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A BRIARWOOD CELEBRATION OF SPRING

Briarwood, N.Y. May 5, 2015 – Briarwood Action Network, (BAN), does it again! BAN and the Briarwood Community, once again, have created a most successful spring Park Festival. On May 2nd, working with NYC Partnership for Parks, BAN hosted “It’s My Park Day.”

Over 125 community members of all ages, residing throughout Queens, came out to lend their helping hands. They painted, raked, hauled trash, and generally beautified Hoover Park. Several enthusiastic young volunteers came out to help. They came from local schools such as PS 117, MS 217, Sage and Halsey JHS. They also came from Daisy, Brownie and Girl Scout troops as well as organizations such as Community Mediation Services, Briarwood Family Residence and more. Student volunteers were awarded Community Service Certificates for their good work. For the youngest children, arts and crafts and storytelling were available.

Briarwood merchants, Alba Ristorante, Flagship Diner, and Pani Dolci Bakery, generously donated delicious pizza and sweet treats. The Dave White Band provided jazz melodies for all to enjoy.

This signature BAN event has gained support from a wide segment of government and community institutions including FDNY Safety Division, 107th Precinct Auxiliary Police, Kiwanis Queens Boulevard Chapter, Friends of Maple Grove Cemetery, Friends of Briarwood Library, and Transportation Alternatives. BAN appreciates the participation of these partners as well as the contributions and work of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Service Sorority and the attendance of Councilman Rory Lancman and Scott Wolff from the office of Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz.

At the end of the day, the obvious result was a cleaner, more comfortable, inviting Hoover Park. There was also the less tangible, but just as rewarding, experience of engaging and expressing volunteer spirit and connecting with community.

One neighbor exclaimed, “This was a tribute to what a neighborhood should be.” Then there was the children’s recurring refrain that let us know the day was a success, “When can we come back to work again?”

[Click here](#) to see photos of the event on the Briarwood Action Network Facebook page.

The Briarwood Action Network (BAN) is a neighborhood civic group dedicated to improving the quality of life in Briarwood, Queens.

For additional information, or to schedule an interview with Sylvia Sherman, Park Day Project Manager and Vice President of the Briarwood Action Network, e-mail Sylvia Sherman at ssherman.ban@gmail.com.

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