



Betton Hills Neighborhood Association



www.mybettonhills.org

Winter, 2008

BHNA NEIGHBORHOOD AESTHETICS

Mary Kay Falconer, BHNA Fall Chair

Many of us who chose to live in the Betton Hills neighborhood were attracted to the neighborhood's breathtaking natural beauty. Well-maintained residences and surrounding property complement the natural aesthetics of the neighborhood. Over the past year, several neighborhood residents have voiced concerns to BHNA about choices homeowners have made that affect "neighborhood aesthetics." These concerns have fallen into three major categories: out or accessory buildings, yard sales and vehicle parking.

OUT OR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

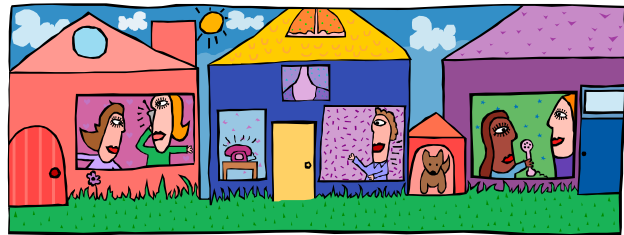
With limited storage areas in our primary residences, many of us need additional structures in our yards. An outbuilding or accessory structure is a very popular modification for many neighbors. The city regulates outbuildings through the city zoning code in an effort to "ensure that they are not harmful either aesthetically or physically to residents and surrounding areas".

The city code limits the square footage allowed for these outbuildings. Some outbuildings may fall within the criteria for allowable square foot-

age but might not fit with the architectural look of the neighborhood. Additionally, if trees or other foliage is removed along property boundaries to erect the structure, it may impact the "aesthetics" and value of the neighboring home.

YARD SALES

Many of us love to unload belongings in yard or garage sales. It is convenient to conduct these sales right at our home and neighbors have a perfect opportunity to do the bargain hunting. But yard sales that occur frequently at the same residence and for the purpose of selling goods as a



business can have a detrimental impact on neighboring residences.

VEHICLE PARKING

Some of us are fortunate to own several vehicles. There are many reasons that justify owning these vehicles. However, when these vehicles sit in the front yard or on the street for extended periods of time, it is aesthetically unpleasing to neighbors.

Other concerns that have been expressed by neighbors include making sure dog waste gets picked up, trash cans are pulled out of the street in a timely manner and that neighbors are considerate of one another when using yard machinery in the evenings and on weekends.

If you who would like to get more involved with maintaining neighborhood aesthetics, please read

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 CHAIRS CHANGE WITH SEASONS

Mary Kay Falconer

Being in a leadership role for BHNA is a great opportunity to meet wonderful neighbors and learn to appreciate what this neighborhood has to offer.

Each year we accomplish an impressive number of tasks and organize several events attended by residents in the neighborhood. This year, BHNA will be changing its chair with the seasons.

The next chairperson, **Dean Hansen**, took the helm on January 1.



As always, BHNA benefits when new volunteers come aboard. Please consider doing that by attending our board meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the community meeting room at Ashford Club Apts. Also, check our website, www.mybettonhills.org for updates and events.



BHNA Arbor Day Planting!

Saturday, February 9th; 9:00 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Place: McCord Park Parking Area on Armistead Road

Bring: shovel, gloves and water

This year we will be adding a few interesting native trees — longleaf pine, blue beech and hophornbeam to McCord Park to add diversity to this urban forest. 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 would also like to plant a few citrus trees — satsuma, kumquat and Meyer lemon — in the neighborhood for all to share. If you know of a good site in one of the public parks and are willing to water it to get it established, let us know of the site. It should be a sunny, well-drained location

out of the way of ball and Frisbee playing. Then, we will check with our parks department about each location.

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, wear garden gloves and bring shovels and water. It's also time to clean out the bluebird house and martin house in McCord Park. Contact Donna Legare 386-8882 wk, 386-1148 hm, dlegare@comcast.net for more information.

HARRIMAN CIRCLE'S CAROLING TRADITION — 40 YEARS AND GETTING STRONGER!

Bill Jones, Guitarist

Traditions are a very important part of our lives, especially during the holiday season. Harriman Circle residents have a neighborhood caroling tradition that goes back 40 years — caroling on the circle. This past Christmas Eve, the tradition cranked it up an octave with a record attendance, nearly 80 people!

Plus, with the added musicians, **Cary Moon** on the accordion and **John Harrison** on guitar (his folks started the tradition), the music and vocals were great. Before singing, I went around the circle and had everyone introduce themselves. It was determined that there were people there who had been coming to the caroling for the past 37 years. We sang a dozen Christmas songs, and I believe that if the weather is good next year we may even have more participants than this year. A good time was had by all.



John Harrison, Cary Moon, and Bill Jones supplied the music as nearly 80 people sang their good cheer for the 40th Christmas Eve Caroling at Harriman Circle.

Still Need a New Year's Resolution?

The end-of-year holidays are over and the new year begins. This is a good time to cut the red berries from the nandina and ardisia plants so common in our yards.

These ornamental plants have become very invasive into the wetlands by our ponds and streams. Cutting their berries gives the violets, trilliums, and other wildflowers a chance, at least.

Better yet, thin them or eliminate them from your yard entirely. There are plenty of attractive native wildflowers and shrubs to serve as worthy replacements.

**WE THANK OUR NEIGHBORS
FOR PAYING THEIR 2008 BHNA MEMBERSHIP DUES**

(as of December 6, 2007)

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

Lester Abberger and Wendy Abberger	Brennan	Inez Davenport
Rex Adams and Mary Cruickshank	Michael J. Brezin and Suzanne Choppin	Dwight F. Davis and Ann Davis
Robert C. Adams and Margo Adams	Thomas G. Brooks, Jr. and Randy Brooks	Lane Davis and Leslie Stewart
John Ahler and Pura Ahler	Ledley N. Brown and Overley A. Brown	Nancy M. Davis
Richard Alshut and Patricia Alshut	Robert H. Browning and Frances Browning	Foster G. Davis and Helen Davis
Frank H. Ashcroft and Anne Ashcroft	Mildred Bunton	Robert W. Davis III
Rob Roy Ashmore	Ray Burggraf	Mildred L. Day
Thomas D. Atkeson and Beverly Atkeson	Peter A. Butzin and Sally Butzin	Charles R. Deal and Maxine Deal
Douglas B. Bailey	Ann Camp	Moritz Dehler and Penny Dehler
Robert M. Bailey and Ellna Bailey	Grete M. Case	Paco de la Fuente and Lee de la Fuente
Richard M. Baker	Margaret Cash	Greg A. DeLoach and Carla DeLoach
Wilson Baker and Mary-Anne Besterbreurtje	Dan Cashin and Cathy Cashin	Edward Desloge and Moira Desloge
Efren L. Baltazar and Emerlinda Baltazar	Gene Chalecki and Roz Chalecki	Floyd M. Deterding and Bernice Deterding
John L. Barthelmess and Caroline A. Barthelmess	Van Champion and Betsy Champion	Robert E. Deyle and Gertrude Deyle
William Barton and Cameron Barton	Herbert (Bill) Chandler, Jr. and Tami Chandler	Jack Diestelhorst and Alice Diestelhorst
Charles J. Beck and Kathi Beck	Bryant Chase and Theresa Chase	David R. DiSalvo and Kelley DiSalvo
James Beck and Jacqueline Beck	Eric Chassignet and Lucia Bunge	William P. Dobson and Jan Dobson
David E. Beggs and Deborah Galloway	John L. Cheney, Jr. and Theresa Cheney	Dale W. Doss
Bill H. Bell and Mary F. Bell	Alfred W. Clark and Linda Clark	Christopher W. Downs and Jodi Downs
Gail R. Bellamy and Daniel J. Kurland	Marvin Collins and Jerilyn Collins	Laurie L. Dozier and Kelly Dozier
Frank Bernardino	Patrick Conn and Cassie Conn	Everett Drew and Julie Drew
William D. Berry and Frances Berry	June Conn-Guthrie and Michael Guthrie	David Dunbar and Shirley Dunbar
Ben Betts and Betty Jane Betts	Michael M. Corin and Amy G. Corin	Marcellas Durham and Gwendolyn Durham
Travis Blanton and Greer Blanton	John W. Costigan and Sheila Costigan	Peter R. Durland and Rachel Durland
Bob Bradner and Sara L. Bradner	Jerome Cox and Ginger Cox	Joshua S. Earl
Mary Branan	Judith Y. Crews	Ray Einarson and Shawn Einarson
William M. Brandt and Nolia Brandt	Martha Cunningham and David Crawford	Ken Evert and Marilynn Evert
Joseph J. Brennan and Susan Brennan	Susan L. Daffin	Mary Kay Falconer
	Nar S Dalal and Jyotsna Dalal	Richard Farmer and Elizabeth Farmer
	D. F. Dalrymple and Catherine Dalrymple	John Fenstermaker and Cherie

Fenstermaker
Linda Kay Finley
Jack T. Fiorito and Susan Fiorito
George Fischer and Nancy
Fischer
Jerry Ford and Cay Ford
James Frankland and Tami
Frankland
Emilie Stoeff Frano
Merle Fritz
William Furlong and Jane P.
Furlong
M. Delisle Futch, Jr. and Joan
Futch
Reggie Garcia and Lisa Garcia
Donald S. Gates and Echo Gates
John A. Gehrm II and Hester
Gehrm
James W. Geiger and Sharon
Geiger
Howard Gilberg and Margaret E.
Mair
Rocco Giordano
Justin M. Glenn and Lauren
"Jody" Glenn
Chris H. Gosen and Patricia
Gosen
Hoke S. Grant, Jr. and Bettie Jane
Grant
(Mary Martha) Motney Gray
Richard B. Gray
Paul R. Green and Mary Elizabeth
Green
Mal Greenfield and Marlene
Greenfield
Virginia C. Grigg
Charles A. Guyton and Meg
Guyton
Chris Hack and Jo Anne Todd
Bob Hanson and Lynda Hanson
Eloise Harbeson
Gus Harper and Adria Harper
Robert A. Harper and Jill Harper
John J. Harris and Sharon Harris
Ronald A. Harris and Natholyn
Harris
Robert E. Hawken, Jr. and

Michelle L. Hawken
Burt Hayner and Betty Hayner
W. H. Haynie and Caroline
Haynie
Richard F. Heller, III and Dana
Heller
Deborah A. Hellings
Lois Hellings
Penny Herman
Robert L. Hessman and Sue
Hessman
Brecht Heuchan and Hunter
Heuchan
Thomas L. Hicks
Paul F. Hill and Mollie Hill
Thomas M. Hillstrom and Martha
Hillstrom
Stephanie J. Hogg
Don Holt and Beverly Holt
Charles Hood and Sarah Hood
Gertrude B. Hosford
David Houle and Jaye Houle
Christopher Hunter and Hilda
Hunter
Roger C. Inman and Karen Inman
Leslie Jacobs
Melissa C. Jacoby
Betty C. Johnson
Drew Jones and Gretchen Jones
William Jones and Caroline Jones
Charles Kahn and Janet Kahn
Steven T. Keller and Toy Keller
John F. Kennedy and Mary Ellen
Kennedy
John W. Kerce and Dona G.
Kerce
Clifford Kidd and Bonnie Kidd
Douglas Kilby and Lee Ann Kilby
Lee M. Killinger and Lori
Killinger
Dean Kindley
Deeno Kitchen and Patricia
Kitchen
Jacob C. Kraft and Joan Kraft
Shirley Krieberg
Bettina Krone
Ronald G. Kronenberger and

Margaret Kronenberger
Wm. Carroll Lamb and Rubye
Carol Lamb
Joseph A. Lane and Sally Lane
Jennifer Lange
Dorothy Lawhon
Michael J. Layerd and Laura
Layerd
Anne A. Lee
Terry C. Lee, Jr. and Betty Lee
Robert Berner Lester, III
Rodney Lewis and Elizabeth
Lewis
Essie C. Lindsey
Charles G. Long and Carol Long
Jim & Linda Mabry and Don S.
Schlesinger
Francis P. Malone
William C. Manley and Gayle
Manley
Roy W. Mantooth and Maxine
Mantooth
James R. Mathes and Margaret
Pendleton
Michael Mattimore and Nancy
Mattimore
Kathleen Mawhinney
Richard P. McAvoy and Betty
McAvoy
Robin McCallister and Terry
Leland
Lynwood McCauley and
Christine McCauley
James N. McConnaughay and
Elaine McConnaughay
Daniel P. Mears and Emily
Leventhal
Gary Miller and Cecelia Miller
Kent S. Miller and Betty Miller
Don Mills and Sue Mills
Neil Mooney and Jane Mooney
Belita Moreton
Jane Morris and David B. Morris
Joan Morris
Kathy Moulton
Harry A. Mullikin, Jr. and Mary
Mullikin

Jane Olson
Elinor White Oven
Kathryn T. Oven
Alma B. Overstreet
Jean W. Owen and Lourena Owen
Yuh-Hsu Pan and Diana Pan
Luther L. Pararo, III and Julie Pararo
Gregg Patterson and Morgan Patterson
J. Earle Perkins and Virginia Perkins
Thomas H. Perny and C. D. Perny
Greg Perry and Angela Perry
Fred P. Pettijohn and Elaine W. Pettijohn
J. Brent Pichard and Ley Pichard
Charles E. Pickens and Janet Pickens
Richard R. Portman and Jacqueline Portman
Rebecca B. Proctor
Bryan Pugh and Sue Pugh
Sumner A. Reed and Pam Reed
Mark Repasky and Terri Repasky
Robert L. Ricker and Letitia Ricker
Michael E. Riley and Ann Riley
Stuart Riordan and Jeff Duvall
George R. Robbins and Susan S. Robbins
Fred A. Roberson and Anna Roberson
Richard Rome
Thomas Rush and Cecilia Rush
W. Paul Sawyer and Jonette Sawyer
Curtis E. Saxon and Jackie Saxon
David Schmeling and Winifred Schmeling
Ronald J. Schomburger and Annella Schomburger
Johnnie B. Seay, Jr. and Sonya Seay
Mohsen A. Shahawy and Ann Shahawy
Jack Shoemaker and Frances

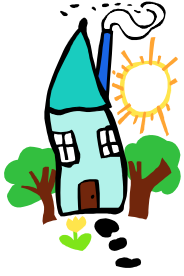
Shoemaker
Alan Shoemaker and Paige Shoemaker
John S. Slye and Margaret Slye
Bill Smith and Cynthia Smith
J. Vereen Smith and Leslie Smith
Robert P. Smith and Cecelia Smith
Robert J. Sniffen and Ashley Sniffen
A. J. Spalla and Corrie Spalla
Donald M. Spangler and Joyce Spangler
Leslie (Lecky) Spector
Nat Stern and Karen Oehme
Edwin P. Stewart and Lucile Stewart
Kenneth L. Stivers and June C. Stivers
Hamp Stoutamire and Tania Stoutamire
Douglas L. Stowell and Nan Stowell
Samuel "Buddy" Streit
Edward O. Stripling and Sue Stripling
Kenna Study
Frank Swerdzewski and Mary Ann Swerdzewski
Anne Lisa Swerlick and James G. Ciotti
Nancy Swords
Mario Taylor and Margaret McInnes
Randy C. Taylor and Nilsa Ramos
Peggy Teague
F. Bruce Thigpen and Louise T. Thigpen
Edward Thomas and Sally Thomas
Holly A. Thomas
Eric J. Thorn and Liza McFadden
Wayne Thumm and Alison Thumm
Robert L. Tilden and Martha Tilden
James E. Tribble and Byrd

Tribble
Walter R. Tschinkel and Vicki Tschinkel
Ronald Tuttle and Tana Tuttle
Steven W. Van Sciver and Mary K. Van Sciver
Thomas J. Vickers and Mary Ann Vickers
Murray M. Wadsworth, Jr. and Britt Wadsworth
Mary L. Wakeman
Wallis L. Walker, Jr. and Carroll Walker
Jody E. Walthall and Donna Legare
Kenneth W. Walton
Christian O. Weiss and Sarah Bleakley
Janet Wells and Billie Jo Jones
Thomas L. Whitaker and Patricia Whitaker
Frances S. White
Dwight R. Whitfield and Linda Whitfield
Carl Wier and Lolly Wier
Adeline W. Wilkes and Mary A. Wilkes
Barbara B. Wilkison
John W. Word and Edna E. Word
David P. Yancey and Kathleen Yancey
Bert Zeegers and Sally Zeegers

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

KEEP BETTON HILLS BEAUTIFUL

Peter Butzin



Although we live in one of Tallahassee's most beautiful and well-kept neighborhoods, occasionally there's an ugly duckling that needs to be tamed. It may be in the form of junk, trash and debris or overgrown grass. Or maybe it's a derelict car, broken fence or a neighbor who consistently

leaves trash containers at the curb.

TALK FIRST!

The best approach is to begin by contacting the neighbor that's offending you. Don't want direct contact? No problem — write a letter or put a note in a place where the neighbor will find it. Or, maybe a mutual acquaintance can help out. In most cases, talking things over with the neighbor before taking more aggressive actions will lead to the best result. Remember, you may be living by this person for years. You want the immediate situation improved, but you also want to maintain some hope of an amicable future. The idea of a neighborhood is to get along with the people nearby.

SECOND: CALL CODE ENFORCEMENT

Talking didn't work? This is where the City's Code Enforcement division can help. David Thomas is the code enforcer for Northeast Tallahassee. You don't need to remember Dave's name to get action. Simply call the Code Enforcement Hotline at 891-CODE (2633), or use the City-Wide Trouble Reporting System on the City's website at talgov.com.

Common code violations include:

- Fences in need of repair, or fences which use banned materials, such as barbed or razor wire and electrified fencing.
- Derelict or inoperable vehicles.
- Open storage. Any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors.
- Minimum housing standards, including a requirement that structures be sound, well

maintained and in compliance with building codes.

- Swimming pools must be maintained in clean and sanitary condition, and surrounded by a fence of at least 4 feet.
- Junk, trash and debris must be disposed of properly.
- Although home occupations are permissible, signs may not be displayed, only people living on the premises can be engaged in a home occupation, and work must be conducted entirely within the principal building. Also only one motor vehicle used in the conduct of the home business can be kept on the premises.
- Building numbers must be at least 3 inches tall for homes and 6 inches tall for businesses.
- Most signs are prohibited in residential areas and are never allowed on public right-of-way. Small political signs are permitted, but must be on the occupant's property and displayed with the occupant's permission. Many residents violate the sign ordinance by placing political signs too near the street on public right-of-way.

YOU CAN HELP, TOO

Also, if you'd like to become a "neighborhood scout" to help the City's limited enforcement staff, ask about this program. It's like "crime stoppers," except limited to code enforcement issues. A bit of training is involved.

PITCH IN

Most importantly, if you see something on the above list that may apply to you, clean up your property, so Dave Thomas doesn't have to spend as much time enforcing codes in Betton Hills!

A single gentle rain makes the grass many shades greener. So our prospects brighten on the influx of better thoughts.

H.D. Thoreau



**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!



It's winter so the tiny yellow-rumped warblers are thick in the wax myrtles that border McCord Pond. Come see them!

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

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