Broadmoor News

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Broadmoor Residents' Association and the Broadmoor neighborhood have lost a key member and supporter of our neighborhood. Robert William 'Bob' Thorne, Jr.



In March, the Broadmoor Residents' Association lost a dear friend and an extremely creative and energetic board member. Bob Thorne was born in Shawano, Wisconsin, was a graduate of Nicholls State University and he served in the U. S. Coast Guard from 1964 to 1970. He worked in the oil industry as a Country Operations Manager for Ensco and retired in 2010. His wife Rhea, son Jason and daughter Stephani all reside in Broadmoor.

Bob was the Association treasurer for 5 years and even though he retired in December from that position, he continued to work on the behalf of all of us up until early March. He could always be counted on to figure a way around a problem, or to come up with something new that was better than anything done before. Most of the successes the Association has had over the past 5 years have had Bob's imprint on them in one form or another. He was a pleasure to work with and true to his nature you could always count on his having a great sense of humor. He will never be forgotten and will be truly missed by those of us who knew him.



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NEW BROADMOOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are excited to announce the opening of the new Broadmoor Elementary School. Our scheduled move-in date is August 1, 2018. This 86,000 square foot building will have a total of 40 classroom spaces to accommodate all students. In addition, the new school includes a large library and media center, computer lab, four teacher centers, four small group classrooms and an open community classroom. There will also be outdoor play areas for students and an outdoor reading porch so that everyone can enjoy our beautiful campus.

We will be working to prepare the school for our students to return on August 9, 2018 for the start of the new school year. Once we are settled in our new home, we will schedule a neighborhood open house to allow the public to tour our new facility. Details will be provided at a later date.

As we look forward to our return to our home on Goodwood Boulevard, we are excited to reconnect with our Broadmoor neighbors. The continued support of the neighborhood and community helps us to maintain our commitment to greater student success and a better future for our city.

Larry Harris Principal, Broadmoor Elementary







Broadmoor Calendar of Events

Monday	July 16 th	BRA meeting, 6:30 pm, at BUMC		
Monday	July 30 th	BCPID meeting, 5:30 pm, at BUMC		
Monday	September 3 rd	Labor Day		
Monday	September 17 th	BRA meeting, 6:30 pm, at BUMC		
Monday	October 8 th	Columbus Day		
Monday	October 29 th	BCPID meeting, 5:30 pm, at BUMC		
Wednesday	October 31 st	Halloween		
Sunday	November 11 th	Veterans' Day		
Monday	November 12 th	BRA meeting, 6:30 pm, at BUMC. We will be voting for Officers & Board Members		
Thursday	November 22 nd	Thanksgiving		
Tuesday	November 27 th	Parade Safety Meeting, 6:30 pm, at BUMC		
Saturday	December 1 st	Annual Christmas Parade , 2:00 pm.		
Tuesday	December 25 th	Christmas 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

Beautification Notes

Here's the four homes in Broadmoor that were awarded Yard of the Season this Spring:





Harolds-McMichael Dr.

Browns-Elizabeth Dr.





Smiths-Broadmoor Ave.

Nicholas-S.Parkview

We have really been excited seeing all of the neighbors sprucing up their homes this Spring. Remember, if a professional company trims/cuts down your tree, they need to haul it away. The city will not pick up after a professional tree trimmer.

Please check on your neighbors and see if they need yard help. Nothing makes your house look bad like a neighbor's unkempt yard.

Also, we want everyone to make a special effort to get rid of junk cars in the neighborhood. They can easily be donated to St. Vincent de Paul or another group.



Drive Down Goodwood Boulevard and Check Out the New Banners

The Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District recently purchased and installed some new patriotic banners on Goodwood Boulevard. We now have banners for the four seasons, so you can expect to see a bigger variety of banners in the future.

Take that drive, the new banners look great.

Striking Blight

by Stanley Bordelon, Esq.

Blight seems to have become a problem that has grabbed the attention of a lot Baton Rougeans lately. Even Mayor Weston Broome recently created a "Blight Strike Force." Blight affects all areas of the city and parish, and unfortunately Broadmoor is not spared of the effects of blighted properties. Blighted property is a real nuisance, and most of the neighborly strategies that I laid out in my last article are not applicable to dealing with blight. One of the most obvious reasons is that often the owner of a blighted property is absent.

Blight decreases property values and may lead to increased criminal activity in an area. Plus, blight tends to bread more blight. Although, there is a unanimous sentiment against blight, fighting blight in Baton Rouge is hard.

Louisiana law defines blighted property as a commercial or residential premises, which are vacant, uninhabitable, and hazardous and because of their physical condition, are considered hazardous to persons or property, or have been declared or certified blighted, and have been declared to be a public nuisance by a court.

The Baton Rouge Municipal Code refines the state definition by declaring blight to be conditions which are hazardous to the health, safety or welfare of the public, and/or conditions which are detrimental to property values or to the quality of the environment.

Some examples of blight include the accumulation of trash; junked inoperable vehicles (vehicles which are ten (10) years old or older, in such a state of deterioration that they cannot be profitably restored and which have a fair market value of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or less); illegal dumping; noxious weeds; overgrown vegetation; infestation of insects, rodents; dilapidated structures; condemned properties; criminal violations; zoning violations; and health code violations.

Because Louisiana law is favorable to property owners, the process can take months, if not years. The road to solving blight begins with a citizen report to 311. The City-Parish does not actively survey neighborhoods, report, and document blight, so if no one calls to report blight, the problem is never addressed. After an initial intake through 311, property inspectors are dispatched to document the evidence of blight. A search for the property's owner(s) also occurs. Locating the owner can be a difficult task. When the proper owners are found, notice must be provided. The owner is given twenty (20) days to bring the property in compliance with the municipal codes. If the owner takes corrective action, then the process must start over, if another violation occurs. If correction is not made within twenty days of notice, a second notice is issued in which the owner is ordered to appear at blight court. If a judgment is rendered against the property owner, the city has three options: abatement (cutting the grass); sheriff's sale; or demolition.

Fighting blight involves three components: a neighborly response, which in this case is to report blight to 311; more resources for the City-Parish; and a review of state laws that would make it easier for municipalities to combat blight. There may be a fourth: patience, because in Baton Rouge, striking at blight may feel more like chipping away a mountain with a hammer and chisel.

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PLEASE Don't blow or sweep leaves and grass into our storm sewers!



Leaves, yard clippings, and trash will plug up our storm sewers and drainage canals. This results in flooded streets, and an overall messy appearance to your street. It then becomes an expensive process for DPW to come out and try to clean out the storm sewer pipes. Make sure your yard maintenance people do not blow yard debris into the street, ditches, or servitude areas. These items should be blow back into your yard, mulched or bagged.

If rain has washed this debris down towards a storm drain, please do your best to clear it out of the way. Rake or sweep it back up into your yard and then mow over it the next time and mulch it.







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Broadmoor Crime Prevention & Improvement District

Hello everyone! I am Marcelle M. DeSoto, the Chair of the Broadmoor Crime Prevention & Improvement District (BCPID), and I would like to tell you a little bit about our/your organization.

The commission of the BCPID is made up of residents of Broadmoor. None of the commissioners receive any compensation for their service.

All BCPID's meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are publicly announced ahead of time and held at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church – Adult Education Building.

BCPID's primary focus is crime prevention. BCPID's Private Police Patrol (PPP) employs Baton Rouge City Police Officers (including a police coordinator). These officers patrol our neighborhood on a proactive basis. They patrol, in both marked and unmarked vehicles, as well as, bicycles, seven days a week at varying hours. The presence of our PPP has dramatically reduced crime in our neighborhood over the years that they have been employed by BCPID. As always, Residents should call 911 when they have an emergency.

The second part of BCPID's name, Improvement, is so that we can continue to enhance and beautify the neighborhood within the bounds of our By-Laws. Examples include replacing our entrance signs, on-going beautification projects and the neighborhood banners recently installed along Goodwood Blvd. BCPID works in unison with our Broadmoor Residents' Association (BRA) on many of these projects.

All the commissioners on BCPID appreciate the support our neighbors give us in our efforts to maintain and improve our quality of lives here in Broadmoor and look forward to the future of Broadmoor.

For any further information and meeting times and date, please visit our website at www.bcpid.com.



Broadmoor Shopping Center 9726 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge (225)-216-7151

Monday through Friday 7am to 6pm/Saturday 7am to 4pm

Daily Lunch Specials

Poboys/Specialty Meats

Everyday Items

Regular <u>Boudin</u> Mini Crawfish Pies <u>Cracklin</u> Boudin Egg Rolls Boudin Balls Meat Pies Smoked Boudin Turkey Wing Low Carb Boudin



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 left 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.

Broadmoor Christmas Parade



It's on again. Broadmoor's 5th Christmas Parade, so put it on your calendar.

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 2:00 pm.

Hope to see you all there.

YES, COUNT US IN FOR THE DECEMBER 1st, 2018 BROADMOOR CHRISTMAS PARADE.

Please return this **PARADE ENTRY FORM** or the basic information from this form to:

Broadmoor Residents' Association – Parade Email: Broadmoor@Broadmoor-br.org

P.O. Box 15312 Phone: 225-926-9829

Baton Rouge, LA 70895 Website: www.broadmoor-br.org

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Don't Trash Our Neighborhood!



Once again, someone has trashed the area at the Salvation Army Donation Boxes in the Baptist Church parking lot. It is plainly, and boldly printed on the boxes, that nothing is to be left on the outside of the boxes, everything must fit in the slot. To get large items picked up, just call 225-355-4483. Very simple to do.

If you see anyone dumping stuff, please immediately call the police non-emergency number (225-389-2000) and report it. If possible, try to get the vehicle type, color and license plate number.

If the guilty person(s) live in Broadmoor, stop trashing your own neighborhood. We do have bulk item pick up every Thursday, use it. If the guilty person is not from Broadmoor, trash your own property or neighborhood, not ours!

BREC Park Sharp Road Facility Status

In regards to the repairs at the Sharp Road park, the following was received on June 12, 2018.

"According to our Park Operations and Planning & Engineering team, FEMA money has not been received yet. We are still awaiting FEMA approval to move forward with repairs so that we don't jeopardize any funding. We will hopefully have approval within the next two months and Sharp is first on the list.

Megan J. Williams

Webmaster & Social Media Manager"

Here's over 600 reasons to live in and like Broadmoor. All of these facilities are within a two mile radius of the center of Broadmoor

STORES AND SERVICES

- 4 Appliances Repair/Sales
- 9 Attorney
- 7 Bakery, Donut shop
- 12 Banks/Credit Unions
- 9 Barber Shop
- 34 Beauty salon, Nails
- 1 Car Inspection station
- 34 Car Parts, Tires, Repair
- 19 Car Sales New & Used
- 4 Car Wash
- 2 Child Care
- 16 Clothing store
- 9 Computer/Electronics sales, repair, support
- 11 Discount type stores
- 6 Dry Cleaner, Laundry mat
- 1 Farmer's Market
- 1 FedEx/UPS
- 2 Fire Station/Ambulance
- 5 Fitness center
- 4 Florist
- 14 Furniture sales
- 12 Gas station
- 6 Government Offices/Facilities (3rd District BR Police Hq.; State Police Hq; District Attorney office; Water Company; Dept of Pblic Safety; and Dept of Motor Vehicles)
- 13 Grocery Store
- 6 Hardware/lumber
- 2 Home security services
- 15 Insurance
- 6 Jewelry
- 1 Library BR Main library
- 21 Medical Dental
- 34 Medical Other
- 9 Medical Pediatric
- 1 Medical Pediatric Hospital
- 5 Medical Physical therapy
- 12 Medical Vision & hearing aids

- 6 Notary Public
- 2 Office supplies
- 2 Pet Food/supplies
- 4 Pet Veterinarian
- 6 Pharmacy/Drug Store
- 2 Photography
- 3 Post Office
- 6 Printing services
- 32 Restaurant
- 42 Restaurant Fast food
- 2 Shoe repair
- 8 Shoe sales
- 45 Specialty Stores
- 6 Storage unit facilities
- 3 Tailor

SCHOOLS

- 4 Church schools: (St Lillian Acad.; St Thomas More; Holy Cross HS; and Hosana Christian Acad.)
- 8 Elementary Schools: (Audubon; Brighton; Broadmoor; Cedarcrest-Southmoor; Lasalle; Riveroaks; Twin Oaks; and Villa Del Ray.)
- 2 Middle Schools: (Broadmoor; and Sherwood Magnate)
- 2 High Schools: (Broadmoor; and Tara)
- 11 Post Secondary/High School: (Academy of Cosmetology; Aveda Institute; BR Community College; BR School of Computers; Crista McAuliffe Academy Center (ESL, Alternative, Adult); Diesel Driving Academy; Fortis College; Medical Training College; Upper Iowa University; and Virginia College)

RECREATIONAL – PARKS – ENTERTAIN-MENT - CLUBS

- 1-American Legion
- 1-Arts Center & Park Theatre
- 2-Ball field
- 2-Basketball
- 1-Billiards
- 1-Bocce Ball
- 1-Botanical Gardens
- 2-Bowling
- 1-Boys & Girls Club
- 2-Classes, meeting rooms, etc.
- 3-Dance Studio
- 1-Girl Scouts
- 1-Go Carts

- 2-Golf
- 2-Miniature golf
- 4-Picnic Area
- 1-Playground Equipment
- 1-Roller Skating
- 1-Shriners
- 1-Shuffle board
- 1-Skateboard park
- 3-Swimming Pool/Splash park
- 4-Tennis
- 3-Walking/running tracks/trails
- 1-YWCA

23 PLACES OF WORSHIP

7th Day Adventist - 1st Spanish

Baptist - Broadmoor

Baptist – Cedar Crest

Baptist - Florida Blvd

Baptist – Gods Vineyard Catholic - St. Thomas More

Chinese Christian Church

Chua Tam Bao Meditation Center

Church of Christ - South BR

Episcopal - St. Luke's Hosanna First Assembly

Islamic Center of Baton Rouge

Jehova's Witness – Kingdom Hall

Kingdom Life

Lutheran – St. Paul

Lutheran - Trinity

Methodist - Broadmoor United

Nazarene – First Church

Orthodox Church – The Apostle

Presbyterian – Broadmoor Scientology

Synagogue - Beth Shalom

Unitarian Church

BIG BOX TYPE STORES

Bed, Bath & Beyond

Best Buy

Costco Wholesale

Dillard's

Harbor Freight Tools

Home Depot (2)

Lowe's

Marshalls

Michaels

Office Depot/Max

Old Navy

Steinmart

Walmart (2)



THE HEART OF BATON ROUGE

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Broadmoor Residents' Association is pleased to announce that now all of the pages in our newsletters are full color. We publish 3 times a year in February, July and October. The newsletters are mailed to approximately 2,000 addresses. Any advertiser will also be mailed a copy of the newsletter. We would love to have your advertising in the next issue. Just fill out and mail the short form below along with your check. Then get us your advertising information. Checks and copy need to be received by the 5th of the month as follows: January 5th for the February issue, June 5th for the July issue and September 5th for the October issue.

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Join us on Nextdoor.Com

Broadmoor now has a page on **Nextdoor.com**, a social networking site for neighborhoods that allows users to connect with neighbors.

The site provides a forum for posting (1) news of interest to the neighborhood; (2) general interest items; (3) classified listings for buying, selling or giving away things; and (4) a database for neighbor-recommended local services.

You don't need to visit the website to stay abreast of postings. Opt for posts by e-mail, immediately or in daily digests, or get text messages in the case of urgent alerts.

This is a great way to stay in touch with what's going on in Broadmoor, whether it's events, safety, or finding a good lawn guy! Visit **www.nextdoor.com** and sign up today!