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Brighton Old Village Cemetery Tour 2012

Brighton Historical Society ANNUAL MEETING: 2013 ELECTIONS

CALL TO BHANS MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 18 the BHANS Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Lyon School to elect the 2013 Board of Directors including Officers. A pot luck gathering at 1 pm will celebrate friendship and enable members to exchange pleasanties.

The official business will start at 2:35 pm. Reports of the 2012 activities will be summarized and potential plans for 2013 will be shared. Directors are invited to share their experiences for the past 12 months. There are several changes to update the Bylaws that are proposed. Discussion and voting will conclude these updates. Elections for 2013 Officers and Board of Directors will follow.

BHANS has been a wonderful functioning organization. Much community good will has been fostered. Historical records for the community are being enhanced weekly. This speaks volumes to the dedication of all members but specifically the leadership provided by the different directors. If you would like to get involved with the team of directors talk to a director and inquire about the effort. There are many projects and ways to assist the organization. Feel free to give me a call.

Jim Vichich
BHANS President
810-250-7726

BY LAWS REVIEW

As is proper procedure, the Society Board has reviewed the Bylaws. Changes were made to more adequately define its purpose and its procedures. It was determined board meetings will be held each month excluding December instead of each month. Director absences at board meetings are to be reviewed by the board to consider absences as having resigned. Written reports and documents are to be filed in the Society headquarters by the secretary instead of in the custody of the secretary.

The adoption of these changes will be considered at the Annual Membership Meeting. Members wishing a copy may contact the Society.

Bylaw Revision Committee: Marianna Bair, Jeff Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Jim Vichich, and Dick Weine.

THANK YOU TO DAVE BALL!

As one looks at the BHANS website and Trail Tales monthly newsletter you will notice a format that looks fresh and inviting. All these updates including our recent logo change has been done by BHANS Director Dave Ball. Dave helped to get the new “Brighton Area” look into motion. The Society has been very fortunate to have hooked up with Dave. Dave is a genuine technology guru. He loves history and working to preserve our cemeteries. Dave has served on the board of directors for about 4 years before he found it necessary to resign. A change of job assignment required Dave to reduce his extracurricular time that impacted family and job. The historical society benefited tremendously from Dave’s talents. We wish him good luck and a hearty thank you for his tenure with the Brighton Area Historical Society!

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Images of America: The Brighton Area by Geral Pratt with the Brighton Area Historical Society 128 pages, and includes 199 pictures $20.00

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- Susan Doyle, Realtor
- Grace Pointe Church
- Frank Mancuso, attorney
- Schoolhouse Family Dentistry
- SOS Livingston
- Synergy Environmental, Inc.
- Yum Yum Tree

The Society expresses Sympathies to the family of Billy Tomlinson on his passing.

**Dates to Remember**

October 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 28, 31: 5pm-8pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday during October.

October 4, 11, 18, 25: 9am-12 noon

Arching/Open House at Lyon School. Visitors are welcome and your Brighton experiences of the past need to be shared.

October 6:

Presentation on the Archeological Findings at the Warner Farm. Presentation will be in Lansing at the Michigan Historical Museum, located within the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo Street. (517-373-3559). Archeological fieldwork has been in progress for six years at this 1841 Brighton Township farm. The farmhouse is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Tim Bennett, a Warner descendant, will discuss findings and present results of recent analytical studies of site materials. Admission and parking is free this day only.

Presentation title: Pioneer Farmers of Pleasant Valley: Rediscovering a sesqui-centennial farmstead, in Brighton Michigan

October 13: 5 pm, 8pm, and 10pm

Brighton's Old Village Cemetery Fall Tours. Advanced registration and an advance $5 ticket donations are required.

Experience the exciting tours by Tammy Sexton as she tells stories of the Civil War veterans and their families buried here at Brighton's oldest cemetery. The 10 pm tour will also include a "Spirit Tour" for the Halloween festivities. At the conclusion of this 10 pm tour, participants will be able to experience the work of the Crystal Monon Paranormal Society. CMPs investigators will answer questions and explain their equipment and how it is used. Tours are about 45 minutes in length. The CMPs program will conclude at 11:30 pm. Contact Jim at 810-250-7276.

October 21: 16: 1-4 pm

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October 24: 6 pm

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH

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