with it!

## **Main Event**

As this is the first general meeting of the New Year, we will be focusing on defining our neighborhood organization's goals for the entirety of 2017. We will not be having a guest speaker so that we can have as much time as possible for those members and newcomers in attendance to share their thoughts on how we should move forward as an organization, as citizens, and as neighbors.

One area we are already in the process of working towards is a complete and beautified Triangle - the pocket-park located at the intersection of South Avenue and Airport Highway. We will have hands-on, engaging designs to work with, so we can see what we might want, and how it might look, before we move forward with the city into making it a fulfilled reality.

Please feel free to join our neighborhood's community meeting Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, to share your thoughts on: how our neighborhood could be improved and changed; and to express what is important to you.

## **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

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

**February 6  
March 6  
April 3**

## **Newsletters in the Winter Months**

As we announced, home delivery will be postponed until April due to the weather, and without enough volunteers, home delivery may be postponed indefinitely. If you enjoy receiving our neighborly newsletter, please be sure to take a look around at local businesses, the library, and the school. Also, if you haven't already signed up for our email notifications, we strongly encourage it, to stay in the know, and to ensure that you receive a newsletter each month. Emails will only be sent to notify you of upcoming events, and with each month's newsletter - no spam, and no overflowing inbox from us.

## **Christmas Family 2016**

We had a great turnout of gifts donated for our neighborhood's Christmas Family. Thank you to all those who donated and continue to make this such a warm time of year.

## **Community Yard Sale**

Wait! Don't pitch it just yet. Remember to keep anything you might be able to sell in our community yard sale, now permanently scheduled for the first weekend in June - the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th this year. We look forward to providing each other with a fun weekend of leisurely shopping around!

## **President's Pen**

It has been a honor to serve you in 2016. I am humbled that you have entrusted me to continue this role in 2017. It is my belief that we can make a difference in this neighborhood. It only takes one person to care. That care is very infectious! One turns into two. We make changes on our street, our block, our neighborhood, our City! That one person is YOU. That one person is me. I look forward to standing beside you this year to make positive changes!

## **Community News and Events**

Here are a few things to do as we head into 2017:

Jan. 3 & 17 - UT Men's Basketball  
Jan. 7 & 8 - Toledo Walleye  
Jan 10 - Jersey Boys opens  
Jan 18 - Dance Theatre of Harlem  
Jan. 20 - Inauguration Day

For a quick search, anytime, and for more events to come, here's the link: [DoToledo.org](http://DoToledo.org)  
Be sure to click on the more specific tabs to get the full experience of our city.

## **Whacky Weather**

As those of us who call Toledo, Ohio home are well aware, winter brings some very whacky weather to the Burroughs. Remember to use caution, even when you think it's safe. Ice may or may not be visible, and can cause slips, trips, and falls, which may lead to serious injury. Exercise the same cautions and precautions when driving, as it's very easy to slip and slide on the roads, as well. Make sure to maintain clear windows for vision, and be aware of the operations of your lights, wipers, and brakes.

## **Thank You to Our Partners**

Another big "thank you" goes to those businesses and locations who host our newsletters both in the winter and in the warmer months. You are all a big part of keeping our neighborhood so lively.

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

**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,**

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