

FRIESEN LANDSCAPING to speak at March Meeting



By Mary Schwab

Owner and operator Travis Friesen of Friesen Landscaping is our guest speaker at the WNA March 2nd meeting. Travis brings over 15 years of experience to every job site and makes a pledge to all his customers that he will be with them from the beginning to the end of their project. He works closely with homeowners on each project gathering their ideas, designing and installing the finished product. Friesen Landscaping specializes in hardscapes, water features, landscape design, installation, landscape lighting, and much more.

Travis received a degree in Horticulture from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Nebraska. Since graduating in 1998, He gained experience by working for some of the largest landscaping companies in and around the Lincoln and Omaha areas. Travis also, spent time traveling the United States building golf courses.

Friesen Landscaping strives to create a high quality one on one experience for each of their customers, no matter how big or small the job may be. They pledge to create long-lasting bonds with their customers, making them part of the Friesen Landscaping family. With their experienced and professional staff you are sure to receive a finished product that will enhance your outdoor living space and set your landscaping apart from others!

Witherbee Neighborhood Association is very excited to have Travis share with us his landscaping tips and ideas. Please join us on March 2nd, 7p.m Tabitha LifeQuest and learn how you can improve your green space.

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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,
48th and J.

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President's Message



*Happy New Year to everyone in the Witherbee
Neighborhood!!!*

With the start of the New Year and as the newly elected president, I have reflected on the past 12 months and spent time thinking about what we, as a neighborhood association and as a community, might do in the coming year to make things better for ALL the residents of WNA.

Since 2003, when Witherbee Neighborhood Association was established, its elected officers, board and active members have planned and participated in numerous causes and activities. I would like to welcome everyone as we host fun and informative speakers at monthly neighborhood meetings, distribute "The Witherbee BUZZ", coordinate annual events, partner with local businesses and work with our elected public officials and City departments for the benefit of all our families.

As your President, I will work toward developing a stronger and more active membership. On behalf of WNA board members, I would like to thank our current members for their continued support and remind everyone that renewal time is upon us. If you were previously a member or would like to become a new member, NOW is the time! Recently, a letter was mailed to all residents with information regarding membership renewal or how to become a new member of WNA. **Send in you membership form by February 25th to be entered in a drawing for a \$50 VISA gift card.**

Membership is one of the most essential and important resources for neighborhood associations and we are no exception. We know there is "strength in numbers". Great neighborhoods do not 'just happen'. It takes leadership, partnerships, commitment, vision and goals to make and keep them great! When you return your membership form, please complete the interests/volunteer form. Your talents and any contribution of time will be greatly appreciated.

It is important to remember that this is our neighborhood! What we do individually as residents and collectively as a neighborhood association does make a difference. If you have a neighborhood concern, comment or recommendation for WNA, please contact any board member. We welcome your attendance at our monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at Tabitha Life Quest Center (Northeast entrance / 48th and J Street). Additionally, you can contact board members thru the website at www.witherbeena.org with questions, concerns and suggestions. Like us on Facebook, Witherbee Neighborhood Association, Lincoln, NE.

Please take the time to read the rest of the "Witherbee Buzz" where you will find coupons and neighborhood news. We encourage the patronage of the businesses that advertise with us as they make it possible for WNA to bring this great newsletter to you.

This is the year to answer the question that Mr. Rogers sang, "Won't you be my neighbor?"

Mary Beecham-Schwab

The Big Event

By Sandy Mahoney

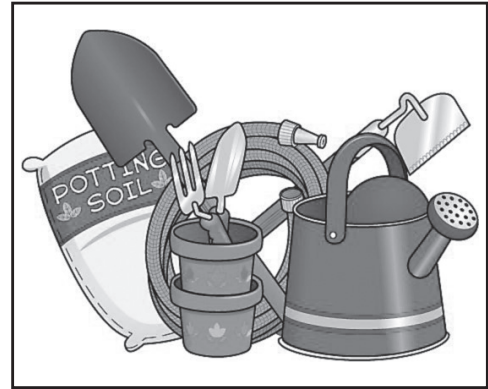
Mark April 8th 2017 on your calendar.

The Big Event is a community service organization within the Student Government at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. An appointed executive group of students plan and host the event and more than 3,000 students, faculty and staff are expected to volunteer. This year it will be held Saturday, April 8th, 9 am to 1pm. The mission of the Big Event is simply saying “Thank You” to our Lincoln community by having participants take part in one large day of service. Everyone is eligible for assistance regardless of their income or abilities. The event is entirely student run and funded by donations from the community. It was started at Texas A&M in 1982, adopted by UNL in 2006 and continues to be a excellent opportunity for students and community members alike.

Questions may be sent to the bigevent@gmail.com. To fill out your application go to the bigevent.unl.edu web site and click “request volunteers”. If you prefer, you may call Emily Locke (402) 540-6048 or Jake Eastman (402) 763-7455 for assistance in getting your application entered. If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Be prepared to tell them what jobs you want the volunteers to do and how many volunteers you are requesting. Applications are being accepted at this time. The deadline to apply is March 24th. The volunteers can assist with many small jobs around your home, including small paint jobs, yard work, cleaning and other miscellaneous tasks. For safety concerns, the participants cannot use ladders or power tools, so please don’t ask them to break the rules!

“While we do our best to allocate our resources to serve the community, The Big Event cannot guarantee all requests will be met”.

We hope many of our Witherbee neighbors



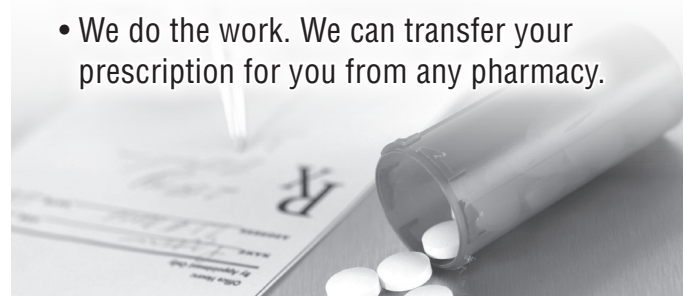
take the opportunity to spruce up their homes and yards with help from the volunteers. It’s a win, win! If you have a neighbor who might benefit from this service, please consider offering to help them with the sign up. A huge thank you to the Big Event planning committee, volunteers and sponsors.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy (402)488-3314 or Sandi (402) 570-7029.

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Annual Meeting Inspires Service to Others

By Lisa McNeel

Neighbors and friends, strangers and acquaintances all came together on November 3rd for the annual meeting of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association. Most of those in attendance share a zip code; some knew each other from neighborhood schools, churches, walks around the block or maybe just the association meetings. Most live in homes that are older than the average first grade teacher. Some rent, some own, but all enjoy the benefits of our wonderful neighborhoods.

WNA is a geographic one: 56th to 33rd, Randolph to O Street, but it is really so much more. As a group united by these boundaries, we gathered at the annual meeting to share chili, cinnamon rolls and become inspired by the words of guest speaker, Laurie McAdams as she shared a wonderful story of service to each other. As a group, we celebrated our achievements as a neighborhood association. We celebrated our ability to be one Voice for everyone in our community. That voice might discuss taxes, snow removal and local zoning. That voice might strive to save our green spaces or support local businesses. It might be in the form of a presentation, a letter or participation in local city and county meetings. We are grateful to everyone who came, who ate, who listened and who offered their voice. Feel free to join us at YOUR Witherbee Neighborhood Association meetings. We need your voice.



Tabitha's LifeQuest Rehabilitation Center

By Kathy Stastny

Just a winter reminder that Tabitha's LifeQuest Rehabilitation Center, CLUB 4, is available for all adult members of the Witherbee Neighborhood Community. There is a great walking path, treadmills, elliptical machines and recumbent bicycles on the 4th floor at Tabitha. The facility is open 7 days a week, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is self directed. Believe it or not the cost is only \$5.00/month or \$40.00/year. Tabitha offers this opportunity to thank WNA residents for being good neighbors. The program is open to all adults in the Witherbee Neighborhood Association. To join call Cheto at (402)486-8537 with any questions and to schedule an appointment to tour the area. Thanks to Tabitha for providing this opportunity to our community.



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Woods Park Tennis Project Ahead of Schedule

By Lisa McNeel & James McCarville

Everyday when you drive or walk by Woods Park, you can see progress as the 5.7 million dollar project works toward completion. What a wonderful asset this will be to our Witherbee Neighborhood. Woods Park Tennis Center strives to provide opportunities for everyone to enjoy the sport of tennis. From young children and high school students to adults looking to raise their game to the next level or just wanting to stay in shape with the cardio work out that tennis provides, Woods Tennis Center has it all. Construction is currently ahead of schedule and they are looking to May or June for their Grand Opening of this awesome complex. The Witherbee Buzz will keep our neighbors informed on the exact date of the opening. WNA encourages everyone to support this beautiful new addition to our neighborhood.



Work in progress



Architects final schematic for the Woods Park Tennis Complex.

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Meet New Treasurer Kari Gentzler



Hello there! My name is Kari Gentzler and I will serve as the new Treasurer for the Witherbee Neighborhood Association. My husband, Adam and I have lived on H street in the Witherbee neighborhood since 2012. We enjoy walking our dogs in the neighborhood and have met quite a

few neighbors this way! I have served the WNA in the past as a Co-Chair of the Garage Sale Committee (2016) and member of the Garage Sale Committee (2015). My husband and I have also helped distribute Witherbee Buzz newsletters. I am currently an Associate Professor of Sociology at Doane University in Crete.

Meet New Board Member Lisa McNeel



Hi! My name is Lisa McNeel and I am thrilled to be joining the Witherbee Neighborhood, Board of Directors, for a second time. I previously served as a board member in 2007-2008 and am excited to work again alongside so many other dedicated people. We were first time home buyers 25 years ago when we purchased

our house at 34th and J st and it has turned out to be our 'forever home'. Truth be told, I fell in love with the neighborhood first, THEN our house! I have worked as an RN at Bryan Medical Center for 29 years and love working in my yard and flower beds. I am excited to continue the work of making WNA a truly wonderful place to call home.

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Meet New Board Member Nancy Shelley

Hi, my name is Nancy Shelley and I have lived in the Witherbee Neighborhood for almost forty years. Twenty years ago I purchased my present home and haven't looked back. After being retired for several years, I decided it was time to give back to my community by getting involved in WNA. I also help with many volunteer activities for my church and am involved in a P.E.O. (promoting educational opportunities for women) Chapter. I share my home with several cats and they are great companions! I enjoy yard work and growing tomatoes in the summer and just like my tomato's I look forward to helping Witherbee Neighborhood grow.

??? TRIVIA SPOT ???

"You've got to live a little, laugh a little, take a little and let your poor heart break a little, that's the story of, that's the glory of love."

What iconic 1960's movie had this line in its theme song?
CLUES/FUN FACTS:

- 1) Starred Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy
- 2) 'Tillie', the maid in the movie (aka Isabel Sanford) also starred as 'Wheezie' on the 1970's Sitcom, The Jeffersons.
- 3) 'Hilary', Katharine's business partner in the movie was also known for her role as "Mrs. Olson" in the Flogers Coffee TV commercials.

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As there is already a Nextdoor website for our WNA neighborhood, you will automatically be directed to that neighborhood site. Complete your specific information and submit! It's as easy as that! You can download the app on your phone or just view it on your PC.

Violin Maker Returns to Her Home Zip Code



Marilyn Wallin works on making a violin in her Capital City Strings shop

By Mike Fitzgerald

Marilyn Wallin grew up in the heart of Lincoln at 41st and Mohawk St. After college, she found herself living in Chicago where she became a master violin maker and director of the violinmaking department of North Bennet St School in Boston. This school offers intensive, hands-on training in traditional trades and fine craftsmanship. During her 35 years of instrument making in Chicago and Boston, Marilyn crafted more than 200 violins, violas and cellos. Some of these instruments have been played in the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Kennedy Opera Orchestra, and at the Aspen Music Festival. Over 60 apprentices have been lucky to have Marilyn as their instructor and mentor.

In August of 2015, Marilyn and her husband, Leonard, returned to Lincoln and opened Capital City Strings, Inc. at 145 S. 56th. In addition to opening the specialty business in the Witherbee neighborhood, they also purchased and totally overhauled a house at 56th and M St. The activity and traffic, including sirens, on O and 56th Streets reminds Marilyn of the life she enjoyed in Boston. She also mentioned that other parts of the neighborhood feel like home, so she is enjoying the best of both worlds.

Marilyn credits Lincoln Public Schools for opening her life as a violin maker. After high school, she began studying viola performance at UNL and finished the degree in Iowa. She continued by completing a four-year violin making program in Chicago and then entered the same trade as her great grandfather.

Medals and certificates of merit she has earned in international violin making competitions have put her at the forefront of violin making in America. All of this has contributed to a waiting list of customers. In fact, Capital City Strings is making plans to expand their shop this fall!

One of several enjoyable aspects of her career is having seen college students begin their musical careers playing her instruments, then have full careers, retire



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and eventually return the instruments so they can be passed on to another young musician.

When making a violin, Marilyn hand selects the wood (spruce, maple and ebony) and crafts it using old master's patterns. Each violin takes about two months to make. She listens to the wood and crafts the instrument so it can make the best sound possible. Each instrument is unique and she enjoys having musicians pick the one that is their favorite. Jason Shaw is a local customer who is a regional champion fiddle player.

In addition to making instruments, Marilyn offers a variety of services for all string players: advice and assessment; museum quality repair; maintenance; rental and rent-to-own; purchase and trade-in; cases and accessories; bow repair and bow rehair. Capital City Strings exhibits and represents instruments and bows from



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On Tuesdays, Marilyn is joined in her shop by Bow Specialist, Cy Amesquita. Cy handles all bow repairs and bow rehairs. His instruments will be showcased in upcoming exhibits. Marilyn and Cy are joined by Matthew

Young who is one lucky young man as he will be the last apprentice to learn the trade from these masters of the craft. Marilyn's husband served as the Business Administrator of Capital City Strings until his passing.

Marilyn has served the trade as President of the Violin Society of America, the Governor of the Guild of American Luthiers and the American Federation of Violin and Bow Makers.

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Holiday Lighting Contest 2016

By Sandy Mahoney

Many thanks to all our neighbors who participated in the Witherbee Neighborhood Association Holiday Lighting Contest. Our judges had many nominated homes to choose from and were also given the ability to randomly select homes that caught their eye as they toured our neighborhood streets on judging night. Judges this year were City Council representative, Cyndi Lamm, her husband and grandchildren. Cyndi and her crew bundled up on a snowy evening to venture out into a cold Witherbee winter wonderland.

Cyndi noted there were many deserving displays however, a particulate favorite of the judging crew was the home at 4200 Randolph, due to their abundance of lights and color. The homeowners, Mike and Jan, were honored for a second year and Mike would agree they are deserving of the Lincoln Electric Customer Award after seeing the spike in their December electric bill! Gift cards of \$20 was presented to each category winner listed below.

- 1) Best Monochromatic Award (use of single color):
550 S. 52nd St and 3600 J St
- 2) Front Door Décor Award: **3905 H St**
- 3) Traditional, Simple Elegance Award:
225 Piazza Terrace
- 4) Lots of Color Award: **5325 L St**
- 5) LES Superior Customer Award (most lights):
4200 Randolph St
- 6) Visions of Sugar Plums Award (kids favorite):
4200 Randolph St

Sincere thanks to Cyndi Lamm and her family for taking the time to judge our WNA Holiday Lighting Contest. We would also like to thank Kristi Cadenbach of KAP Photography for the photos of the Holiday Lights winners.



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Spring Cleaning is just around the corner!

By Mike Kreikmeier

Yes, there is still snow & ice on the ground but it is time to be thinking about the annual Wetherbee Spring Cleanup event. The neighborhood cleanup will be Saturday, May 6th, 2017. If you would like to volunteer please contact committee co-chair Mike Kreikemeier at mbk@windstream.net/402-477-9194.

More information will be available in the next edition of The Wetherbee Buzz.

Top 10 list of reasons to volunteer:

10. You can earn service hours so you can graduate high school.
9. It's a GREAT way for you to exercise on a sunny spring morning.
8. You can find out where old tires come from and where they go to 'retire'.
7. You get first dibs on any treasures that your neighbors drop off for disposal.
6. You get to show the litter on O street who's BOSS.
5. You will get great satisfaction knowing you helped dispose or recycle dumpsters full of debris.
4. You WILL look great wearing a bright yellow vest & work gloves.
3. You might not be ready for spring but your neighborhood will be.
2. You can meet awesome neighbors.
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TRIVIA ANSWER: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

WNA Calendar

- Feb 10-12: Nebraska Builders Home and Garden Show (Lancaster Event Center)
- Mar 2: 7pm WNA monthly meeting; Tabitha LifeQuest conference room. Guest Speaker: Travis Friesen of Friesen Landscaping
- Mar 13-17: LPS spring break
- April 4: Primary Election. City of Lincoln/Airport Authority/LPS Board of Education
- Apr 6: 7pm WNA monthly meeting; Tabitha LifeQuest conference room
- Apr 8: UNL Big Event. See article in this issue for sign up information
- Apr 16: Easter Sunday
- Apr 22: Earth Day
- Apr 22: 9-11 A.M. Free Shredding at Liberty First Credit Union(501 N. 46th)
- Apr 29-30: Noon to 5:00. Tour of Remodeled Homes
- SAVE THE DATE:**
- May 4: WNA Monthly meeting ; Tabitha LifeQuest conference room
- May 6: Wetherbee Neighborhood Cleanup (More info in next Buzz)
- Jun 1-3: Wetherbee Garage Sales (More info on sign-up in next Buzz)

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neighbor volunteers are needed. For example, there are unfilled board seats. In addition we need help with the quarterly newsletter. And there are other needs for help. If you are interested in knowing more or want to help, please contact Mary Schwab at 402-440-4131 or email ohair42@aol.com.

When we each do a little, we all do a lot. Please become a member and participate at whatever level of involvement that fits you and your

schedule. Everyone has a talent, skill, idea or area of interest that would be an important contribution. There are many jobs, large and small, that we could use your help with. Please attend a meeting or participate in an activity.

Last, but certainly not least - participating in WNA is a very good way to meet nice and interesting people - from across the street, down the block and throughout your neighborhood.

Send in your membership by February 25th to be entered in a drawing for a \$50 VISA gift card!

Traditionally, this annual letter includes a list of events and accomplishments. We are foregoing the list in order to make our most important point, which is -- More

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<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Cleanup	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquire meeting speakers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizing garage sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Meeting	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Lights contest	<input type="checkbox"/> Boosting home ownership project	_____
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