

Free Pool Party & Ice Cream, July 25th



This toddler enjoyed the Woods Splash area at last year's party. Pool time will be 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Woods Park Annual Swim/Social Grows to Largest Neighborhood Event of Year

Last summer more than 350 Witherbee neighbors and their guests enjoyed free ice cream and an evening of free swimming at Woods Park Pool and Tennis Center, located at 33rd and J streets. This year's event is scheduled for July 25th at 6:00 p.m. and with new events being added it's shaping up to be even bigger and better than past years.

Summer is here and what would these dog days be without a refreshing dip in the pool and a couple dips of ice cream? For the fourth year in a row the Witherbee Neighborhood Association is offering a FREE swim party at the Woods Park Pool along with FREE ice cream in front of the Woods Park Tennis Center.

Once again ice cream will be served from the shady spot just outside the Tennis Center doors. The Tennis Center will graciously be providing tables, garbage cans and will have their water fountains on for our private party. Super Saver is generously donating all the ice cream we

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LPD Officer To Talk About Neighborhood Watch August 5th

Neighborhood Watch is a program involving cooperation between citizens and the police. Through the program neighbors are encouraged to work with each other and report suspicious activity and crime to the police. An active Neighborhood Watch is proven to decrease crime in their areas.



Russ Lloyd, LPD

Neighborhood Watch works because it cripples the "crime triangle." Three elements are necessary for a crime to occur – ability, desire and opportunity. While there is little a citizen can do to impact a criminal's ability or desire to commit a crime, we can however limit criminal opportunity.

Officer Russ Lloyd, representative of the Education and Personnel Unit of the Lincoln Police Department, will be on hand during the August meeting to discuss the city's

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Witherbee neighbors at 2009 Woods Party. Free Ice Cream will be served 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

About Your Witherbee Neighborhood Association

Boundaries:

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

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7:00 p.m. first Thursday of each
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President's Message

Scorching heat and humidity. Searching for shade in mid-afternoon. Fishing at the lakes. Summer is upon us. Not long ago we were digging out from record snows and one of the coldest winters on record. A theme? Change. All around us life moves on. You can choose to sit back and watch or you can shape it. Join us as we shape it.

Read in this issue about changes around us. Witherbee Park exists because we saved it. We are bringing investment to our neighborhood in the rebirth of Hawthorne School. LPS is investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep Hawthorne viable as a place of education. Tabitha is likewise investing in its Midtown Campus. They could probably have saved money building new Greenhouses and the Hospice House at the edge of the city where 'bare ground' makes expansion easier. They chose to invest here. J Street has been repaved. These changes happened in part because Witherbee is an active, involved neighborhood, filled with those willing to get involved to help shape the changes life brings. Developers seek us out when planning projects. The community invests in areas with involved, concerned citizens. Continuing efforts include fund-raising for improvements to Witherbee Park, meeting with the bankers on the future of the foreclosed properties at 40th & Randolph, and more.

We are closing in on being able to complete the improvements to Witherbee Park as envisioned. Thanks go to Fred Freytag and Steve Schwab for taking the lead on this project. The play equipment, landscaping, lighting, bench, etc. are closer than ever to making their appearance next to those new trees. Neighbors are stepping up. We are recruiting donations of labor, materials and dollars; we bought pies, cakes and more at the Bake Sale fund-raiser. You make the difference. Thank you. Let's keep up the effort.

Not all landscaping and beautification is new in Midtown Lincoln. Original owners and long-time residents are fighting the toll and change time can wreck on our homes and lawns by keeping up their properties and vying for the chance to exhibit our Yard of the Month sign. When planning your morning and evening walks please make a point to go by the homes recognized with our Yard of the Month award listed in this issue. These yards and homes serve as inspiration for those like me who are landscaping challenged.

We witnessed our entire neighborhood landscape transformed for the better before our eyes during the Neighborhood Cleanup. Many thousands of pounds of litter and unwanted items were cleaned from our streets and homes. We recycled what we could and responsibly disposed of the rest. Another inspiring change during this event was the wonderful turnout of volunteer groups from the Bryan Community, 4-H club and Boy Scout troop. Many of these young volunteers do not live in our neighborhood, but are connected somehow and came out to show their care for Witherbee. Thank you. We look forward to seeing all of you again at the swim party and ice cream social at Woods Park.

Change is inevitable. The question is how you will choose to meet that change. We hope you might find an event, activity or cause that sparks you to jump in and work with others to shape our community in positive ways. Whether that takes the form of meeting new friends over ice cream at Woods Park, helping to deliver newsletters, choos-

ing to join the WNA board, or simply paying your membership dues is up to you. I invite you to join us at any monthly meeting to learn more. Be sure to help us celebrate summer and our great neighborhood at the Woods Park pool party and ice cream social. See you there!



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Learn What's New for Hawthorne Community at Sept. 2nd WNA Meeting

The Witherbee neighborhood is a better place because of the relationship with the newest school in our borders, the Hawthorne Community School, occupying the former Hawthorne Elementary at the corner of 48th and M. All you have to do is look around your neighborhood and see the evidence...no trash!

On May 8th with the help of more than 20 students and teachers from the current Bryan Community School, our Witherbee neighborhood was cleaned spotless. Plan to spend the evening of September 2nd with John Gloe, Bryan Community School teacher and litter volunteer leader, to find out what's new for the 2010 school year as well as learn about opportunities we have to join together and help one another again.

Planning Begins for 2010 Witherbee Holiday Lighting Contest

Take a few minutes during the summer's high temperatures and humidity to cool off with thoughts of your winter lighting plans. Do you need to untangle and reorganized those new LED lights you bought last year? Perhaps it's time to freshen up the paint on your yard display while the weather is still warm. Or maybe you want to adjust (or add) permanent light holders to the outside of your home.

The Witherbee Holiday Lighting Contest will be up and running again this year. We'll award prizes to the most creative homeowners for lighting, music, signs, ornaments or any outside decor that makes homes look festive for the holiday season. Multiple awards will be granted. Our first place winner will receive a special yard sign to display for the season.

If you'd like to participate as a volunteer to solicit award donations, find judges, take pictures or share any ideas you have, please contact event chair, Karen Vogelely at 435-6022 or karenna_ne@yahoo.com. Celebrate the season of giving with this fun and easy way to get involved with WNA!

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Pet Care and Safety in Winter Topic of October 7th Witherbee Meeting

Even though it seems like we just got rid of it, winter and cold weather are just around the corner. We all know that means bundling up and staying warm, but what about our pets? Winter brings challenges for pets as well as pet owners – from shelter to exercise to food and water. The Capital Humane Society will be on hand October 7th to share how we can take the best care possible of our four-legged friends during the upcoming winter season. Stop by and get information on how to enhance your pet's quality of life so they can enhance yours. The Capital Humane Society works hard to make a difference in the lives of animals and the people of the City of Lincoln by sheltering unwanted pets, acting as an advocate for animal welfare and educating the public about responsible pet care.

Kevin Heim, Manager and Head Pro of Woods Tennis Center will also attend and share successes of their Summer Program and bring us up to date on its future and what to expect in 2011.



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WNA Boasts Highest Paid Membership Numbers Ever

By Curtis Wood

Since our last newsletter was distributed, Witherbee Neighborhood Association mailed membership statements to all area homeowners and members on record. The mailing has once again been a huge success and has brought our membership to an all-time high of 372 paid members! We appreciate the continued support of all residents with your dues but even more, the meaning behind the dollars. When we talk to city officials and tell them how large our membership is, we are not just listened to but met with a respect that is hard to describe unless you are there to experience the power our numbers provide.

When informed of our recent membership number, former Mayor Coleen Seng stated "Most neighborhood associations would die for that kind of membership success," and added "you can print that!" Mayor Seng went on to describe a recent meeting of another neighborhood association she attended. "Most of the meeting was spent grousing about low membership and involvement in activities and what to do about it."

Seng is commonly known as the "mother" of neighborhood associations because of her support for these groups during her many years of service on the city council and her tenure as mayor of Lincoln. She continues her involvement by being active in University Place Community Organization and lending her support to other neighborhood groups.

When told of WNA's latest membership count, City Councilman Doug Emery said, "I would be surprised if any neighborhood organization in Lincoln had anywhere near that level of participation. It's a tribute to your leadership." Emery attended a recent WNA meeting where the new arena project was discussed prior to the May vote. He admired our handling of the topic and felt we conducted a professional meeting despite a negative contingent that was present.

Emery went on to offer his assistance at any time we had a subject or issue we felt he could help us with in the future. "I'm just a phone call away," Emery said. And I fully believe he meant it.

This year's membership statements also included a call for donations to help make up the budget shortfall for the Witherbee Park at 46th and O streets. We have raised almost \$500 in extra support for the park through this effort. All donations were doubled by an anonymous donor offering to match up to \$1,500. If we missed you on the statement mailing feel free to send in your membership dues or park donation using the form printed in each quarterly newsletter.

WNA would like to thank all who donated to Witherbee Park and/or paid their membership dues. WNA is a strong, active organization that is fast making a positive name for itself. None of these things could be accomplished without YOUR support and involvement. THANK YOU!!

May Yard of the Month Award

By Amy Greving

Yard of the Month recipients for May, Gracie and David Morris have lived at 3540 J street for 27 years. When designing their front yard, Gracie wanted a cottage garden that would compliment their beautiful older farmhouse. She enjoys using many native plants. Besides their beauty, most natives need less water to thrive when established. They also have fewer insect and disease problems. Since Gracie prefers to use as few chemicals as possible in her garden, this is a win-win situation for her and her plants.

The Morris yard has gone through several transitions. They had to move many of their shade-loving plants when a large elm died in 2002. The next change came when the gas company tore up the street in front of their house and also much of their front yard. Gracie and David had to remove all of their plants and replace them when the work was complete. Starting over included much soil work as a lot of heavy clay soil was brought to the surface when the gas company laid pipe. Gracie and David dug out much of the clay and added a lot of compost to the soil before replanting.



Gracie and David Morris

Gracie has some favorite combinations among her flowers. Mid-May she enjoys the combination of columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) and

phlox (*Phlox carolina*) throughout the garden. Seeded in with these are small patches of wild petunia (*Ruellia*) with their pale lavender blooms along with the soft leaves of lamb's ear (*Stachys byzantina*). She grows purple poppymallow (*Callirhoe involucrata*) by the street. She admires it for its heat tolerance, bright purple flowers and ability to withstand drought. She also grows purple poppymallow because it reminds her of her grandmother who grew it in the Sandhills.

Gracie and David's yard is an excellent example of how beautiful a naturalistic yard can be when the right plants are planted in the right place. And, how much thought and effort goes into taking care of a seemingly 'wild garden.'

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Witherbee Park Fundraising Making Progress, More Needed

Lincoln Parks and Recreation is preparing for construction activities this summer in Witherbee Park, located at 46th and 'O' streets. A large portion of this park project is being funded by the Lincoln Cares Program. The park has already received three large Swamp White Oak trees which were donated at a value of \$600. You may notice the new additions – two on the north side of the park area along O Street, and one at the south-west edge of the park. But despite these contributions, the exciting changes outlined on the park's master plan are over budget of available funds. WNA has been working hard to gather donations and volunteer commitments to help defray the additional costs and ensure our neighborhood receives the park as we envisioned it. Generous neighbors, local businesses and an anonymous donor have already stepped forward with assistance and this budget gap is closing.



The fundraising efforts that began with our membership mailing and continued with the Bake Sale during the Cleanup have brought in just over \$1,500. Add to that the matching funds from our anonymous donor and we are \$3,000 closer to our goal. We have also received a very generous \$400 donation from Niederhaus Brothers Refuse. Thank you to everyone who have given so far, and are helping to make our park a reality without compromising the master plan. In addition, efforts of WNA members working with the City and private contractors have helped secure a money-saving contract on the cost of the fence for the park.

With all this great progress we'd love to put our feet up and say our work is done. However, we are still approximately \$1,500 short of the original \$5,500 budget shortfall. To help us reach our fundraising goal, we have another way for you to help us raise money for Witherbee Park and show your neighborhood pride too. When you purchase a WNA key chain or window decal, 100% of your money goes straight to our fundraising effort. Key chains are brushed metal with the WNA logo engraved on one side. These have been generously donated by TMC, a Lincoln-based metal manufacturing company. Decals are 5"x5" white vinyl Witherbee Neighborhood logo that can be applied to any smooth surface – perfect for a car or home window or for your business' front door to show your support for WNA.

Decals are easily applied using a plastic card and can be removed if needed. On car windows the decal will withstand a car wash. FM Lawn Care, a Witherbee-based lawn service company, has generously donated decals. Pictures of the key chains or decals can be found online at www.WitherbeeNA.org. A video of how to apply the decals is online as well.

Key chains are \$3 and window decals are \$5. Quantities are limited. Checks should be made out to Lincoln Parks Foundation. To purchase either of these items please contact Laura



Witherbee keychain



Mike Freytag demonstrates simple decal application

Wiese at 617-6024 or dorbaroy@hotmail.com. Donations directly to the Witherbee Park fund can also still be made to the Lincoln Parks Foundation online at www.lincolnparks.org/contribute/donations.htm, or by calling 441-8258.

We are also still looking for one or more businesses or individuals to step forward to sponsor a park bench or picnic table. All benefactors will be recognized with their name or other dedication on a plaque which is part of the bench or table. This is a great way to honor a loved one or simply show your interest in our neighborhood. For more information about supporting the park in this way, contact Fred Freytag at 430-6658 or fred@witherbeena.org.

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Why I Choose to Be Involved

By Laura Wiese

Ah, 12:11 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon and our toddler has just drifted off for nap. The next two precious hours are when my husband John and I can choose to do whatever we'd like. And I choose to write a column for the Witherbee Buzz, you must think I'm crazy.

Yes, since having a baby I've let some things go, especially when juggling a full-time job as well. The floors don't get scrubbed as often as I'd like. The flower bed weeds are a little bigger before I get around to pulling them. And the nail polish on my toes doesn't get changed quite as frequently as it used to. But these are small compromises that in the long run don't really mean too much, at least in my opinion. There are other things we've chosen to put priority on now that we have a family.

One evening, before our son Colin was born in August of 2008, John and I sat down with paper and pen over a cup of tea. First we wrote down as many values and characteristics as we could think of we would like to foster in our son: confidence, civic and social responsibility, good work ethic, compassion for others, to name a few. Then we thought about and discussed what we as parents could do to create an environment and offer experiences that cultivated these characteristics.

Among other things, we kept coming back to the idea of volunteerism, charity work and community involvement. And while, over the years, John and I have participated in small and various ways in our community it was not something that was an on-going or regular part of our life. We knew that for us to pass these values on to our son we needed to make a commitment to others and our community as a family.

We talked about our dreams for a family Habitat for Humanity project, spending Thanksgiving serving meals at a homeless shelter, or having a special piggy bank just for charitable contributions. But Colin would have to be a little older before we could really begin to incorporate these things into our family life.

It was clear to us that for any meaningful value-transfer to begin we would have to first model that behavior ourselves. We decided to become involved in our neighborhood association. Witherbee already seemed like an active organization that would be easy to slip into. And we had been impressed with the events and services it provides to the neighborhood since moving here in 2004.

We started by going to a couple monthly meetings. It must have been fate that placed us at the first meeting we attended. Curtis Wood, president at the time, opened the meeting with round robin introductions. He asked everyone to say their name, where in the neighborhood they lived and what act of giving they had participated in within the past month. My only answer was that this was the very reason I was at the meeting – I couldn't think of any charitable act I had done recently.

I have a hard time keeping my opinions to myself, and

by the second monthly meeting (probably at the first) I was piping up while John kept Colin busy in the hallways of Tabitha when he got squirrely. It was about this time that some of the board member's terms were coming up and one evening I got a call from Curtis. He asked if I'd like to be considered joining the board.

At first I was a bit skeptical and asked what the time commitment would be and what kinds of things would be expected of me. He told me the minimum commitment was four board meetings a year and probably an hour's worth of time each month, plus the monthly meetings when I could come to those. He was sure to add that I was welcome to become more involved than that, if I wanted. Having a toddler at home gave me pause, but wasn't this the kind of opportunity John and I had talked about? Besides, the Witherbee folks were very nice and the issues we discussed were important to me. So I said yes.

Less than a year later I can't image what our monthly routine would be without our commitment to Witherbee. John and Colin enjoy their "boys night" every first Thursday of the month when I am at the meetings. And I enjoy the fellowship and the satisfaction of knowing I am doing my part to make our neighborhood and community a better place.

As for our original goal of instilling values and good characteristics in our son? That was validated just yesterday. After returning from coffee at Braeda where I met with other Witherbee folks to discuss this issue of the newsletter, I was greeted at the door by a big toddler smile and a "mommy backa meeting?!" (Well, actually, that exchange happened after he showed me the truck he and dad had just built.) I know that Colin is seeing, from a very early age, that his parents have placed a priority on caring about our community and being involved. I have no doubt we are on our way to helping ensure he feels and acts the same way.



Laura and Colin

*"I couldn't think of
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Residents learn about turfgrass.

UNL Turfgrass Resources Shared During June WNA Meeting

A representative from UNL's Agronomy and Horticulture department was on hand during the June 3rd WNA meeting to share information and even diagnose a few neighbor's lawn issues. New lawn care resources are now available on UNL Extension's turfgrass website, turf.unl.edu.

One feature of the site is "Turf iNfo" which contains a news feed of articles on timely turf issues. Those who are interested can sign up to receive e-mail notifications sent directly to their in-box when new articles are posted. Also new to the site are interactive "Turf Calendars." If you've ever had trouble keeping track of when to change your mower blade, what fertilizer to lay down and when, or are looking for watering and weed control recommendations then this section of the website is for you. The three calendars cover the most common turfgrass in Nebraska – Kentucky Bluegrass, Tall Fescue and Zoysia grass. Additional turf types will be added in the future. The tool allows users to turn a dial to their desired month and recommendations for lawn care covering a wide variety of topics will be displayed specific to that timeframe.

Another feature of the site is the "Herbicide Ratings" section. This interactive tool provides efficacy ratings on which weed killers are most effective on common perennial and annual weeds.

The popular NebGuides are also available for download from the site. For homeowners with limited access to the Internet, these guides are available for purchase in print from UNL. Call 472-1427 to order. UNL staff and volunteer Master Gardeners are also on hand to answer questions. And be sure to check out the university's weekly call-in TV show, *Backyard Farmer*, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. on public channel NET1.



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RecycleLink does more than make recycling easier; they also reward homes that recycle. Every pound recycled is weighed and homes earn reward points redeemable for discounts on thousands of goods and services. Most Lincoln area homes earn more than \$20 in discounts every month. The discounts can be used on groceries, gift cards, bowling, pizza, clothes, home decorations, electronics, oil changes and just about anything else. To view an example list of rewards go to www.RecycleLink.net.

Recyclers can even donate their points to local schools. Last April Clare McPhee Elementary school received a \$2,500 grant from points donated by RecycleLink customers. "McPhee plans to use the grant to develop their green space and help educate students on recycling. Because the grant comes directly from recycling, kids will appreciate the value recycling has not only for the environment but also the community," notes Gubbels.

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Witherbee Forms Randolph-to-J Properties Task Force

By Curtis Wood

Witherbee Neighborhood Association was formed, largely, as an organized response to an undesirable development proposed in early 2003 on properties between Randolph and J Streets just east of 40th. That proposal was opposed by adjacent and nearby neighbors of the properties. Many attempts were made at that time to try to work with the owner of the properties in a way that would benefit both parties (WNA and the properties owner) and keep the "Norman Rockwell nature" of the neighborhood. The owner declined to work with WNA and the properties have remained virtually unchanged since those days.

Recently, the parcels were foreclosed upon and became the property of Lincoln Federal Savings Bank at auction. A group of WNA residents lead by Mike Fitzgerald brought this change of status to the attention of the neighbors of this property by drafting a flyer, which was widely circulated to the neighbors relaying the news and announcing a meeting that was to be held on May 25th at Tabitha. Input from interested parties was gathered at that meeting and a resolution was unanimously adopted by to the WNA Board. In part, that resolution read:

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the WNA Board of Directors establish a 40th & Randolph Task Force that will work with stakeholders such as lenders, developers, public officials, non-profits and adjoining and nearby property owners, to seek improvements of the former TeSelle properties that protect and enhance the character of the neighborhood, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the WNA Board's preference for the properties is single-family, owner-occupied residences.

The Task force requested a meeting with the bank leaders to discuss WNA wishes in the matter and to offer proactive suggestions and even "sweat equity" proposals if necessary to support this resolution.

LFSB agreed to meet with Witherbee representatives. Josh Sovereign, Mike Fitzgerald, Rick Bagby, and Curtis Wood met with four of the bank's officers. In addition, WNA

invited Urban Development Department Director Dave Landis to participate and add city suggestions that might be available to support this partnership approach to developing these properties into something everyone in the neighborhood could enjoy.

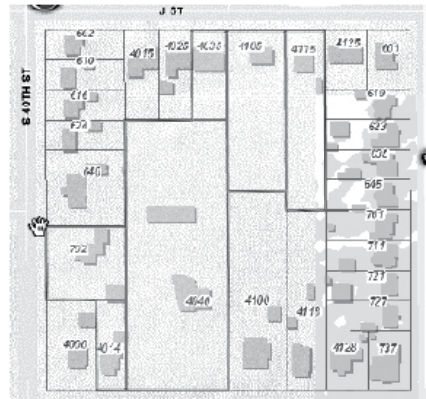
Officers of the bank stated that they had visited with five or six developers interested in the property and all the preliminary proposals involved only single family type construction. LFSB leaders even stated that they often do developments but this did not fit their model, which are usually new development at the edges of the city and seldom involve rehab of existing structures.

WNA offered to help the bank market the properties or to work with developers to help them understand what type development is preferred and what designs the neighborhood could support. We mentioned our robust WNA could marshal support and even provide volunteer activities to help improve the properties. We offered to be proactive rather than reactive to ideas of improving the properties.

Dave Landis also added that Urban Development Department of the City of Lincoln would like to be an active participant in efforts to make these properties a more valued asset for the neighborhood and for city tax roles. The meeting was very cordial and the bank officials are genuinely interested in having the Witherbee group solidly involved in the efforts to improve the properties. Dave Landis's involvement was very highly regarded by the members of the Task Force and we would like to thank all who have contributed input and time to getting this to the attention of the right people.

The Task Force continues to work on the situation and welcomes input and help. Anyone interested can contact Mike Fitzgerald at 416-1475 or via email at sevenfranch@windstream.net.

This is another clear example of how our Witherbee Neighborhood Association can make a difference by remaining vigilant to change and becoming involved at an early stage in those changes.



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June Yard of the Month Award

By Amy Greving

Karen and Doug Larkins have lived at 4436 Witherbee for seven years. They enjoy gardening and learning about new and interesting plants for their yard.

The Larkins' yard receives a mixture of sun and shade throughout the day. Since they receive morning sun and filtered afternoon shade, they are able to successfully combine plantings containing Hostas, a dark burgundy cultivar of Coral bells called 'Chocolate Ruffles' (*Heuchera*, *Bergenia* (*Bergenia cordifolia*) and the yellow/green variegated *Euonymus* (*Euonymus fortunei*). A gazing ball adds a luminous touch to their landscape.



Karen and Doug Larkins

Doug has created a small, elegant fountain and placed it close to their front door. He and Karen enjoy the refreshing sound of splashing water it makes as they set out on their front porch in the evenings.

When asked for gardening advice to pass on, Karen emphasized how important it is to have good soil. She said they had amended their heavy clay soil for better plant growth. She also mentioned how important it is to plant the right plant in the right place.



The tranquil back yard boasts a fish pond.



The front yard features this water fountain.

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"We are pleased to have the dual opportunities of once again serving the many customers that contacted us to let us know how much Big Apple Bagels would be missed and introducing Braeda® customers to our fresh bagels and uniquely delicious muffins," stated Michael W. Evans, President and C.E.O. of BAB, Inc.

"We are excited to bring Big Apple Bagels back to Lincoln and expand the menu at our 48th & O Braeda® location. Big Apple Bagels has a good history in this community and we look forward to continuing that relationship," stated Donald Everett, Jr., President of Runza® National, Inc.

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"Many hands make light work."

By Fred Freytag

The north side of Hawthorne School (48th & M) was Cleanup headquarters for the seventh annual Witherbee Neighborhood Cleanup, held May 8th. In conjunction with the Cleanup a neighborhood litter pickup and a bake sale fundraiser for Witherbee Park were also held the same day. All three events were a huge success on what began as a chilly Saturday morning.

Many WNA residents took the opportunity to rid their homes, garages, attics, sheds, gardens, closets and storage places, or behind the fence of unwanted stuff. Items were collected curbside or hauled to the Cleanup staging area at Hawthorne.

A big thank you to all volunteers who came to help make this a fun, fantastic activity for all. Neighbors of all ages gathered to lend a hand in collecting, unloading, sorting, recycling, disposing and reusing items discarded by others. This event was co-chaired by Mary Schwab and Fred Freytag. Thank you to Larry Frisch and all others who took pictures of the event.

WNA's efforts were part of 'The Great American Cleanup' and Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful, a program of the Lancaster County/City Health Department. A grant from the city provided funds for the use of roll-off dumpsters and landfill disposal fees. They also provided safety vests for the cleanup day and coupons for free disposal of loads of brush at the city landfill at any time.

The Cleanup encompassed the entire Witherbee neighborhood - reaching from 33rd to 56th Streets and O Street to Randolph. A focus this year was to provide free disposal of a variety of unwanted items for paid members of WNA. Organizers worked hard to engage local businesses and offer their services for free. Please say thank you next time you patronize the businesses that participated in the Cleanup.

Thank You to Our Business Partners

A big thanks to our business partners who helped make this event possible. Neighborhood refuse haulers Neiderhaus Brothers, Carter and Paragon drove neighborhood streets with their



Christine Nesmith, Karen Vogeley, and Shawn Gordin get assignments from Mary Schwab



Mary Schwab was kept busy c



Electronics were recycled.



Over 725 lbs. of

compactor trucks before the Cleanup started to pick up non-household refuse items from curbs. Any recyclables were left at curbside and addresses where documented by a WNA neighbor following the refuse trucks. Neighbors then returned to each address to collect items for reuse.

Braeda donated coffee and rolls for volunteers and Shredding Solutions donated their time and equipment for secure document shredding. FM Lawn Care, Inc. provided tables for keeping volunteers organized, and trucks and trailers for hauling recyclable items.

Alter Scrap collected all Freon-type appliances at no cost and tires were recycled for free by Firestone Tires Stores on North 66th Street. Neiderhaus Brothers provided a roll-off for metal recycling and Hofeling Enterprises provided free disposal of brush taken to their site. Neighbors Curtis Wood, Steve Schwab, and Lisa and Bill McNeel donated use of their pickup or pickup and trailer to haul items from resident's homes to the roll-offs.

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Breaks were rare during the busy morning.



documents were shredded.



Future park benches.



Steve Schwab wrestles metal into the recycle bin.

Next year when we do the Cleanup again feel free to include your unwanted things that can be reused.

If you missed the Cleanup this year, please plan on getting involved next year. The event is a great opportunity to meet and work with neighbors from across the street or from blocks away. It's a fantastic time to make new friends and help keep our neighborhood a desirable place to live. Also, brush coupons are still available but quantities are limited. If you would like a brush disposal coupon, please contact Fred Freytag at 430-6658 or fred@witherbeena.org.

Again, thank you to all who participated and helped to make this event possible and our best Cleanup ever.

Cleanup by the Numbers

- 29 volunteers
- More than 160 volunteer hours
- 12,900 pounds (6.46 tons) of refuse were collected and hauled to the landfill
- 3,880 pounds of metal was collected and recycled
- 32 tires hauled to Firestone for recycling
- 6 refrigerators, 3 dehumidifiers and 1 window AC collected by Alter Recycling
- More than 725 pounds of documents safely destroyed by Shredding Solutions
- 32 computer monitors and TVs were collected as well as various computer CPUs and keyboards – 2 monitors and 2 TVs found new homes, the rest were recycled by Best Buy
- A number of compact florescent bulbs and regular florescent bulbs were collected and disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste collection
- Household alkaline batteries and others collected were taken to Interstate Battery for recycling
- A trailer load of recyclable materials was taken to Eco Stores and included items such as: 2 exterior doors, 1 set glass sliding doors, 3 screen doors, 1 set shower doors, 3 vanity sinks, 1 pedestal sink, 4x4's and landscape timbers, garage door, metal garage door track, ceiling fan, bathroom tile, vinyl gutters, and a few miscellaneous things.

In keeping with the green theme of the event, we were pleased to help many unwanted items find new homes. Neighbors saved a little money and we kept a few things out of the landfill. Just some of the items given a new lease on life: dresser/wardrobe, 2 lawn mowers, insulation, 60 LP records, screen door, 10 miscellaneous hand tools, 5 foot fence sections, furnace filters, box of hats, window shades, dehumidifier, sewing machine, picnic table, stroller, child swing, garden hose, miscellaneous posts, grinding wheel, outdoor porch swing, and more.

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These high school students, who will soon inhabit Hawthorne, provided the backbone of the Litter Cleanup volunteers.

Youth Groups Help Make Litter Pickup Best Ever

By Fred Freytag

More than 135 volunteer hours from 43 volunteers were spent planning, promoting and carrying out our Litter Pickup, held during the neighborhood Cleanup May 8th. This year WNA was pleased to welcome three youth groups with ties to the neighborhood. These outstanding volunteers made for a record-breaking volunteer turnout for this event.

Volunteers included a teacher and 20 students from Bryan Community School: John Gloe, Michelle Strick, Courtney Treptow, Victoria Blodgett, Mariah Roe, Alyssa Schroeder, Dylan Calvert, Will Treats, Kortney Jackson, Whithney Munn, Venessa Decent, Kadeem Moore, Emory Blazek, Kayla Barkley, Silvia Holloway, Crystal Zuniga, Erick Bustamonte, LaShay Trotter, Tyler Parker, Chelsea Kasmiskie, and Alli Mick.

Scout Leader and parents Mike and Mary Kreikemeier lead scouts Liam Kreikemeier, James Kruml, Cole Varicack, and Eric Varicack.

4-H Leader Roberta Sandhorst lead Friends 4 Ever 4-H Club members Majken Mandery, Sydney Hauser, Elise Kreiekemeier, and Delaney Harper.

Other neighborhood volunteers included event Co-Chairs Fred Freytag and Mary Schwab, Volunteering Coordinator Bo Dowling, Jim Ihrle, Richard Brown, Elain Monnier, Ron Kruml, Carla Kruml, Will Varicack, Cheryl Sharp, Sharon Vandenack and Steve Schwab.

The Litter Pickup was conducted throughout the entire Witherbee neighborhood boundaries – 33rd to 56th Streets and O Street to Randolph. According to Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful, who promotes and oversees these litter pick-ups, Witherbee has 21 miles of streets with right-of-way to clean up. All other public areas like parks, alleys and school grounds were cleaned from litter as well.

Volunteers were instructed to walk the neighborhood removing signs from light and telephone poles and picking up any

and all litter in the right-of-way areas. All recyclable items were separated from refuse and taken to the appropriate recycling site. Volunteers helped recycle glass, paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, metal cans, plastic bottles and other such items.

A special thanks to Bo Dowling and Mary Schwab for purchasing and donating gift certificates in the amount of \$5 each for all the students, scouts and 4-H members.

The event was sponsored by a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality. The Lincoln/Lancaster Health Department provided safety vests and a supply of trash bags. Braeda and WNA provided snacks and coffee. FM Lawn Care, Inc. donated disposable gloves and additional trash bags. Steve Schwab hauled and disposed of recyclable items and refuse.

Due to the long winter many bags full of rubbish and recyclables were collected, and we now have a much cleaner neighborhood. Look for pictures of the

Cleanup on WNA's Facebook page www.facebook.com/WitherbeeNA and on the Witherbee website www.WitherbeeNA.org

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated, organized, contributed and documented this fun activity. Please plan to join us next year.



4-H Club members picked up many sacks of litter



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The bake sale was "sold out" at the end of the day.

Witherbee Park Bake Sale Fundraiser Triumph

Combined efforts by caring contributors made our 1st annual bake sale fundraiser a huge success! On May 8th a tent was set up in the southwest corner of Walgreens at 48th and O Streets, right across from the neighborhood cleanup headquarters. The bake sale generated \$547 towards park equipment for Witherbee Park. That amount was doubled to \$1094 with the help of an anonymous donor who matched Witherbee Park donations up to \$1,500!

As part of the bake sale we also sold white vinyl "Witherbee Neighborhood" logo decals that can be applied to any smooth surface and work best on car or door windows. These were made available by FM Lawn Care Inc. and donated towards park funds. They are still available for purchase! Please see the fundraiser article in this issue for details or contact Laura Wiese or Fred Freytag for more information.

Linde Matthiesen and Jean Dowling manned the sale, while Cheryl Hejl stood on the median at 48th Street with a big sign to lure in the crowds! A very chilly morning turned into a sunny success with the help of the area's contributors. They included Walgreens for the tent space and bottled water, FM Lawn Care Inc. for the tent, tables and window decals, Braeda for rolls and coffee for our volunteers, Perkins Restaurant, HyVee Stores and Village Inn Restaurants for their pies and baked goodies.

A thank you also goes to Tim Stewart, Darin Johnson, Linda Early Agents with American Family Insurance and Lucille Duerr Salon for their cash donations. Finally, a big thank you goes to the Witherbee residents who took time to bake and donate pastries for the bake sale, and to all those who stopped by to purchase our goods. Everyone's remarkable efforts resulted in a sell out!



Mary Schwab and Fred Freytag show a chart showing goal of \$500 for the Bake Sale. The goal was exceeded.



Stuhr Park Potlucks Continue in 2010

Mother Nature has provided rain barriers for the Stuhr Park Potlucks this spring, but we have planned three more for this summer anyway. Our May 16th outing was completely rained out and the rain abated late in the day on June 13th so that only 8 people attended. Numbers have never been the most important part of our potlucks anyway. It is about neighbors getting together to share some bread and news and discover more about one another.

Potlucks begin at 6:00 p.m. The remaining schedule of potlucks will be on the following dates: August 8th, September 12th, & October 3rd.



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Ian Werner



Finished meditation garden



Paul Hoebelheinrich pictured on the left and Brenden Love

Eagle Scout Project Creates Meditation Garden at St. Teresa

By Jackie Varicak

Monsignor Nemec, pastor of St. Teresa's Church, had always wanted to develop a meditation garden in the south lawn of the church grounds. When a group of three Life Scouts – Brenden Love, Ian Werner and Paul Hoebelheinrich – were looking for a project to earn their Eagle Scout Award, Monsignor told them about his idea for the grassy area located at the corner of 36th Street and Randolph.

The Scouts went to work in the spring and summer of 2009 to develop and complete the project. They drew up a design for the new landscaping, found funding, purchased benches, hired contractors and decided what work they would do themselves. Their design would surround two sculpted monuments, one identifying the Church and the other depicting Saint Teresa with a quote by the Saint.

The project fell into place after the Scouts wrote letters to all other Eagle Scouts asking if they would donate money for benches they wanted to install. The money came in along with a donation from Mr. Arnie Hausner who offered to pay for all the benches. The money that was collected from the Eagle Scouts then went to pay for the stonework which covers a large section of the sidewalk. The scouts were also surprised and pleased to receive funding for all the trees, plants and flowers from anonymous donors. The men's club of the parish also chipped in to fund the sidewalks.

Brenden Love's part of the project included designing and laying all the stonework in the concrete. He had assistance from Todd Peters, a retired stonemason, to complete the work. Ian Werner landscaped an entire garden area along the windows of the rectory. He said he planted tons of roses as well as a variety of other vegetation including veronica roman candle flowers, lilies, bushy purple flowers called catmint walkers, and a mix of evergreens and grasses. He put the grasses in to create a textured effect. Paul Hoebelheinrich designed the concrete layout and contracted Tony Delgado to install it. He also installed all the plants in the center area surrounded by the new sidewalk and along the west edge of the meditation garden.

After the work by the Scouts was complete Monsignor Nemec had a black iron fence installed to finish off the look of the meditation garden and to help provide security to the area.

According to Ian Werner, Monsignor Nemec wanted the meditation garden to create great curb appeal, be a place to pray and a place to gather and hang out. Brenden Love said he has noticed that people have been enjoying the garden and is happy it is being used.

The meditation garden will be maintained by parishioners who have volunteered to take care of small sections. One volunteer, Phyllis Weisser, said it is a nice, peaceful place to sit. She said she has heard nothing but good comments about the newly landscaped area and that everybody she has talked to enjoys it.

The creation of the meditation garden by the three Life Scouts was a great way to honor the 70th anniversary of scouting at St. Teresa's Church and school last year. The three have submitted their paperwork for reviews to become Eagle Scouts. Since the beginning of scouting at St. Teresa's, 70 Eagle Scout Awards have been earned.

LPD Officer to Speak Aug. 5th

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Neighborhood Watch program, and how police and citizens can work together to create a safer community. Learn how you can help reduce criminal opportunity, which in turn will reduce your and your neighbors' chances of becoming victims of crime.

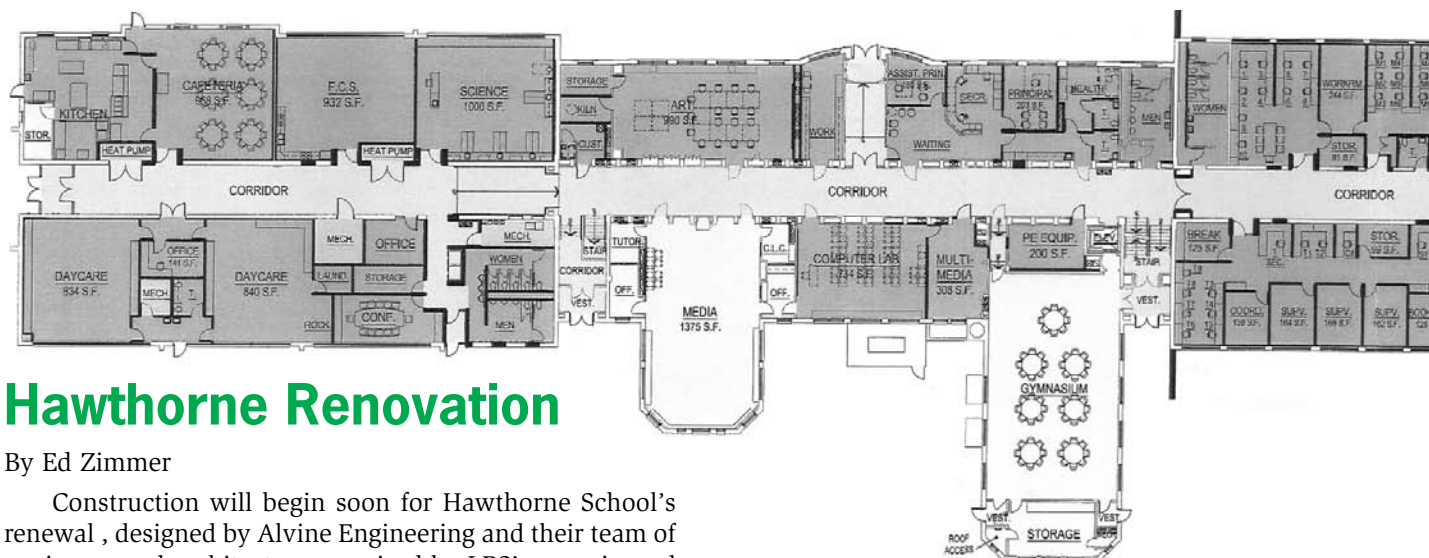
We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood that is relatively free of crime; however, we are not exempt. One recent example is the despicable, ongoing vandalism of Hawthorne School.

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Hawthorne Renovation

By Ed Zimmer

Construction will begin soon for Hawthorne School's renewal, designed by Alvine Engineering and their team of engineers and architects, supervised by LPS's experienced Facilities & Maintenance Dept. Approximately \$4.8 million is budgeted to undertake a major upgrade of the school's mechanical infrastructure, including heating and air conditioning, ventilation, electrical, plumbing, communications, and fire protection systems. The original central building and the south wing will be prepared for the alternative high school program currently called Bryan Community, while the north wing will provide office space for LPS's Student Services and Special Education departments.

Among the most conspicuous construction efforts will be pin-cushioning of the east play field with about 100 borings, each 300 feet deep. Water will circulate through pipe loops in the borings, supplying about 40 heat pumps throughout the building. In warm weather, the heat pumps will cool the building and send heated water out to be cooled in the well field. In cold weather, the pumps can extract heat from the water and send chilled water back out to be warmed in the earth's near-constant 55 degrees. LPS has extensive experience with ground-coupled heat pumps since the early 1990s and has found they quickly repay the somewhat higher installation cost with efficiency of operating and maintenance costs. These systems save two precious commodities—tax dollars and energy, while providing great working environments to two other treasured resources—students and staff. Once the wells are drilled, the play field will be restored for recreation uses.

The building will receive a new roof and new, energy-efficient windows, chosen to complement the original architecture. Inside, the school office will be redesigned for greater efficiency and to direct visitors through the office before they enter the school building. Specialized classrooms for high school science, art, and family and consumer science will be provided, along with an improved cafeteria and warming kitchen. The library/media center and gymnasium will be refurbished and retained. At the south end of the building, a small child-care facility with outdoor play area will be created to support student-parents and their infants and toddlers.

The north end of the building will be converted from classrooms to office space for two district departments—

Student Services and Special Education. The only exterior addition to the building will be a stair tower at the north end, linking the two office floors and providing a welcoming entrance. A shared reception area for families visiting either department will be provided at the north entrance.

Completion of the project is scheduled for the summer of 2011, allowing the high school program to relocate to Hawthorne for the 2011-12 school year.

Illustrations: Site Plan and First Floor Plan, courtesy of LPS/Alvine Engineering.

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Facebook Is Like a Neighborhood – For All Ages

By Bridget Fitzgerald

As it says on the home page and sign-on page, “Facebook helps you connect and share with the people in your life.”

I would say that is a helpful summary of what Facebook tries to do. Facebook now has more than 400 million active users. If Facebook were a country, only China and India would be more populous. One of the largest growing segments of Facebook users is women over 50 (I guess grandmothers will brave any challenge to see pictures of their grandkids!)

If you are new to Facebook, here are some tips and advice for getting started:

- To create your own page, you can sign up at www.facebook.com.
- Once you’ve registered, you’ll get a personal “profile page.” You have the ability to modify your profile by adding as much or as little personal information as you’d like. One of your first steps can be to upload a “profile picture.” This is done through a very simple file browse tool, just like adding an attachment to an e-mail.
- If you don’t know what “registering” means or how to “upload”, you can get help with these at www.Facebook.com.
- To be able to look at and interact on someone’s “page”, a.k.a their Facebook profile, you have to be their “friend”. You can make this official online connect one of two ways. The first being to send them a “friend request”. You can find their profile by searching their name in the search bar. At the top of their profile, next to their “profile picture” is a large button that says “Add as Friend”. This sends a notice to the person of your request. They have the option to accept or ignore. If they accept, you will receive an e-mail notification confirming their acceptance.



You may find yourself receiving this request from others. You will have received a request when you see a little red flag –literally – on your profile’s home page. You are free to accept or ignore politely.

- Another fun and basic function is your “status”. On your very own profile there is a bar that says “What’s on your mind?” Here you can publish anything in any language – song lyrics, what you are up to, personal thoughts... honestly, it’s free for you to express yourself however you choose. It will appear next to your name and profile picture for about one week and then it will disappear. You can change or delete your “status” at will.
- For almost ANYTHING on Facebook, whether it be a status, a notice of a changed profile picture, a post on a “wall” (think of your wall as a bulletin board) – there is the option to “comment” or “like.” This allows your “friends” to interact with the things you say and do on Facebook, and for you to do the same with them – it’s like having a conversation online. To comment, click the comment option and write your thoughts.
- Facebook also provides for a range of privacy settings. The three basic settings are: 1) allow your profile information and comments to be viewed by only your “friends,” 2) viewed by your friends and by your friend’s friends, or 3) viewed by anyone on Facebook.

These really are just the basics, but the best way to get to know this site is to just jump in, mess around and see what you can find. Facebook can be a great way to connect with friends, family or that coworker’s sister’s bridesmaid you met last summer at the office family picnic.

I hope I could help a little bit. If all else fails, recruit a current Facebooker to take you through some of the basic functions.

Here is a really helpful site: www.facebookforbeginners.com.

Also, WNA has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WitherbeeNA. Become a FAN of Witherbee Neighborhood on Facebook and stay informed. There are pictures of events, updates of activities and meetings and much more. If you are new to Facebook, this is a great place to get started.

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Witherbee Gardener's Corner

By Roberta Sandhorst

Summer is Here

Summer is finally here, the rains have stopped and the sun is beating down on your garden. I hope you mulched! Mulches help keep the soil several degrees cooler than bare soil. Mulch helps retain moisture, suppress weeds and just makes everything look nicer! It's easy - remove weeds and add a 1-2 inch layer of mulch. Try organic mulches which also help improve the soil's fertility. Examples of organic mulch include shredded bark, compost, composted manure, grass clippings, shredded leaves, and straw. If you have hosta, keep the mulch several inches away from the stems as slugs love to hide there.

Compost will also help your plants withstand the heat and lower moisture of summer by giving them the best possible foundation for growing. Compost can be added to your soil to help enrich its nutrient composition. The City of Lincoln makes compost from grass clippings, leaves and wood chips collected by Lincoln's solid waste operations. It is high in organic matter and screened to a nice texture. You can purchase it at local garden centers. For more information see <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/waste/sldwaste/recycle/orgwaste/compost/lingro/index.htm>.

Meanwhile, your petunias and other annuals are looking leggy and aren't blooming so well. Be sure to keep up with your deadheading. Frequent pruning will keep plants bushy and flowering. Many annuals can be sheared back by a third. You will sacrifice flowers for a week or two, but the results will be worth it. This is also the time to prune back tall perennials such as salvia, catmint, asters and garden phlox. They will still bloom, although a little later in the season. The plants will be shorter so probably won't need staking.

Be sure to check out UNL's Extension website. It's one of the best resources for all types of gardening in Nebraska - <http://www.extension.unl.edu/home-lawn>.

Finally, take a break from your gardening and stroll through the Sunken Gardens. You'll see a nice display of annuals as well as a beautiful shade garden on top of the hill. And while you're there, notice the mulch.

Roberta Sandhorst is a long-time Witherbee resident and gardener. She completed UNL's Master Gardener education and volunteer program in 2005. Roberta welcomes all visitors to her garden at 3320 N.



Free Ice Cream, Free Swim, July 25th

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can eat. If past years are any indication, we will likely go through more than 20 gallons of the frozen treat.

The pool will open at 6 p.m. and is reserved just for our party. Bring your family and friends to have a swim and a dish of ice cream courtesy of the members, board and officers of WNA. Woods Park Pool is huge so there is plenty of room for all your guests. The "sprayground" will also be running and is a great place for toddlers to splash or children of all ages to run through on their way to or from the pool or ice cream.

New This Year

All children (young and old) are invited to participate in a chalk-drawing contest with prizes awarded. Adults and children alike are encouraged to take a few swings on the tennis courts. Woods Tennis Center pros Kevin, Talor, and Nate will be on hand to feed balls and offer their expert advice. Racquets and balls will be provided. So come one, come all and enjoy a wonderful night of activities!

Plan to join us and make this year's event the biggest and best ever. It's a great way to meet new neighbors or get to know old ones better, and the price can't be beat for a fun family evening. **All neighbors and their guests are welcome regardless of whether they are members of WNA.**

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WNA Calendar

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

Additional meeting information may be found at Witherbeena.org

Sunday, July 25th — Neighborhood Ice Cream Social & Free Swim, southeast corner Woods Park, 33rd and J streets. Swim in the Woods Park pool 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social 6-8 p.m. Sidewalk chalk art contest. Free expert advice from the tennis pros at Woods Tennis center.

Tuesday, August 3rd — National Night Out: America's Night Out Against Crime! 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Visit <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/police/pdf/10summereye.pdf> for more information.

Thursday, August 5th — WNA monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. Topic: Officer Russ Lloyd, LPD Neighborhood Watch. Tabitha LifeQuest Center, 48th & J streets.

Monday, August 9th — Mayor's Roundtable 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street, in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Monday, August 16th — Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance 7:00 p.m. Tabitha LifeQuest Center conference room, 48th & J streets.

Wednesday, August 18th — First day of classes, Lincoln Public Schools.

Thursday, August 19th — City Councilman Doug Emery's Citizen Information Meeting 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Victor E. Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue.

Saturday, August 28th — Household Hazardous Waste collection 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Veyance Technologies (Goodyear) 4021 North 56th Street. For more information, visit <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/envIRON/pollu/waste/pdf/wstcolec.pdf>

Thursday, September 2nd — 7:00 p.m. WNA monthly meeting Topic: Bryan Community School. Tabitha LifeQuest Center conference room, 48th & J streets.

Saturday, September 11th — Backyard Composting workshop 9:30 a.m. Free, no registration necessary. Pioneers Park Nature Center. For more information, visit <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/waste/sldwaste/recycle/pdf/guide10.pdf>.

Monday, September 13th — Mayor's Roundtable 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street, in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Thursday, September 16th — City Councilman Doug Emery's Citizen Information Meeting 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Victor E. Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue. Enter on the west side and turn left.

Saturday, September 18th — Usable Latex Paint Exchange 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. EcoStores, 530 West "P" Street. For more information, call 477-3606 or visit <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/waste/sldwaste/recycle/pdf/guide10.pdf>.

Thursday, October 7th — WNA Monthly Meeting and Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Topic: Winter Pet Care and Safety, Capital Humane Society. Tabitha LifeQuest Center conference room, 48th & J St.

Saturday, October 9th — Backyard Composting workshop 9:30 a.m. Free, no registration necessary. Pioneers Park Nature Center.

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Monday, October 18th — Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance 7:00 p.m. Tabitha LifeQuest Center conference room, 48th & J streets.

Thursday, November 4th — WNA Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m. WNA officers and board elections. Tabitha LifeQuest Center conference room, 48th & J streets.



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Construction Begins on Three New Tabitha Projects

By Eldonna Rayburn

June 17th Lincoln Chamber Ambassadors, neighbors, friends and staff joined Tabitha Health Care Services for the groundbreaking of the new Journey House for Hospice Care and two new Green House homes for skilled nursing care.

"Tabitha will build Lincoln's first Medicare-certified skilled facility for hospice care," commented Tabitha's administrator of hospice Gayle Gengenbach. "The Journey House for Hospice Care will serve 12 individuals facing end of life in private, peaceful rooms; spacious indoor and outdoor gathering areas; and places for children to play and families to experience life together."

Jeremy Hohlen, executive Director of Tabitha's nursing and rehabilitation center, reported "the two Green Houses scheduled for construction will bring Tabitha's total to four homes and will serve 45 individuals requiring skilled nursing services." Green House living strives to take the "institution" out of the picture for individuals no longer able to live at home. "At the center of the home, is the beautiful hearth which creates a warm and inviting environment for socializing—a frequent occurrence in Green House living," Hohlen explained. The Green House is equipped with technology that assists residents and caregivers. Nursing professionals provide routine and clinical support around the clock, helping to ensure residents are able to live life according to their own terms and schedules.

Tabitha's first Green House home opened in May of 2006; the second home will opened July 7, 2010, and serves 12 individuals. Construction for these three projects will be simultaneous with grand openings slated for the summer of 2011. For more information, contact Tabitha at 486-8559.

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Annual Garage Sales a Popular Event

By Nancy Holman

Despite some rain and steamy weather the 2010 Garage Sales were a great success. This year more than 30 families registered with the Witherbee Neighborhood Association to participate in the neighborhood-wide sales, held June 10-12.

For just \$4, participants received an official WNA Garage Sale directional sign, had their address and brief list of items for sale posted on the WNA website along with a marker on the neighborhood map, which was also available on the website. In addition to the web advertising, ads were placed in the Journal Star and on the KOLN-KGIN, KLKN and KFOR community calendar of events.

The neighborhood garage sales are a great way to clear out some of the clutter in your garage, basement or attic. By coordinating our efforts, WNA is able to provide participants affordable advertising and more shopper foot traffic into our neighborhood. Plus, the event brings people from all over Lincoln to see our quality of life and the great neighborhood we live in. "A number of people who stopped by my sale commented on what a nice neighborhood we have," said garage sale participant Laura Wiese. "One gentleman even peeked into our backyard to get a look at our garden and landscaping."

The neighborhood garage sale is a popular event that WNA has organized for many years. You can count on the association again offering this opportunity next summer. Start saving your garage sale goodies now for June 2011. Throughout the year keep your future garage sale goodies organized in one place if possible. Try price-marking items as you pack them away.

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