

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Mary Kay Falconer, BHNA President

Winter in Tallahassee has arrived, and it is time to celebrate the holiday season and look forward to the new year. This is the perfect time to reflect on what Betton Hills Neighborhood Association has accomplished this year and share what is planned for 2007.

Some of the BHNA planned events and activities for 2007 are Arbor Day in January, the spring neighborhood get together in April, new neighbors activities, neighborhood garden walks, beautification of our medians, a bike rally in February that will include a "family friendly ride" through our neighborhood as well as adjacent neighborhoods, a movie under the stars in Winthrop Park, and ongoing volunteering with the development of the Betton Nature Center and Trail.

All of the BHNA board members hope that you will take the time to read this newsletter. For those of you who have not yet paid annual dues, we hope that you will shortly. Please remember that our efforts can only be successful with volunteers and we always appreciate new energy and ideas. I feel very fortunate to live here and feel that contributing to the enrichment of this neighborhood will be a pleasure. You may contact me at bettonhillsna@hotmail.com.

RED ADDRESS LABEL???

If you have a red dollar sign on your newsletter address label, STOP! Immediately turn to the back page, fill in your membership form, write a dues check, and send to BHNA. Please renew, we'd hate to lose you!

BHNA WEBSITE—KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH NEIGHBORS

Earlier this year, the board recognized the importance of communication with the neighborhood via the Internet. With the talent and expertise of a couple of the board members, Peter Butzin and J.T. Ehrhardt, the website will be accessible at www.mybettonhills.org. Among several items, the website will indicate the dates for upcoming events and opportunities to assist. Look for this website late in January.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

One of the issues the BHNA will be monitoring this year is redevelopment. Several of us are supportive of urban infill and the benefits it can offer a community. However, we also recognize that irresponsible redevelopment can adversely affect the neighborhood.

When you have a great location and an exceptionally attractive living environment, more people want that. Our neighborhood is what a lot of people want and it is probably a good time to consider what we should do to make sure those attractive features are maintained or improved.

It may not come as a surprise to many of you that there are lots in Betton Hills that have been subdivided to accommodate more housing units.

Several of these redevelopments have led to the construction of quality homes that have high market and assessed values. However, a recent application for a plat subdivision on Lee Avenue has attracted considerable attention among residents surrounding it for several reasons, including the proposed five houses on the lot.

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

Recently, the BHNA board discussed redevelopment and approaches that should be taken to ensure careful review of proposed redevelopment. There has been a local ordinance introduced by Commissioner Lightsey to address lot subdividing. The ordinance limits the allowed reduction in the size of the subdivided lots. A public hearing for the ordinance is scheduled for 1/24/07.

Another process that is underway to address redevelopment concerns is the preparation of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) which guides amendments to our local government comprehensive plan. A subcommittee of volunteers in the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) has been participating in that process and has provided excellent input on land use issues and ways to ensure protection of existing residential areas. Two of our board members, Charles Pattison and Eric Thorn, have been assisting with that process. Questions or suggestions regarding the proposed subdivision on Lee Avenue can be directed to Tom

Schulte at tschulte@kjslaw.com or 531-0590. EAR questions can be sent to Charles Pattison (cpdpattison@earthlink.net or 422-0341). We welcome your input and participation.

BIKE RALLY AND FAMILY FRIENDLY RIDE

At noon on February 24th, there will be a bike rally at McCord Park (near intersection of Armistead and Armstrong Roads). This event will be for those who have bikes, helmets, and an interest in riding with a large group through our beautiful neighborhood and some of the adjacent neighborhoods.

After a brief gathering at McCord Park to discuss bike safety, mingle with experienced cyclists, and meet staff from some of our local bike shops, we will start to ride. There will be two routes, one will be 1 mile and another will be 5-6 miles through Betton Hills, Lafayette Park, Old Town, Betton Woods, and Woodgate Way. The rain date will be February 25th. Contact Mary Kay Falconer at bettonhillsna@hotmail.com if you would like to learn more about the event or volunteer.

BHNA Arbor Day Planting!

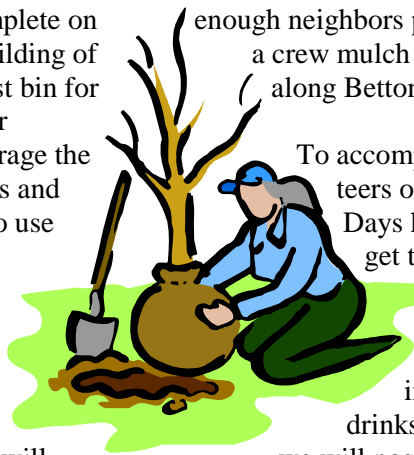
Saturday, January 27th; 9:00 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Place: McCord Park Parking Area on Armistead Road

Bring: shovel, gloves, hammer, and water

This year we have several projects to complete on Arbor Day. The day will start with the building of a large and attractive picket fence compost bin for neighborhood use in the wooded area near Armistead Road. We would like to encourage the residents who are dumping grass clippings and other organic matter in front of the park to use the compost bin instead.

In addition, we will have a crew mulch past plantings in the park and plant some more blueberry bushes on the Trescott Road side of the park. We plan to plant some trees along the new nature trail that will eventually run from McCord Park to Winthrop Park. If



enough neighbors participate this year, we will also have a crew mulch the dogwoods and other trees planted along Betton Road.

To accomplish our goals, we need lots of volunteers of all ages. Betton Hill's past Arbor Days have always been fun; come out and get to know some of your neighbors and get some exercise at the same time! Dress for the weather — if it's cold, Mary Kay Falconer, our president, invites us back to her house for hot drinks (she lives on Armistead). If rainy, we will postpone until Sunday, January 28th.

JOIN OUR CAROLING TRADITION — OUR 39TH YEAR!
Harriman Park December 24th 4 PM

Joannie Poulson, 385-8028

Traditions are a very important part of our lives, especially during the holiday season. We welcome Betton Hills neighbors to come with your family and friends and make our caroling one of your traditions. We are going to start at 4 PM to avoid conflicts with church services. The carol sing is a rare and precious time to see our neighbors. Come join us and keep the tradition alive! Bring a candle — and a musical instrument, if you wish — and dress according to the weather. We hope to see you around the pond at Harriman Park.



BETTON HILLS MEMORIES

Kent and Betty Miller

At Mary Kay's invitation to write about how things used to be, we knew for sure that we had become our parents, old people rocking on the porch.

When we moved to 2003 E Randolph in 1961, picking up a \$22, 500 mortgage, the street was unpaved and milk and eggs were delivered to the side door by a horse drawn wagon. Nah. But we did get milk and eggs delivered to the door each day.

The Ausleys owned the adjacent lot (now 2001) and allowed us to raise our three daughters on it - softball, circuses, etc. Dogs freely roamed the streets and when I complained to neighbor Mayor Taff over a cup of coffee on his porch, his two dogs at his feet, he gently assured me that they would continue to do so.

In 1969, seeking more room in anticipation of a parent coming to live with us, we bought the O'Connell house (2004 W Randolph) when he went off to become President of Cow College. Twenty years later, our daughter Ann Riccardi and her family moved back to Tallahassee and bought this house, and we built a small one to the south. So we have had the immense pleasure of seeing the generational shift on Randolph, with the Riccardis raising their three girls and becoming long-timers themselves. In the last few years, three of our neighbors have moved to Westminister Oaks, completing the cycle by making room for small children on Randolph.

A few Saturdays ago we canvassed the neighborhood for the county health insurance proposal and realized how few of our neighbors we knew. We appreciate the efforts of BHNA to counter this. Drop in and we will offer coffee. Don't come between 1-3, you might find a note on the doorbell reading Quiet. Baby sleeping.

**WE THANK OUR NEIGHBORS
FOR PAYING THEIR 2007 BHNA MEMBERSHIP DUES**

(as of December 6, 2006)

If your name is not on this list, please renew your membership today!

M. Linville Atkins and Steve Meck	LaCivita	Marcellas and Gwendolyn Durham
Douglas B. Bailey	Bryant and Theresa Chase	Peter R. and Rachel Durland
Robert M. and Ellna Bailey	Eric Chassignet and Lucia Bunge	Jane R. Eggleston
Efren L. and Emerlinda Baltazar	John L. and Theresa Cheney	J. T. Ehrhardt and Tonya Mosley
Ely and Audrey Banks	Collin and Jennifer Cherry	Ray T. Einarson and Shawn Hoffman
Brewster and Jan Banks	Mike and MJ Chwalik	George F. Erdman
John L. and Caroline A. Barthelmess	Alfred W. and Linda Clark	Ken and Marilynn Evert
Charles J. and Kathi Beck	William and Susan Clark	Mary Kay Falconer
James and Jacqueline Beck	James H. and Louise Cobbe	Richard and Elizabeth Farmer
David E. Beggs and Deborah Gallay	June Conn-Guthrie and Michael Guthrie	John and Cherie Fenstermaker
Frank Bernadino	John W. and Sheila Costigan	Thomas and Diane Ferencak
William D. and Frances Berry	Judith Y. Crews	Linda Figg and Richard Drew
Martha Billings	Martha Cunningham and David Crawford	Linda Kay Finley
Craig W. and Katherine Bissell	Susan L. Daffin	Jack T. and Susan Fiorito
Benjamin L. Bivins	D. F. and Catherine Dalrymple	George and Nancy Fischer
Travis and Greer Blanton	Rick A. Damron	Terrell and Tricia Folsom
Richard and Deborah Boutin	Franklin and Cookie Darnell	W. Scott and Ann Ford
Charles D. and Christine Boyd	Inez Davenport	James and Tami Frankland
Bob and Sara L. Bradner	J. Daniel and Bonnie Davis	Emilie Stoeff Frano
Mary and Frank Branan	Nancy M. Davis	Merle Fritz
Joseph J. and Susan Brennan	Dwight F. and Ann Davis	M. DeLisle and Joan Futch, Jr.
Michael J. Brezin and Suzanne Choppin	Mildred L Day	Ruth Gant
John W. and Patricia Briggs	Charles R. and Maxine Deal	Reggie Garcia
Harold and Carol Brock	Michael and Betty DeCarlo	James W. and Sharon Geiger
Thomas G. and Randy Brooks, Jr.	Larry C. and Jo Deeb	Spencer and Linda Gilleon
Robert H. and Frances Browning	Moritz and Penny Dehler	Rocco and Ann Giordano
Bill and Pat Brueckheimer	Greg A. and Carla DeLoach	Conrad Gleber and Gail Rubini
Barry and Barbara Bumgarner	Lewis M. Dennard	Justin M. and Lauren Glenn
Mildred and Raymond Bunton	Edward and Moira Desloge	Chris H. and Patricia Gosen
Peter A. and Sally Butzin	Robert E. and Gertrude Deyle	Megan G. Gottemoeller and Peter K. Mitchell
James and Maria Cahill	Walter and Jeannie D'Haeseleer	Lee and Betty Graham, Jr.
Ann Camp	David R. and Kelley DiSalvo	Sydney R. and Margarita Grant
Margaret Cash	William P. and Jan Dobson	Hoke S. and Bettie Jane Grant
Dan and Cathy Cashin	Brian and Kerry Doherty	Mary Martha Gray
Caroline Champion	Dale W. Doss	Richard B. and Laura Gray
Bill and Tami Chandler	Christopher W. and Jodi Downs	Paul R. and Mary Elizabeth Green
J. Stanley Chapman and Beth	Laurie L. and Kelly Dozier	Charles A. and Meg Guyton
	Everett and Julie Drew	Chris Hack and Jo Anne Todd
	David and Shirley Ann Dunbar	

Gary and Dorothy Hansen
Bob and Lynda Hanson
Eloise and Kelly R. Harbeson
Ronald A. and Natholyn Harris
Tonya A. Harris
John J. and Sharon Harris
Janice Harsanyi
Shannon Hartsfield
Jane Hayes and William Crona
Burt and Betty Hayner
W. H. and Caroline Haynie
Deborah A. Hellings
George and Gwen Henderson
Penny Herman
Pedro and Jana Hernandez
Gary and Janet Herndon
Robert L. and Sue Hessman
Brecht and Hunter Heuchan
Thomas L. Hicks
Paul F. and Mollie Hill
Stephanie J. Hogg
Lori S. Holcomb
Don and Beverly Holt
Gertrude B. and John Hosford
David and Jaye Houle
Christopher and Hilda Hunter
Roger C. and Karen Inman
Gregory and Kali Iseman
Joseph M. and Juliana Iverlett
Melissa C. Jacoby
William and Caroline Jones
Jesse L. and Elise Judelle
David B. Kahn
Steven T. and Toy Keller
Daniel J. and Catherine S. Kelly
John W. and Dona G. Kerce
Alec Kercheval and Lilian
Garcia-Roig
Clifford and Bonnie Kidd
Doug and Lee Ann Kilby
Brad and Kate Kile
Lee M. and Lori E.H. Killinger
Gerald W. and Sara Kinsey
Louise Koonen and William
Corbett

Nelson H. and Bobbie Kraeft
Jacob C. and Joan Kraft
John and Rebecca Kraft
Hymen B. and Shirley Kriebert
Bettina Krone
Ronald Laface
Wm. Carroll and Rubye Carol
Lamb
Joseph A. and Sally Lane
Jennifer Lange
Margaret J. Lannutti
Morris and Dorothy Lawhon
Michael J. and Laura Layerd
Terry C. and Betty Lee
Robert Berner Lester, III
Rodney and Elizabeth Lewis
Bruno and Cecelia Linder
Charles G. and Carol Long
Anne Longman and Peter
Antonacci
Tim Lynch and Regine Maligne
R. James and Linda Mabry and
Mrs. Don S. Schlesinger
Jack W. and Alice MacDonald
Anne Mackenzie
Joan T. R. Macmillan
Francis P. Malone
Jon Maner and Mary Gerend
Douglas and Deanie Mang
Roy W. and Maxine Mantooth
Martin and Elizabeth Markovich
Eli and Jan Matalon
Michael and Nancy Mattimore
Richard P. and Betty McAvoy
Betty J. and L.R. McCallister
Robin McCallister and Terence
Leland
Lynwood and Christine
McCauley
James N. and Elaine
McConaughay
Leslie A. and Arwena McLean
John and Renee McNeill
Justin and Jennifer Menendez
Chip and Carolyn Mikell

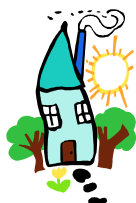
Floy Minor Miller
Gary and Cecelia Miller
Don and Sue Mills
Wayne and Margie Mixon
Neil and Jane Mooney
Robin Moore and Sandra
Stockwell
Jane Morris
Joan Morris
Harry A. and Mary Mullikin
Faisal A. and Nola Munasifi
E. Edward and Susan Murray
Millard J. and Bobbie Noblin
Edward T. and Linda Oaksford
Edward O'Donnell
W. Robert and Mary Olive
Jane Olson
Alma B. Overstreet
Jean W. and Lourena Owen
William Wray Pace
Yuh-Hsu and Diana Pan
J. Earle and Virginia Perkins
Thomas E. and Mary Lynn
Perkins
Fred P. and Elaine W. Pettijohn
Gavin and Lisa Phipps
L. Jarrett Phipps and H. Roark
James
J. Brent and Ley Pichard
Charles E. and Janet Pickens
Thomas A. and Luisa Pobjecky
Philip A. and Lillian H. Poole
Randolph M. and Barbara S.
Pople
Richard R. and Jacqueline
Portman
Britt and Joan Poulson
Geoffrey and Mary Anne Price
Rebecca B. Proctor
Bryan and Sue Pugh
Diana Ramsdell
William H. Ravenell
Sumner A. and Pam Reed
Rick and Gail Renna
Mark and Terri Repasky

Gregory A. and Ann Riccardi
Robert L. and Letitia Ricker
Randolph and Louise Rill
Stuart Riordan and Jeff Duvall
Larry E. and Betty H. Rivers
Fred A. and Anna Roberson
Frances H. Roberts and Sharon Young
Eduardo Robles
Samuel B. and Laura Rogers
Richard Rome
Thomas and Cecilia Rush
Frank J. Santry and Donna Jennings
Steve and Teresa Sarbeck
W. Paul and Jonette Sawyer
Curtis E. and Jackie Saxon
David and Winifred Schmeling
Ronald J. and Annella Schomburger
Tom and Wendy Schulte
Geoffrey B. and Vicky Schwartz
Kathryn P. Scott and Wesley Collins
Patsy R. Scott
Johnnie B. and Sonya Seay
Douglas and Cynthia Lee Sessions
William T. and Joy Sexton
Stanley A. and Marcia Sheppard
Shankar and Malathi Shetty
Jack and Frances Shoemaker
Alan and Paige Shoemaker
Curtis L. and Gloria Simmons
Michael and Marty Sittig
John S. and Margaret Slye
Bill and Cynthia Smith
Robert P. and Cecelia Smith
J. Vereen and Leslie Smith
Robert J. and Ashley Sniffen

Jared and Leslie Sokol
A. J. and Corrie Spalla
Donald M. and Joyce Spangler
Guy M. and Delores Spearman
Lecky Spector
Tom Stahl and Karen Ladzinski
Nat Stern and Karen Oehme
Ashby Stiff
Kenneth L. and June C. Stivers
Douglas L. and Nan Stowell
Kent S. and Susan E. Strauss
Samuel "Buddy" Streit
Edward O. and Sue Stripling
Kenna Study
Gretchen Sunderman and Chris Reenock
Frank and Mary Ann Swerdzewski
Anne Lisa Swerlick and James G. Ciotti
Roger and Victoria Swilley
Nancy Swords and Lila Reifel
Mario Taylor and Margaret McInnes
John J. and Peggy Teague
Elizabeth Ann Teegen
Kirby J. Thagard
Kemmerly Thomas
Eric J. Thorn and Liza McFadden
Michael W. and Molly Thornal
Wayne and Alison Thumm
Robert L. and Martha Tilden
James E. and Byrd Tribble
Walter R. and Vicki Tschinkel
Steven W. and Mary K. Van Sciver
Joel and Susan Veal
Thomas J. and Mary Ann Vickers
Murray M. and Britt Wadsworth
Wallis L. and Carroll Walker

Dorothy B. Wallace
Jody E. Walthall and Donna Legare
Kenneth W. Walton
James and Susan Warford
Sutton and Holly Webb
Eddie P. and Ruth Weil
Christian O. Weiss and Sarah Bleakley
Charles T. and Linda Wells
Thomas L. and Patricia Whitaker
Frances S. White
Peter and Mary Whitesell
Carlton Y. and Lolly Wier
Jim and Heather Wilgenbusch
Kenneth E. Wilkinson and Mari-Jo Lewis
Barbara B. Wilkison
Brian and C.J. Will
Aaron Williams and Jana Zmud
Richard and Pat Winchester
Jennifer and Mark Winegardner
John W. and Edna E. Word
David R. and Rose Marie Worley
James A. and Linda M. Zingale

**If your name is listed incorrectly,
please email us at:
bhna@comcast.net.**



Thanks Neighbors!

A BOOK A KID

Hal and Roxi Beardall

Editor's Note: BHNA is one of Kate Sullivan Elementary's Partners for Excellence. Here is a great opportunity to support one of our neighborhood schools.

Doesn't a great new library deserve some great new books? Kate Sullivan's new library media center is almost complete and the PTA is kicking off a campaign to fill this beautiful new space with some wonderful new library books.

We are asking neighbors, alumni, and parents to help us through contributions toward the purchase of library-quality books and related Accelerated Reader (AR) tests, when available. Donations of any amount will help put more books on the library

shelves. Our goal is to add "a book a kid." One new book for each child would put 820 new books in their hands.

Is there a book that is special to you or your child? A book you would like to see included among the AR books? With your contribution, you can designate books to be purchased! If you don't have a particular book in mind, that's OK, too.

A bookplate inside the front cover of "your" book will acknowledge your donation or honor a person of your choice.

Your donations are tax deductible. For more information contact Hal & Roxi Beardall at 422-3352 or nelhal2@yahoo.com. Additional forms are available at www.sullivan.leon.k12.fl.us or the front office at school.

A BOOK A KID CONTRIBUTION FORM

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

I would like to contribute: (Make checks payable to "KSE PTA — Books")

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ Other Amount (Any amount is appreciated!)

The average cost of a library bound book, cataloging and AR test is \$20—\$25.

Please check any of the following preferences for your contribution:

_____ Fiction _____ Non-fiction _____ or Reference

Tell us a particular title and author (if desired): _____
(Depending on Availability) _____

Fill in appropriate bookplate.

This book was donated by: _____ This book was donated in honor of: _____

MAIL TO: Kate Sullivan Elementary, 927 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32308

**IF YOU HAVE A RED DOLLAR SIGN ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL,
RENEW YOUR BHNA MEMBERSHIP NOW!**

BETTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 15612, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5612

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Membership Dues	\$10.00
Donation to Carol Bellamy Neighborhood Beautification Trust Fund*	\$ _____
Donation to Jack Robertson Partners for Excellence School Fund	\$ _____
Donation to Bill Mansfield Fund for Young Writers	\$ _____

Your Name:
Address and Zip Code:
Email address:

**Enter your donation amounts, name and addresses. Make checks payable to BHNA.
Send your form and check today (address above). Thanks!**

**NEW NEIGHBOR WELCOMING COMMITTEE GEARING UP:
STILL TIME TO VOLUNTEER!**

Elizabeth Jensen and Margie McInnes

The BHNA Welcoming Committee is gearing up again after a long period of inactivity. Several area merchants have donated goods to be included in welcoming packages and a local realtor has agreed to provide the committee with monthly lists of addresses for houses sold in the Betton Hills neighborhood.

The Welcoming Committee needs volunteers to help solicit donations from area merchants, donate baked goods, assemble packages and make deliveries. Deliveries are made every three months with the next delivery dates scheduled for January 13th and 14th. If interested in participating, contact Elizabeth Jensen at jensenfamilymail@comcast.net or at 942-0589.

**Betton Hills Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 15612
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5612**

**PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Tallahassee, FL
Permit #568**



*Happy Holidays
from the BHNA Officers and
Board of Directors*