Spring 2021 Newsletter

BETTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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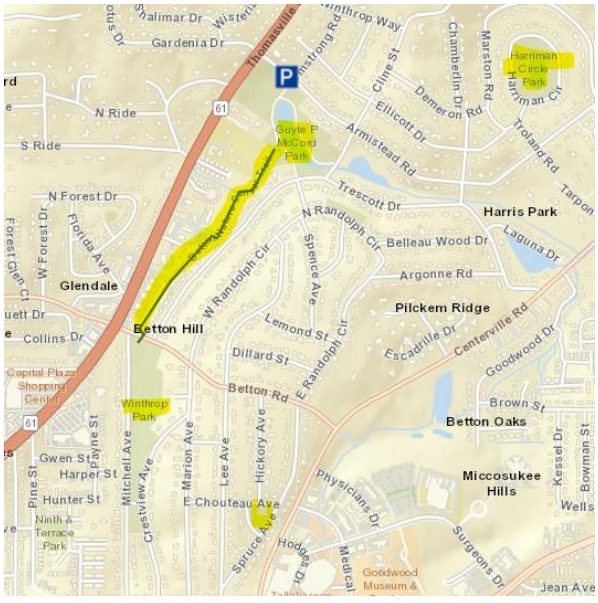
BHNA President's Comments: Enjoy Betton Hills!

Eliza Hawkins, BHNA President

As we emerge from perhaps the most difficult year of our collective memory, I hope you are all seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. As you are venturing out more, getting back to work, and relaxing in larger gatherings with friends and family, the BHNA is also eager to get back to normal (or the new normal) of sponsoring neighborhood activities later this year, taking precautions as necessary. In the meantime, the BHNA encourages you to get out and enjoy this spring season of renewal, whether it's a stroll through one our wonderful neighborhood parks or your favorite walking route through the hood. Take a moment. Stop, listen, look, and enjoy.



If you are not sure where Betton's parks are (McCord, Harriman Circle, Winthrop, Chittenden on Spruce Avenue, or the Betton Hills Nature Center Trail), see the map. As you appreciate these beautiful places, know that the BHNA has a long history of working with and helping the city to keep these parks healthy, safe, and vibrant.

One of our main duties as a neighborhood association is to keep you informed about issues affecting our sense of community and quality of life. There are some big projects on the horizon including the imminent reconstruction of Betton Hills Road (*See Ready for a New Betton Road? Page 6.)* The BHNA will keep you up to date on any breaking news related to the Betton

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Road construction so you can plan for traffic detours and other interruptions. As the Multi-Modal Trail initiative develops, currently in planning stages, we will also keep you informed on that issue.

Plus, we want your thoughts on how to make this project a win-win for Betton Hills and Tallahassee. (See *Help Us Improve Safety on Thomasville Road*, Page 5.)

If you have any ideas for events or activities, want to volunteer, or even become a BHNA board member, have thoughts on neighborhood beautification efforts, have issues you think the BHNA should address or issues that are of concern to you, please email me at President@BettonHills.org.

Look for our periodic BHNA email blast announcements as this year unfolds to alert you to urgent issues or fun events or other neighborhood updates. If you haven't signed up for the BHNA email blasts, please sign up at: https://www.bettonhills.org/mailing-list/

Get involved, volunteer, help grow our sense of community!

Neighborhood Spring Events Cancelled

Eliza Hawkins, BHNA President

Our traditional Betton Hills events are one of our favorite ways to keep the neighborhood a friendly and inclusive community. They're a great way to get to know neighbors, have some fun together, and share the joy of living in such a pleasant neighborhood.

That said, after much thought and discussion at our BHNA Board Meeting on February 15, we decided it would be safest for neighbors to not host any of our spring events due to the continuing effects of COVID. That includes:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Block Parties
- Neighborhood Garage Sale

We will reassess things in early summer in hopes that it will then be safe to hold future events. If so we can look forward to events such as our Fall Fest in October. We will keep you posted when our events resume. And won't we enjoy them BIG TIME after this pandemic has passed??!

Love Your Neighborhood? Great! Please Volunteer!

Margie McInnes

We all agree that Betton Hills is a wonderful neighborhood. We love the beauty, the friendly neighbors, the vibe and the events. I hope that you will "show your love" by volunteering to help with some of our neighborhood community activities!

Your Betton Hills Neighborhood Association organizes some ongoing events and programs, like Arbor Day, Spring Block Parties, May Garage Sale, Fall Fest, Car Rally, Food Truck Night, our Community Garden and PREP (Emergency Preparedness). Some individual neighbors have initiated popular events and programs such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Bunco Night, Betton Ladies' Night, a Parents & Kids Playgroup, Christmas Eve Caroling, and Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Unfortunately, the COVID epidemic interrupted most of these activities since spring 2020. But a creative group of neighbors still figured out a way for the neighborhood to enjoy a safe and incredibly fun Halloween. Gini West's *Neighbor Helping Neighbor* program initiated in response to the pandemic still continues.

We want to gear up now to plan for events that we will be able to again enjoy once it is safe to do so. We need neighbors to help with our annual or short term projects as well as activities that go on year round. For instance, for our upcoming Fall Fest we need folks to organize kids' crafts, games, set up tables, make signs, decorate, direct parking, clean up and more. For PREP, we need folks to volunteer to check in with their neighbors before hurricane season to see what they may need OR be able to help with after a severe weather event. Neighbors have also suggested new activities – Book Groups, Walking Groups, Craft/Quilting Circles, and more – but we need volunteers to get them going.

Please join in helping your neighborhood remain the community you love calling home. You can decide what you would like to do and how much time you can offer to do it. Whether you would like to volunteer to help with any of the activities above or if you would like to initiate something new, I hope you will contact me at: margiemcinnes92@gmail.com.

C'mon now and "show your love!" Our whole neighborhood thanks you!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE CAROLING HAPPEN!

Betton Hills NA Partners for Excellence in our Schools

Mary Kay Falconer

For many years, our neighborhood has provided an opportunity for neighbors to donate to the Jack Robertson Partners for Excellence School Fund. Our public schools are Kate Sullivan Elementary, Cobb Middle, and Leon High. Before contributing funds, we ask school administrators to recommend needs that can be covered with our funds. Because COVID 19 shutdown our schools in the spring of 2020, we did not contact the schools and did not approve an annual donation at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. We missed a year in this partnership with our schools.

For the 2020-2021 school year, we got started earlier in our communication with the schools. Plus, our donation was large enough to represent the amount we usually donate over two years. BHNA donated $1000 to each of our three schools. The need was certainly present.

Kate Sullivan Elementary will spend the funds on musical instruments that need to be repaired and new instruments that will be played in the outdoor Arts Garden, a "job well done" fund for rewarding students (expressed our preference for books as rewards) and staff for meeting their goals during this trying time of COVID 19, and a pantry that will provide school supplies and meet other important personal care needs for students.

Cobb Middle School will use the funds for a new electronic/digital sign that will replace their current static black letter sign in front of the school, the musical programs (band and choral), and a pantry that will meet some of the personal care needs of students.

The donation for Leon High School went to the Leon High Foundation which supports proposals that are submitted by teachers. The BHNA also donated $500 to Leon's Project Graduation (PG). Historically, participating students have spent the night at FSU on grad night. They are in a safe place with their classmates, not driving, and no alcohol. The donations pay for the facility rental, food, games, music, and prizes. It's a nice event and a good way for the kids to end their high school careers. Leon is putting on a COVID-friendly version of PG this year. The PTO is trying to organize a scaled down version to be held outside at the Leon campus in late May, on the night the seniors meet to practice for their graduation. The donations will pay for the food trucks, games, and raffle prizes. The high school kids have really not had a good school experience since last April. They have been able to participate in most of the things you expect in high school due to the pandemic. We'd like to help give them a final hurrah!

The schools expressed their appreciation for our support and highlight that on their website! We really are partners. Thanks so much to those of you who submitted donations to the Jack Robertson Partners for Excellence fund!

Help Us Improve Safety on Thomasville Road

Mary Kay Falconer

Transportation safety is a top priority for many of us. Thomasville Road is such an important part of our Betton Hills transportation network. Currently, that road is not safe for several transportation modes. It is particularly dangerous for pedestrians (walking alone, with friends or with your dog) or those riding their bikes. Statistics on distracted driving published by the National Safety Council give us additional reasons to be concerned. One out of four car crashes are caused by cell phone use. In addition, those driving are 24 times more likely to crash their cars if texting while driving. The risks are unacceptable.

We have an opportunity now to address and improve safety on Thomasville Road. There is a feasibility study underway to consider an enhancement called a multi-use path that will improve the safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles on Thomasville Road. BHNA was already contacted to listen to a presentation and provide initial input. A description of the feasibility study is provided at the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) website (http://crtpa.org/thomasville-road-multi-use-path).

The CRTPA is our metropolitan planning agency. This agency reviews and approves many of the transportation infrastructure decisions that affect us every day. Betton Hills could be impacted in a variety of ways. For example, the park-to-park path between McCord and Winthrop Parks could be part of this enhancement. If you are interested in this project, take a look at the CRTPA description and contact us at drmkbikes@hotmail.com. There will be several opportunities to share your input but the sooner we hear from you, the better!

Ready for a New Betton Road?

Michael Bannister

The time has arrived! The Betton Road facelift will start in late April or May. Anticipated completion is February 2022. This project is extensive and will be done in 7 phases (see list of phases below). It will incorporate roadway and pedestrian improvements, as well as water and sewer upgrades.

During construction, it will be necessary to close Betton Road to thru traffic. Residents in the Betton Hills neighborhood will have access to their homes at all times, although detour routes through the neighborhood will likely change as the project progresses. Consequently, normal traffic patterns will be disrupted and require detours in and around our neighborhood. These detours will send traffic onto streets not normally used by Betton Road motorists. Especially for pedestrians and cyclists, be aware that roads internal to Betton Hills will see an increase in traffic with many drivers unfamiliar with our local streets. Please, be careful!

Updates on this project can be seen at Talgov.com/Betton. You can find contact information on the site should you have any questions or feedback. If you have not already done so, you can also sign up there to receive project updates via email.

The following is the proposed phasing as laid out in the plans with estimated duration of each phase.

- Phase 1 – 2 Months – Betton Road closed from Thomasville Road to west of W. Randolph Circle – Mitchell and Trescott will be closed at Betton Road.
- Phase 2 – 2 Months - Betton Road closed from West of W. Randolph Circle to west of Lee. – W. Randolph and Marion will be closed at Betton Road.
- Phase 3 – 1 Month – Betton Road closed from Lee Intersection with Betton – The intersection will be closed at Betton.
- Phase 4 – 1 week – Water & Sewer tie-ins at Centerville Road (No Roadway work in this phase). This work will be going on in conjunction with Phase 5 as well.
- Phase 5 – 2 Months – Betton Road closed from Centerville to west of E. Randolph – E. Randolph and Spruce are closed to Betton access.
- Phase 6 – 2 Months – Betton Road closed from west of E. Randolph to east of Lee – Hickory closed to Betton access (install mast arms at Lee traffic signal in this phase).
- Phase 7 – 1 Month – Final lift, striping, loops, and punch list. Intermittent closures only, roadway will be mostly open.

The Hickory/Spruce water line project construction duration will be approximately 3.5 months. This work will go on at the same time as other portions of the Betton Road project. This work will be completed prior to closing access to those streets.

BHNA Website Better and Prettier Than Ever!

Casey McLaughlin

If you've visited https://bettonhills.org lately, you may have noticed our website is getting a facelift and new content.

The new website includes all of the content that was on the old website, along with a lot of new and updated content. It also features better navigation, better media archival from neighborhood events (such as the Easter egg hunt, annual garage sale, etc.), and is much prettier if we do say so ourselves!

The website also includes a new membership management system. We hope the membership management upgrade will make managing memberships easier for the BHNA and you, our members.

We encourage you to explore the new website to learn more about the BHNA and our efforts to keep Betton Hills one of the best neighborhoods in Tallahassee. We also would love to hear website feedback from you, so if you have any comments, bug fixes, or suggestions, please send us an email to board@bettonhills.us.

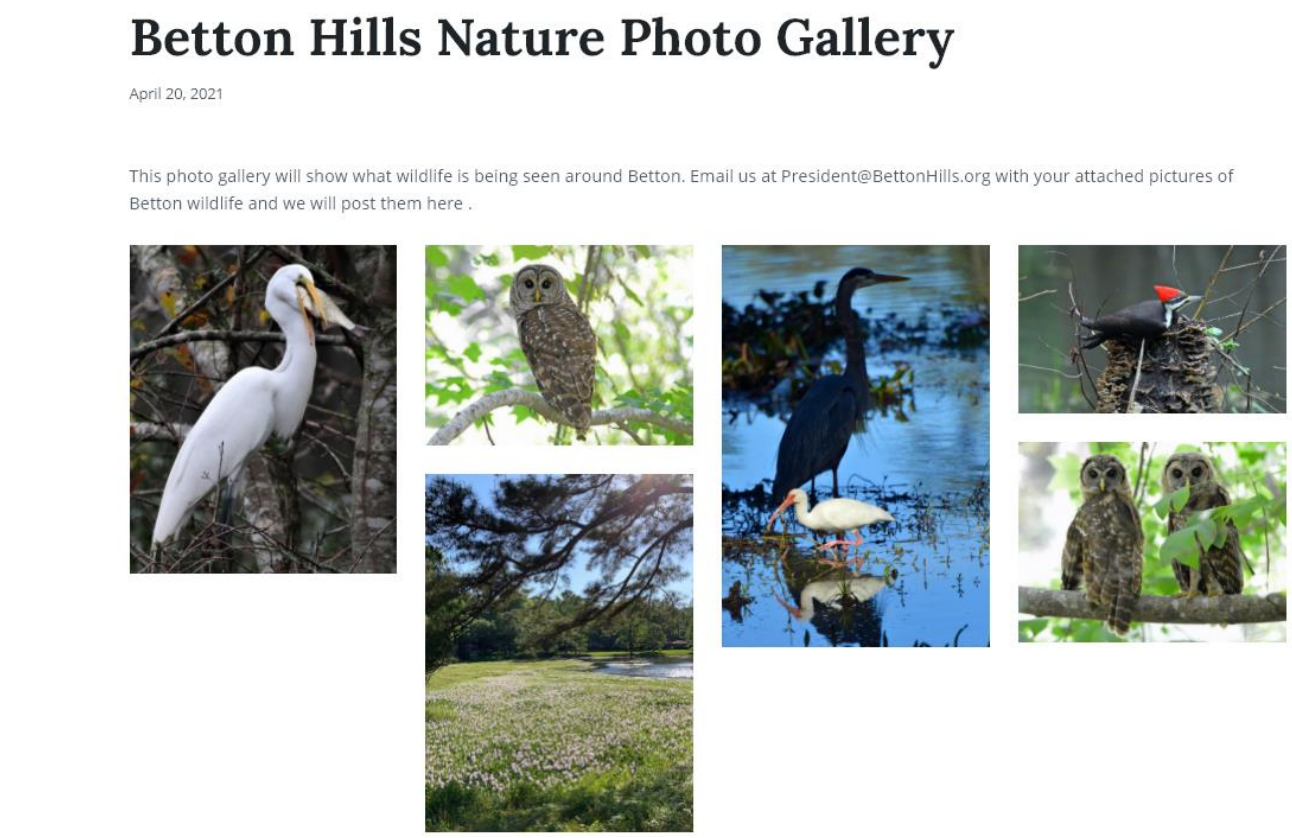
CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK GROUP TOO!

Do You Have Betton Hills Nature Photos to Share?

If you've taken a photo of any nature scene in our neighborhood that you want to share with others, simply send an email to President@Bettonhills.org with your picture attached. Let us know who took it, what it is and where you took it. You can send us landscapes, animals, or close-ups of plants.

Check out the "starter set" at:

https://www.bettonhills.org/galleries/betton-hills-nature-photo-gallery/



Arbor Day 2021 Success Story

Donna Legare

It was a cold morning for our annual Arbor Day event at McCord Park! Despite that, 35 volunteers turned out to plant native trees, remove invasive plants, care for past plantings, maintain nest boxes and remove trash from McCord Pond. We were sad not to have our usual hot coffee and chocolate, bagels, and coffee cake due to the pandemic, but everyone was enthusiastic and ready to get right to work.

The trash in the pond had become unbearable. Three kayakers were dispatched to remove interior trash and several others circled the pond to gather trash along its shore. The beaver lodge is now, at least for a while, free of trash.

We focused our invasive removal effort in the woodland between McCord Pond and Thomasville Road. Many volunteers worked on cutting and bagging Ardisia berries and then digging and bagging the plants. The seeds have nearly a 100% germination rate, so berries need to be carefully placed into plastic garbage bags to prevent future spreading. We also removed lots of Chinese Privet, tree Ligustrum, Camphor trees and some Nandina.

Here is a plea for anyone reading this to please scout for Ardisia in your own yard and cut the berries off (and Nandina while you are at it). Put them in a bag and place in your large black trash barrel. Do not put berries in with yard trash as they may stay viable through the city's composting process. They then could sprout when the mulch is used by a fellow gardener.

Without our efforts at removing the invasive non-native plants, the McCord woodlands would become a solid mass of invasive species which have little to no value for native wildlife. They crowd out and shade our native species which have unique ecological relationships with wildlife.

We planted **3 new native trees** in the Trescott woodland area – a Florida Sugar Maple, a Crabapple, and an Arrowwood Viburnum – always adding to the biodiversity of the park. In addition, Ed Oaksford planted two Swamp Tupelo trees along Harriman Pond and Jodi and Todd Sperry planted two Red Cedars along the Trescott right-of-way near Chamberlain. They removed invasive Mimosa trees from that spot last fall.

Three bluebird nest boxes and two wood duck houses were cleaned and readied for spring nesting season.

Thanks to the City of Tallahassee for donating 25 bales of pine straw for the mulching of past and new plantings and for hauling away all our piles of invasive plants and trash.

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Thank you to our Arbor Day 2021 volunteers!

Donna Legare and Jody Walthall
Vanessa and Richard Crisler
Mike Brezin
Bob Walker aka Turtle Bob
Michael Bannister
Mary Kay Falconer
Eliza Hawkins
Susan Mau
Tim Lynch and Regine Malign
Jesse and Hope Suber
Jordan, Sarah, Bobby, and Teddy Biehl
Laurie Jones
Robert McNeil
Jennifer Butler
Allison Hankinson
Pat and Jane Dallet
Mark and Cheryl Bittner
Brian, Claudia, and Kim Branciforte
JoAnne Gallagher
Ed Oaksford
Jodi and Todd Sperry

I hope I did not leave anyone off the list. Thank you, thank you - it was lots of fun, volunteering and visiting with each other. It is amazing how much we did in 2 hours!

Update: We had a follow-up work session on a Sunday afternoon in February and continued our invasive plant removal effort. Thank you: Mary Kay Falconer, Donna Legare, Jody Walthall, Jordan Biehl, Laurie Jones, Jonette Sawyer, Eliza Hawkins, Liza McFadden, and Jane Hayes.

Please e-mail dlegare@comcast.net if you would like to be added to our contact list for occasional work sessions at McCord Park. It is good exercise and good camaraderie, kind of like a quilting bee, and always optional. In fact, this fall we'll be starting a "park partners" program. For those of you who value our neighborhood parks, this will be a good opportunity to improve the parks and to learn about creating and maintaining healthy habitats for wildlife. Stay tuned!

Volunteers Make Arbor Day Happen!

Let's Pull Together, Neighbors!

Donna Legare

Our daughter and family used to live on a 5-acre parcel in Gainesville. It backed up to the 7000-acre San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park, one of the few remaining large tracts of mature hardwood forest in Florida. Unfortunately, some of the households along her road planted coral Ardisia in their yards long ago. Years later this invasive non-native plant, dark green with bright red berries, has formed a dense 3 – 4-foot-high mat on any unmanaged woodland in the neighborhood. Then, it spread into the state preserve.

We helped our daughter clip and bag the berries on her property. We then dug up the plants. We managed to remove all Ardisia on her five acres. Then we crossed the border into the park to remove plants there. She wanted to organize a meeting with all the neighbors and invite a park ranger to talk about these problem plants and how to manage them. However, her job situation changed and she ended up selling the property and moving to New York.

Unfortunately, any woodland near a city or suburb will be taken over by invasive non-native plants if not managed. A good example locally is our own McCord Park, a lovely greenspace and birding hotspot in our neighborhood.

However, lurking beneath the large trees in the woodlands is a reservoir of invasive non-native plants from coral Ardisia and Nandina to privet and camphor trees. Our neighborhood association has organized multiple invasive plant removal work sessions over the years, and we have lobbied the City Parks and Recreation Department to remove the larger camphor, mimosa, Ligustrum and Chinese tallow trees.

Why does this matter? Invasive alien plants have little value to wildlife, and they displace native vegetation on which birds and other wildlife depend. The base of the ecological food web is native plants, which are then eaten by native insects, which become high quality protein for wildlife on up through the food chain. A Ligustrum or a Chinese Tallow will provide berries for birds to eat, and the birds will spread the berries far and wide into your yard and mine and to greenspaces. But, the leaves of these plants provide no value to native insects, particularly caterpillars, for birds to feed their nestlings.

Here is what you can do to help make McCord Park and our neighborhood a healthier place for birds and wildlife:

- Learn to identify invasive plants in your yard.
- Start with the obvious – Ardisia and Nandina.
- If you do not have the strength to dig them out, just cut off the berries, bag them and place them in your city trash can. Do not put them out on the roadside for pickup because they may survive the City's composting process.

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- Ardisia is easy to dig out once the berries are off. Use a shovel to dig around the roots, then pull. This does not have to be bagged. Large Nandinas take some muscle to dig out.

- Learn to recognize seedlings of Coral Ardisia, Nandina, Camphor tree or glossy Ligustrum, Taiwan cherry, Chinese elm (Drake elm), and Chinese privet. Seedlings are easy to pull up. For larger ones, you may have to use loppers or a pruning saw to cut them. Paint the cut with an herbicide such as Brush Killer Stump Killer to prevent sprouting.

I challenge you to seek out and destroy any Ardisia and Nandina in your own yard over this year. Clip and bag the berries and place in the trash. This will need to be done every year to prevent them from spreading further. If you have the strength, dig out the plants as well. Let's pull together, neighbors!

Voluntarily Neighborly!

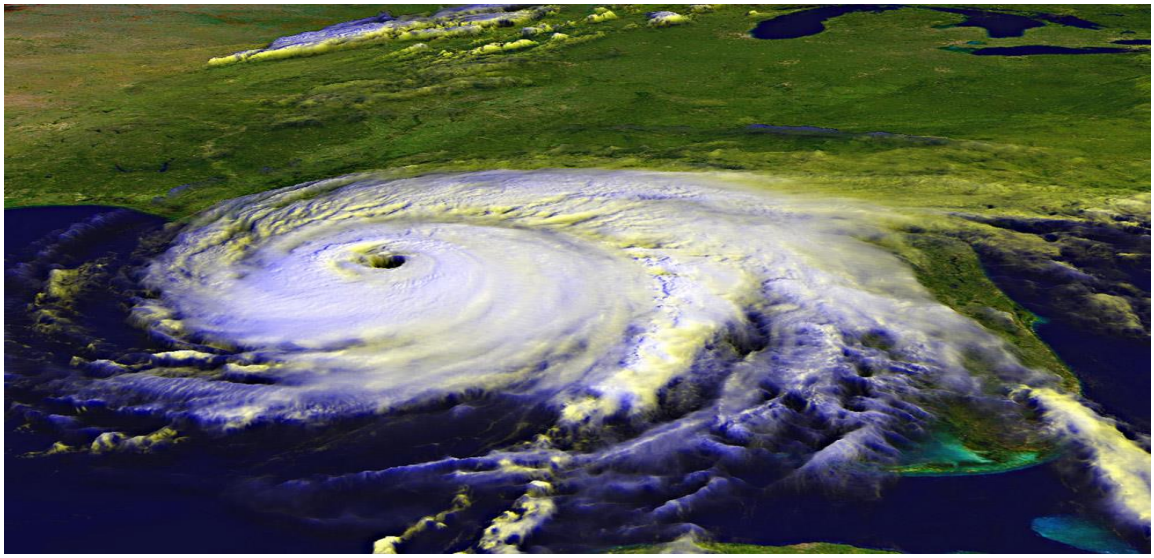
Mike Brezin

I had a séance with Mr. Rogers. This is what he told me. With spring and summer coming on, we have more neighbors outdoors. Please consider these suggestions for neighborhood safety and friendliness. Share them with your children.

1. When walking or biking on a street (on streets where no sidewalks are available), walk facing traffic (i.e., on left side of street). Bike in the bike lane or, if not available, with the traffic. (For more safety suggestions, see the Neighborhood Multi-Modal Guide on our website: https://www.bettonhills.org/neighborhood-multi-modal-guide/
2. When biking or riding a scooter, skateboard, or other device, alert walkers as you come up behind them. Use your bike's ringer or your voice.
3. Give walkers the right of way when riding a bike or other device.
4. When driving, drive within the speed limit (25 MPH on neighborhood streets).
5. When driving, give walkers and bicyclists plenty of room as you pass by them. It's OK to cross a double yellow line if the way is clear.
6. When walking, biking, or driving, feel free to give a wave of hello/recognition to neighbors as you pass by each other. It's being friendly!
7. Speed humps are designed for driving over at 15-20 MPH. Keep Mario Encinosa's blood pressure numbers safe by not crawling over one at 2 MPH, especially on Mitchell Ave.!
8. Walk your dog on a leash.
9. While walking your dog, pick up its poop and bring it to your trash can or a city trash can in a park.
10. Be considerate about noise. Start yard or house maintenance/repair work after 9:00 AM on weekends. Take a break at dinner time during nice weather. Stop work by 9:00 PM.

Getting "PREP-ED" for Hurricane Season . . . yes, again!

Margie McInnes & Mario Taylor



As you have already experienced, the best time to plan for a hurricane is not during, nor after one when trees are down, power is out and all is in disarray. So please help yourself and our neighborhood by joining in Betton Hills voluntary PREP Program.

PREP stands for *Plan for Readiness and Emergency Preparedness*. The goal is for our neighborhood to prepare for disasters and be able to respond to our own needs for the first critical days until emergency managers, responders, and utility crews arrive.

To accomplish this goal, ahead of the hurricane season neighbors volunteer to check with others on their block to identify available *tools and resources* (e.g., chainsaws, axes, hammers, drills, gas cooking equipment, tents, tarps, plywood, etc.) and *skills* (first aid, medical skills, mechanical skills, building skills, etc.). They also identify people who may have needs that require special attention during or after the storm (e.g., have disabilities, are frail, live alone, need oxygen or other equipment that requires electricity, etc.). Also, our neighbor Gini Hosford West, RN, BSN, MSN, will continue to volunteer her efforts with our *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program* for the elderly in Betton Hills and others who may require special assistance.

Participating in PREP is totally voluntary. Each leader can cover the number of homes they feel they can manage. Survey forms are provided to record the needed information. Training is provided. FREE emergency preparedness buckets will be provided to all who volunteer to be leaders for their block.

Many thanks to our neighbors who have already volunteered to take a lead on this effort for their block. We have a big neighborhood so we need a lot more volunteers.

Please step up and PREP! Email us if you are willing to share in these important projects. THANK YOU!!
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The Future Is Getting Closer Every Day!

Mike Brezin

Does it serve the best interests of Betton Hills residents for the BHNA to belong to an alliance of in-town neighborhoods?

Some people say we should just conduct our neighborhood events; getting involved in city politics, projects, or plans is beyond our scope. Or, if we should get involved, it should only be for city projects within our borders. To get involved outside our borders creates a risk that may come back to bite us.

As the BHNA board, we enthusiastically support organizing our neighborhood events (see Neighborhood Spring Events Canceled, Page 2). As you know, we have also been actively involved in city projects within our borders. The reconstruction of Betton Road, the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path, and the drainage improvements along Betton Road and to McCord Park are some current examples.

Yet, Tallahassee is growing every day. The future is getting closer and that future includes more people. That means where should they live? How should they get around town? What do we do about additional storm water, sewage, noise, trash, crime, and schools? What characteristics and features that we consider to define Tallahassee should be protected, including neighborhoods, tree cover, canopy roads, parks, historical buildings, and the like?

The changes, for better or worse, are coming citywide. It is no longer the case that one neighborhood, even one with some influential people, can stop the changes at its borders. In our case, it takes an alliance of in-town neighborhoods to enhance our neighborhoods and protect our common interests. That's the fundamental reason the BHNA has joined the Alliance of Tallahassee Neighborhoods (ATN).

Typically, ATN takes a constructive approach to guide our growth accommodation. We work with city and county staff and commissioners to create or, if necessary, update ordinances, plans, and initiatives rather than being confrontational. That said, if things go off the rails, we initiate a protective approach. We call on our member neighborhoods, leadership and residents, to get vocal in defense of in-town neighborhoods. Typically that means contacting commissioners or showing up at commission meetings.

I encourage you to look into ATN. Please visit the website to learn more about ATN and the current issues: https://www.atntally.com/. Also, whether it is a constructive or protective issue, informed citizens are the key to rational change. ATN will publish an electronic newsletter on its current issues. BHNA will share this newsletter, or articles from it, on our Facebook group and website.

With your help, the actions of the BHNA board, and the support of ATN, I firmly believe we will be making Betton Hills an increasingly friendly, safe, inclusive, and uplifting neighborhood well into our future.

Join or Renew Your BHNA Membership! As You Know, Our Dues Are Voluntary.

We use your membership funds to hold special events (Block Parties, Fall Festival, Food Truck nights, etc.), improve the neighborhood parks (remove invasives; plant natives), support nearby schools, produce and distribute twice-yearly newsletters with community updates, and many other initiatives to celebrate Betton Hills and to enhance our sense of community.

Dues are collected by calendar year, January 1 through December 31. We hope you will join BHNA as a paying member with your annual dues payment of $10. You can make additional contributions to our on-going projects, as represented by the Bellamy Neighborhood Beautification fund, the Robertson Partners for Excellence fund for our neighborhood schools, and the Mansfield Young Writers fund.

If you are unsure whether you are a paid member for the current year, check our "Current Membership" list here: https://www.bettonhills.org/members/.

There are two easy ways to renew/join BHNA:

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1. Pay voluntary BHNA Annual Dues/Additional Donations Online

- Go to our redesigned BHNA website https://www.bettonhills.org/join/, fill out the online form, and pay with your credit card. Once payment is made you will be listed on our "Current Membership" page: https://www.bettonhills.org/members/

2. Pay voluntary BHNA Annual Dues/Funds Donations by *Check*

- If you wish to pay by check we hope you will use our online Pay Dues link: https://www.bettonhills.org/join/. Please fill out the form, check the option for "Pay by Check" at the bottom of the page, then click the Print Button and mail the printed form with your check to: BHNA, P.O. Box 15612, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

- If you prefer to not go online at all, you may use the form attached to this newsletter to make your payment by check. Fill out the form, write your check, and mail to us at: BHNA, P.O. Box 15612, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

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Join or Renew
Your Betton Hills Neighborhood Association Membership!

You can join or renew online, via secure credit card payment, or you can mail us a check. Our suggested dues are $10 a year. Dues are voluntary. Your dues to the Betton Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA) are used to fund special events, the BHNA website ***(https://www.bettonhills.org/)***, enhance our neighborhood parks, and print and mail bi-annual newsletters, among other things.

Not sure if you're a current member? Please check our BHNA website membership directory ***(https://www.bettonhills.org/members/).*** It is kept up-to-date as we receive credit card payments and process checks.

Please write your donation amounts below: Additional Donations will be allocated at the discretion of the BHNA board among the Bellamy, Mansfield, and Robertson on-going project funds. See fund descriptions: (***https://www.bettonhills.org/funds/***):

January 1 through December 31, 2021 at $10: _____
Additional 2021 Donation: _____
Total Check: _____

Name: _____

Specify how you want to be listed in the BHNA website membership directory (e.g., the "Smith Household" or "John and Jane Smith") _____

Betton Hills Street Address: _____ **Zip Code**: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number** _____

Check here _____ if you want the BHNA board to contact you about opportunities to volunteer on neighborhood projects or events planning.

Write any comments along with your membership here:

Mail this page with your check to: BHNA, P.O. Box 15612, Tallahassee, FL 32317