

## Free Neighborhood Event of Year: Witherbee Annual Swim/Ice Cream Social Set for Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>



Ice cream was a favorite of toddlers last year

For the fifth 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.

Last summer more than 500 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 August 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Summer is here, please come and enjoy a refreshing dip in the pool and a couple dips of ice cream, as you meet and enjoy the company of your neighbors.

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 can eat.

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, served from 6 to 8 p.m. Woods Park Pool is huge so there is plenty of room for all your guests. The pool "spray ground" will also be running and

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## Doug Ahlberg Offers Disaster Preparedness Check August 4

With recent flooding, storms and fires has the question crossed your mind – how prepared is my family and community for major disasters?

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Department of Emergency Management is responsible for facilitating the continuation of normal government in times of disaster or major emergency, whether man-made or natural. It coordinates county, city, private sector and volunteer services.

The agency fosters the development and testing of plans for warning, rescue, emergency shelter, welfare, communications, transportation, operations and resource utilization. It also carries out extensive training and public education programs. Activities and operations are coordinated with state and federal programs.



Doug Ahlberg

On August 4th, Doug Ahlberg, Director for the Department of Emergency Management, will talk about areas of emergency that most effect neighborhoods when dealing with severe weather.

Doug will answer your questions about how prepared is Lancaster County and what we can each do to ensure individual preparedness during times of major disaster. Doug will share his experiences with major events that have occurred in Lancaster County during the past 10 years and provide an overview of what a family needs to do to be prepared for events we all hope never occur.

**Witherbee Connect** program  
to start August 1st. See page 4.

## About Your Witherbee Neighborhood Association

### Boundaries:

33rd to 56th &

'O' to Randolph Streets

### Meetings:

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## President's Message



Rick Bagby

Witherbee is buzzing with activity this summer. In this issue please see the announcement of project to fulfill a need a neighbor brought to us. Could we establish an information referral and resource service for Witherbee residents? Check out "Witherbee Connect." As a new Witherbee Neighborhood Association project, we begin with limited services. The interest shown by the neighborhood will determine the future direction and possible service expansion. Thanks for leading us in this effort go to Kathy Stastny.

Bryan Community at Hawthorne has now moved into the renovated building in the center of the neighborhood. LPS has invested millions into the building to extend its lifetime of service to Lincoln. Please stay tuned for the date of an August open house to show off the building renovations and learn how it will again become a hub of learning and service to the youth of our city.

Woods Park Swim & Ice Cream Social — the WNA outdoor social event of the year. Free swimming at Woods Pool and free Ice Cream on the plaza at the Woods Park Tennis Center. Last year we welcomed over 500 at the pool, served 500 bowls of ice cream and enjoyed the sidewalk chalk art. This year it will also serve as our welcome to the students and staff of the Bryan Community High School program, now located at Hawthorne school. Join your neighbors for this family friendly community event.

Trees, Parks, Pools, Libraries, Fire Protection, Police Services, and more on the chopping block. Last year the Witherbee Neighborhood Association took an active role seeking to prevent a proposed cut in a city program called Community Forestry. We took this stance not as a political issue, but as an issue of neighborhood quality of life. Here we are again with potentially much more to lose. Community Forestry is on the chopping block again – with even bigger cuts proposed on top of last year's cut. As of the publication deadline of this article, the Mayor has not yet sent a budget to the city council, but has released enough information to know where we are headed. Either massive cuts to pools, parks, libraries, police and fire, and many other services have been proposed, or a property tax increase, or some combination of both. These community funded services are the heart of community. Anyone attending our June meeting heard how the libraries are not just repositories of books, but have become social hubs in the community. Pools, parks, trees, libraries: All will cost more to restore in the future than a small investment to preserve them now. I encourage you to take a stance for neighborhood living. Let the city council know you support community services and neighborhood living.

We welcome to the Witherbee board Karen Vogeley. Karen has agreed to fill the Treasurer's position left open after Shawn Gordin stepped down to pursue other interests. Karen returns to the board after a four year absence. Please see the officers & board listings in this issue for her contact information.

Larry Frisch has announced his retirement from this newsletter, effective after the fall issue of 2011. Words are not enough to express our gratitude and appreciation for his dedication, leadership, and hard work with this publication. Larry has served Witherbee in every aspect of producing this gem. Thank You Larry.

Have you ever thought you might like to be an active part of this community building effort? Witherbee needs your help. We have a few tasks to re-assign to other volunteers. Publisher, ad sales, ad copywriting, layout specialist, photographer, production coordinator, graphic artist, insert stuffer, distributor, and many more jobs Larry did just because they needed to be done. Do you have experience in any of these areas? The Buzz needs you. No experience but willing to learn? Training is available. Step forward now to learn from an expert.

# Health and Fitness is Topic of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

In the last few decades, obesity rates in the United States have skyrocketed, making us one of the most obese countries in the world. The “thinnest” state in the U.S. is now above the obesity rate of even the highest state 20 years ago.

In the 70s obese children counted for just 5% of the childhood population. Today that number has risen to almost 18%. The number of overweight children is even

higher, and climbing.

The obesity epidemic means big money in terms of health care costs. Overweight and obese people are more likely to have diabetes and other health problems. This costs governments money and puts strain on health insurance companies, making costs go up for all of us.

In order to more effectively focus our efforts for a healthier Lincoln, we have to address the roots of the problem. Given the varied causes of obesity, a successful battle plan needs to be multi-faceted. This is where Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln comes in.

During our September 1st meeting, Healthy Lincoln representative Linda Kern will share what the initiative is doing to arm people with the information they need to make responsible decisions.

Linda will also share information about one of the Healthy Lincoln events, called Streets Alive!, to be held on Sunday September 25 from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. As part of the event an approximately 5K loop of Lincoln's streets will be closed to motorized vehicles. If you can walk, ride a bike, propel your wheelchair, skate, or push a stroller, this event is for you. You can start anywhere or stop anywhere along the route – the choice is yours. There will be fitness and dance activities, music, healthy foods, family events and health exhibits along the route.

## Domestic Violence Awareness Topic of October 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and a time to gather and discuss this important issue. The effect of domestic violence goes far beyond the individuals and families directly involved and can impact the entire community and society as a whole.

Voices of Hope has served Lincoln and Lancaster County for over 35 years. The agency provides a number of crisis services to empower victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, incest, stalking and other forms of abuse. Each year thousands of crisis line calls are answered and more than 2,000 people receive face-to-face services. Tireless efforts are made by the staff, volunteers and others in this community to work to end violence against women and children.

On October 6th come learn what you can do to help support victims and survivors. Sue Andersen of Voices of Hope will speak, providing an overview of domestic violence and the services her organization offers. Sue is the Community Education Coordinator at Voices of Hope and has worked with the agency for nearly 23 years.



Sue Andersen

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# Witherbee Connect: A New Program to Promote

Last winter a phone call came in to a WNA board member from an elderly woman in urgent need of help to shovel out some window wells full of snow at her home. The snow was unwittingly shoveled there by a neighbor. The elderly woman was in a hurry to get the snow removed before her husband, who had recently been experiencing medical difficulties, noticed. She knew if her husband saw the snow he would not hesitate to take it upon himself to remove it. This was a distressing thought to her. So the board member went into action by making a phone call and spreading the message via e-mail to put out word that this woman was in need. Three other board members got the message right away, responded immediately and removed the snow.

This incident is the impetus behind a new program called Witherbee Connect. Witherbee Connect will promote neighbors helping neighbors whenever a situation like this occurs. A central phone number will be available to all residents of the Witherbee Neighborhood so they can be connected to a resource that can help them when they are in need.

Witherbee Connect has set up a phone system for this program. Kathy Stastny, WNA Board Member and Committee Chair for Witherbee Connect, will begin taking calls at 402-488-3314. Currently she has, at her fingertips, a huge list of resources for whatever need there is. If Kathy is not immediately available residents can leave a message and she will return the call within 24 hours. If she will be unavailable for an extended period of time she will leave a message and phone number of another WNA associate that residents should call who will be happy to help.

Kathy and her committee have established many connections and resources are in place when a call comes in. Witherbee Connect will field calls for any type of need, other than a medical or criminal emergency when it is most appropriate to call 911. Some of the resources on Kathy's huge list are Tabitha, Aging Partners, Urban Development, Neighborhoodworks, St. Teresa's Catholic Church and Thrift Shop, Cristo Rey Catholic Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church and Pre School, Temple Baptist Church, Bryan High School and others she can refer you to.

The goal beyond service referrals is to obtain volunteers within the neighborhood who can do such things as shovel, rake, change a light bulb, consult on home improvements, give a ride to a doctor appointment, answer a question on street maintenance, clean a house after surgery or help plant a garden etc...

Currently the committee for Witherbee Connect is working to set up a volunteer training program to be able to extend services beyond referrals. If you would like

to become a trusted volunteer which will give you more connections to your neighbors in need please call Kathy Stastny at 402-488-3314.

An example of a possible need where a connection can immediately be provided is for food. Witherbee Connect currently has three resources that it can refer residents to. They are Meals on Wheels ([www.Tabitha.org](http://www.Tabitha.org)), Food Net through Cristo Rey Church, and Share, a food program of Iowa and Nebraska.

Tabitha Meals on Wheels is a program that is assisted by volunteers who deliver hot lunches daily. It can be provided on a long term or short term basis. It is geared to people who need assistance and is provided regardless of ability to pay. Not only does this provide food but it provides a safety check on individuals when they receive their lunches. Foodnet is available every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. People can go to Cristo Rey Church located at 42nd and J Streets and receive good quality food for free. Share is a program for people willing to help their neighbors two hours each month, in return they can purchase food packages at a deep discount. (see Share article on page 16 for more details). Why not volunteer for Witherbee Connect

and purchase great food at low prices?

Witherbee Connect can help the young and old alike. One such connection is to fill a need for latch key kids. For example, residents of Tabitha Green House® homes could volunteer to help by making themselves available to receive daily calls from children who arrive home after school to an empty house. The resident can visit with the child and make sure they are safe. Likewise a connection can be made for a volunteer to call an elderly or disabled resident who is still living independently but would appreciate a daily call. Please call if you are interested in

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*—Kathy Stastny*



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# Neighbors Helping Neighbors

either of these connections.

Sometimes it is difficult to admit when you are in need. Sometimes a neighbor is in need but does not want to “bother” anyone with their problem or they may not know where to turn. Witherbee Connect will be there for all residents of the Witherbee Neighborhood. If you know a neighbor is in need please contact Witherbee Connect and they will work hard to help by providing a resource or volunteer.

Witherbee Connect is a program whose main goal is to connect people to people. It is a program to facilitate neighbors helping neighbors!

When in need call 402-488-3314.



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## Tabitha Journey House New Answer For Inpatient End-of-Life Care

By Eldonna Rayburn

Tabitha introduced hospice care to Lincoln over 30 years ago so it's not surprising that Tabitha opened Lincoln's first Medicare certified skilled community for hospice care. The Journey House for Hospice & Palliative Care opened its doors May 25 to serve 12 individuals facing end of life. This new living community offers spacious private rooms each with a full-size, sofa bed; peaceful, indoor and outdoor gathering areas; a beautiful hearth at the center of the community; chapel and places for children to play and families to experience life together. A private whirlpool spa is also available. Round-the-clock care in this home-like setting accommodates whatever the client needs are during his or her days- or months-stay at Tabitha.

The Journey House was the final living community to open and signifies the end of major construction on the Tabitha Campus. A smaller, internal renovation project will wrap up in November of this year and will provide a new rehabilitation and gym area as well as a 24/7 employee wellness and fitness center.

Summer 2011

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# Giving a Hoot

By Jane Holt

I've made five new friends this week. At least, I'd like to think that I have.

True, I will never have them over for dinner, never engage them in a long conversation and there's no way I'd even let them in my house. But we are connected, nonetheless.

Like most new friends, these five screech owls—three juveniles and their parents (we live in a very traditional neighborhood)—have utterly delighted me. And now, each night around 9:15, I wander into our backyard and wait for them.

Usually, I know they are close by because the robins (and, yes, even the cardinals, who I am much slower to criticize) can't keep their anxious yaps shut. I should be grateful for their concerned warnings, I suppose, because I know that I'm about to have a wonderful experience.



Owls in Witherbee

Tonight's show was pretty unbeatable. Even before I saw the owls, I was treated to an outdoor classical concert in a neighbor's backyard, the staccato of strings set against the ruckus of a pickup basketball game two doors down. And then, because they too were hankering for some attention, a few cicadas joined the choir, signaling, I suppose, the halfway point of summer.

Ah, but this family of screech owls. . . did I mention that my husband Mark and I were in an intense 5-minute stare down with one of the young ones, who was perched in the cedar tree not more than 12 feet from us?

Ten minutes later, when even Hobbes the Hobo dog had abandoned me, my vigilance was rewarded, five fold. I signaled through the kitchen window to my son Eric who, bless his heart, actually remembered to load the dishwasher without being reminded, and he joined me for a Top-Three bird experience. We quietly moved into our neighbor's backyard for a clearer view of the owls, all of whom had swept down off their perches. There, not ten feet from us, four screech owls were perched on our neighbor's birdbath, staring at us.

It was incredible!

That's pretty much how I always describe my experiences with nature, though. Incredible. For me, it is outdoors, in nature, where I feel most alive, most connected. For me, then, Witherbee is an ideal neighborhood, my own stretch of it buffered by a park and two cemeteries. It really is an oasis in the middle of town.

Lucky me.



## May Yard of the Month

by Jeff Worrall

Penny and Troy Schweitzer live at 3725 "J" Street. Their beautifully landscaped yard has taken shape through trial and error. If a plant didn't work in one spot, they simply moved it to another.

The Schweitzers' have enjoyed working in both their front and backyards. The backyard includes a deck, and landscaping all around perimeter of the yard. This year they added rain barrels to both sides of the house, a wonderful "green" addition, to such a beautiful yard. The rain barrels are barely visible when passing the home; they are finished in the same color as the house siding.

When they are at home, they enjoy relaxing in the backyard by simply reading, and enjoying the beautiful atmosphere they have created.

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## June Yard of the Month

by Jeff Worrall

Barb Ridder has lived 3343 "N" Street, for 11 years. A hand painted front porch decorated with a painted rug, and wicker chairs welcomes you to her front door.

She began working on the yard right away after purchasing the home. Each year she has added more perennials to the landscaping. From the front yard to the side of the house, and into the backyard her work is to be admired.

Barb is proud of the work she has accomplished over the years in the yard. She has a lovely shaded back yard, with special reading nooks, and a moon gate that leads you to the only sunny part of the yard that is full of flowers in bloom.

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## July Yard of the Month

Mary Ann Fulton has lived at 3515 Frost Ct for 35 years. In her words, the yard has been a work in progress for many years.

The front yard is as thick as a plush carpet when you walk across it. Creativity extends from the side yard where a metal sun plaque hides the air conditioning unit, across the front porch is a comfortable seating area with unique planters, and around to the backyard where you find a gazebo covered in purple clematis.

She finds treasures and inspiration for her yard in all kinds of places. In her backyard you will find a treasure chest filled with flowers, a baby crib settee, a wooden team collar for horses from her parent's farm, her grandparent's garden gate, and a waterfall pond built with her son. The yard continues to be transformed each year into something new.

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# A Brief History of Redeemer Lutheran Church

By Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Redeemer Lutheran Church, located on the west edge of Witherbee neighborhood at 510 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, is looking forward to its 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in November of 2012 and has an interesting history. Served by a total of just 10 pastors, from a short ministry of eight months to a lengthy one of 42 years, it has also lived at five different locations, four in the first thirty years. It has the distinction of being the first English speaking congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the State of Nebraska.

The congregation began as a mission of the English District of the LCMS in a building at 1425 South Street on November 17, 1917. Among its members was the first child born in Nebraska after it became a state in 1867. In 1922, the small group purchased a vacated structure at 12<sup>th</sup> & D Streets. During the twenty years that followed, membership hovered around 100 adult members, primarily because five older and larger Lutheran congregations, including Trinity and Immanuel of the LCMS, were located in a six-block radius.

Early in 1941 a movement to relocate eastward was begun and the property at 12 & D was sold. Services were conducted a full year in temporary quarters in a small white church at 3935 Randolph. At that time, membership was around 100 adults and parking was a problem. A plan to purchase property and to build a new church home was underway, but the world crisis precipitated greatly by the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, changed the American way of life and also the Redeemer plans. The War Productions Board, seeking to channel all resources into the war effort on two fronts placed a ban on all “non-essential” construction, including churches. During the next four years Redeemer functioned in temporary quarters, first at 14<sup>th</sup> & B Streets in a vacated store front, for six months, and then at 15<sup>th</sup> & E Streets in a Seventh Day Adventist Church.

These difficult years, with no growth, were marked by all activity in homes except for public worship and Sunday School. But the group remained faithful to its goal. Numerous activities to develop a building fund occupied attention and developed interest. The purchase in 1943 of the first parcel of land (eight more were purchased since then to complete the present site) near 33<sup>rd</sup> & J Streets added excitement, with zealous activity involving cutting down large trees by hand, erecting a sign, and keeping the grass mowed. Finally, with the end of the war, the congregation on December 9, 1945 resolved to move forward into its program and in May of 1946 the new Civilian Production Board approved the request to build in the face of rapidly escalating prices. Redeemer was now to construct the first post-war building in the City of Lincoln and the first church to be built in nearly twenty years. On December 9, 1946, the cornerstone was laid. The building was dedicated on September 7, 1947. Other major expansion and construction projects have taken place since then, including the construction of the



**Redeemer Lutheran located at 510 S. 33rd**

Family Education Center. In our FEC building, we have Sunday School (ages 2 - adult), confirmation instruction (grades 6-8), three youth groups (grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12), adult Bible studies, a Divorce Care group, and our preschool (Monday through Friday mornings). There are almost 30 children in our preschool. About 4 of them are from member families. The rest all come from areas around the church. In some ways, the ethnic make up of the preschool reflects the various ethnic groups in our near community. Also, two local precincts also utilize the building for voting.

Under God’s guidance and blessing, Redeemer continues as a viable instrument in God’s family of believers. With a membership of over a 1,000 people, the congregation is a proud part of a stable older community in the geographic center of Lincoln. Our members come from all over the city of Lincoln. While we were initially on the very eastern edge of the city in the 1940’s, we now sit in the geographic center of the city and draw people from all directions (including Cook, Cortland, Seward, Waverly, and Eagle). When the church bought the first parcel of land on 33rd Street, the members were ridiculed by some for going “way out on the eastern edge of the city.”

The people at Redeemer earnestly desire to serve the Lord with willingness, enthusiasm, and faithfulness. The mission statement of the church is, “Proclaiming the Gospel to all generations.” Worship services are on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m., and Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.. Sunday School and Bible classes meet at 9:45 a.m.



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## Hawthorne Update

By Ed Zimmer

Neighbors will be seeing lots of activity around Hawthorne this summer, and not just construction crews.

To back up a few months, this spring the School Board confirmed that Hawthorne's name is... "Hawthorne" of course. And the alternative high school program moving from South 40th Street is officially "Bryan Community Focus Program," located at Hawthorne. School board members visited both communities—Bryan and Witherbee—to discuss the names and plans for the relocation. Bryan principal Dr. Mindy Roberts attended a Witherbee meeting as well. Members of both groups expressed great respect for the traditions behind the names Bryan and Hawthorne and both seemed eager to begin their shared experience at the renovated Hawthorne facility.

That experience began July 15th when the Bryan Community office moved to Hawthorne. Within the next week of July 18th, Bryan staff was scheduled to begin reporting to their new, more spacious home on South 48th. Bryan will occupy the original central building and the south wing.

In the week of July 25th, the north wing of the Hawthorne building will begin to accommodate the school district's Student Services and Special Education Departments, sharing the new entrance and staircase on the north end of the building. The workers of those departments were among the many who lost their workplaces in the LPSDO fire of May 30th. They will be the first to leave their temporary summer offices for permanent locations.

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## Neighbors and Students pick up litter

More than 20 volunteers walked the neighborhood for the public spaces litter cleanup held during the neighborhood Cleanup May 7th.

Again this year long time WNA volunteers were joined in community service by high school students from the Bryan Community School, Lincoln High, and Southeast High. The Bryan Community school has just this month moved into the newly renovated Hawthorne building. During a break from litter cleanup many of the students got a preliminary look at the remodeling project at Hawthorne. The dedication of these volunteers to spend a hot Saturday morning picking up litter is an inspiration to us all.

The Litter Pickup was conducted throughout the entire Witherbee neighborhood boundaries – 33rd to 56th Street and O Street to Randolph. 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.

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

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# Residents And Students Gather To Ensure Eighth An



Jeff at his found 'desk,' outfitted with his official cleanup leader's hat.

By Rick Bagby

Food, fun, and a warm sun highlighted the first weekend of May as we gathered on "M" street as Hawthorne School was again the site of the annual Witherbee Neighborhood Cleanup. Now in our 8th year we again gathered over 30 neighbors and friends of the neighborhood to collect refuse, cast-offs, and used goods donations. We moved tons of unwanted material out of the neighborhood to be recycled, responsibly disposed of and re-used.

A big thank you to all neighbors who gathered to lend a hand in collecting, unloading, sorting, recycling, disposing and re-using items discarded by others. This event was co-chaired by Rick Bagby and Jeff Worrall. Check out the event pictures in this issue for photos of volunteers in action..

This year we invited Goodwill to participate in the event. Neighbors brought computers, monitors, toasters, radios, stereos and electronics of all types to be taken to the new Goodwill Electronics store at Cotner and "O". Household goods of all varieties were collected. Adult clothing, ironing boards, boxes and boxes of children's toys and clothes, everything you could think of, including the kitchen sink! Two staff members from Goodwill sorted what they could take and loaded hundreds of pounds of cast offs into the Goodwill truck parked on-site. By my estimate, we sent a ton or two of goods to Goodwill. These cast off used items were kept out of the landfill, with Goodwill and all our neighbors benefiting. We reduced the refuse sent to the landfill, and provided an outlet for those who weren't going to be participating in the June garage sales.

The bagels and coffee donated by Braeda were a bit hit, with a second coffee run required before we were half-way through the morning. At the "registration" desk we had volunteer check in, accepted recycling fees from non-members, handed out brush coupons, and signed up a over



Volunteers were busy all morning, unloading, sorting, and packing roll-offs. WNA leaders were surprised that after seven years of previous cleanup, there was so much volume this year.

a dozen new members of WNA. We renewed friendships with some who make this one of their only WNA events of the year. Others we seem to find at every WNA event. A regular or a first timer, thank you for coming.

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 and trash bags for the cleanup day and coupons for free disposal of loads of brush at the city landfill.

## Thank You to Our Business Partners

Braeda donated coffee and rolls and Walgreens donated water bottles for volunteers. Shredding Solutions donated their time and equipment for secure document shredding. A roll-off full of metals was taken to Alter Scrap, which also recycled the all Freon-type appliances. Tires went to Firestone Tires on north 66th Street for recycling. Niederhouse Brothers Refuse provided roll-offs for the event and Hofeling Enterprises provided free disposal of brush taken to their site. Neighbors Lisa and Bill McNeel donated use of their pickup to haul items from



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# Annual Witherbee Neighborhood Cleanup Success

resident's homes to the roll-offs and useable building supplies to EcoStores Nebraska. Please say thank you next time you patronize the businesses who participated in the Cleanup.

## Cleanup by the Numbers

- 30+ volunteers
- More than 160 volunteer hours
- 5 tons of refuse were collected and hauled to the landfill
- A roll-off full to the brim of metals was collected and recycled at Alter Scrap
- 15 tires hauled to Firestone for recycling
- 6 freon appliances were taken for collection of the Freon, and recycling.
- 275 pounds of documents safely destroyed by Shredding Solutions
- Several hundred pounds of electronics were collected by Goodwill, to be refurbished and sold at the Goodwill Electronics store.
- A pickup load of useable building recyclable materials was taken to Eco Stores. Items included: landscape block, windows, doors, lumber and a sink.

Again this year numerous items went

directly home with our volunteers. One wife commented that her husband was taking home more than they brought! Lawn mowers went quickly. Garden hose, miscellaneous lumber, a bench grinder, folding chairs, a breadbox, and an olive green Army trunk/locker are just a few of the items that found new homes.

A few brush coupons are still available but quantities are limited. If you would like a brush disposal coupon, please contact Rick Bagby at [witherbeerick@gmail.com](mailto:witherbeerick@gmail.com) or 402-488-8567.

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.

See you all next year!



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# Witherbee Gardener's Corner

By Roberta Sandhorst

## Garden Design

While touring my garden, people often ask me how I came up with the design. The truth is that I had no design in my head at all....it just kind of evolved over 15+ years, bit by bit. Trees grew larger and sunny areas disappeared. My husband, Bruce, put a patio in and enlarged it three times as our needs (and our minds) changed. I purchased plants with no idea whatsoever of where I was going to put them which led to digging up more and more lawn. And so it went.

Along the way, however, I did have some basic design principles in mind that I gathered from reading books, looking at magazines and websites, and wandering around other people's gardens. I notice what I like and then try to mimic that in my own garden. For many of us design is a daunting subject and it frightens us because we're afraid of making a mistake. This "bit by bit" method of tackling your design project is less overwhelming. Following are some basic design principles and how I have worked them into my garden. Keep in mind that garden design is personal and rules are meant to be broken.

Begin with the basic structure of your garden and then move on to the color, texture and rhythm.



### Hello from Jeff Worrall

My wife, Dawn and I are enjoying the assignment of Yard of the Month this season. We live at 417 South 40th in the home we purchased from Dawn's grandmother. In our walks, and drives around the neighborhood, in search of the perfect yard, we have met many Witherbee Neighborhood residents. We have enjoyed the conversations, and tours of the yards. There have been many ideas we look forward to incorporating into our own yard. If you have any yards you would like to nominate, please email me at, [jworrall05@gmail.com](mailto:jworrall05@gmail.com)

### Framework:

- **Line** – is one of the most important and useful of all design elements. As you plan and design your garden, always consider the line that is created. Line is described as curved, straight, horizontal and vertical – each has different effects. I have a hard time not cutting a straight line and I wanted an informal look, so Bruce really helped by cutting the curved beds. Straight lines evoke a sense of order and a crispness that is more formal.
- **Enclosure (rooms)** – I have a couple of enclosed spaces, one being my patio which is tucked into a back corner next to the house that was created when we put an addition on. It's a nice, secluded and cozy spot and blends right into the back of our house. "Rooms" such as this help define spaces, add interest and are aesthetically pleasing.
- **Entry** – An entrance is the first impression of a garden and gives you an idea of what lies beyond. I must admit that Bruce did a fantastic job of building a fence and gate into our backyard that reflects the style of our home and welcomes people in.
- **Focal Point** – The purpose of a garden focal point is to bring the garden into focus or "directing the eye." We have a built-in focal point in our backyard which is a gigantic tree of heaven. It became even more of a focal point when Bruce built a treehouse in it for our children (and now our grandchildren). Just about anything can serve as a focal point – garden ornaments, a gate, an arbor, or a container in a border.

### Color, Texture, Pattern, Rhythm

- Use nature as your cue to harmonize colors and patterns. Generally the more area you have the more complex the color scheme can be. My garden is in a limited space and shady, so I keep the color scheme simple and use cool colors to get a calm, tranquil feel.
- Try to achieve a balance of fine textured plants with bold leaved plants. Texture can change with



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Here Roberta's graceful Japanese maple tree anchors the space and gives the corner a focal point; the repetition of hosta gives the space a sense of cohesiveness while still allowing for variation within the scheme

the play of light and shadow as well. I love to combine my hosta with astilbe's feathery flowers and the serrated foliage of ferns. You can find lots of textures and endless ways to combine them.

- Repetition in color or shape of plants adds interest and produces a rhythm that leads the eye from one part of a garden to another. Use multiples of the same plant, color or shape. My own garden repeats with varying shades of green, blues and purples. A fence, a hedge or even a grouping of terra cotta pots can also express rhythm.

**Whimsy** - I think whimsy should be a part of every garden. Gardens are about many things, but they are certainly about delight, about fun, and about creating a treat for the eyes. While I'm not one for plastic gnomes with fishing rods or dozens of pink flamingos, I do have my fair share of statues, metal sculptures and wind chimes. The best piece of advice I ever heard about using ornaments of any kind in the garden was simplicity itself: Position them so that you can see only one at a time. There is such a thing as too much fun!



A whimsical fairy brings a smile to your face

## Neighborhood Park Mini Grants Still Available for Volunteers

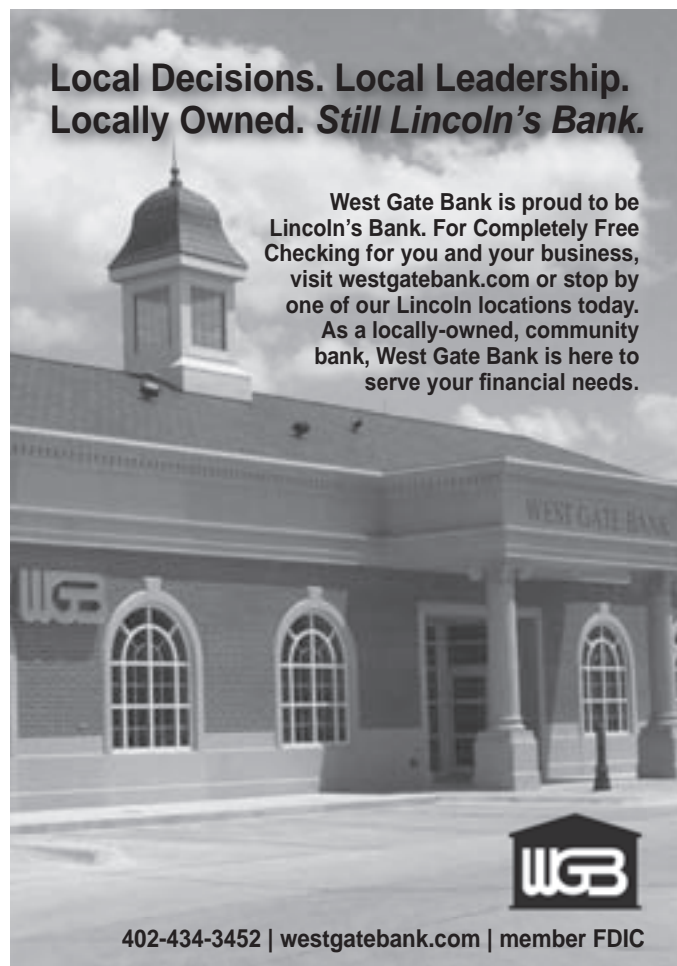
The Lincoln Parks Foundation's Board of Directors announced that the deadline for Neighborhood Park Mini Grants has been extended. Mini grants are perfect for neighborhood associations, service clubs, youth groups, and others. Awards will be distributed until program resources are depleted. A good example of an approved mini grant was a group of neighbors that committed volunteer efforts to mowing Rudge Memorial Park and taking care of other maintenance tasks. The Lincoln Parks Foundation is providing financial assistance for gas and other supplies.

Lincoln is the proud home of 125 neighborhood parks and 128 miles of trails which are important to our strong quality of life. Families and individuals of every age and from each section of our City's diverse neighborhood tapestry enjoy spending time in our beautiful public spaces for entertainment, recreation, and wellness. The mini-grant program was established to encourage volunteer efforts within the park and recreation system. Participants will receive recognition and will be invited to enjoy an end of the season volunteer appreciation party. Mini grants are made possible thanks to the generosity of our private donors and the Friends of Lincoln Parks.

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## Yarn-Bombing 4-H Group Enhances Witherbee Park

When local 4-H leader Roberta Sandhorst learned about “yarn bombing” it gave her an idea.

Also referred to as “the art of crochet and knit graffiti” in their book entitled *Yarn Bombing*, authors Mandy Moore and Leanne Prain explain the practice as ‘an international guerrilla movement that started underground and is now embraced by crochet and knitting artists of all ages, nationalities, and genders. Its practitioners create stunning works of art out of yarn, then “donate” them to public spaces as part of a covert plan for world yarn domination.’ It might be considered one of the newest forms of street art.

In larger cities the act of yarn bombing is often used to beautify chain link fences along abandoned lots or unsightly telephone poles. But Roberta knew colorful crocheted flowers could enhance, rather than mask, the recently established Witherbee Park at 46th and O streets.

So she took her idea to her 4-H group – all 5th grade girls who attend St. Teresa’s school. “We did a crochet project the year before, so this just became an extension of that,” Roberta said. The girls liked the idea and decided to adopt it as a community service project for the current year.

Working through the winter the girls crocheted some 30-40 flowers, stems and leaves. Roberta herself added another 40. On a Saturday in May the group met at the park to install their artistic creation, using zip ties to secure the pieces to the fence. “We used acrylic yarn, which will stand up to the elements better than cotton,” Roberta explained.

“The girls were really proud to see the fruits of their labor on display in the neighborhood.” The group hopes the work will last through the summer.

The yarn bombing project is just the latest example of how the neighborhood has embraced the local park. Once an overgrown lot of underused land, the park received a Lincoln Cares grant in 2009. When the master plan for the park design exceeded the Lincoln Cares money, the Witherbee Neighborhood Association and area neighbors pitched in to raise funds for the budget shortfall. More than \$5,000 additional funds were added to the grant and work began in 2010. Last fall more than 40 neighbors, including volunteers from Bryan Community School and the Modern Woodmen, descended upon the park to complete the landscaping.

This year neighbor and local business owner Tony Marquez of TMCO, a metal manufacturing company, is working with the city parks department to have a donated



Girls spent many hours fabricating yarn flowers. Left to Right: Dea Mandery (mom), Jan Swanson (mom) Kim Coffey (mom), Elise Kreikemeier, Roberta Sandhorst (4H leader), Majken Mandery, Julia Swanson, Olivia Coffey, Delaney Harper

metal statue added to the park.

“Witherbee Park is a great example of how a relatively small investment in a neighborhood can be leveraged for a bigger return,” explained Fred Freytag, the neighborhood board member who has been leading up the park efforts and working with City Parks officials. “We are grateful to Lincoln Cares and the city for choosing our neighborhood for this opportunity. It’s our civic duty to be good stewards of the investment, and it’s exciting to see neighbors embracing their park in these ways.”

Fred says there is still some money left in the park budget and the neighborhood would like to continue to enhance it. “We’d like to see a picnic table and maybe even another play structure added in the future.”

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## Fourth of July Parade Tradition Revived on Woods Avenue!

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This year Don and Mary's next door neighbors, Kevin and Laurie Clark and family, hosted the "2nd" Annual 4th of July Parade. The week before the parade they placed a note on all the doors up and down the five block stretch of Woods Avenue inviting all the neighbors and their children to decorate their scooters, hats and strollers. They asked them to bring instruments along for the celebration of our county's birthday.

About forty neighbors gathered in the Clarks front yard at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 2nd to get the holiday weekend off to a good start. They began the morning with Msgr. Nemec of St. Teresa's Parish leading everyone in a prayer for our country. Clare Clark and Ana Koenig presented the flag and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Swing beautifully led everyone in singing "God Bless America." Jonah Brox, Gabriel Clark and Ian Watson were the flag bearers that led the parade up and down Woods Avenue. Parade music was also compiled and burned onto CDs, for the front and back of the parade by Don to give the parade a lively and "official" feel!

The parade was capped off as neighbors socialized and celebrated with pop-sicles provided by the Clarks and cookies (baked by Mary Swing) on a lovely July 4th weekend morning!



## Free Swim/Ice Cream Social

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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.

### A Few New Favorites

Last year a few more fun activities were added to the event. We will once again be able to enjoy the chalk-drawing event, and tennis instruction.

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 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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SHARE stands for Self Help And Resource Exchange and is a non-profit organization that specializes in selling exceptional food at up to 50% off. Glenna has proudly been volunteering for SHARE for 17 years and says there are several things about SHARE that make it a great organization: All the food is fresh and great quality, the food is guaranteed, it is run by volunteers, it is all about helping your neighbors and there are no income guidelines. "SHARE is for EVERYBODY!!"

According to the website shareiowa.org there is no catch, it's just a great deal. SHARE was started as a resource to help others and that spirit is alive and well today. SHARE strongly encourages anyone who takes advantage of the food savings to give back a little. They believe that by lending a helping hand to our neighbors, friends and family, we will make this world a better place to live in.

## The Food

SHARE contracts with food buyers from around the country to source and purchase high quality food. They buy this food at wholesale prices in large quantities. Volunteers come into the SHARE warehouse to sort, bag and assemble the food to ship out to the many SHARE distribution locations. These locations are run by a volunteer workforce that make up the backbone of the SHARE organization. Because they make every effort to buy smart at wholesale prices they can pass those savings on to you and your family. The more people that use SHARE the better the buying power and the better the prices.

Here's a few quick facts about SHARE:

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## The Process

Every month SHARE publishes print and online versions of their menu. In Lincoln you will find the menu in the Lincoln Journal Star's Neighborhood Extra most Saturdays.

Click onto shareiowa.org any day of the month for the online menu and the ordering and distribution schedule. The menu is comprised of frozen food, meats, vegetables and other grocery items all of which are organized into "Food Packages" that are priced from \$3.50-\$25.00. To buy one or more food packages you either place and pay for your order with your local SHARE distribution location or order online and pay with a debit or credit card. All online orders are processed via a secure paypal credit card system. In order to correctly process your order you will need to know that Lincoln's distribution site is First Christian Church at 430 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St.

After all of the orders are processed SHARE begins packing the food items for shipment to the distribution locations. On the designated pick-up date just swing by and pick up your order. A simple way to save big!

Volunteers are available for handicapped or elderly people.

ORDERS for the following month can be placed when the food is picked up; a variety of other specialty packages are available each month. Recently one such specialty package was the "grill package" which included 7 lbs. of meat for \$15.00.

Contact LINCOLN CENTER SHARE Coordinator: Glenna Showalter at 402-805-3656 or log on to shareiowa.org for more information including order and distribution schedules.

Lincoln's distribution site nearest Witherbee is First Christian Church 430 S. 16th St. Lincoln, NE 68508

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### How big is the problem?

In 2007, there were 3,443 fatal unintentional drownings (non-boating related) in the United States, averaging ten deaths per day. An additional 496 people died from drowning in boating-related incidents.

More than one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger. For every child who dies from drowning, another four received emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries.

More than 55% of drowning victims treated in emergency departments require hospitalization or transfer for higher levels of care (compared to a hospitalization rate of 3-5% for all unintentional injuries). These injuries can be severe.

Nonfatal drownings can cause brain damage that may result in long-term disabilities including memory problems, learning disabilities, and permanent loss of basic functioning (e.g., permanent vegetative state).

### Who is most at risk?

Children: Children ages 1 to 4 have the highest drowning rates. In 2007, among children 1 to 4 years old who died from an unintentional injury, almost 30% died from drowning. Fatal drowning remains the second-leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1 to 14 years.

### What factors influence drowning risk?

Lack of Supervision and Barriers. Supervision by a lifeguard or designated water-watcher is important to protect young children when they are in the water, whether a pool or bathtub. But when children are not supposed to be in the water, supervision alone isn't enough to keep them safe.

Barriers such as pool fencing should be used to help prevent young children from gaining access to the pool area without caregivers' awareness. There is an 83% reduction in the risk of childhood drowning with a four-sided isolation pool fence, compared to three-sided property-line fencing.

Among children ages 1 to 4 years, most drownings occur in residential swimming pools. Most young children who drowned in pools were last seen in the home, had been out of sight less than five minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents at the time.

Be Aware of the Children in your neighborhood who may wonder into your pool.

If you have a neighbor with an above ground pool with a depth of 18 inches or more without a fence, please make them aware there is a Family Swimming Pools Lincoln City Municipal Code that requires a fence all the way around the pool not less than 4 feet high. Go to <http://www.safekidslincoln.org/water-safety/swimmingpoolordinancenotice-0704/> for the full Code.

### Water Safety Checklist

- Assure children's safety by having them wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- Never drink alcohol in or-around water.
- Actively supervise children in or around water.
- Enclose your pool or spa with a four sided fence at least four feet high.
- Empty and turn over wading pools.
- Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment, telephone, and emergency numbers by the pool.
- Use door alarms, pool alarms and automatic pool covers for extra protection.
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# WNA Calendar

*(Please note that membership is Not required to attend any WNA meeting.)*

**Additional meeting information may be found at [Witherbeena.org](http://Witherbeena.org)**

**Aug 4th, Thursday** — WNA monthly meeting - Doug Ahlberg, Lancaster Co Emergency Management. 7 p.m. at Tabitha Lifequest, 48th & J.

**August 7th, Sunday** — Witherbee Neighborhood Ice Cream Social & Free Swim, southeast corner Woods Park, 33<sup>rd</sup> & J. Swim in the Woods park pool 6-7:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social. Tennis lessons, Sidewalk chalk art contest, and welcome Bryan Community School to the neighborhood.

**Aug 14th, Sunday** — Summer Potluck at Stuhr Park. Call Cheryl Hejl 402-489-2557 for details.

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, Thurs.** — City Councilman Doug Emery's Citizen information meeting. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Victor E. Anderson Branch Library 3635 Touzalin Avenue. Enter on the west side and turn left.

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday** — Household Hazardous Waste collection. Veyance Technologies, 4021 N 56th, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. no latex paint. [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) keyword: household

**Sept 1, Thursday** — 7 pm WNA monthly meeting - Linda Kern, Streets Alive

**Sept 11th, Sunday** — Summer Potluck at Stuhr park. Call Cheryl Hejl 402-489-2557 for details.

**Sept 15, Thursday** — City Councilman Doug Emery's Citizen information meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Victor E. Anderson Branch Library 3635 Touzalin Avenue. Enter on the west side and turn left.

**Sept 19, Monday** — Bryan Parent/Community Advisory Council Meeting. Hawthorne media center 7 p.m. Public welcome.

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday** — Household Hazardous Waste collection. Lincoln Industries 600 West E, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. no latex paint. [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) keyword: household

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday** — Usable Latex Paint Exchanges EcoStores Nebraska, 530 West 'P', 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Sept 25th, Sunday** — Streets Alive 12:30-5 p.m. Come Play in the Streets. Streets Alive! is an event that provides an opportunity for thousands of Lincoln's citizens to walk, bike, run, skate—any human-powered transportation—to bring the streets alive. This fall, Lincoln will join communities across the country by participating in a free, city-wide event that spotlights Lincoln's commitment to healthy, active lifestyles, that exposes participants to healthy food sources, and that highlights Woods and Antelope Parks, our nationally recognized trails, Elliott Elementary School, Lincoln High School, the Sunken Garden, the Folsom Children's Zoo, and the 33rd and A Street businesses as well as our neighborhoods along the route.

**Oct 2nd, Sunday** — Summer Potluck at Stuhr park.

**Oct 6th, Thursday** — 7 pm. WNA monthly meeting – Sue Anderson, Voices of Hope (domestic violence). WNA Board meeting.

**Oct 10th, Monday** — Bryan Parent/Community Advisory Council Meeting. Hawthorne media center 7 p.m. Public welcome.

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday** — Household Hazardous Waste collection. Woods Park, 31<sup>st</sup> & J, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. no latex paint. [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) keyword: household

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday** — City Councilman Doug Emery's Citizen information meeting. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Victor E. Anderson Branch Library 3635 Touzalin Avenue.

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday** — WNA Annual meeting. Entertainment, food, and Board Elections.

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# WNA Needs You!

Please take a few minutes to think about what our neighborhood association provides:

- Information about neighborhood and community issues
- Opportunities to socialize and get to know your neighbors
- A mechanism through which to voice concerns about neighborhood matters
- A platform for taking action to improve our community
- And more

These wonderful benefits would not be possible without the strength in numbers that our paid membership implies. We can boast one of the largest, if not the largest, membership lists in Lincoln. We have phenomenal turn-out at some of our popular events like the free swim and ice cream social (mark your calendars for August 7th, by the way), and Annual Meeting. We've made a positive name for ourselves among local policy-makers and other neighborhood associations. A sincere thank you to all our paid members.

But there is also a lot that goes on behind the scenes of activities like the newsletter and swim party. Our successes are also owed to the people-power of our board and project chairs – the individuals who choose to commit a few hours of their time each month to get these valuable projects done. And our organization needs a regular infusion of fresh people to stay viable.

There are more than 1800 residences within the boundaries of Witherbee, most of which contain families

or living groups of two or more. That is a lot of people in our little corner of Lincoln. Just think of what we could accomplish if every one of those people took just a couple hours of their time each year to give back to our community.

Maybe you've been actively involved in WNA in past years but needed to take a break. Could you give of yourself again soon? Perhaps you've been a paying member for a while and are now ready to give a little of your time to a project or two. Now is a great time to become just a little more involved. Whether you can give a few hours a month or a couple hours this year, we thrive on the contributions of everyone.

At our Annual Meeting we will vote for a new slate of board members. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in being on the board, or know someone who might be a good candidate, please attend our next monthly meeting or contact Rick Bagby at 402.488.8567 or Laura Wiese at 402.617.6024.

Don't sit back and hope your neighbor is the one who steps forward. Everyone has a talent, skill, idea or perspective that would be an important contribution to our association. There are many jobs, large and small, that we could use your help with. And if there isn't anything currently that strikes your interest, WNA can be the platform for you to start a new project or tradition. We need you to continue to make our neighborhood the best community it can be. Please attend a meeting or contact a board member today to get more involved.

**New memberships received after July 1st will entitle membership status for balance of current year, and entire following year.**

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, St.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Categories:

- \_\_\_ Single .....\$10.00
- \_\_\_ Family .....\$15.00
- \_\_\_ Senior Family .....\$10.00
- \_\_\_ Additional Household Member..... \$ 5.00
- \_\_\_ Sponsor .....\$35.00
- \_\_\_ Benefactor .....\$50.00 & up
- \_\_\_ Business .....\$40.00

**Contributions:** Donations to WNA of \$35.00 or more will receive a **tax deductible receipt.**)

**Please indicate your areas of interest and mail to Witherbee Neighborhood Assn, P.O. Box 5431, Lincoln, NE 68505**

- \_\_\_ Distributing newsletters
- \_\_\_ Help with clean-up
- \_\_\_ Organizing garage sales
- \_\_\_ Holiday Lights contest
- \_\_\_ Pool Party & Socials

- \_\_\_ Serving on the board
- \_\_\_ Newsletter writing/photography
- \_\_\_ Newsletter production
- \_\_\_ Web pages
- \_\_\_ Acquire meeting speakers

- \_\_\_ Annual meeting food preparation
- \_\_\_ Boosting home ownership project
- \_\_\_ Other (describe below)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



Over 500 WNA neighbors gathered last year to enjoy the Free Swim and Free Ice Cream Social.

**Your Witherbee Neighborhood Association and Super Saver Present**

**Fifth Annual**

**FREE!**

# **Witherbee Pool Party and Ice Cream Social**

**FREE!**

Sidewalk chalk-drawing contest. (with prizes)

Woods Tennis pros will provide court time, rackets, balls, and tips.

***Sunday, August 7th***

Pool Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Ice Cream: 6 to 8 p.m.

**Woods Pool  
and Plaza Area**

All Witherbee residents and  
their guests welcome  
at this free event.  
**WNA membership not required**



and

Employee Owned  
**SUPER SAVER**

WNA is providing the the free pool time and SuperSaver is providing the free ice cream.  
Woods Tennis Center is providing tennis racquets, balls, & tips.