

The Village Voice

Bradford Village, a Brookdale Community

Resident Spotlight

Gary Briney



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Gary Briney is a long-time resident of Bradford Village, having been here since 2006. He lives just down the street from the former home of both his parents; sadly, both have now passed. His house at 7 Whitwell Circle is the one with the lovely elephant ears planted in front, and he recently added two pine bushes to enjoy. He's improving his house, soon to add a set of French doors to replace the sliding doors leading to the deck behind his house.

Gary was born in Hubbard Hospital in Oklahoma City—long since closed. He had no sisters



or brothers. Britton Elementary was his early childhood school, but he graduated from Edmond High School, back when it was the building on Ninth Street and Rankin. He graduated in 1965 and went to work for the OKC Golf and Country Club in the kitchen. Detailing cars for Morris Chevrolet and working at the Quality Inn Hotel coffee shop were other short-term jobs. He worked the

longest – 34 years! – at the FAA Hanger, beginning in the paint shop and moving on to the mail room. He delivered mail, memorizing routes. He also worked in the printing department, printing and loading papers. When casing letters (placing them in mail slots) he once worked alone to distribute 13,000 letters in one day! (The other helper was out that day.) He also worked at the local McDonald's for 3-4 years, as well as Walmart and Target.

Having diabetes for the last fourteen years has slowed Gary down, but he says it is currently

under pretty good control.

The Briney family were charter members of Southern Hills Christian Church and Gary was active there until last year, when he moved his membership to the First Christian Church. He is hoping to begin working as a greeter there, as it was his main job at Southern Hills.

Gary is thankful to be living at Bradford Village and reports, "Everyone is so nice!"

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Happy Holidays!

New Neighbor

Bradford Village Welcomes Edd McGough

1 Whitwell Circle is the new residence of Edd McGough. Edd moved here from Ft. Worth, TX. Yes, he's a big fan of the Texas sports teams, including the Dallas Cowboys, Rangers, Mavericks, and the Houston Astros. The Thunder basketball players will be added to that list, now that he's back in Edmond. Edd developed his interest in baseball as a child when his father took him to the semi-pro games in Oklahoma City. His dad and he shared a real love for the game; they had season tickets to the 89ers team – now the OKC Dodgers.



Born in Hobbs, New Mexico, his family moved to Edmond in time for him to go all the way through Edmond Public Schools. Upon graduation, he went to one year at Tonkawa (Northeastern State) and two years at OSU. The Air Force was his next choice, where he started his training as a jet engine mechanic. After earning an honorable discharge, he chose to attend the Spartan Aeronautical School (Tulsa), finishing the course in aircraft mechanics. Upon graduating from Spartan, he chose to live and work in the Ft. Worth area. He was employed at General Dynamics in Ft. Worth, as well as other companies, to complete thirty years of experience in the field.

Edd never married and is very independent. He is an avid reader, preferring murder mysteries and historical novels. Taking advantage of the opportunities to exercise at Bradford is part of his plan. He is glad to be back in Edmond and has several close family members here. He attends First Christian Church and drives a ginourmous Dodge Ram Pickup!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Jim Davidson

Psalms 19:1

"The heavens declare the Glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork."
- KJV

As I observed the beautiful full moon this week, it reminded me of the greatness of my Heavenly Father and the fullness of His creation. I am grateful that He permits me to live in His shadow and enjoy His handiwork.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Bradford Village can be proud of the contribution residents made this year to Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child. Several Villagers—too numerous to name—helped pack the boxes. The donation box in the Community Center's dining room was overflowing with stuffed animals, toys, clothing, personal hygiene products, school supplies, crayons, and various other items. It had to be emptied twice. Gifts were taken to "packing parties," gatherings to sort the gifts for distribution. The First Christian Church is the local sponsor place for this worthy effort.

Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child was started by Franklin Graham several years ago as an outreach ministry to needy children worldwide. The boxes are sent to countries in South American, Africa, and Asia.



Letter from the editor

Calling all writers! The Village Voice is looking for contributors to the newsletter. What kinds of things can you share?

- ♦ Personal memories (see our two featured articles this month)
- ♦ Articles on a topic of interest (gardening, history, crafting or quilting)
- ♦ Favorite recipes
- ♦ Photographs

We also need writers to interview new and current residents. If you are interested in being a regular contributor, talk to Caitlin about joining our team!

need a Pet Sitter

Sue Holcomb will house sit your dog while you are away. Available to stay during the day and/or night if you wish.

The charge is half of what you pay at the kennel!

\$5.00 added to the daily rate for each additional dog.

Contact Sue Holcomb for details.

330-0873.

Thanks! ~ Sue Holcomb

Wise Saying

One of the hardest things about growing old is having to listen to a lot of advice from your own children!

~ Cay Wright's calendar


VILLAGERS AND VOLUNTEERISM

Recently, a group of four Villagers, spearheaded by Verniece Johnson, visited Little Light Christian School, a private school for Oklahoma children with a parent who was or is now incarcerated. Verniece's daughter has been a volunteer at Little Light and is now a teacher there. Others making that first trip included Willa Love, Mary Davidson, and Mary Quisenberry. A brief report of this visit was presented to the Executive Committee by Mary Quisenberry, and, as a result, over \$500.00 in cash and personal checks was donated to the school. This amount included a check from Bradford Village by Eric Legleiter.

The school recently moved into a 9-acre facility at 3301 N. MLK, which was made possible through a donation from the Jasco Giving Hope Foundation. The new school campus includes five buildings, a basketball court, playground, and physical education building. The property is about 50 years old and formerly housed a program for children with autism and before that, once was the site of an orphanage.

Another group of Villagers, which included Jeanne Kuhlman, Kathy and Lou Meszaros, and Mary Quisenberry, toured the facility on November 2, and enjoyed a brief program presented by the students and comments by the school's founder and principal, Robin Khoury.

If other Bradford Village residents are interested in tours, reservations are required and may be made directly by calling 475-0585. The tours begin promptly at 11:30, conclude by 12:30, and include a light lunch. Volunteers at the school may serve as a Reading Buddy. Financial contributions support the clothing fund, the library fund, or the food pantry.



Mary Davidson would like to thank residents for their generosity in helping collect 711 Christmas cards for the Wounded Warriors project!

