



Braun Station West NEWSLETTER

Braun Station West
Community Improvement Association
8630 Tezel Road
San Antonio, Texas 78254

April - May 2011

Meetings of the Braun Station West Board of Directors are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Tezel Clubhouse. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

President's Corner

by Roger Plasse

Alas, spring is in the air. Leaves are on the ground. Wait... I see plastic bags full of leaves hanging around curbsides waiting, to no avail, for a pickup which will never arrive. Why? The city has decided that leaves will only be picked up if you use a "Kraft" paper bag, or cardboard box. The key word is biodegradable, so please do not use those old fashioned plastic bags for leaves — *unless* you are paying to have them removed. Go to Lowe's or Home Depot and buy some "Kraft" paper bags.

You're probably aware that city elections are just around the corner. For us it means electing a new city councilperson for District 7. So we, the board, are sponsoring a "meet the candidates" night at the clubhouse. It's open to all residents and we hope to get a good turnout. See information below. This information will also be posted on our web site.

"What is the board doing with my assessment?" you might ask. Well, let me give you an example of a recent expenditure. The Brigadoon pool house is primarily for pool equipment and chemical storage. Our lifeguards were using a room for personal storage that had chemical lines running through it. That clearly is a safety issue. So to preclude any potential accident or injury we are adding a room to the pool house in order to safely accommodate our lifeguards. To do this, we are enclosing a portion of the pool house that already has a roof and two sides. We will also use this room for storage.

Finally, we have restructured our HOA Committees. The Structures and Buildings, Landscape and Grounds, and Recreation Facilities committees have been combined to become the Common Properties Committee which will oversee all common physical assets. The Block Captain and Community Events committees have also been combined. Committees to be retained are Administration, Architectural Control and Financial Management. We also added a Nomination Committee to handle President, Vice President, and Treasurer nominations as required. Remember, these committees are open to all residents. We can always use your help. Hey, May 14th is the date for our annual picnic. Hope to see you there!

DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATES NIGHT

(All four candidates have committed to be at this event.)

WHEN: April 27, 2011

WHERE: Braun Station West Clubhouse

TIME: 7:00 P.M.



Manager	Tony LaFrenier
Clerk	Sherry Heffner
Office	680-3009
Fax	521-2728
Brigadoon Pool	684-7604
Office Hours	Mon-Fri 9:30-6:00 Sat/Sun Closed

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Roger Plasse
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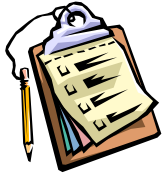
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BSW WEB SITE:

www.braunstationwest.com



MANAGER'S CLIPBOARD

by Tony LaFrenier

San Antonio Street Maintenance In Braun Station West

LOOKING AHEAD:

Back-To-School Pool Party - August 20th
Adult Luau - September
Community Wide Garage Sale - October 29th

TREE TRIMMING: We recently completed some tree trimming at the Brigadoon Park. Two dead mesquite trees near the basketball court were cut down. We also trimmed an area directly adjacent and around the play structure.

SWINGSET BORDER: The swing set border at the Brigadoon park was completely replaced. The weight of the pea gravel had completely buckled and broken the plastic border. We replaced it with telephone poles—the same as the rest of the play equipment borders.

TENNIS COURT KEYS: The tennis courts are always locked. You need to purchase a key from the office to access the three tennis courts. The cost of the key is \$10.00.

BASKETBALL COURTS: The basketball courts at Brigadoon & Tezel are locked nightly by our security patrol service. They are opened in the morning by the manager. If you need early access to the courts, just check with the office.

BRAUN STATION EAST & WEST: Most of the entrance signs say only Braun Station on them—so it is confusing to some residents. They are two separate neighborhood associations. The two Braun Station East entrance signs have the stagecoach logo on them. The Braun Station West entrances consist of the three entrances into the Braun Heights area and the six wooden entrance signs with the oak tree logo on them.

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS: We are really in need of volunteers to help with the annual picnic that is scheduled for May 14th. Most of the help is needed in the cooking and food service area. Please call the office and let us know that you want to help.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>APPLICATION</u>
2011	Letcombe	Rehabilitation
2011	Wickheather	Rehabilitation
2011	Woodheather	Rehabilitation

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

Rental fee is \$100.00 for five hours (including setup and cleanup). Additional hours are \$15.00 per hour. Clubhouse capacity is 80. Full kitchen amenities. Call the office (Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 6 pm) if you are interested in renting the clubhouse. During the pool season the clubhouse cannot be rented during regular pool hours.

<Georges Lawn Service>



POOL HOURS

Tezel Pool Hours:

(Weekend Hours - until school gets out)

April 30th & May 1st 12 noon - 8 p.m.

May 7th & May 8th 12 noon - 8 p.m.

May 14th* & May 15th 12 noon - 8 p.m.

May 21st & May 22nd 12 noon - 8 p.m.

May 28th & May 29th 12 noon - 8 p.m.

*Annual Picnic on May 14th (See Page 4)

Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day):

Tezel Pool: 12 noon - 8 p.m.

Tezel Pool Hours: (Starting June 3rd)

Monday Closed

Tuesday 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (*note early opening*)

Sunday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Brigadoon Pool Hours: (Starting June 3rd)

Monday 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

ADULT SWIM TIMES

(Ages 18 and over)

Adult swim times are at the Tezel Pool.

June 3rd through Start of School, August 19th

Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. – 12 noon

POOL TAGS

All residents 10 and older must wear BSW pool tags to use either of the two pools. The tags are \$7.50 each and they can be purchased now at the office. Assessments must be current to buy pool tags. For your convenience the office will be open 12-5 p.m. on weekends in May for you to purchase your tags.

POOL PARTIES

The Brigadoon and Tezel Pools can be rented for pool parties. The pool can only be rented for private parties after it closes for the day. The rental fee is \$50.00 plus a \$50.00 deposit. You also pay each lifeguard (a minimum of two) \$10.00 per hour for private parties. BSW lifeguards must be used for private parties; we will schedule the lifeguards. **A minimum of one week's notice is required to book a pool party!**

SWIM LESSONS SCHEDULE

Three sessions will be held, each running four days a week for two weeks (a total of 8 half-hour lessons), as follows:

Session I June 6th to June 10th
and June 13th to June 17th

Session II June 27th to July 1st
and July 5th to July 8th

Session III July 18th to July 22nd
and July 25th to July 29th

The cost of each session is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. Register early... classes fill up fast! Stop by office or check our web site for the complete class schedule.

SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION



Braun Station Barracuda's Swim Team is celebrating our 30th Year. Registration will take place in April - date and time to be determined

Any questions please contact Carol Klar - carolklar@sbcglobal.net/710-5382 or Dawn Moseley at dmoseley@satx.rr.com.

Braun Station West Annual Picnic



Date: Saturday, May 14th

Time: 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Tezel Pool



**Hamburgers! Hot Dogs! Popcorn! Snow Cones! Beverages!
Music! Moon Jump! Piñata! Door Prizes!**

BRAUN STATION ELEMENTARY



Kindergarten/First Grade Registration Round-Up is on Monday, April 18, 2011 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. There will be a short presentation and you may take this opportunity to register your child. (Only students who have **never** attended a NORTHSIDE Kindergarten or First Grade may register at this time.)

**** AGE REQUIREMENTS ****

Child **must** be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011 for Kindergarten.

Child **must** be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2011 for First Grade.

**** REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS ****

- Your child's certified birth certificate (**not** the hospital certificate)
- Your child's social security card (optional)
- Your child's immunization records (must have Boosters on or after their 4th birthday and Hepatitis A vaccine)
- Proof that you reside in the Braun Station attendance area (closing papers, lease, current utility bill)
- Driver's license of parent or guardian or photo I.D.

If you know of a family who has a child who will be eligible to attend Kindergarten or First Grade during the 2011-2012 school year, please help us out by telling them about this special time to visit Braun Station Elementary and pre-register their child. Any questions, please call the school: 397-1550. If you can't make the round-up, you may register beginning April 19th through June 17th from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

For more information about the KG curriculum, you may visit the following link: <http://www.nisd.net/instruction/kinder/en/kindergarten/index.html>.



SPRING GARDENING CHORES

by Joe and Susan Noonan, Bexar County Master Gardeners
(Braun Station West Residents)



It's springtime again and you know what that means—enjoy it while you can 'cause summer is real close. It's already April but there are still plenty of things to do in the yard and garden. Much of the effects of the bad freeze last winter should be visible now so you can assess the damage. The good news is that you can blame the freeze for almost any plant problems you have. Before you pull out that “dead” shrub or perennial, check for new growth. Many species will die back to the ground and then sprout anew as the weather warms.

Color

- Warm-season color includes trailing lantanas, cosmos, zinnias, firebush, copper plant, moss rose, purslane, Dahlberg daisy, purple fountain grass, bachelor buttons and pentas. For shade areas choose from begonias, impatiens, caladiums, coleus and pentas. Wait on on periwinkles until late May.
- Mandevilla, bougainvillea and hibiscus are great patio plants. Let your bougainvillea get root-bound and stressed between watering for best blooms.
- Deadhead (pinch/cut off) spent flowers to encourage more bloom.
- Roses should be blooming with color. Continue to fertilize them for continued blooming.
- Let your wildflowers go to seed before mowing.
- Seeds that may be sown directly in the warm soil include amaranthus, celosia, morning glory, sunflowers, and zinnias.
- Fertilize container plants and hanging baskets plants on a regular basis with a water-soluble fertilizer product and be sure that a slow-release fertilizer such as Osmocote has been mixed into the potting medium at the label-recommended amount.
- Remove pansies, snapdragons, dianthus, calendulas, kale and other winter plants when they get ragged.

Ornamentals

- Plant caladium tubers after mid-April when the soil warms and night temperatures are above 60 F. Caladiums prefer a loose, well drained soil with plenty of organic matter. They thrive in shade with dappled light, and their colors of green-white, green-pink or green-red fit into almost any landscape.
- Firebush for sun and firespike for full shade are two of the best hummingbird plants. Hibiscus, cigar plant, dwarf Chinese trumpet creeper, lantana, and firebush on the patio will bring hummingbirds in close for observation.

Shade Trees and Shrubs

- Do **not** prune oak trees now. It's too late. This is prime oak wilt season. If you make any kind of wound from a trimmer or mower on an oak tree, paint it quickly with some type of latex paint.
- You can still plant new shrubs and trees in April if they are container-grown. Use generous amounts of mulch on the surface over the roots and water as the soil dries, usually about once per week through the hot summer.
- In heavily shaded parts of the landscape where grass is difficult to maintain, choose one of the well-adapted ground covers such as English or Algerian ivy, Asian jasmine, or mondo grass.
- Prune pillar or climbing roses, wisteria and Carolina jasmine as soon as they have finished flowering. Vigorous landscape shrubs will need frequent pruning. These include eleagnus, pyracantha, ligustrum and photinia. As spring flowering shrubs (spiraea, quince and Indian Hawthorne) complete their blooming, do any necessary pruning. Prune to retain the natural shape of the plant.

Turf Grass

- Fertilize your lawn after the second “real” mowing. A “real” mowing is when you are cutting lawn grass and not winter weeds. April 15, tax-filing day, is a good target.
- Use a slow-release lawn fertilizer with a ratio of 3-1-2 or 4-1-2 NPK—Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K) such as 15-5-10, 19-5-9 or 20-5-10.
- Mow St. Augustine at 3 inches, Zoysia at 2 inches and Bermuda at 1 ½ inches. Mow when the grass is 1/3 higher than the recommended height. Never cut off more than 1/3 the height of the blades of grass. Be sure your mower blade is sharp so that the grass is cut cleanly and not torn.

From The Hill Country Gardener, Tom Harris, Ph. D.

Resources: For any landscape or gardening information call the Bexar County Master Gardeners Hot line at (210) 467-6575 or email questions to mg-bexar@tamu.edu; or search the web at www.thehillcountrygardener.com by Tom Harris, Ph. D. Or www.plantanswers.com by Jerry Parsons, Ph. D.



Yard of the Month



Though it seems as if you have just tucked away the Christmas decorations, it is not too early to start thinking about getting your lawns and gardens spiffed up in preparation for the upcoming Yard-of-the-Month competition, which runs from May through August. Each of those five months, members of our judging committee will select four winners. Each winner will receive a gift certificate in addition to the honor of displaying one of the Yard-of-the-Month signs in their front yard. If you have a yard you would like to nominate just call the Braun Station West office and let us know.



Braun Station Easter Egg Hunt



The Braun Station Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Braun Station Playgroup, will be on **Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 A.M.** at the Braun Station West Brigadoon Playground at 9403 Brigadoon. (The rain date will be **Saturday, April 23rd.**) The hunt is open to all children from Braun Station West and Braun Station East. Lots of eggs and surprises, plus a visit from the Easter Bunny. Remember to bring your basket and camera. Hope to see many of you there!

BSW Book Club



Come join us for a walk on the literary wild side! **READING** will help your imagination soar. Book discussions are lively, sometimes rowdy, and fun. BSW Book Club meets every third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse, often preceded by an optional dining out (usually lunch). Bring your book and a willingness to participate. See you there. **NOTE:** The April meeting has been moved to Tuesday, April 26th.

2011 Book List

April: "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese July: "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot
May: "The Big Burn" by Timothy Egan August: "South of Broad" by Pat Conroy
June: "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett September: "The Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle

If you need further information (including what the "restaurant of the month" is), please contact me, Cindy Morawski, 522-0706 or cski02@sbcglobal.net.



ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS

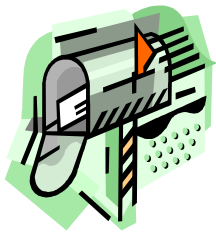


Acrylic Painting Class is being offered for the summer months in Braun Station West!!

Acrylic paints bridge the gap between oil paints and watercolor, as they have the characteristics of both. After learning to mix colors and exploring how the paint behaves, you will begin your first masterpiece on canvas. As a beginning painter, you will feel right at home in this supportive atmosphere. Instructor Juanita Garza is fluent in Spanish. This class is designed for young adults (high school age) through “young at heart” Senior Citizens. No previous painting experience is required to succeed in this class. A supply list is available at registration.

Visit the 2nd Annual Con Mis Manos Art Show and Sale on Saturday, May 14, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Casa Helotes on Leslie Road (across from O’Connor H.S.) to see the artwork of Juanita’s current students. You may also meet Juanita and register for the BSW Acrylic class at this event. It’s free and open to the public.

Class meets 4 times during the month, once a week for 3 hours, 9:30 am-12:30 noon on Thursdays. Cost is \$60 per person. Contact Art Instructor Juanita Garza for registration/information. 210-681-6198 or email: riggalos@aol.com



MAILBOX PARKING IMPROVED

Thanks to residents who have aided our mail carriers by maintaining an area near mailboxes free of vehicles and trash/recycle containers. Improvement has been noticed and is much appreciated. Your courtesy and consideration also help through relieving street congestion when you park in your driveway, and provide more room for emergency vehicles responding to calls throughout BSW. Another benefit realized reduces your chance of being a target or victim of vehicle vandalism or theft by your vehicle being in a well lighted driveway. Everyone wins!

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BSW WOMEN'S CLUB

Engaged in Charity Work and Social Events

by Barbara Robeau

The last 4 meetings of the Women's Club 2011-12 season are 2 craft sessions for charitable organizations and 2 parties.

At the February 8 meeting, the 13 members in attendance constructed beautiful greeting cards for the Ronald McDonald House under the direction of club president Brenda Talley. Brenda also conducted a short business meeting. Hostesses for the event were Sherry Heffner and Cindy Morawski. Door prize winners were Betty Burson, Donna Hogan, and Brenda Talley. Susan Noonan, member and master gardener, recommended for planting the Violet Fantasia Geranium and the Tycoon Tomato. Jill Farmer announced that the LUNCH BUNCH meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 12:30 P.M. at restaurants chosen by attendees.

At the March 8 meeting, the 15 members in attendance decorated Easter bags for 30 children, ages 2-8, in St. P.J.'s Emergency Shelter. Member/artist Patty Wilson designed the bags and led the crafts session. At the club's April meeting members will donate gift items to fill the bags. Gloria Morales, BSW resident and volunteer teacher and Board member at St. P.J.'s spoke to the group about the children's home and the re-sale shop that helps support the young residents. Susan Noonan presented hand-outs on spring gardening and Jill Farmer announced time and place for the March LUNCH BUNCH gathering. Hostesses for the evening were Susan Noonan, Sue Townsend, and Deanie Bluschke. Door prize winners were Jill Farmer, Marilyn Lott, and Sheryl Babiak.

The April 12 meeting is the yearly Fiesta Potluck Supper. Hostesses for this occasion are Josie Cadena, Susan Noonan, Brenda Talley, and Barbara Robeau. At this gathering a nominating committee for 2011-12 club officers will be appointed, and members will choose a restaurant for the May end-of season celebration. In addition, members will fill the Easter bunny gift bags for St. P.J.'s children.

The May 10 meeting is the traditional "happy hour" at a local restaurant. Announced at this meeting will be the name of the BSW high school senior who is the winner of the club's \$500 college scholarship and the club's 2011-12 officers. Retiring officers are Brenda Talley, president; Sheryl Babiak, vice president; Barbara Robeau, secretary; Marilyn Lott, treasurer; and Patty Wilson, historian. Members will applaud them for their service to the organization.

The officers and members of the Women's Club always welcome new members. The only requirements for membership are 1) BSW residency, 2) the desire to improve the neighborhood and the community while making new friends and having fun, and 3) dues of \$20.00 per year (or \$10.00 at mid-season). Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 7 P.M. All except the May "happy hour" are held in the Tezel Clubhouse. Interested prospective members can phone Brenda Talley at 520-7401 or Barbara Robeau at 520-2861 for further information.



Happy Easter!



GREETINGS GALORE

Have you ever wanted to give someone special a handmade card, but didn't know where to begin?
Well, this is it!

Our stamp camps are designed to jump start your card-making creativity.

Please plan to join us at the Tezel Clubhouse for a fun-filled evening of card-making. We will use rubber stamps, colorful inks, pretty papers, ribbons, buttons, and more, to create a variety of adorable cards. A different technique will be taught each month.

April 21 (7 P.M.) - Moms and BFFs
May 19 (7 P.M.) - Lads, Dads and Grads

If you are interested in attending, contact Brenda Talley (520-7401)



**Welcome to
Braun Station West!**

Derrick Bertrand 9310 Pottesgrove

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BRAUN STATION WEST RESIDENT**

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BUNCO, ANYONE?

Are you interested in playing Bunco? We play a simple version of Bunco which allows for beginners or for seasoned players to jump right in and enjoy our group. We have use of the Tezel Clubhouse for our once monthly gatherings. If you are interested in becoming a full-time player or you just want to be a substitute, please let me know. Remember, this is a great opportunity to meet some of your neighbors! For more information, please call **Susan Chambers** at **681-5725**.

BSW Web Site www.braunstationwest.com

- Draft copies of Board Meeting minutes
- Newsletters
- Covenants / By-Laws
- ACC Form (Building Improvement Form)
- Clubhouse / Pool Lease Information
- Contact Information / Useful Links
- Pictures of Facilities & Community Events
- Feedback Section



BRAUN STATION WEST REAL ESTATE NEWS

by Nancy Muldoon, SRES, GRI, Realtor

Pending Sales

Address	Sq. Ft.	DOM	List Price Sq. Ft.	List Price
Sturbridge	1442	101	\$60.33	\$87,000
Pendragon	1511	246	\$82.39	\$124,500
Wickersham	1805	85	\$79.77	\$144,000
Wickersham	1760	20	\$83.80	\$147,500
Cheviot Heights	3442	122	\$69.40	\$238,900
Drayton Heights	3396	160	\$77.42	\$262,950

Active Listings

Address	Sq. Ft.	List Price Sq. Ft.	DOM	List Price
Chimneyhill	1408	\$87.35	66	\$123,000
Wickersham	1644	\$90.02	3	\$148,000
Crooked Road	1434	\$104.60	27	\$150,000
Sturbridge	1705	\$87.97	3	\$150,000
Brightwater	2212	\$70.07	28	\$155,000
Donegal	1692	\$100.41	12	\$169,900
Beowulf	1832	\$92.79	226	\$170,000
Woodheather	2261	\$75.63	349	\$171,000
Curry Heights	2448	\$83.74	161	\$205,000
Waldon Heights	2233	\$92.20	42	\$205,900
Waldon Heights	2425	\$90.51	8	\$219,500
Drayton Heights	2493	\$90.21	81	\$224,900
Croy Heights	2737	\$86.22	647	\$236,000
Waldon Heights	2582	\$94.63	115	\$269,900
Prince Heights	3450	\$85.18	647	\$293,905
Queen Heights	3100	\$101.61	210	\$315,000

Properties Sold

Address	Sq. Ft.	DOM	Sold Price Sq. Ft.	Sold Price
Wimbledon	1628	58	\$76.09	\$92,500
Tintagel	1650	109	\$66.35	\$109,490
Pottesgrove	2269	88	\$61.56	\$133,500
Letcombe	1837	15	\$78.93	\$143,000
Sturbridge	2568	191	\$70.05	\$178,750
Curry Heights	2336	29	\$83.47	\$195,000

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VIVA FIESTA!



WHAT IS THAT OLD HOMESTEAD ON BRAUN ROAD?????

Have you driven along Braun Road towards 1604 and wondered about that old place on the right with several buildings and lots of acreage? Well, here's the scoop!

German immigrant, Theodore Crenwelge built the stone farmhouse for his bride, Katherine in 1895. Originally the farm consisted of about 156 acres. Corn, maize and oats were the main crops. The stone barn and stone smokehouse/root cellar were built at the same time as the house. In 1918, a distant cousin, Otillie Braun, was killed in a train accident, leaving a husband, Fredrick, and three children, Henry, Bernice and Burton. The oldest child, Henry, stayed with his father while the two younger children went to live with the Crenwelges. After Mr. Braun remarried, Bernice went back to her birth father's house, and only young Burton Braun remained with the Crenwelges. Both Crenwelge's died in 1954, leaving the farm to their nephew Burton Braun. Around 1990, Burton sold the farmland but kept the house and the surrounding 5.9 acres. Due to ailing health, at the age of 86, Burton sold the land to local real estate developer Dallas Doughtry in 2001.

A farm complex includes the house, the barns, and all the outbuildings necessary to maintain self-sufficiency. Economics was the primary factor in determining both the building and the sequence of construction. Providing shelter for his family, a farmer would build the house first. Limited cash and limited building materials prescribed what, how, and when farm outbuilding were built. For material in Central Texas, oak logs or rock construction was common. Stones or rocks were used most frequently as structural material in areas settled by emigrants from Europe. Most of these ethnic groups by design or chance settled where there was a geological outcropping of rock formations. Their heritage was strong in masonry construction. One must also consider that labor and talents of the builder were the primary inputs into all construction since the material was necessarily of the land.

Rived boards or shingles were the most common roofing material. The substitution of sheets of corrugated tin for covering old and new buildings began in the early 1900s as a practical choice. Tin was more efficient, easier to lay and relatively cheap. The rural landscape is now scarred with rusty tin roofs hiding the original shingled roofs that have mellowed with age.

To provide protection for crops, the crib or corncrib was needed as much as a barn to shelter the livestock. A multipurpose structure, consequently, serving both these functions was the obvious choice. This building frequently was used for many other functions until resources and time permitted special purpose buildings. This accounts for "barn" being a general term used in referring to all outbuildings in Texas as in other farm cultures.

The first log pen or basic unity of the barn we ordinarily built to the rear of the house close enough for animal distress to be heard. The first outbuilding was most likely to be a crib with an open lean-to being added as soon as possible, depending on the number of farm animals. As the farmer prospered, pens were added on the gable sides of the existing barn.

Barns were often limited to two pens. When additional space was needed, supporting barn buildings more specialized in design relating to function were added. Among the first of these was a building that most frequently provided two purposes: stalls for the work-stock and shelter for the wagons. These stalls were designed in a rectangular pen partitioned by log walls in combinations of two, four, etc., since the farmer normally added workstock in pairs. The gables were slabbed or boarded in. Often with ceiling joists added over the stalls forming a loft used for feed storage. The wagon she side of this structure was more likely to be enclosed or be made as a separate building as people moved westward in the state, particularly in the German settlements.

Other buildings included a blacksmith shop, located near a large shade tree, and a smokehouse. The crib acted as a "potato house" until one could be built. The potato house was the equivalent of a root cellar in other areas of the U.S. It served not only as a storage for root crops but also as a cool place for storing food preserved in jars and later in cans. One common design of the structure was the dugout. Dug several feet into the earth, the floor was often left uncovered. Rock masonry was common and the thickness of the stone provided insulation.

Based on the preceding information, the Crenwelge/Braun Farmhouse provides much insight into a typical Texas farm. Since the three original Braun farm buildings were constructed of stone and the farm was located on 156 acres, Theodore Crenwelge must have had access to money and a supply of stone. Based on the masonry construction, Crenwelge was either skilled in masonry construction or someone in the local community was a mason. Evidence of a German community is derived from the 1906 Zion Lutheran Church, located just down the road. The church was donated and attended by American Germans. Also a Hermann Sons Lodge, a German fraternal organization is located on Braun Road.

Upgrades and additional building such as the frame shed-roof additions to the stone barn and the various wood "barns" located on the property suggest that the Crenwelges prospered in farming throughout the decades. Today, the 156 acre farm has shrunk to 5.5 acres and suburbia sprouts from the fields surrounding the farmhouse in a sea of asphalt and vinyl siding.

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DISTRICT 125

Dear Braun Station West Residents,

As Texas lawmakers, we are facing tough challenges this session including a 27 billion dollar short-fall. Due to our current circumstances, spending cuts will be part of the equation to get us back in fiscal order. We have to comprehensively audit agencies and programs in order to find the wasteful spending that exists in state government.

Rather than making broad cuts across the board, we need to make the right cuts, ensuring that 100,000 teachers do not lose their jobs, 4 community colleges do not close, and the bread and butter programs that educate and protect our youth and take care of our elderly are not carelessly eliminated. Although we face stiff challenges this year, there will also be opportunities to work on the things that matter, like good-paying jobs, great schools, safe neighborhoods, and healthy families.

Here is a preview of some of the bills that I have filed this session:

Protective Orders and Domestic Violence HB 119: This bill would allow more people to obtain a protective order in situations where family violence has occurred. Unlike restraining orders, protective orders can be enforced immediately by the police, and individuals can go to jail if they violate the terms of the order.

Nemoway's Bill HB 121: This bill would ensure that the Department of Protective Services always puts families first when a child is taken from their home. It would allow extended family members to file for adoption of a child before anyone else.

For more information on the bills that have been filed, please visit <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/General.aspx>.

I look forward to continue working on your behalf in the 82nd Legislative Session and making sure that the concerns of residents in District 125 are heard. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my Capitol office at (512) 463-0669.

Sincerely,
Joaquin Castro

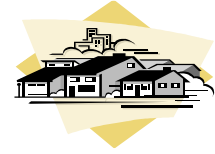


CHANGES IN LEAF COLLECTIONS **(Re-Print from the February-March Newsletter)**

It's a new year and times are a-changin' when it comes to the City's bagged leaves collection program. Residential customers are still eligible to receive two free collections of grass clipping and leaves per fiscal year up to 50 bags, but now residents are required to use **paper bags** or **cardboard boxes** for those collections. The City will no longer pick up grass clippings or leaves placed in plastic bags. (www.sanantonio.gov/swmd)



BLOCK CAPTAIN CORNER



Welcome to our newest Block Captain, *Griselda Aguilar* who will be representing the 9100 Block of Brightwater. Thank you, *Griselda!*

What Does A Block Captain Do?

1. Make **Street/Block Map** with names, phone #'s.
2. Organize **Block Party** for National Night Out.
3. Pass out **Board Notices** and other information.
4. Deliver **Welcome Packets** to new neighbors.
5. Attend yearly **Block Captain Meeting/Social**.
6. Help collect Annual Meeting Proxies.

The following streets are not represented by a Block Captain. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office at 680-3009.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u># Homes</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u># Homes</u>
	Braun Hill Drive	9		Wendover	5
8800	Brigadoon	21		Londonderry	3
9000	Brigadoon	12		New London	5
8900	Brightwater	11		Norham Heights	4
	Cheswick	10	8500	Pendragon (& Ipswich)	32
7600	Creek Trail	15	8700	Pertshire	5
7800	Creek Trail	8	8900	Pertshire	14
7900	Creek Trail	19	9000	Pertshire	5
	Crooked Path	15	8500	Queen Heights	7
	Curry Heights	22	8600	Queen Heights	11
8600	Drayton Heights	5		Rugged Ridge	25
	Foxboro (& Londonderry)	14		Skye Heights	7
	Heathcliff	11	8900	Tintagel	10
9200	Kings Cross	11	9000	Tintagel	10
9300	Kings Cross	12	9200	Wickheather	13
	Letcombe	12		Wrexham Heights	11
	Lockridge/Chimneyhill/	35		Wuthering Heights	10

Current Block Captains by Street:

9200 Beowulf - Mary Anne Kramer	8800 Drayton Hts. - Teona Brown	8900 Queen Hts. - Robert & Teresa Geller
9300 Beowulf - Stephanie Esparza	8900 Drayton Hts. - Kimberly Stallcup	Regis Hts. - Mary Gaddy
Bigbury - Jacqueline Wallace	Goodwick Hts. - Gayle Venticinque	Rocky Path - Mary Gay Anderson
Boutry Hts. - Erika Zuniga	Grimesland - Rebecca Mires	Rolling Circle - John Hale
8900 Brigadoon - John Bump	Havelock - Roy Nino	Rolling Stone - Laura Allison
9100 Brigadoon - Carol Klar	Hetton Hts. - Manuel Ibarra	Saint Ives - Kathryn Nicholson
9200 Brigadoon - Deanie Bluschke	Hoke Drive - Karen Roberts	Seaton & Rugby Hts. - Mary Hale
9000 Brightwater - Betty Burson	Horse Heath - Larry & Katie Mitnaul	Selby Hts. - Mary Gaddy
9100 Brightwater - Griselda Aguilar	9100 Kings Cross - Carrie Rea	Sturbridge - Jenny Mendoza
Cheviot Hts. - Bonnie Villarreal	London Hts. - Gloria Morales & Pat Bulik (shared)	Waldon Hts. - Phil Holts
Colchester - Marvin Bryant & Russell Christensen (shared)	Lorna Doone - Ray Vargas	Warley Hts. - Mary Gaddy
7700 Creek Trail - Donna Fellers	Murphy Hts. - Kimberly Stallcup	8800 Wickersham - Dale Balogh
Crooked Brook - Gerald Castilleja	Null Hts. - Sue Townsend	9300 Wickersham - Paige Cokerham
Crooked Road - Minnie Vigil	Oxted - Nancy Coronado	9300 Wickheather - Susan Chambers
Crooked Sky - Thomas Hannon	8600 Pendragon - Glenda Johnson	Wimbledon - Tina Arredondo
Crooked Stream - Al & Laura Greer	8800 Pertshire - John Bosch	Woburn - Tricia Meinhart
Croy Hts. - Vicky Garcia	Pottesgrove - Laura Butterfield	9200 Woodheather - Valerie Lunt
Donegal - Nancy Nye	Prince Hts. - Bill Dobbs	9300 Woodheather - Donna Hogan
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ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

<i>Paint (limit 28 one gallon cans or 3 five-gallon pails)</i>	<i>Antifreeze</i>	<i>Pool Chemicals</i>	<i>Tub & Tile Cleaner</i>
<i>Furniture Polish</i>	<i>Pesticides</i>	<i>Brake Fluid</i>	<i>Lacquer/Shellac</i>
<i>Oven Cleaner</i>	<i>Batteries</i>	<i>Aerosol Cans</i>	<i>Wood Stain</i>
<i>Automobile Tires (limit 5 per day)</i>	<i>Motor Oil</i>	<i>Drain Cleaners</i>	<i>Paint Thinner</i>
<i>Fluorescent Lights & Ballasts</i>	<i>Oil Filters</i>	<i>Solvents</i>	<i>Spot Removers</i>
	<i>Used Cooking Oil</i>	<i>Cell Phones</i>	<i>Transmission Fluid</i>

Materials should be kept in their original containers. If containers are deteriorated or leaking, transfer materials to a safe container and label the new container to correctly identify the contents. Do not mix materials in the same container. For more information call 311.



BRAUN STATION PLAYGROUP

Come play with us! The Braun Station Playgroup is a fun way for you to meet other Moms & Dads and for your children to play with other kids. The playgroup offers regular play dates in the park and other fun places (call for times and locations). We also host the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Children's Christmas Party. For more information, or if you are interested in joining the playgroup, please call Heather Davila at 682-7458 or e-mail heather@davila.cc.

New!... Playgroup Blog!

For those who want to learn about playdates, things to do around town, and a way to communicate with each other, check out the playgroup blog, produced by Heather Davila. It's at <http://BraunStationPlaygroup.blogspot.com>. But don't worry... for those who don't want to venture out into the blogworld, Heather will still e-mail playdates for the month.

Playgroup Babysitters Needed!!


Hey Parents & Babysitters out there! The Braun Station Playgroup is looking for some fun-filled individuals to add to our babysitter list. If you are a parent with a great sitter, we would love your recommendation. If you are a teen looking for some extra spending money, are responsible, and good with kids, send me your info and we will add you to the Braun Station Babysitter List! Contact Heather Davila at heather@davila.cc or 210-379-3025.

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If interested, call Jill Farmer at 684-8626.

TENNIS LESSONS



Braun Station West resident Joe Martinez is available to teach Tennis Lessons. If you are interested, you can contact him at 326-8135.

Playgroup Cookbooks



Searching for a simple, inexpensive gift? How about one of the Playgroup cookbooks? They're a great present for any age and either sex, and a bargain at just \$5 each. The cookbooks are a collection of Playgroup members' and friends' favorite recipes, so you know they're easy and delicious. Stop by the office to pick up one or two... or three!



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The next Braun Station West newsletter will be the June - July issue. If you would like to place an advertisement, submit it by May 10th. Call 680-3009 for rates or other information. Reach over 1150 homes!!!

Planning A Home Improvement Project?



Thinking about a project to modify your house; install a deck, shed, patio, fence, or pool? Don't forget to submit the proper paperwork (available at the office or by fax) for approval before you start. The ACC form is also available on our web site. The process is simple and will save time and trouble for everyone!

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