



# Braun Station East NEWSLETTER

January / February 2024

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## 2024 Annual Meeting Homeowner’s Meeting

**Saturday,  
January 27, 2024**

**Social at 2:30 pm  
Call to order at 3:00 pm  
BSE Clubhouse and on Zoom**

The annual homeowner’s meeting is for all BSE residents in good standing with the Association. The annual meeting is a prime opportunity for you to review the Association’s accomplishments and future plans, and to provide your feedback to your board.

Since this is the time to elect the Board of Directors, your attendance is important. If you cannot attend, simply complete the attached proxy (see page 7) and give it to your block captain or take it to Pat at the BSE office.

If you prefer to attend the meeting via Zoom, please contact Pat at the office by **Thursday, January 25**, so she can share the Zoom link with you.

### Important Dates

**January 13, 2024 – Village Take Down**

**January 17, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

**January 27, 2024 – Annual Meeting**

**February 21, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

Future dates to be determined by the board following the annual meeting.



### Board Meetings



Upcoming Board meetings take place on the **third Wednesday of the month at 6:45 p.m.** You may attend in person at 9350 Knighthood, or virtually via Zoom by contacting Pat at [bsecia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bsecia@sbcglobal.net) by the third Monday of the month.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Michele Robledo ..... Vice President  
John Miller ..... Treasurer  
Amelia Masters ..... Member-at-Large  
Renee Montgomery.... Member-at-Large  
Marilene Zamora ..... Member-at-Large  
Amanda Davila..... Member-at-Large  
Gene Barnash ..... Member-at-Large  
Norin Horgan..... Member-at-Large

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Officer McCampbell  
Stray/vicious animal..... 3-1-1  
Health & Human Svcs ..... 2-1-1

#### ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Pat Bratton, *Association Manager*  
Office: 210-684-4186  
Emergency: 210-260-6022

#### OFFICE HOURS

Summer (April – September)  
Monday & Friday: 10 am – 2 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 12 – 4 pm  
Wednesday: 12 – 7 pm  
Winter (October - March)  
Monday & Friday: 10 am – 2 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 12 – 4 pm  
Wednesday: 12 – 6 pm

*Saturday By Appointment  
Closed for all Federal Holidays*

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## COMMITTEE CONTACTS

### ACC Committee

Chair – Darryl Richards  
Co-Chair – Jef Kirkland  
Member – Lance Elling

### Pool Committee

Doug Christensen  
Claire White, Sheila Adams, Dani Cavaleo

### Newsletter Editor

Laura Kaarlsen, [REDACTED]

### Historian

Marilene Zamora

### Annual Picnic Committee

Pat Bratton, Chair  
Claire White, Doug Christensen, Lynn Walsdorf

### Safety – Open

### Braun Station Playgroup (East & West)

Open

### Yard of the Month/Holiday Decoration Contest

Anonymous

## Volunteers Needed

### Block Captains/Co-Captains for all vacant positions listed below.



#### The Requirements Are:

1. Make Street/Block Map with names and phone numbers
2. Deliver Welcome Packets to new neighbors
3. Organize Block Party for National Night Out
4. Attend yearly Block Captain's Meetings/Social
5. Pass out flyers and other printed materials
6. Help collect Annual Meeting Proxies

Being a Block Captain or Co-Captain is a great way to get to know your neighbors and help our neighborhood at the same time!

If you are interested, please contact Pat at 210-684-4186 or you can email her at [bsecia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bsecia@sbcglobal.net).

## BLOCK CAPTAINS LIST

Street	# of Homes	Block Captain
Brixton	49	Karen Ferdinand Co-Captain - Vacant
Burwell	15	Sylvia McCoy Co-Captain - Vacant
Chesham	23	Diane Stribley Co-Captain - Joan Duval
Chivalry	39	Marilene Zamora Co-Captain John & Misty Ferrell
Dorsetshire	14	Cookie Gehring
Dragon	38	John Miller Co-Captain - Vacant
Fallworth	32	Taylor & Allison Clark Co-Captain - VACANT
Havelock	8	Esther & David Cantu
Haversham	16	Cindy Parish
Heraldry	43	Beverly Rosel Co-Captain - Vacant
Honiley	37	Doug Christensen Co-Captain Beatrice Brogdon
Kingsway	42	Michele Robledo Co-Captain - Vacant
Knighthood	0	
Lasater	35	Victoria Sanchez Co-Captain - Vacant
Lavenham	35	Carol Bartholomew Co-Captain - Vacant
Locksley	8	Walter & Elsa Herbeck Co-Captain - Vacant
Modred	13	Judy Maynard Co-Captain - Vacant
Romney	37	Jeanne Strottner Co-Captain - Sheila Adams
Tourney	11	Vacant
Upton	31	Mariana Garcia Kathy Martin
Watchtower	45	Mrs. Marilyn Deucker Co-Captain - Vacant
Wuthering Heights	10	Jody & Robert Summers Co-Captain - Vacant
Wickersham	46	Lynn Walsdorf Co-Captain - Vacant



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# Braun Station's "December to Remember" Mini Christmas Village

## Christmas Village Recap

The "December to Remember" event was an overwhelming success thanks to all of our volunteers and sponsors. They worked very hard to make this event a special one for all our kids. 2023 marked the 8th year of this BSE holiday tradition! Over 190 people visited our village on the Saturday, December 2nd.

A huge thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for stopping by!

### Our village consists of the following:

- Country Store, built by David Anders
- Schoolhouse and Church, built by JEM Enterprise Construction Co.
- Log Cabin, built by Pat Bratton, John & Martha Miller and Michele Dalbis-Robledo

- Ice Skating Rink
- United Parcel Services building, built by John Miller and sponsored by UPS\*\*
- Mrs. Claus's Bake Shop, sponsored by UPS and built by John Miller
- Fire Station, sponsored by the Bratton Family and built by John Miller
- Train Station, sponsored by Lowes and UPS and built by John Miller
- Candy Store sponsored and built by Jef & Dianne Kirkland

*\*\*new this year\*\**

*All of them are pictured below:*







# SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS WERE CREATED BY:

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**Note:** The weeks of **January 1-6 AND January 15-20**, normal collection services slide to the following day.

**Tuesday slides to Wednesday,  
and Thursday slides to Friday**





# Christmas Decorating Contest Winners:

We want to thank everyone who decorated their homes for the holidays. It really adds to the enjoyment of the season for many, both current residents and hopeful residents.

## Our Contest Winners are:

### Best Overall



### Best Use of Lights



### Most Traditional



### Most Decorated Street: Chesham (West Side) *not pictured*

*Thank you for making spirits bright!*

*You all did an incredible job!*

*Thanks to all of you who turned in your ballot from the last newsletter to help judge this year's contest.*

*And, if you still have your decorations up, please take the time to remove and store them until next season!*

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*Mainland Square resident*



# Protecting Plants from the Freeze

*Courtesy of SAWS Gardenstyle San Antonio*

Not all plants need protection from a hard freeze, but those grown in containers are especially susceptible since their roots are directly exposed to extreme temperatures. Smaller pots can be moved inside, but for large containers and baskets move them out of the north wind and under overhead cover.

You can protect some freeze-tender plants with cotton sheets, lightweight blankets or cardboard boxes. But don't rely on plastic, which can worsen cold damage where it touches plants. If you're covering plants, make sure the sheets reach all the way to the ground and weigh down the corners.



Very small recent plantings that haven't developed freeze tolerance can benefit from a wrapping of blankets, newspaper and burlap.

In general, tender plants like cannas will need to be cut back after freeze damage. Best practice is to plant them with this in mind, in combination with evergreen shrubs or other features that can conceal freeze damage.

The best landscape plants for the San Antonio climate are freeze-hardy: their roots will survive.

It's always good to complete these tasks before severe weather approaches. If suppliers run out of inventory in the run-up to a cold snap, you may get stuck using very thick cloth and bubble wrap.

# Year at a Glance



## BSE Events 2024

January 6, 2024 .....	Village Take Down
January 17, 2024.....	Regular Meeting
January 27, 2024 .....	Annual Meeting
February 21, 2024.....	Regular Meeting
March 20, 2024.....	Regular Meeting
April 6, 2024 .....	April Pools Day
April 12-14, 2024.....	Garage Sales
April 17, 2024.....	Regular Meeting
May 15, 2024 .....	Regular Meeting
June 19, 2024 .....	Regular Meeting
July 17, 2024.....	Meeting Canceled
August 17, 2024 .....	Back to School Blast
August 21, 2024.....	Regular Meeting
September 18, 2024.....	Regular Meeting
September 28, 2024.....	Braunfest
October 1, 2024.....	National Night Out
October 5, 2024 .....	Pool Chairs Day
October 16, 2024.....	Envelope Stuffing Party – 6:00 PM
October 16, 2024.....	Regular Meeting
October 25-27, 2024 .....	Garage Sales
November 9, 2024..	Light Decoration & Christmas Village (set up)
November 15, 2024 .....	Annual Assessments go out
November 20, 2024.....	Regular Meeting
December 7, 2024 .....	Christmas Village & Meet Santa
December 18, 2024.....	Meeting Canceled

## BSE Events January 2025

January 4, 2025 .....	Village Take Down
January 15, 2025 .....	Regular Meeting
January 25, 2025.....	Annual Meeting

*Some dates are subject to change. Keep looking at the newsletter for updates.*

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## Braun Station East CIA Annual Meeting Proxy

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
to exercise my vote on any and all matters as may come before the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Braun Station East Community Improvement Association, Inc. to be held on January 28, 2024. This proxy expires on February 29, 2024. I certify that I am a member in good standing of the Braun Station East Community Improvement Association, Inc.

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Braun Station Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose the proxy with your payment or drop it in the mail slot at the BSE office.**

### WHAT IS A PROXY?

Each January BSE residents, as members of the association, must vote to approve the annual budget and to elect members to the Board of Directors.

If there are not enough voters present or voting by proxy, the vote on the budget and board members cannot take place. This makes the Association unable to conduct business.

If you cannot attend the January meeting, please consider naming someone to vote for you by proxy. You may name any member in good standing who will be attending. To do this, complete the Proxy form and return to the office prior to the meeting.

## Recipe Corner

### Blueberry Banana Cream Cheese Pie

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1–2 yellow bananas
- 1/2 can blueberry pie filling
- 1 pie shell (such as Ritz or Pillsbury frozen pie shell; baked and cooled)
- 1 - 8 oz tub of Cool Whip
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla extract
- 1 - 8 oz pkg softened Cream Cheese



**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Slice bananas and layer in pie shell.
2. Mix with beater the softened cream cheese in a small mixing bowl.
3. Add sugar and vanilla to the cream cheese. Mix until completely blended.
4. Gently add the Cool Whip to the mixture.
5. Pour the mixture into the cooled, cooked pie shell on top of the layered bananas.
6. Add 1/2 can of blueberry pie filling to the center top of the pie. Chill and eat!

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