

The Witherbee Buzz

Newsletter Winter 2009

The Witherbee Neighborhood Association includes the area bounded by 33rd to 56th and Randolph to "O" Streets

Master Gardener George Edgar To Address Witherbee Neighborhood Meeting February 5th.



George Edgar

Tired of cold winter weather? Then join us for an evening of plant care talk.

George Edgar just finished his 12th year in the Master Gardener program sponsored by the UNL Extension Service in Lancaster County. He also answers the phone for *Backyard Farmer* and works part time at Earl May Garden Center, 71st and O Streets, during the spring, summer and fall.

George and Master Gardener Glays Jeurink write

a weekly garden colum, "Neighborhood Garden", for the Saturday edition of the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper. It is found in the special section "The Neighborhood Extra".

These articles are also published in a rural newspaper, "*Trade West*", that is mailed to 17,000 rural households in

south central Nebraska.

The title of his presentation is "You can have a green thumb".

George will discuss details about in-door and out-door plants, lawn care, gardening, and the specific reasons why some growers seem to have a green thumb, and others struggle with their plants.

There will be plenty of time for question and answers. You won't want to miss this meeting.



Standing room only at WNA annual meeting. More on pg. 8

Membership In Witherbee Neighborhood Association

My good friends and neighbors,

It is that time of year again when we are getting ready to mail statements to all our members. We have had a great year for increasing our numbers of members, the number of people involved in activities, and new activities we never imagined. Our recent meetings have drawn standing room only crowds and Witherbee has become a known voice in Lincoln and the envy of several other neighborhood associations. We have proven that we can get things done and WNA is a place to start where our elected representative want to know what works for Lincoln.

Money-Saving Coupons In this issue are located on Pages 3, 5, 7, and 11. This newsletter has a membership form on page 12 that you can send in at any time. You don't have to wait for us to send a statement! You can save the organization the outbound printing and mailing expense if you will go ahead and drop your renewal in the mail to us before the statements go out. We promise to not send another bill if you get it in to us early! I got mine sent in back in December as many more have already done.

We are a Neighborhood Association not a Homeowner's association so one does not have to own their home to have a voice in our organization. Your covenants don't require membership, but we need your involvement, voice, and your input to make Witherbee the kind of neighborhood that new neighbors want to move to in the future.

Help us make good neighbors neighborly!!!!!! Your WNA President, Curtis Wood

About the Witherbee Neighborhood Association

Boundaries:

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

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President's Message

Welcome 2009

This new year seems to be filled with more nervous fear for the future than any in recent memory. 2008 has been a year that has all of us uncertain about the condition of the world in a new way that few us was prepared for when the new year arrived. Financial concerns are hard enough to handle when events are more the kind we are

used to having in our lives, but these recent

events seem to be filled with news that we



Curtis Wood

are hard pressed to understand. Deciding what to do personally about it is almost impossible to quantify.

I don't pretend to understand all of it or have a great piece of advice to solve each different situation these times have brought upon all of us. I do think that we can all keep doing our best to make a contribution right where we live in any way that appeals to our values and strong sense of community. Helping neighbors has always been a way to keep everyone's spirits up including our own. Being neighborly is a way to give and receive some of the best things life has to offer. My hope is that hard times will not harden others or me to my neighbors even if their needs do not make the headlines on the news.

Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA) has seen an amazing response to our efforts to get a Village established in our area of Lincoln. Over a dozen new board members have been self nominated, elected by a board of Founders, and begun to organize as a non-profit agency to provide services to help keep neighbors of all ages stay in their homes as they face the challenges of aging, a weakened economy, or whatever challenge comes their way. Over the next couple of months the needs will be analyzed so that the set of services that the Witherbee Village offers will be ready to delivered. We have an ambitious goal to start to provide those services by early Summer 2009. Interest has been high as we have had almost 200 survevs returned and fifty more folks show up at our first Town Hall Meeting in December. Other Neighborhood Association that border WNA has also expressed interest in joining the "Village" begun in September. Members from 40th & A, Eastridge, and Woods Park have all sought information and have provided volunteers and board members. All of these concerned folks have come from our neighbors.

The Village Board representatives have met with several local government and private agencies to make them aware of our efforts. They have not been offering financial backing as of this date but have expressed a willingness to support the Village with their voice and even personal involvement. The movement is gathering steam across the USA and we hope to be the seed planted in Nebraska that will help other Villages get started. Our success will surely prompt others to want their own village. More than twenty villages are in some stage of development in America. The grassroots approach to this Village is the very thing that makes our neighborhood work when others neighborhoods have fallen on hard times or fail to work at all.

Please let us know what more we can do to help the Witherbee Village become the rock needed in the turbulent times when we all need some extra help.

Happy New Year 2009!

Witherbee Neighborhood Assn. Applies For Safe Routes Nebraska Funds

Safe Routes Nebraska is the Nebraska Department of Roads statelevel implementation of the federal Safe Routes to School program. The program was founded to help improve the health and well-being of children by giving them a safe way to walk and bike to school. This is accomplished by identifying barriers that prevent children from walking or biking to school and work to eliminate these barriers (ie. safety issues) and provide safety training, awareness and strategies to encourage children to walk or bike to school. As a result of a presentation by the Safe Routes Nebraska Program Coordinator at our August meeting, the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA) approved pursuing this project with Kathy Holland appointed as the coordinator.

With the closing of Hawthorne at the end of the school year of 2007-08, students living in the area of east of 48th St. between Randolph and O St. are now assigned to Eastridge Elementary. Safety concerns were identified: 1) students crossing 56th and South Cotner streets at L St. and, 2) the many sidewalk gaps in the area of 48th to 56th streets, requiring children to walk or bike in the street. Through contacts with the Eastridge Principle, Rick Helweg, a parent and member of the the Eastridge PTO, teamed up with our project group to work cooperatively on the application. As a result of this effort, two applications were written. WNA (with the City of Lincoln as a co-applicant) submitted an application to request funding for completion of sidewalk construction on 56th, 52nd, and 50th streets from Randloph to O St. The application by the Eastridge Elementary PTO, requests funding for pedestrian crossing lights at 56th & L and Cotner & L, a four-way stop sign at Lyncrest & L, and funds to support the promotion of safe walking and biking through education efforts of the school and the community.

The final applications were com-

pleted in early December. Our organization was one of 50 community or school groups applying for funds. The selection committee will meet February 12th to select 10 projects and award funding.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner



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The Lincoln committee developing the "Village" project was asked to send representatives to a "how-to" workshop in Boston, MA in November, 2008. The workshop was hosted by the Beacon Hills Village of Boston, the founders of the 'Village' movement. The committee selected three people to attend the one-day conference, held on the wharf in Boston Nov 10th. Diane Rolfsmeyer, Rick Bagby and Joyce Ebmeier attended representing the startup committee. Christie Hinrichs, CEO of Tabitha attended as well.

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A Message From The Witherbee Village President

By Diane Rolfsmeyer

Witherbee Village is being established to provide members with the practical means and confidence to live their lives to the fullest within their neighborhood. A grassroots movement that originally started in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts in 2000, the

Village concept grew across the country. It rose out of the desire to maintain residency in a 'home' neighborhood with confidence that needs and access to services would be addressed.

A core group of people from the Witherbee Neighborhood Association came together and realized that this desire is not held by a single generation. The desire to have our needs met and services available, on an as-needed basis, is a uni-



Diane Rolfsmeyer

versal aspiration. It is what I want for myself. That is why I became involved.

As the President of the Witherbee Village, I hope that our Village will be a place that people want to move into...and stay. I want neighborhood stability, safety and a sense of community. I believe that this is what is being done in the formation of Witherbee Village, a Village serving residents of Midtown Lincoln.

Thus far, Witherbee Village has organized to some semblance of an entity. We have a board consisting of 12 individuals who have self-selected their participation. That means that they are impassioned with the concept. This zeal is one of the most important ingredients of individuals involved in a grassroots effort. More than that, all of us feel we belong to the neighborhood that we have chosen to serve.

This group of people has designated the community service area in which Witherbee Village will accept membership. Three committees have been formed, one of which is the Venders and Services Committee. This



Committee is charged with reviewing survey responses to assess what services membership should include and to shape the process for screening venders for additional services that might be sought by our members.

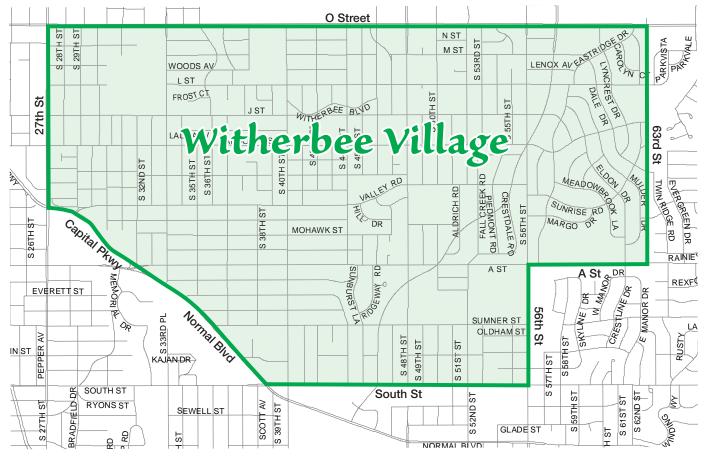
We also have developed a Membership and Marketing Committee that is working on outreach to residents within our area of service to raise awareness of the benefits of membership in this organization. Lastly, we have a Fundraising Committee to help us find seed money and to provide sustainability of the organization far into the future.

We have taken steps towards obtaining a 501(c)3 status which allows us to offer tax deductions to those who donate funds. Our board has selected three officers. I am both humbled and honored to serve as the Founding President. Tony Marquez has graced Witherbee Village with his expertise in serving as our Treasurer. His business background will serve this organization well. Jackie Varicak is an example of the spirit of commitment that has come forward to work on this project. With no previous experience, but with a great deal of earnest effort, she has volunteered to be our Secretary. She has impressively cut the learning curve very short.

As I look around the table of Board members I find that there is a common denominator among us all. Either through our profession, our personal experience, our love of our neighborhoods or some other piece of first hand knowledge, we all have come to the conclusion that we want to live here, in this area of town. We want to know that when we need services we can start looking for them right here in Witherbee Village. We want more than just to wave at our neighbors. We want to be a community.

We are still a very young organization. We have other committees that will need to be created and the three we have now would welcome additional involvement. Board membership is <u>not</u> required to serve on a committee. Our meetings are open. We are seeking individuals that might be interested in helping to birth the first Village organized in the state of Nebraska. Right here in Lincoln. Won't you join us?





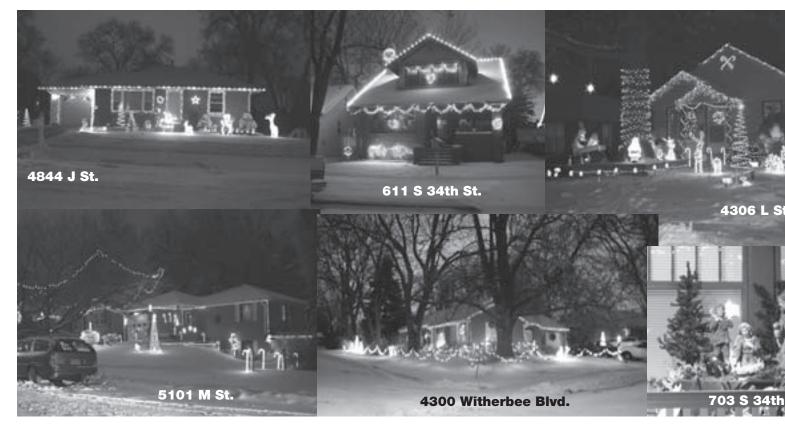
The above map was approved by the Witherbee Village Founders Board at their January 7th meeting. It is anticipated that all residents within this area will be able to join the Village, and receive its services.



The Witherbee Village Founders Board has elected officers. They are from left; Tony Marquez, Treasurer; Jackie Varicak, Secretary; and Diane Rolfsmeyer, President.







Witherbee Neighborhood's 2008 Holiday Lighting Takes l

THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU for decorating your homes this holiday season. Your efforts made all our holidays a little brighter.

The Witherbee Neighborhood Association approached our holiday lighting contest differently this year. A special group of cross sectional, multi-generational, extra sensational judges toured the neighborhood one cold December night making the following observations and awards. Residents of individual houses received gift certificates for hot drinks at some of our favorite neighborhood hangouts.

- Merry and Bright award (LES Loves You award) for most lights on a single property: 5041 "L" Street
- Block with the Most Homes Decorated: 42nd Street, Randolph to "J" Street
- Most Creative RE-USE of Material (a recycler's paradise): 3743 Woods Ave.
- Kid Friendly Décor: 4306 & 4312 "L" Street

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- Simply Elegant Award: 611 South 34th Street
- Over the Fence Neighbors Award (3 or more homes on a block with a common theme): Alles Circle
- Spirit of the Season Award (religious theme): 3600 "J" Street and St. Teresa's Catholic Church at 735 South 36th Street
- Best Monochromatic Display: 4436 Witherbee Blvd.
- Best Polychromatic Display: 420 South 38th Street
- Hot Air (greatest concentration of décor which is inf ated on a single property): 380 South 44th
- Waiting for Santa Award: 327 South 52nd Street (airstrip) and 3521 "M" (reindeer landing)
- Red, White and Blue Award: 3401 "J" Street and

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Different Approach to Awards

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• First Place (overall great job): 4300 Witherbee Blvd.

In addition to these specific awards the judges offered a list of "Don't Miss These" for your viewing pleasure: Woods Avenue, 623 South 46th Street, 5101 "M" Street, 441 South 50th Street. Very nice!

Witherbee Neighborhood Association thanks our cross sectional, multi-generational, extra sensational panel of judges and leaves you with this limerick by Ed Zimmer:

As the temperature plunged toward zero

We searched for our top lighting hero

Gave grand prize to the best

Made our "Don't miss" list of the rest

Then had hot chocolate at Braeda near "O".

WNA thanks these businesses for providing the many gift certificates for our Holiday Lighting Awards:

Braeda The Mill Meadowlark The Perfect Cup,

(inside Lincoln Neighborhood Pharmacy.)

Please patronize these local businesses! We appreciate their support.

Crosswalks Use And Observation

By Curtis Wood

As a recently transplanted Nebraskan and Lincolnite, I have been distressed to see how crosswalks are not very well observed by most drivers. We tell our kids to cross only at crosswalks but do not observe the correct courtesy to people trying to use those crosswalks. This has really become a topic of concern to me recently with the closing of Hawthorne Elementary and the subsequent assigning of students to Eastridge Elementary. This closing has forced around thirty children to have to cross South 56th and South Cotner on their way to and from school each day.

Drivers simply do not seem to yield to those children and parents trying to do the proper thing by crossing at the crosswalks as intended by traffic control planning. The city has done their part to recognize the problem created by the closing of Hawthorne by installing signs and crosswalks on both streets mentioned above. Recent observation by one of our members showed it taking up to ten minutes for the children to cross South Cotner. It is very hard for an elementary aged child to wait ten minutes for anything.

Spread the word that children waiting at a crosswalk should be respected and the right of way yielded so that they may cross safely. Please help keep our children safe on the way to school by observing the crosswalks wherever they may be, but especially on the path our kids must take to and from school.



WNA Annual Meeting Is Huge Success

Our annual meeting is always arranged to attract residents to see a good presentation— and this year it proved to be better than ever. A "standing room only" group came to the Tabitha Life Quest Center to eat great food, watch a display about the history of our area and elect new board members and officers.

Local history buffs John Roth and Dick Rombolz presented an historical and informative look at our neighbor-



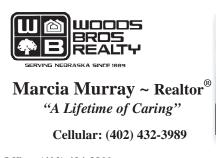
hood and its immediate surroundings by showing scanned images from Edholm and Blomgren negatives,

depicting Lincoln fifty to eighty years ago. Images displayed the Witherbee neighborhood and other points of interest.

The lively presentation featured a spirited exchange with the audience. The images were displayed twice – once as a show, and the second time to get responses from the audience. Everyone was very interested to see the images and discuss the history. The presenters were so appreciative that they waived their usual small fee.

Prior to the start of the meeting, and even during it, everyone could eat the soups, veggies, fruit and beverages that were provided by Mary and Steve Schwab. Recipes are available in this newsletter or on the Website.

Election of board members was the next order of business. Curtis Wood and Mary Kay Kreikemeier were elected for a second two-year term, while Shawn Gordin and Nancy Holman were elected for a first term. Returning board members include Rick Bagby, Larry Frisch, Cheryl Hejl, Kathy Holland, Russell Miller, Steve Schwab, and Karen Vogeley. We give thanks and recognition for their service to members no longer on the board: Mike Fitzgerald, Lisa



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Our elected officers are Curtis Wood (second year term) as president; Rick Bagby, vice president; Kathy Holland, secretary; and Shawn Gordin, treasurer.

DECEMBER WNA MEETING—This meeting was setup to give information about the trip to Boston by Diane Rolfsmeyer and Rick Bagby, where they learned about Beacon Hill, how other villages work, and how to get ours up and running. The Witherbee Village board will now meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Tabitha LifeQuest Center. Anyone who is interested could and should attend, or just visit their Website: www.witherbeevillage.org.



JANUARY WNA MEETING—Jennifer Brinkman presented a program via PowerPoint to give us information about the West Haymarket Arena Public Engagement project. The plan is to create a 16,000 seat arena and redevelop the area with changes for commercial and retail development. There will also be new recreation fields in the northwest area. Mayor Beutler has announced that the project will be temporarily delayed.

In addition, President Curtis Wood gave us more information about the Village Model, including that the boundary will extend to 27th Street (Woods Park). The holiday lighting contest, run by Dee Wood, gave many awards to many residents. And Kathy Holland told us we'll know the results about our applications for Safe Routes for Students around February 12th.



Dave Landis To Speak About 48th And O Revitalization Plans At March WNA Meeting

Dave Landis is the Director of the Urban Development Department for Lincoln, Nebraska, a 28 year veteran of the Nebraska Legislature, an award winning teacher and



Dave Landis

skilled negotiator in the public arena. Landis left the legislature in 2007 having passed 391 bills, the highest total in Nebraska history. Senator Landis brokered legislative agreements between labor and management, utilities and ratepayers, big banks and small banks, insurance companies and trial attorneys and other seemingly intractable foes. His legislation included a statewide network of mediation centers, a system for negoti-

ated and administrative rulemaking in state government, extending the use of arbitration to resolve disputes and create the state labor-management collective bargaining system. Dave enjoys music, portraying characters in local theater and doing a radio show on the weekends. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.A. (1970), Juris Doctor (1971), a Masters of Public Administration (1984) and a Masters in Regional and Community Planning (1995).

Your Stories Needed For New Lincoln Book

Witherbee residents can share their humorous and endearing memories in a new book being written by Mary Nielsen and Jon Roth to be titled *Lincoln Looks Back*.

Mary Nielsen authored *A Street Named 'O'*, and the current best selling *Life in Lincoln as we remember it*.

If you have a humorous personal story about your life in Lincoln, please share it in this new book by submitting to Jon Roth, jroth516@neb.rr.com or call 310-0916; or Mary Nielsen, mjn@necosecurity.com or call 474-3737.



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Good Neighbors

Ever wake up on a cold wintry morning to the sound of someone else snowblowing or shoveling your sidewalk without being paid or asked? Ever step outside your house and find that your neighbor has mowed some of YOUR yard as well as theirs? Yes, some of those people live right here in our neighborhood! (You know who you are, and we THANK YOU!)

Witherbee Neighborhood Association has lots of good neighbors doing nice things for others. We take pride in having people who care about each other in our neighborhood.

Are you one of those neighbors? Do you have a neighbor who has done something nice for you? We'd like to share these neighborly acts with our readers. If you have something to share, simply email Dee Wood at dwood51@ nebrr.com, or call her at 817-3809 and we'll share it in our next newsletter. Who knows? Maybe it will inspire others!

(And thanks for snowblowing our block, Cheryl Hejl!)

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Pulled Pork Chili Served At WNA Annual Meeting

Pulled Pork Chili was served at the Witherbee Neighborhood Association annual meeting on November 6, in a six quart crock pot. The original recipe calls for 2 Tbsp. chili powder and 2 Tbsp. cumin, so season to your own taste.

Ingredients:

3 pounds boneless pork sirloin roast

Italian dressing

1 red onion, chopped

2 red bell peppers, chopped

3 Tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped

1 Tbsp. chopped garlic

2 Tbsp. dark brown sugar

1 Tbsp. chili powder (mild chili recipe)

1 Tbsp. cumin (mild chili recipe)

4 Tbsp. honey

1/2 cup. strong black coffee

28 oz. can diced tomatoes

1 small can tomato paste

10 oz. can Rotel brand original style diced tomatoes with green chili

2-15 oz cans of black beans

2-15 oz. cans of kidney beans

Sour cream and chopped cilantro for garnish

Instructions:

Cut the meat into 1 inch cubes, sprinkle liberally with salt and pepper and marinate in a little Italian dressing while assembling other ingredients.

While the meat is absorbing some of the spice f avor, chop the red onion, red bell pepper, cilantro and garlic and then sauté in a little olive oil until barely transparent. Add the brown sugar, chili powder, cumin, honey and coffee and tomato products. Heat to a simmer, do not boil.

Place the meat and vegetable mixture in a six quart crock pot and set on low for 8-12 hours. Two small crock pots or a large covered roasting pan in a slow oven at 275* for 5-6 hours can also be used.

When the house smells great and the meat is tender and spicy, take it out of the broth with a slotted spoon and place on a heat proof tray. Using a fork in each hand, pull the meat into shreds and return it to the broth.

Add the cans of beans and their liquid and leave on low heat for half an hour.

- * Taste and season with additional chili powder and cumin if necessary or put the chili powder and to-basco on the table for guests.
- * Addition of sour cream and chopped cilantro for garnish is important to the overall taste.



Salon Professionals Against Hunger Donates To The Food Bank Of Lincoln

42nd & O'Hair Salon dedicated our Christmas giving to the Food Bank of Lincoln in 2007 and, through the generosity of our clients, collected 372 pounds of food for the backpack program.

In 2008, 42nd and O'Hair Salon invited all salons in the Lincoln area to join them in this effort and formed an organization named Salon Professionals Against Hunger. Together, we collected over 1200 pounds of food.

"This is just the beginning" remarked the stylists of O'Hair. "The excitement grew among the staff and clients as the mountain of food grew each week under our two trees at O'Hair Salon. We will keep this program going and support those right here in our community who need our help."

The salons who participated in the 2008 Salon Professionals Against Hunger food drive and their total pounds of food are: 42nd & O'Hair--656 pounds, plus \$55 cash and 7 backpacks; Classic Styles--298 pounds; Cherry Hill Salon--198 pounds; Hairloom--175 pounds.

The invitation to join Salon Professonals Against Hunger will be sent out again this year. It is our hope that all salon clients will be given the opportunity to share in the spirit of giving at the Holiday Season and more salons will join us in the support of the Food Bank of Lincoln.

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Witherbee Village Services Committee Needs Input From Residents

The Vendors and Services Committee of the Witherbee Village is in the process of developing the services that will be available to members when the village opens later this year. The committee has developed a list of potential services using the survey mailed out last fall and available online at www.WitherbeeVillage.org. While not all of the services listed will be available immediately, Witherbee Village plans to develop additional resources based on the needs of members.

The Village will use a combination of partnerships with Lincoln businesses, individual volunteers, and groups completing community service projects (such as youth groups, social clubs, Scouts), to deliver a variety of services. When village members are in need of assistance, they will be referred to reliable, vetted businesses and individuals able to meet their needs. The combination of business partnerships and volunteers will allow Witherbee Village to offer services to members at great rates. The committee needs to hear from you what services you will or may need. If you have not completed the survey that was in the newsletter you can go on line to www.WitherbeeVillage.org and complete it there now.

Businesses and individuals offering services on the list are asked to contact the committee for more information on how to become a vetted vendor and how they may benefit. The Village also wants to hear from you if there is a company or individual you can recommend for listed services. Please contact Katie Gentert at 326-2651 or email her at kgentert@hotmail.com for more information

Vegetarian Soup Served at WNA Annual Meeting

Vegetarian Tomato/Barley Soup

(In a six quart crock pot)

Ingredients:

- 3 cups chopped sweet Vidalia onions
 - 3 cups chopped celery
 - 3 cups chopped carrots
 - 6 tsp. chopped garlic
 - 6 Tbsp. olive oil
 - 4 cups water
- 4 (15 oz) cans chopped tomatoes with juice
 - 4 cups vegetable broth
 - 1 1/4 cups uncooked barley
 - 3 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
 - 1 Bav leaf
 - 1/2 tsp. black pepper
 - 1/2 tsp. oregano
 - 4 Roma Tomatoes, diced
 - 16 oz. Velveeta cheese

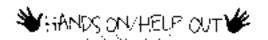
Instructions:

In a large kettle over medium heat, combine the onions, celery, carrots, garlic and oil and sauté for 5 to 10 minutes, until all vegetables are almost tender. Do not overcook.

Add water, chopped tomatoes with juice, vegetable broth, barley and seasonings.

Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to low and simmer for 1 hour.

Add diced Roma Tomatoes and Velveeta cheese and stir as cheese melts. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Keep on low heat for another 1/2 hour and then serve.



Dear Witherbee Neighborhood Association,

Thank you for volunteering and participating in the "Hands On Help Out" in the Parks 2008 program. Your efforts at Stuhr Park contributed 30 hours of labor during your event. Root suckers and low hanging branches were removed and a total of 10 yards of wood chips were used to mulch around the grees.

Your contribution of time and labor helps reduce costs associated with trimming around the trees.

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Sincerely, Chris Myers, Northeast District Park Supervisor



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WNA Calendar

(Please note that membership is Not required to attend WNA or Village meetings.)

Additional meeting information may be found at Witherbeena.org and witherbeevillage.org

Wednesday, Feb. 4th., 6:30 p.m.	Witherbee Village Board	Tabitha Johnson Conference Room, (Basement under Nurse Station)
Thursday, Feb. 5th ., 7 p.m.	WNA Monthly Meeting	Tabitha Lifequest Conference Center George Edgar will talk about plants, "You can have a Green Thumb"
Wednesday, Feb. 18th., 6:30 p.m.	Witherbee Village Board	Tabitha Lifequest Conference Room
Thursday, Feb. 19th. , 5:30 p.m.	Councilman Doug Emery	Anderson Library, 3645 Touzalin Ave.
Wednesday, March 4th. , 6:30 p.m.	Witherbee Village Board	Tabitha Johnson Conference Room, (Basement under Nurse Station)
Wednesday, March 5th ., 7 p.m.	WNA Monthly Meeting	Tabitha Lifequest Conference Center Dave Landis will talk about 48th and O
Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 p.m.	Witherbee Village Board	Tabitha Lifequest Conference Room
Thursday, March 19th , 5:30 p.m.	Councilman Doug Emery	Anderson Library, 3645 Touzalin Ave.
Wednesday, April 1st. , 6:30 p.m.	Witherbee Village Board	Tabitha Johnson Conference Room, (Basement under Nurse Station)
Thursday, April 2nd ., 7 p.m.	WNA Monthly Meeting	Tabitha Lifequest Conference Room Program will be announced via e-mail & website at Witherbeena.org.
Wednesday, April 15th, 6:30 p.m.	Witherbee Village Board	Tabitha Lifequest Conference Room
Thursday, April 16th , 5:30 p.m.	Councilman Doug Emery	Anderson Library, 3645 Touzalin Ave.

You are invited to be a member of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association

Membership Categories:

Name:	Single	
Address:	Family Senior Family	
City, St.:	Additional Household Member	
Zip Code:	Benefactor	
Phone:	Business	\$40.00
E-mail:	Benefits of membership: (besides being in the loop of things)	
(Contributions of \$35.00 or more will receive a tax deduct-ible receipt.)	Single – one vote; Family – two votes, one per person; Senior Family – same as Family; Additional Household Member -one vote; Sponsor – up to three votes, one per person;	
Mail to: Shawn Gordin, 539 S 52nd St., Lincoln, NE 68510	Benefactor – same as sponsor and listed in newsletter once Business – one vote as per bylaws, reduced ad costs, one free listing in newsletter, and an ad on our web site.	