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#### **Boundaries:**

33rd to 56th & 'O' to Randolph Streets

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# President's Message by Fred Freytag

Welcome to the spring edition of the Witherbee Buzz. We hope you will enjoy reading it and choose to take part in some of the upcoming activities. It is a great way to meet people living in the neighborhood and make new friends. Spring and summer bring on a lot of outdoor activities and more chances to invite new neighbors and make them feel welcome.

Have you ever thought of organizing a block party or just have a pot luck get together with people up and down the street? Some one needs to take the first step, why not you. I am sure there are people on every block that would love to help organize a small event on City". Cake followed.



Mayor Seng surprised Fred at the April WNA meeting, which happened to be Fred's birthday. She awarded him the "Key to the City". Cake followed.

their street. The benefits will be great. You get to know your neighbors better, find things you have in common, and by knowing each other better, it will make the neighborhood safer. Give it a try.

I am sure that the O STREET construction in one way or another affects anyone living in the Witherbee Neighborhood. More traffic on neighborhood streets or a little more hassle to get somewhere. Just think it will be over before you know it and we will have better traffic flow and new businesses where once an eyesore was. I hope to hear soon that there is a great plan for the north side of O Street as well and that construction will begin soon. All of this is bringing new energy to our area so don't forget to keep patronizing the businesses that are a little harder to get to during the construction. They need us now more than before.

I want to thank all the families that have joined or renewed their membership in the WNA. If you have e-mail we will do our best to keep you informed of the

happenings between newsletters. Staying informed is the first step to caring about your surroundings, your neighborhood. Much more can be done when we are proactive and not so reactive. Take the step and join the WNA. It's the right thing to do.

Thank you to all the advertisers in this newsletter, we can't do it without you. Thank you to all the volunteers that help distribute the newsletter and thank you everyone that has chosen to be a member and be involved. We need more people like you. Have a great spring.

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