



## 11th ANNUAL POOL PARTY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!

Friends, Family, Neighbors will meet at Woods Park Tennis Center and Pool for the 11th annual Witherbee Neighborhood Association free swim and ice cream social Sunday August 6th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Woods Pool and Woods Tennis Center, 33rd & J.

### **CELEBRATE NEIGHBORHOOD LIVING**

Enjoy a refreshing dip in the pool and a couple scoops of ice cream while enjoying the company of your neighbors.

Ice cream will be served from the plaza just outside the Woods Tennis Center. Kids activities will include sidewalk chalk and small sidewalk games.

### **ICE CREAM**

All the ice cream and condiments, bottled water. Woods Tennis Center Plaza, 33rd & L. Kids Games, Scavenger Hunt and more! Ice Cream is served 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### **FREE SWIM**

The pool will be open from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and is reserved just for our celebration. Woods Park Pool is huge so there is plenty of room for all your guests. The spray ground is a great place for toddlers to splash or children of all ages. Swim before or after ice cream.

Adults and children alike are encouraged to take a few swings on the Woods Tennis Center outdoor courts. Racquets and balls will be provided.

So come one, come all. Enjoy a wonderful night of activities! Join us and make the 11th annual event the biggest and best ever. It's a great way to meet new neighbors or reconnect and the price can't be beat. A fun FREE family evening. All neighbors and their guests are welcome regardless of whether they are members of WNA.

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## About Your Witherbee Neighborhood Association

### Boundaries:

33rd to 56th & 'O' to Randolph

### Meetings:

7:00 p.m. first Thursday of each  
month at Tabitha LifeQuest Center,  
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## President's Message

*Welcome to the Summer edition of the Witherbee  
Neighborhood BUZZ!*

Summer is in full swing and the Witherbee neighborhood is certainly "buzzing" with activity! Summer is a wonderful time to step back from our usually hectic routine and take stock of the important things in life. Typically, you will find that those things aren't actually "things". Instead, quality time building relationships with family members and friends usually tops the list. This summer, I challenge you to build relationships with your fellow Witherbee neighbors as well. Perhaps you've lived in the neighborhood for years or have recently moved in. Either way, you can take small steps to build or strengthen relationships with neighbors. These community relationships are important for our own personal well-being as well as the safety and well-being of the entire neighborhood.

1. **Say hello!** Whether you're walking your dog, mowing your lawn, or just sitting on your front porch—say hello and introduce yourself if you see other neighbors nearby. A friendly wave and greeting is sometimes all it takes to begin a friendship, even if you've seen the person around the neighborhood for years but haven't made contact!

2. **Attend the Witherbee Neighborhood Association's social events.** WNA sponsors a number of free social events for residents in the neighborhood each year. See the article in this issue about the upcoming pool party and ice cream social at Woods Park. Enjoy some ice cream and swimming and mingle with other WNA families!

3. **Host a block party.** Knock on a few of your neighbors' doors and ask whether they'd be interested in coming together for a block party. The WNA will even donate \$25.00 towards the cost of a Block Party permit for WNA residents. Search 'block party' at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) for more information.

3. **Come to a WNA meeting.** Meetings are held the first Thursday evening of the month at 7pm in the Tabitha LifeQuest Center (48th & J). Typically there is a short program from a featured speaker followed by the business meeting. Coffee and refreshments are served. Neighbors are always welcome to bring comments and concerns to this meeting as well.

4. **Explore the neighborhood.** The Witherbee Neighborhood runs from 33rd street to 56th street, and from "O" street to Randolph street. That is a lot of area to explore! Take a bike ride or pack a picnic and say hello to the neighbors you see enjoying our parks. Witherbee Park is at 46th & M; Stuhr Park spans L to M street at 51st street.

No matter what your summer entails I do hope you'll include the WNA in your plans! *Mary Beecham-Schwab*

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## May Yard of the Month

The May Yard of the Month goes to “Merilee’s Yard” at 250 S. 50th Street. Merilee’s husband, Steve, was kind enough to give me a tour of the yard. Their home sits on a corner lot, so not one, but two sides of the house face the street. In addition to a wonderful patio near the front door, both sides of the home are lined with a variety of trees, shrubs and perennials. There are additional plantings near the mailbox. Like the front yard, the gated side yard has a variety of shrubs, trees, perennials and yard art along the fence line.

Sadly, Merilee passed away in November 2016. Steve tells me she always took pride in keeping her entire yard looking nice. Steve tells the story of Merilee being disappointed when, on arriving home from work, she found that Steve had mowed the yard. Although Steve thought he had done a good thing, he very quickly learned to save this job for Merilee. Mowing was one thing she looked forward to after a week of sitting behind a desk. Steve is now trying to maintain the beautiful yard that Merilee created. Based on the amount of work that went into planning, planting, watering, weeding & caring for her yard, Merilee’s passion for yard work shows through brightly! We are very pleased to honor Merilee’s memory in designating Steve & Merilee’s home Yard of the Month for May!



## June Yard of the Month

The June Yard of the Month is the home of Deb Weber at 440 South 38th Street. Deb’s yard was nominated by a Witherbee resident who walks her dog in the neighborhood. The nomination stated “the yard is always well kept and the greenery is pretty.” A stop at Deb’s home confirmed this and revealed much more. One can tell the owner loves plants! In fact, Deb believes she inherited her talent in growing things from her grandmothers; one who loved to grow plants outside and the other who had a way with keeping indoor plants growing and healthy.

Deb told me she has owned her home for 17 years, gradually adding plants over time. She utilizes both perennials and annuals in the front, side and back yards.

Deb’s back yard was pretty amazing, attractive to both people and wildlife. The short time I was

there, a bird was in the bird bath, two squirrels were scampering about and eating from the corn on the cob feeder. A small bunny was looking for food along the fence line between plants and flowers. There is a nice patio area in one corner while in the opposite corner there are a variety of bird feeders, a bird bath, potted annuals and unique yard art.

For Deb’s landscape work at her home on South 38th Street we are pleased to designate her yard as Yard of the Month for June!



## WNA Calendar of Events

- July 29 Husker Fan Day @ Memorial Stadium. Take your favorite items to be autographed by the current Husker football players.
- Aug 3 WNA meeting: 7:00 p.m. Tabitha Life Quest Center (48th and J st.) Enter at northeast doors and watch for the WNA signs.
- Aug 6 11th Annual WNA Pool Party and Ice Cream Social. Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Woods Park Tennis Center and Pool (33rd and J st)
- Aug 14 First day of school for LPS
- Aug 17-19 Capital City Rib Fest (Pinnacle Bank Arena)
- Aug 21 TOTAL ECLIPSE begins at 11:37 a.m. See [www.lincoln.org](http://www.lincoln.org) for more information
- Sept 2 First home Husker football game
- Sept 4 Labor Day
- Sept 7 WNA meeting with 'Fall Fitness for All Ages' program. 7:00 p.m. Tabitha Life Quest Center (48th and J st) Enter at northeast doors and watch for the WNA signs.
- Sept 10 Grandparents Day
- Sept 22 First day of fall
- Sept 30 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Lincoln Industries: 600 W. 'E' st (automotive products/household cleaners/paints & solvents/poisons/pesticides)
- Oct 16 National Boss's Day
- Oct 29 Good Life Halfsly marathon
- Oct 31 Halloween

## SUMMER MEANS POTLUCKS IN PARK

There is still time to join the Stuhr Park neighbors for the annual Stuhr Park Potlucks! Anyone living within the Witherbee Neighborhood is welcome to join in the fun!! Bring a dish to share, your own tableware, and maybe a lawn chair or two, in case we run out of picnic table seating.

Beverages will be provided. We meet at 6:00. Ask your neighbors to come!! Family members from other neighborhoods are welcome, too! The more the merrier!!!

### Potluck Dates:

**July 23rd & August 20th**

*See you in the park!*

Questions? Call Sherry and Russell Miller (402) 488-2568

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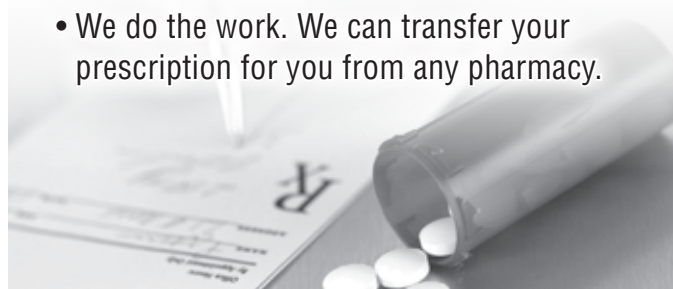
The WNA Witherbee Connect continues to be committed to helping people who provide services connect with our neighbors who need those services.

If you provide a service (handyman, pet sitter, lawn care, snow removal, baby sitter etc...) for the public and want to have your name and the service you provide listed in future editions of the BUZZ for a nominal fee, please contact Kathy Stastny @ (402) 488-3314.

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Doris Wiens (left) receives her award from Pam Ford (right), last year's recipient.

## LONG TIME WNA MEMBER RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Lincoln Area Retired Personnel (LARSP) has recognized Doris Wiens as the 22nd recipient of the Community Service Award from the AARP/NRTA (National Retired Teachers Association) and LARSP. Doris taught elementary school for 39 years in four Lincoln Public Schools: Meadowlane, Bethany, Calvert, and Zeman. Since retiring she has stayed involved in a variety of areas at church and within the community. She is a cashier for the LARSP book sales, and her sewing skills have been focused on patchwork quilt tops for missions and making baby bibs. Cooking is another "like" for Doris as she donates food for a variety of church events including pies for dinners after Lenten services. LARSP members have enjoyed her pies among the treats available for workers during the book sales. Doris is a greeter at LARSP meetings and a regular at LARSP during the holidays to provide a sing-along of carols as she mixes accordion music and humor. She entertains at nursing homes, senior centers, and other places throughout the community. She was a pianist during the LARSP social time, directed the school choruses while teaching at Bethany and directed a children's choir for 20 years at her church.

"To be honored today is a special event for me but I'm humbled since these things I do have really brought me much happiness and have made my life complete," she said. Doris received the award from last year's recipient, Pam Ford. The theme for the awards brunch was "There is Music in the Air!" "Knight Sounds" from Lincoln Southeast High School provided a variety of vocal music selections.

LARSP focuses on community service, continuing education, fellowship, philanthropy, recognition of service to the association, and member welfare concerns by promoting the social, professional, and economic well-being of retired school personnel.

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## Treasures find New Homes During Annual Witherbee Garage Sale Weekend!

Thirty-three households participated in the annual Witherbee Neighborhood Garage Sales on June 1-3. The garage sale committee, Kari Gentzler, Sandi Mahoney, Kathy Holland, Christine Nesmith, Mary Schwab, and Cheryl Wesolowski met a number of times leading up to the big weekend: organizing sale entries, coordinating advertising efforts, and delivering materials to garage sale participants.

Fliers were distributed to area businesses several weeks in advance. As in years past, each household got to decide the dates and times for their individual sale. A list of participants' addresses, a short description of items being sold, and the days and times they would be open was gathered into one informational sheet. This garage sale participant list was advertised numerous places online (the WNA website and Facebook page, other Facebook buy/sell/trade pages and event pages, and Craigslist). Additionally, an advertisement describing the WNA garage sale weekend more generally was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star for four days leading up to the sale. This advertisement directed readers online for more specific information about each sale.

Although storms threatened, the weather cooperated and neighbors reported they had good traffic at their sales. Traffic definitely increased when neighbors on the same street coordinated their efforts for their sales, so next year you might think about knocking on a few doors to plan ahead! We are pleased to be able to offer Witherbee residents the opportunity to clear out unused items and make a little money in the process! If you did not host a garage sale this year, be sure to be on the lookout early spring next year for the 2018 sales. The sale dates will be announced and the registration form will be included in the spring WNA Buzz Newsletter (also available on the WNA website and Facebook page).

If you still have one of the yellow yard signs that was provided to participants (and even if you plan to participate next year) please call/text Kari at 402-719-5848 and she will come pick it up to store it with the rest. All in all, it was a successful garage sale weekend. Thank you for your work in contributing to the community feel of our neighborhood!



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## 1923 Bungalow Remodel

*By Lisa McNeel*

As with most people, I admit to lots of curiosity (and jealousy) when I see a new construction project beginning in my neighborhood. As a resident of 34th street between J and Randolph, I have had the privilege of watching the transformation of the 1923 bungalow owned by Rick and Prudence Devney since they purchased the house in 1997. They moved into their new home in October and days later, Mother Nature dumped more than 13 inches of heavy wet snow onto our city. They joke that they received an insurance check for the roof before their first house payment was even due!

The new roof was the beginning of many remodel projects that have spanned the last 20 years. As I quickly learned, Rick is a 'Handy Man Extraordinaire' as there is very little in regards to construction and remodeling that he is not proficient at and Prudence has a wonderful sense of space that combines comfort, convenience and style. One of the first major projects occurred when Rick and Prudence gutted and redesigned the entire upstairs space to create an incredible master bedroom complete with heated bathroom floor, walk-in shower and a huge closet that would be the envy of any woman!! Rick was one smart man in that he made his wife VERY happy with her master bath and closet before he moved on to his next major project which is the envy of every guy in the neighborhood.... an incredible two stall, two story garage!! This building can hold every tool and man gadget invented and is also incredibly appealing to look at! Fresh paint on the house, a new porch with tile flooring and a backyard water fall and stone fireplace followed in the ensuing years to give the house curb appeal and a wonderful outside family space.

The Devney's most recent project and a major one for the whole family, was the building of a new kitchen. Last summer, Rick tore down part of their old kitchen at the back of the house, gutted what was left and rebuilt an addition that doubled the size of the previous room. During the many months it took to complete the project, the Devney's did not go without a kitchen, as Rick created a temporary one in the basement, complete with stove, fridge and cupboards. Prudence laughs about the many times she had to go out the front door, around the house and into the back basement door to get to her kitchen due to construction blocking an inside path. Talk about making it difficult to get that first cup of coffee in the morning!! From exposed brick, custom cupboards and inserts, to a creative, one of a kind charging station, Rick and Prudence have created a kitchen that combines functionality, convenience and beauty!

From new drywall, updated electrical and plumbing, new windows, bathroom remodels, refinished wood floors and woodwork, there is basically not a room in the house that has not been touched by their creativity and hardworking hands. While raising 3 amazing girls and working full time, Rick and Prudence Devney have managed to create a beautiful home that will undoubtedly stand the test of time and is a wonderful benefit for all of us here on 34th street.



## TRIVIA SPOT

We think of the 4th of July as a day that represents the birth of the USA as an independent nation. While that is certainly part of the importance of that day, it should be remembered that it has not been without blood, sweat and tears that our country has maintained it's freedom. Here's some trivia questions from the wars since 1776. Happy 4th to all our Witherbee neighbors!

### Revolutionary War:

- 1) Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson was signed July 4, 1776 by how many members of Congress?
- 2) Was tea served at the Boston Tea party on December 16, 1773?

### Civil War:

- 3) What woman did Abraham Lincoln credit jokingly for starting the Civil War?
- 4) Where did General Robert E. Lee(South) surrender to General US Grant (Union) on April 9, 1865?

### World War I:

- 5) This year marks what anniversary for the US entering the World War I?
- 6) Who was the well-known Lincolnite who rode through the trenches on a motorcycle, delivering messages to General Pershing?

### World War II:

- 7) Name three 5 Star Generals who served in WWII.
- 8) What three countries did the United States fight in WW II?

### Korea:

- 9) What president oversaw the ending of the Korean War in 1953 establishing the countries of North and South Korea?
- 10) The Korean war was fought in what years?

### Viet Nam War:

- 11) What battle ended the Viet Nam War?
- 12) How many military lives were lost in the Viet Nam War?

Answers on page 10

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# Neighborhood Cleanup was a Big Success

By Mike Kreikemeier

It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood on Saturday, May 6th when 20 hard working volunteers came together to clean up the neighborhood. The weather was wonderful for an enjoyable walk around the neighborhood to pick up litter. The staging area at 48th & M Street was busy as people unloaded household items and electronics into the Goodwill collection bins. Construction material left over from recent home projects was packed into a trailer provided by Eco-Stores. Used tires were dropped off so they could be taken to Firestone Complete Auto Care. Old mattresses and other large items were pitched into a roll-off to be taken to the landfill. Metal items were tossed into another roll-off for recycling. Several bags of litter were picked up from rights of way along streets, in the parks

and around schools and churches in the neighborhood.

The Cleanup event is funded by grants provided through Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful. Thanks are also due to the following neighborhood businesses that donated services & supplies: U-Haul Moving and Storage at 48th & Vine; Firestone Complete Auto Care at 66th & Q; Eco Stores Nebraska, Goodwill Industries, Mid Town Hy-Vee and Neiderhaus Refuse.


I would like to thank my fellow co-chairs, Dan Weslowski & Bryan Hurst, for helping organize the Neighborhood Cleanup again this year. Thanks to all of the other volunteers that helped out and gave Witherbee Neighborhood a good Spring cleaning.



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# SCAM ALERT!!!!!!

*LPD has recently seen an up rise in a specific 'tech scam' and have issued the following statement to alert all Lincoln citizens of how the scam is presented and how you can prevent becoming a victim.*

Hi there!

Recently, I have received a few questions and emails about Tech Support Scams, so I thought it would be a great time to share some prevention information with you.

The way the scam works is the scammer calls, something pops up on your computer or you receive a fake email directing you to a fake website that **tells you that your computer has been infected with a virus**. The scammers pretend to be "Technical Support" and may pretend to work for well-known companies such as Microsoft or Apple. They ask for access to your computer to rectify the problem or to update your version of a certain program. Once they have access to your computer, they are able to install programs that only they have the ability to remove or they are able to access other sensitive information on your computer, such as passwords, banking or credit card information. They will ask you to pay for a non-existing problems or pay for removal of the programs they have now installed.

If this happens to you, here are a few tips to remember:

- **Do not give control of your computer to someone unless YOU initiated the call.** Hang up on anyone you think may be suspicious.
- **Do not purchase any software or services from an unsolicited call or email.** If you are worried about the security of your computer, get advice from a local computer store and make your purchase there.
- **Keep your anti-virus software up to date at all times.**
- **Do not provide your personal or financial information, including your online banking password, to anyone claiming to be technical support.**
- **Back-up your files regularly.** Find yourself a portable hard drive or inexpensive USB drive to back-up your important files. Even backing up files once a year can be a huge piece of mind.

If you have experienced a monetary loss, call the Lincoln Police Department at 402-441-6000. If there is no loss, visit [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint) to report the scam.

Feel free to email or call with questions!

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## TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1)56 members 2)No tea was served. It was dumped into the Boston Harbor. 3)Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin 4)Appomattox Court House, VA 5)100th anniversary 6)Billy Wolfe. Lincoln, NE bicycle shop owner 7)General Patton, Dwight Eisenhower, General Douglas MacArthur 8) Japan, Germany, Italy 9)Dwight D. Eisenhower 10)1950- 1953 11)The fall of Saigon, 1975 12)60,000 lost their lives in the Vietnam War

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## YOU CAN BE A RECYCLING CHAMPION!

*By Mayor Chris Beutler*

One of my goals as Mayor is to increase our City's recycling rate. Our City will take a big step next year with the diversion of cardboard from our landfill. But another step we can all take right now is to make sure we are recycling the right way – that means keep unwanted items out of our recycling bins. That's the goal of our new educational campaign that encourages everyone in Lincoln to "Be a Recycling Champion!" The campaign is being funded through a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

Every year, more than one million pounds of unacceptable items end up in residential recycling bins. That includes dirty food and beverage containers, Styrofoam and metal items like cooking pans that should be taken to metal scrap yards. When recycling collectors have to go through the bins to remove these items, it costs them time and money.

It's not hard to be a Recycling Champion. The first step is to focus on the basics by recycling paper, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, and plastic bottles and tubs. Second, check out the recycling guidelines at [recycle.lincoln.ne.gov](http://recycle.lincoln.ne.gov). You'll find the answers to many of your recycling questions, a guide to recycling public drop-off centers, a list of current curbside recycling collectors and their guidelines and a recycling champion quiz to test your knowledge.

The third focus of our campaign is on two items that can cause problems for recyclers – plastic bags and glass. Many curbside recyclers don't accept these items.

*Here's the information you need to know:*

Plastic bags can clog up recycling equipment and have to be cut out of the machinery, causing delays and safety concerns. Get in the habit of using recyclable shopping bags. Do not put other recyclables in plastic bags. And recycle plastic bags the right way by taking them to convenient collection bins at your grocery store or other retailers. City Council member and local grocer Jane Raybould also reminds us that residents can also recycle other types of clean plastic, such as dry cleaner bags, bread sacks, food storage bags, and produce bags.

Glass causes problems in curbside bins and at the recycling facilities because it breaks so easily. Broken glass can contaminate other recyclables like paper, and national studies suggest as much as 40 percent of the glass placed in mixed recyclables at homes ends up in the landfill. The best way to recycle glass is to take it to one of the 29 public recycling drop-off sites. It doesn't matter if it breaks because it is separated from other recyclables. All of the glass collected at these sites is shipped to a recycler to be made into new bottles and fiberglass insulation.

As part of the campaign, you may find a note stuck on your curbside recycling bin. Participating recycling collectors may leave you with a "Recycling Foul" note listing the unacceptable items in your bin. For those who are recycling right, collectors may leave "Recycling Win" notes instead to thank you for doing a great job!

We know you want to recycle as much as you can. By taking the time to recycle right, you too can "Be a Recycling Champion!"

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## Woods Park Tennis Complex update...

*by James McCarville*

Slow but Sure, construction at our new Woods Park Tennis Complex is coming along. Kevin Heim, Executive Director reported that while the Tennis Courts were ready for the Nebraska State Tennis Tournament and the May 17th, Grand Opening Ceremony, there are a lot of small things needing completion with the new facility. Progress is slowly being made but, we still need to complete outdoor grading and landscaping, which will run into the Fall. Before the bubbles come down there will be work on fencing, concrete work and we're hoping there will be resurfacing of the soon to be outdoor courts and the addition of new outdoor lighting for these courts.

From construction to Summertime Tennis Programs, Woods Park has been Buzzing. Things are going extremely well this Summer at Woods and across the entire City of Lincoln. Kevin says, "While we don't have any finalized numbers yet, it's safe to say that we are well on our way to reaching and exceeding our Goal of sharing this Lifetime sport of Tennis, with over 1200 kids once again this Summer."

The WNA Buzz encourages everyone to stop and see this wonderful new tennis facility. Take time to thank Kevin and his staff for their hard work and efforts to steer this project to completion. Bring the whole family to Woods Park for the up and coming WNA Pool Party and take some time to tour this beautiful new complex.







Over 200 WNA neighbors gathered last year to enjoy the Free Swim and Free Ice Cream Social.

FREE!

# **2017 ANNUAL Witherbee Pool Party and Ice Cream Social**

FREE!

## **SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH**

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

Woods Pool  
and Plaza Area

All Witherbee  
residents welcome  
at this free event.

11th Annual Celebration of Neighborhood Living  
Friends, Family, Neighbors enjoy a night out in the park  
Brought to you by your Witherbee Neighborhood Association