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RESIDENTIAL GROUP HOME STUDY

Because of the deep concern of residents in both Sherwood Forest and Broadmoor Subdivisions, about the increased number of 'for profit group homes' being operated within our neighborhoods, the home owner associations of these two neighborhoods have formed a committee of 6 members: 3 representing Sherwood Forest Subdivision and 3 representing Broadmoor Subdivision.

Members of the committee will work to identify the location of these facilities, the type of function they serve, and by whom they are being managed. Information gathered would be presented to city and state government agencies to encourage the establishment of legislation that would implement better control mechanisms, and to identify the kind and the number of group homes that are being operated in neighborhoods. At the conclusion of the study a meeting for the residents of Sherwood and Broadmoor will be held to inform folks of the findings.

In addition, the committee will attempt to determine which government agencies or departments are responsible for the different types of group homes and the rules (fire, safety, occupancy, supervision, etc.) to which the different types of group homes must comply.

Federal law governing the establishment of Group Homes for people with disabilities permits a group home in any zoning district in the country. In other words, Federal law has precedence over any neighborhood association restrictions or city zoning requirements.

The goal is not to stop group homes from being in Broadmoor or Sherwood, but to ensure the group home management, supervisors, owners, and residents are good neighbors and the homes comply with the rules established by various government agencies.

This effort will take numerous hours of research and meetings by our volunteers. We are asking for your patience during this process. It would be helpful if you would share your observations of group homes being established in your respective neighborhoods, so that any new information can be included in the findings. This information should be reported to the President of the Broadmoor Residents' Association (broadmoor@broadmoor-br.org) or the President of the Sherwood Forest HOA (rlompson@bellsouth.net).



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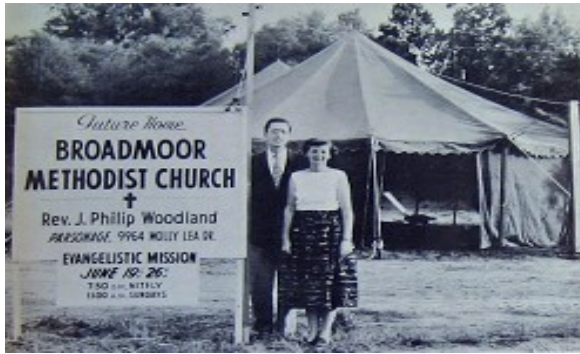
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Broadmoor Churches Remain Strong

by Feature Writer Elizabeth Robertson



It was June 1955 when the sign facing the road in the middle of a field announced, “The Future Home of Broadmoor Methodist Church.” The temperature was approaching three digits in the tent with the rolled up sides on Mollylea Drive. A new house cost about \$17,500, Dwight D. Eisenhower was President, and minimum wage was .75 cents an hour.

Some of the original Broadmoor residents are the many churches that can be found throughout the neighborhood. As the city of Baton Rouge was pushing its boundaries in the 1950s, Broadmoor neighborhood was built “out in the country”. Many Broadmoor residents moved to a place far from the churches they grew up in, and many churches stand today that met the needs of our residents, and those beyond our neighborhood.

Rev. Donnie Wilkinson, Senior Pastor of Broadmoor United Methodist Church, said the first wave of post WWII development was along Florida Boulevard. “In 1955, Phil Woodland was appointed to a field at the corner of Sharp and Mollylea Dr. to form a community to meet the needs of the Broadmoor area,” Wilkinson said. “The church was faithful to its mission of reaching out to the neighborhood. There are two cornerstones here at Broadmoor Methodist,” Wilkinson said. “One is to love the lord thy God and the other is to love thy neighbor as thyself, what Broadmoor Methodist has been about since 1955.”

Wilkinson said the neighborhood has changed through the years and the church has responded to those changes. “As community’s change, as neighborhoods change, we are discovering what God wants us to do for the next 20-30 years while holding close to the vision of this neighborhood and this area. It’s one of the most diverse parts of the city of Baton Rouge, not just racial demographics, but social and economic demographics,” Wilkinson said. “It’s a phenomenal mix of people and we are striving to find out the needs of our neighbors and find a way we can help people not just connect with God, but discover how can we be a vibrant part of the community and the city of Baton Rouge.”

Broadmoor Baptist Church recently celebrated its 60th year. In November 1956, almost 200 people signed on as Charter members of the new church. The church first met in a home, then began meeting at Broadmoor Elementary as the congregation grew. On groundbreaking day, the congregation streamed across Goodwood Boulevard from Broadmoor Elementary surrounded by the classic palm trees still seen today. The current church was built in the late 1960s and began hosting Sunday services in 1971. Many of us driving past Goodwood Boulevard will recognize its vertical window of sand-covered faceted glass.

To see a video of the original footage of the beginnings of Broadmoor neighborhood and Broadmoor Baptist Church, please visit www.broadmoor-br.org.

Thanks To Our Mystery Sign Remover

We have all seen the proliferation of plastic signs advertising guitar lessons, piano lessons, music lessons, we buy houses, stump removal, etc. It is illegal to post these signs on utility poles and along the edges of streets. If the city would fine the folks for these signs they could make a lot of money. For the first sign the fine is about \$125, and then the fines go up for subsequent signs.

Unfortunately, many of these signs end up at the entrances and streets of Broadmoor. But the signs keep disappearing so it is apparent we have a mystery person who goes around and removes these signs. Thank you for removing this blight to our neighborhood.



Welcome to all of our new residents. Broadmoor is known for being a great value and a convenient place to live. Within a 2 mile radius of the center of Broadmoor there are hundreds of things to do and places to go.

If you moved into Broadmoor within the past few months and have not received your welcome packet please contact us by calling the Broadmoor Residents' Association HelpLine at **926-9829**. Or email us at 'Broadmoor@Broadmoor-BR.org'. Leave a message with your name, street address, phone number and when you moved into the neighborhood. We will do our best to get the "Welcome To Broadmoor – The Heart of Baton Rouge" book in your hands.

Again, welcome to Broadmoor.

Keeping Property Values Up

One of the goals of any property owner is keep the value of their property up and hopefully increasing. No one wants to see the value of their property drop (remember 2007-2009). But not all of us can afford many thousands of dollars sprucing up the outward appearance of our homes. But there are some things you can do at little to no cost. Here are a few things you can do to keep your property value from falling or not increasing at the rate of similar homes.

LITTER – If there is litter in your yard or along the street pick it up. Many folks live across the street from a median and all too often there is litter from passing vehicles in that area (Airline, Goodwood, Florida, and Sharp). Pick up the litter and you have enhanced the appeal of your property.

PARKING - Don't park in the grass of your front yard. No one buys their home hoping the front yard of the house next door will look like a parking lot. Also parking a trailer, storage POD, or boat, etc. in the front yard is less than appealing. *(Parking in the yard in A1 zoning areas is illegal per city ordinances.)* Parking must be on a dust free surface such as concrete, brick, or asphalt. By the way, dumping a little bit of gravel on the grass does not equate to dust free.

YARD CARE – Keep your grass cut and leaves raked. A house with an overgrown yard drags down the value of that house and the surrounding houses. Also give some thought to edging or using a weed wacker along the sidewalks and street curb.

TOUCH UP PAINT – A little bit of touch up paint can go a long way to enhancing the appearance of a home. You can extend the life of your last paint job by just touching up those small areas that are starting to peel or wear.

CARPORT JUNK – When a person uses their carport as a storage area for boxes and junk, it really detracts from the appearance of the neighborhood. Take a couple of days and either get rid of that stuff you have not used in a long time or find a better storage area for it.

PETS – Do not allow your pet dogs and cats to roam the neighborhood. *(Per city ordinance, all dogs, cats, and ferrets shall be prevented from running at large and/or causing a nuisance.)*

Broadmoor Residents' Association Board Members and Officers

In November at the annual meeting, officers and board members were elected to run the association during 2018.

Officers and Board Members

Terry Lawrence – President	Ellen Grout – Vice President
Bobbi Lawrence – Secretary	Jason Thorne - Treasurer

Board Members and Committee Position

Stanley Bordelon – Group Home Research Committee	Joni Leggio – BCPID Commissioner, Community Relations
Julie Brown White – BCPID Commissioner	Dorothy Lejeune – Greeter
Liz Core – Beautification Committee, Federation Representative	Gary Littlefield – BCPID Commissioner, Group Home Research Committee
Sterling Core – Beautification Committee, Architectural Review	Scot McDavitt – Christmas Parade Committee
Cliff Grout – BCPID Commissioner, Zoning & Architectural Review Committees	Doug Olsen
Marcelle DeSoto – BCPID Commissioner	Heather Ordoyne – Welcome To Broadmoor Committee
Steven Graham – BCPID Commissioner	Peter Ordoyne – Neighborhood Watch
Terry Hicks – Architectural Review	Nina Russell – Help Line & Email Monitor
Bob Thorne – Treasurer Liason	

Can you help?

Like all organizations, we need volunteer helpers. We could use some volunteers on the following committees: **Beautification, Zoning, Architectural Review, Parade, and Welcome to Broadmoor.** Give us a call at 225-926-9829 and let us know if you have some time you can donate to Broadmoor.

Broadmoor Board Celebrates The Holidays



Several members of the BRA board met at the LaContea restaurant on Jefferson on Dec.6 to enjoy fellowship and great food (Dutch treat). Terry Lawrence, President, shared the highlights from the year as well as goals for the coming year.

He also took time out for the group to honor Bob Thorne, long time treasurer for the Residents' Association. Bob was presented a certificate and a gift to thank him for all of the years of hard work for our group. The Association was well served by Bob. He has since passed those duties on to son

Jason Thorne, longtime member of the Residents' Association.

If you can serve the Broadmoor Residents' Association in any capacity, please attend a bi-monthly meeting at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Adult Building. The next meeting is Monday March 19th at 6:30pm.

Love Thy Neighbor
by Stanley J. Bordelon, Esq.

Fortunately, most neighbors are good friends: they pick up our mail while we are on vacation, look out for our kids and suspicious activities, loan us tools, and might even share a couple of cold ones on a hot summer afternoon. Chances are, however, that at some point in our lives—whether it was in the college dorm or just last week—we have all had to put up with a neighbor whose annoying habits drive us insane. Excessive noise, encroachments on property, blight, illegal activity, an incessantly barking dog, and dangling trees over our roofs are just a few of the common difficulties living in a neighborhood can present. What do you do, though, when you just cannot stand any more of your neighbor’s annoying habits?

The American Bar Association (and I would suggest good social manners) recommends taking three steps before calling the police on your neighbor or running off to the courthouse to sue her. First, be neighborly and talk to your neighbor about what is bugging you. Although bringing up a touchy subject is not always easy, muster up your courage and have that conversation with your neighbor. You might be surprised to find out that your neighbor is receptive to your concerns and had no idea his sawing and hammering at 2:00 a.m. was keeping you awake at night.

In case your neighbor is not receptive to your complaints, the next step is to put your complaint in writing to your neighbor. Writing a letter achieves a couple of practical goals. To start with, it compels you to take the initial step of looking up the law and reading what the actual ordinance is. The ordinances for the City-Parish of Baton Rouge can be easily accessed on-line at <https://library.municode.com>. The second important goal writing a letter accomplishes is that it creates a paper trail to show that you have made a good-faith effort to resolve the problem amicably with your neighbor.

The third recommended step is mediation. Mediation is negotiation facilitated by a neutral third party, who is trained in techniques to help parties reach a solution or compromise. Mediation is similar to what you see on TV: Judge Judy, The People’s Court, and the like. While mediation is voluntary, if an agreement is reached, it may be enforced as a contract. Mediation does cost money, and the process is not related to city or state courts.

Finally, if all else fails, everyone has the right to seek justice in a court of law, where a judge will determine who is right. Court can be an expensive option because of filing fees, court costs, and, if you hire an attorney, attorney’s fees, although anyone has the right to represent himself or herself in a court of law. Taking your neighbor to court is a decision that should be carefully weighed. Only the most serious matters—such as when there is a real threat of significant damage to property or enjoyment of your property—should be brought to court. A judge will probably not be amused to have to take time from an already overloaded docket to resolve a dispute that is more akin to a schoolyard scrap than a true legal dispute between adults.

Sometimes, though, there is a legitimate reason to take your neighbor to court, and we will discuss those beginning in the next series of columns.

Legal Disclaimer: This column includes information about legal issues and legal developments. It is for informational purposes only and may not reflect the most current legal developments. These informational materials are not intended, and should not be taken, as legal advice on any particular set of facts or circumstances. You should contact an attorney for advice on specific legal problems.

We Have Probably Said This
A Thousand Times

Lock your car doors. Always! Virtually every car ‘break in’ in our and nearby neighborhoods happens to cars that have been unlocked. There is a criminal element in every city that just looks for an opportunity and some folks just make it easy for them. The criminal merely checks your car door, if it is locked they just move on. Please lock your car when you walk away from it and we probably will not read about things being stolen from your car.

2017 Successful Broadmoor Christmas Parade



Our annual Broadmoor Christmas Parade was another great day. We had a few less floats than last year but there was a lot of competition. At least 3 other local parades took place on the same day. We did have some new folks participate with their parade units which also helped to spice up the day.

A special thanks to Santa and the Elves who apparently really enjoyed their ride on the Baton Rouge Fire Department fire truck. Once again, the Broadmoor High School band, JROTC, and cheerleaders helped enormously with their participation. Some of the other participants that truly helped to make this a special day were: Chosen Academy of Dance; Kim Henderson's 1957 Chevy; Broadmoor United Methodist Church; Broadmoor Baptist Church; Pack 228 Cub Scouts; The Krewe de Patwa; 225 Sweets LLC; Hi Nabor Supermarket; Krewe of West Van Place;

Hogwarts On The Bayou; The Scardino family antique car; Boy Scout Troop 29; Saint Thomas More Church; Santa's Caribbean Workshop; Montalbano's Seafood & Catering; Councilwoman Collins-Lewis; Representative Paula Davis and Beat The Streets Drum & Bugle Corp.

The number of spectators was way up over any previous parade. Several people who have participated in every parade commented there appeared to be 3-4 times as many spectators. We certainly hope they all enjoyed the day.



More Parade Pics...



What's Growing in BROADMOOR?

By Sterling Core

What a crazy season it's been so far! We've had twice as many freezes as in past years.

Please take your time in pruning back damaged plants until all freezes are done for the year. That damaged growth can actually insulate the core of the plant where new growth can start.



I'm really hoping that the freezes of the week of Jan. 16 don't hurt our azaleas. Mine have tiny buds and let's hope no more hard freezes this year. I also had some great broccoli and carrots in the garden. We had to harvest the broccoli early but the carrots are doing fine.

If you are planning your spring garden, here's some information from the La. Cooperative Extension Service:

Planting Dates – For spring planting, gardeners in Louisiana's southernmost parishes may use the earliest dates given for their first plantings. Gardeners in central Louisiana should plant about two weeks later than the earliest dates given, and those in north Louisiana about four weeks later. For example, snap beans may be planted on Feb. 15 in New Orleans but around March 1 in Alexandria and about March 15 in the Shreveport or Monroe areas. Generally, with the spring vegetables, the first planting should be made after the danger of frost is over (March 15 for south Louisiana).

Here's a link to the full publication:

<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/NR/rdonlyres/46F14CF6-CA36-44E4-95B9-6856552C94EC/85493/Pub1980VegetablePlantingGuide2012HIGHRES.pdf>

I like to plant snap peas, squash, corn & tomatoes in my spring garden (but not yet). Red & white potatoes need to be started now but not too deep or they will rot (see guide). You don't have to put potatoes in the ground. You can grow them successfully in containers.

March 15 is usually when I start everything else. Big beef, Celebrity and Heirloom are tomato varieties that are successful in our area. Don't space too close together as everything won't get enough light. Okra is also fun to grow but harvest often so pods don't get big and tough.

Hope our beautiful Broadmoor recovers from all of this brutal winter and stays as green as usual.



About Sterling: A Baton Rouge native, Sterling is a long time gardener and also part of the Broadmoor Residents' Association Beautification Committee. Ask questions at: lscore1074@aol.com

Well it is a new year and time to once again support the Broadmoor Residents' Association with the annual voluntary dues.

If you live in the Broadmoor area, please support the work of the Association by becoming a member. Just fill in the information and mail this form with your check to the address above.

THANK YOU -- WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

2018 MEMBERSHIP DONATION FORM

YES! Please count me in. I will contribute to help continue making Broadmoor a great place to live!

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- Senior (age 65+) donation - \$35.00 2. Standard donation - \$50.00 3. Silver donation - \$100.00
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You can pay your dues using one of the following methods.

Make a check payable to Broadmoor Residents' Association and mail it along with this dues form to:

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Broadmoor Crime Report For 2017

Crime is always on people's minds, but the good news for Broadmoor is - again - the crime numbers are down for 2017 – with two notable exceptions (more on that below). Overall, our numbers have continued to decline since the inception of our Crime Prevention and Improvement District and, according to Baton Rouge Police, Broadmoor enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in Baton Rouge - something that our BCPID Private Police Patrol (PPP) and with our Neighborhood Watch have been instrumental in bringing about.

As the numbers show, we have been free from violent crime in Broadmoor this year, and most all of the criminal activity we do suffer is of a petty and opportunistic nature – vehicle thefts, stealing items off carports and out of unlocked sheds, etc.

We have had several rashers of vehicle break-ins over the year which is the only glaring increase in our numbers. While these incidents generally result in an arrest or arrests, preventing them is easy – LOCK YOUR CAR. Almost all of the vehicle thefts this year are of property stolen out of an unlocked car. This is especially true if you have a firearm in your vehicle. One was stolen in Broadmoor recently from an UNLOCKED vehicle. That doesn't help any of us.

Our PPP has also been focusing, especially in the past six months, on the rash of speeders and stop sign runners we seem to have. And, they have gotten results. Our traffic citations were up this year by 73%, and recently the PPP reports they are seeing far fewer violations. And yes, the majority of those ticketed live in Broadmoor.

If you want to do your part to keep crime down, just remember these tips: Keep your vehicle locked at all times. Lock your sheds and outbuildings. Don't leave tempting items out where they can be seen or easily taken. Know your neighbors. Finally... do the speed limit and stop for STOP signs. Last but not least - if you see something, say something – 911 if it is an emergency or 389.2000 for non-emergencies.

BROADMOOR PPP CRIME STATISTICS – January thru December 2017

	1/17 2016	2/17 CH	3/17	4/17	5/17	6/17	7/17	8/17	9/17	10/17	11/17	TOT 12/17	TOT 2017	%	
911 Calls	14	9	27	28	2	12	11	14	24	22	10	22	195	216	-10
Public Assist Calls	5	9	8	6	5	0	6	6	4	13	0	9	71	100	-29
Disturbance Calls	3	6	17	12	7	3	5	5	13	13	5	6	95	135	-30
Suspicious Incidents	15	3	19	14	10	14	9	5	14	14	6	15	138	180	-23
Damage to Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	24	-88
Thefts	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	11	11	0
Home Break-in / Burglary	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	0	1	13	9	44
Vehicle Burglary	0	3	10	3	0	1	3	10	3	6	0	5	44	9	389
Simple Battery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-200
Home Invasions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Citations	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	36	75	26	28	20	430	249	73
False Alarms	18	13	29	17	12	14	n/a	8	26	36	24	42	239	385	-38

Numbers for January – July are monthly averages

Broadmoor Calendar of Events

Monday	Feb 5 th	BCPID meeting, 5:30 pm, at BUMC
Sunday	Feb 11 th	Blood Drive, 8am-1pm, at BUMC
Monday	February 19 th	Presidents' Day
Sunday	March 11 th	Daylight Saving Time starts
Monday	March 19 th	BRA meeting, 6:30 pm, at BUMC
Sunday	April 1 st	Easter Sunday
Saturday	April 7 th	Broadmoor Block Party hosted by and at the Broadmoor Baptist Church on Goodwood Blvd.
Monday	April 30 th	BCPID meeting, 5:30 pm, at BUMC
Sunday	May 13 th	Mothers' Day
Sunday	May 20 th	Blood Drive, 8am-1pm, at BUMC
Monday	May 21 st	BRA meeting, 6:30 pm, at BUMC
Monday	May 28 th	Memorial Day

BCPID = Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District

BRA = Broadmoor Residents' Association

BUMC = Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Adult Center, corner of Sharp Rd and Mollylea Dr

'2018 Broadmoor Newsletter' ADVERTISING PRICES

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2. I think I have a gas leak..... Call Entergy Repair/Outage at 1-800-968-8243.
3. There is a suspicious incident..... Call the non- emergency police number at 225-389-2000. If it is an emergency, call 911.
4. I want to do an outdoor addition (fence, carport, building, etc.)..... (a) Check the deed restrictions for your filing (the Residents' Association's zoning committee can help with this), and (b) check with the city to see if you need a building permit for your project. Failure to follow the city procedures could result in the city demanding you take down your construction project.
5. There is a pot hole in the street..... Call 311 and report it.
6. My garbage was not picked up..... Call 311 and report it.