



The Witherbee Buzz

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Winter 2018

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

Rainscaping Lincoln

Finke Landscaping to speak at March Meeting

How can we conserve water and improve water quality in and around Lincoln? What can I do on my property? This is what Rainscaping is all about! Rainscapes are beautiful, as well as functional, landscaping projects designed to capture stormwater. Instead of rain running off your property into the gutter and eventually down a storm drain, a rainscape "captures" this water and allows water to infiltrate the soil. Water quality is improved as this system prevents pollutants from being washed away while your plants receive a "good soaking" from the rain event. Luann Finke from Finke Gardens & Nursery will explain how to build a rain garden at our March 1st meeting. From site selection to types of native plants & perennials to consider, Luann will guide us through the process.



In order to encourage property owners to improve their properties in this way the Watershed Management Division of the City of Lincoln has an incentive program to encourage rainscaping. Through the Sustainable Landscapes Cost Share Program, property owners may receive a rebate of up to \$2,000.00 for completion of approved rainscaping projects. The program reimburses participants for 50% of qualifying expenses related to these projects. Luann has consulted on several of these projects for participants of the program.

Luann, along with her husband, Rich, own and manage Finke Gardens & Nursery, 500 N. 66th St. One of their areas of emphasis is sustainable landscape design suited to the individual needs of the gardener and their outdoor setting. Whether you are interested in planting a rain garden or just making a few improvements to your landscape, Luann will provide helpful information about natives and heat tolerant plantings (perennials, shrubs and trees).

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To learn more about Rainscaping Lincoln and the Sustainable Landscapes Cost Share Program, go to **www.lincoln.ne.gov** (keyword: landscape). The application period begins March 1 and concludes April 27 **or until funding runs out.**

Witherbee Neighborhood Association is very excited to have Luann share with us landscaping tips and ideas. Please join us on **March 1st, 7p.m., Tabitha LifeQuest** and learn how to improve your own green space.

2017 Annual Meeting Celebration

November 2nd was a day of celebration and reflection for the members and volunteers of Witherbee Neighborhood



Association. The event was held at the new Woods Park Tennis Complex where neighbors, board members and friends were given a brief overview of the facility by Kevin Heim, the complex manager.

During the social time and meal, attendees were able to watch all ages participate in tennis lessons and tennis matches. What a wonderful facility to have in our neighborhood!!! Valentino's Pizza, salad, bread sticks and a variety of desserts were enjoyed by all. A drawing for door prizes, including gift cards and prizes donated from local businesses, took place after the meal. Thank you to Sips & Subs and Members Own Credit Union for prize donations!

It was an evening of remembering the many contributions of those who came together this past year to make WNA possible and celebrating the amazing neighborhood we call home!!

About Your Witherbee Neighborhood Association

Boundaries:

33rd to 56th & 'O' to Randolph

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President's Message

Hello Neighbors,

January and the chance for another do-over! New year, new resolutions and as we kick off another year in midtown Lincoln, here is what I see for Witherbee Neighborhood Association for 2018.

Membership in the Witherbee Neighborhood Association growing! Please turn to the back page of this newsletter, fill out and mail the registration form OR watch for the WNA membership letter coming soon giving you another opportunity to join. We are a volunteer organization working for a better neighborhood and we invite ALL residents, homeowners and tenants alike to join us at our monthly meetings and all our activities throughout the year. Please remember to include your email address so you can have up to date information regarding WNA activities!

Witherbee neighbors coming together to make this the year we see more people becoming involved in our neighborhood events. Please indicate on your membership form how YOU would like to become engaged by sharing your unique talents and interests. Will you suggest a completely new and unexpected project, igniting the interest of others in our section of town? Only a little time to share... that's OK! Many hands make light work, so all effort is appreciated!

Coming this year!!!

- Paint-A-Thon
- Neighborhood Clean Up
- Annual Meeting Party
- Witherbee Connect
- Block Parties
- Meeting Speakers
- Garage Sales
- Swim Party/Ice Cream Social
- Little Free Libraries
- An Eye on City Hall
- Picnics at Stuhr Park
- UNL Big Event

WNA is YOUR place to be heard, a way to connect, a helping hand, a smile and a wave!

Sincerely,

Mary Beecham-Schwab

The Witherbee neighborhood association would like to thank the following organizations and households for sponsoring the Buzz newsletter with their membership donation.

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THE BIG EVENT

Mark April 7th 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 7th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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 an excellent opportunity for students and community members alike. Questions may be sent to bigevent@gmail.com To fill out an individual household application or application for a specific community organization, go to the bigevent.unl.edu website and click "request volunteers". **Applications are currently being accepted!!**

The volunteers can assist with many small jobs around your home and/or community organization. These include small paint jobs, yard work, hauling trash, window cleaning and other miscellaneous tasks. For safety concerns, the volunteers cannot use ladders or power tools! Please do not ask them to break the rules!

We hope many of our Witherbee neighbors will take the opportunity to spruce up their homes and yards with help from the volunteers. It's a Win, Win for all!! 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 your Witherbee neighbors, Kathy (402) 488-3314 or Sandi (402) 570-7029.

***The coordinators of the event ask that we share the following statement: "While we do our best to allocate our resources to serve the community, The Big Event cannot guarantee all requests will be met".

Meet your New WNA Board Member

Mascha Miedaner: Secretary

Greetings! My name is Mascha Miedaner and I will be serving as the Secretary for the Witherbee Neighborhood Association. I recently moved to Lincoln from Tucson. While looking for a place to rent, I was driving through the Witherbee neighborhood when I saw a "For Rent" sign. In short order, I was moving into a wonderful place and on what I think, is one of the cutest streets, J Street near 38th. It's a joy to step out to such a lovely view and take a walk.

I decided to join the WNA in order to meet people and contribute to my new community. Witherbee Neighborhood is a wonderful place to live and by becoming involved with the Witherbee Neighborhood Association we can keep it a great place.

In addition to my duties as Secretary, I volunteer at the Gere Library, Waschiska Audubon, and Community Action Network's Free Tax Preparation program; study astrology and metaphysics, and get in as much reading as I possibly can. See you at a monthly meeting!





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Smoke-Free Housing Saves Lives and Money

Did you know, in the fall of 2017, fires from cigarettes caused over \$3,000,000 in damage to housing property in Lincoln, according to Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR)? Smoking is a leading cause of residential fire in Lincoln according to LFR and the number one cause of fire deaths in the United States, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. One proven step landlords and property owners can take to protect against fire is to establish a smoke-free housing policy. Federal, State or local law does not prohibit property owner from establishing and enforcing a smoke-free policy for their buildings or grounds. Establishing a policy does not preclude someone who smokes from living in the building, it simply requires that all tenants abide by the policy while on the property. In 2018, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be implementing smoke-free policies in all of its public housing, including prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of residential buildings.

Many owners fear they will lose tenants if they implement a smoke-free policy. In Lancaster County, approximately 15% of citizens smoke and of those 15%, over half prefer smoke-free housing, according to the Adult Tobacco Survey. Owners and managers of multi-unit housing have found changing to a smoke-free policy reduces the secondhand smoke complaints, and requests for unit transfers also drop following establishment of a smoke-free policy.

In addition to the protection from smoking related fires, smoke-free policies can save money in reduced maintenance costs. The cost of rehabilitating a smoking unit can be nearly seven times that of rehabilitating a smoke-free unit. Some insurance companies offer discounts on property casualty insurance for multi-unit owners with a 100% smoke-free policy.

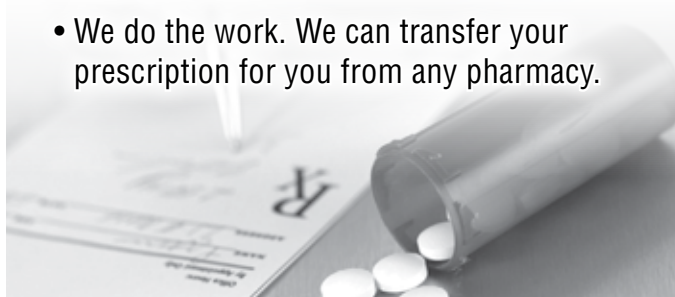
For more information on developing a smoke-free housing policy for your facility, or if you would like to serve on a smoke-free housing task force, please contact Christina Hitz at the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department at 402-441-6224 or chitz@lincoln.ne.gov.



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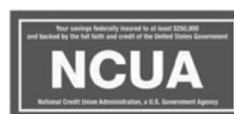
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Scouting the Neighborhood

by Mike Kreikemeier

Boy Scout Troop 28 was chartered on July 1, 1938 by the Msgr. Kaczmarek of St Teresa's parish. The troop has been active in the parish and the neighborhood ever since. The troop currently has over 20 boys and is led by Scoutmaster Randy Polak. The troop has sung Christmas Carols for the residents of GracePointe at Tabitha for the past several years. Another project for the neighborhood is donating time to rake leaves for parish members and participating in the Witherbee Neighborhood Cleanup.



Over the years there have been many scouts that have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest scouting rank. To earn the Eagle Scout rank requires dedication, hard work and leadership. In addition to earning merit badges, filling leadership positions in the troop and following the scout law and oath the scout must plan and complete an Eagle Scout project. Some of the past Eagle Scout projects have been quite impressive - a new bench at Pioneer Park Nature Center, landscaping & paving projects on the grounds of St. Teresa's campus, improvements for St. Teresa's Thrift Store and many others. This year 9 boys in the troop are working on finishing up the required merit badges and getting started on an Eagle Scout project. Thanks to the dedication and volunteer efforts of Scoutmaster Randy Polak and several other volunteer scout leaders the members of Troop 28 are learning many important skills.



Accessory Dwelling Units

City Amends Regulations to Allow Granny Flats

By Mike Fitzgerald

On December 18, the Lincoln City Council amended zoning regulations to allow homeowners to add a second but smaller house on their lot. The City's intent is make it easier for owners of larger lots to build a secondary living structure, with no more than one bedroom or 800 square feet, on their property. The stipulations of the zoning change allows the little houses, known as accessory dwellings units (ADUs) and granny flats – used largely for elderly residents or young adults who need independence – don't overwhelm existing subdivisions.

You may be wondering if you can add a granny flat to your lot. Or, you may be wondering if your neighbor can add one in their backyard. The answer could be yes if the lot is at least 80 feet wide and 10,000 square feet. Residential lots in Witherbee Neighborhood (33rd to 56th and O to Randolph Street) with single-family homes must be at least 10,000 square feet to be eligible for an ADU or granny flat. Most of the larger lots have both, but not all of them. For example, a lot 50 feet wide and 235 feet deep is more than 10,000 square feet but because it is not 80 feet wide an ADU could not be added.

The vast majority of Witherbee is zoned R-2 Residential. This requires a lot area of 10,000 square feet for two dwelling units (a duplex) to be allowed on one lot. The city's zoning change allows lots with at least 10,000 square feet to instead have one dwelling unit with a separate accessory unit subject to several conditions.

The map below shows that 12.5 percent of Witherbee single-family residential lots are eligible for an ADU, and that those lots (green) are spread all over the neighborhood. Some neighborhoods, such as Piedmont or the Country Club probably have more larger lots and thus would have a higher than 15 percent of the lots eligible. Some of those neighborhoods have R-1 zoning which requires an even larger lot of 14,400 square feet for a duplex.

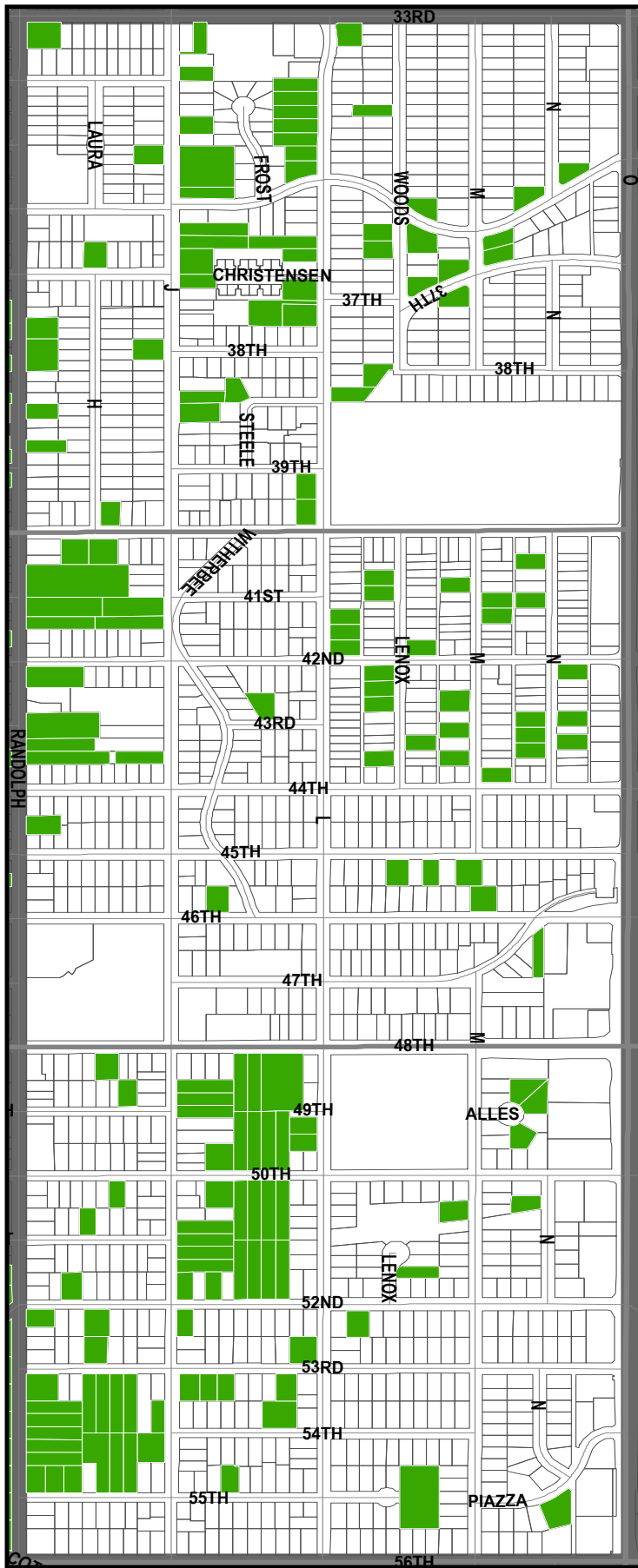
In December 2016, the city assembled a working group of representatives from its Planning Department, the Planning Commission, preservationists, neighborhood associations, and home builders to examine the local zone and codes related to ADUs. The topic was also discussed at the Mayor's Neighborhood Round table.

After a lengthy planning process, the city Planning Department abandoned an earlier, broader proposal in light of opposition from older neighborhood groups that didn't want to see more rental units in their neighborhoods. The Lincoln Journal Star reported that no one from those neighborhoods showed up to protest the more modest version at a public hearing before the City Council in December. However, representatives of developers, who support the changes, told the City Council they would like to see more liberal rules in the future.

But for now, if your or your neighbor's lot is at least 80 feet wide and 10,000 square feet, here are conditions for a granny flat to be added:

- The little dwelling can be a maximum of 800 square, and shall not exceed the lesser of 40 percent of the total square footage of the main building or 800 square feet.
- The owner of the lot is required to live on the property but may reside in either the main building or in the accessory dwelling. The other unit may be rented to family or non-family.
- The accessory dwelling shall share utility connections with the main building.
- The accessory dwelling shall comply with the height regulations of the district the dwelling is located in, provided that such accessory dwelling shall be no taller than the main building.
- The accessory dwelling shall meet the required setbacks for the main building, provided that any detached accessory dwelling shall be set back at least 60 feet beyond the front lot line, except for corner lots.
- One parking stall is required for the accessory dwelling in addition to the required parking for the single-family dwelling use of the main building.
- The property shall be subject to a deed restriction stating that the accessory dwelling shall not be sold separate from the main building.

For more information, you can contact the City of Lincoln Planning Department by calling (402) 441-7491 or emailing to plan@lincoln.ne.gov. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. City zoning ordinances are contained in Title 27 of the municipal code which is available online at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/attorn/lmc/contents.htm#27>.



Bright Lights New Registration Date

Bright Lights, a local summer learning program 30+ years strong, is an ideal way for elementary and middle school students (those currently in grades kindergarten through eighth) to maximize the fun of summer vacation while avoiding learning loss. Five weeks of programming are available for Summer 2018: June 4-8, June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-29 and July 9-11.

How does it work? Students pick a class/camp topic that appeals to them and then spend a week delving into the subject through a variety of teacher-led activities. As one parent said, "My six-year-old thought she was spending a week enjoying Dr. Seuss, but it was so much more than that! She learned about science, math and other subjects in a fun environment. I don't think she even realized she was learning."

This year, Bright Lights has a new registration date: Saturday, March 24. At 8:00 am that day, go to BrightLights.org and click the registration link to sign your student up for their choice of week-long half-day classes and full-day camps. With over 100 half-day classes and full-day camps offered on topics from robotics to cooking to building to animals, there is something for every student!

Before you go online to register though, watch the Bright Lights social media accounts and website for the class/camp schedule (being announced soon!) plus news on new classes, registration tips and more.

And remember: Before Care and Lunch Care options are also available and provide a convenient opportunity for families to schedule a full day of learning and fun for their student.

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Be A Good Neighbor



By: James McCarville

Old Man Winter is here and with him comes ice and snow! The safety of our neighborhood should be an important issue for everyone. Every year hundreds of folks end up at our local emergency rooms with broken bones, sprains and concussions. Many of these accidents could have been prevented with the proper removal of snow and ice from our neighborhood sidewalks. Almost every city in the nation enforces an ordinance that requires residential snow removal. The city of Lincoln is no exception as it requires property owners to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks by 9 a.m the day following the end of the snow storm. This ordinance also makes it illegal to push or blow snow into or onto any street or public thoroughfare. Additionally, residents are asked to clear snow from a fire hydrant if one is located on their property.

Make sure you bundle up properly with warm clothes, hats and gloves when you are preparing to go outside and get the job done. Whether you are shoveling or snow blowing, please be smart and safe! Take your time and pace the job according to your abilities. Besides slips and falls, there are many folks who end up in the ER with cardiac and respiratory issues related to over exertion during snow clean up.

Be a Good Neighbor! If you have a handicapped or elderly neighbor consider taking a few extra minutes and help clear their sidewalk/driveway. Your help and

kindness can make a big difference in the lives of your neighbors.

So when snow and ice fly, it's time to be a Good Neighbor! As soon as Mother Nature has done her thing, that's the time to make Witherbee Neighborhood safe for all who use our sidewalks.



Perfect shovel job.



An accident waiting to happen.

Snow Angels

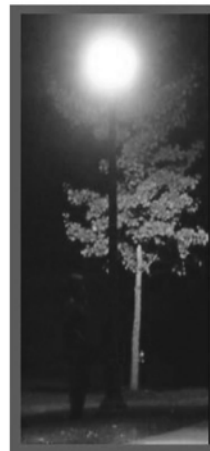
The city of Lincoln averages 28 inches of snow per year. For many, removal of snow from sidewalks and driveways can be a challenge, either physically or because of health issues. The Snow Angels project was started by the City Public Works and Utilities Department as a resource for those who have physical challenges and do not have family or friends to call upon for help.

Individuals who need help with snow removal can locate a Snow Angel in their neighborhood by going to the city website to access contact information of a nearby Snow Angel. The city website is: <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov>, type "Snow Angel" in the search line. If internet access is not an option, individuals can call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

If you would like to volunteer to become a Snow Angel, simply go to the Snow Angel web site and sign-up. You will be asked to provide your name, address or nearby intersection and a phone number

In the Witherbee Neighborhood, we also have a second option. Through Witherbee Connect, we will do our best to locate someone to help you with snow removal. Call 402-488-3314.

👉 "Hats Off" To Lights On! 👉



Lighting well-positioned lighting tells the criminal you are paying attention to your property and your neighborhood!

Quick! Spot the lurker by the walking path. Badly designed lighting makes things better for criminals.

It's time to think about the lighting around your house and in your neighborhood.

This fall, a Neighborhood Watch group had a few worrisome incidents in their neighborhood. So, they decided as a group to turn on their exterior lights from dusk to dawn. This illuminated their neighborhood and showed a unified effort with this simple, effective way to deter future criminal behavior. Criminals like to operate under the concealment of darkness.

Here are a few tips for you to consider with your Neighborhood Watch group or neighborhood.

- Position outdoor lights carefully. Aim lights at doorways, garages, shed doors and ground level windows.
- Consider motion sensor floodlights or lights that automatically turn on at dusk and off at dawn.
- Motion lights can be found at any hardware or home improvement store for around \$30. That is a small investment for peace of mind!

Why Your Family Needs to Help Save The Bees

By: Jackie Waters

Maybe you've already heard about the problem with disappearing bees. It's not much of a mystery, as scientists have already discovered how widespread pesticide use and climate change are ruining bee colonies. In fact, CNN reports that U.S. beekeepers **lost 44%** of their bees in just one year.

You need to be concerned about the disappearing bee population for several reasons. Bees help pollinate crops, which in turn provides food for your family, and by pollinating multiple crops, bees even have a role in keeping food prices in check. There are several ways you can help protect bees, but first you need to know just how important they are.

How Bees Make Your Life Better

One of the main reasons bees contribute to the food supply is **pollination**. This is how plants reproduce. As bees collect nectar from flowers, they also collect pollen. They travel to another plant, and the pollen fertilizes it. This allows for a new generation of that crop to grow.

Although several animals pollinate plants, none do it as well or as much as bees. That means, when bees start to disappear, crops suffer. How many crops are affected? Planet Bee explains that 70% of our food crops **depend on bees**. In fact, one-third of your food is bee-dependent, including:

- Apples
- Watermelons
- Peppers
- Pumpkins
- Almonds

When bees disappear, these foods become scarce. This makes their prices higher, and you end up paying more at the grocery store. If the bee population becomes too small, you might have to say goodbye to a variety of crops and resources. Without pollination, there will be no new generation of crops.



Creating Many Sizes of a Bee Garden

Knowing why bees are so important to your family is a great start, but what can one family do to help? One answer is simple: Create a bee-friendly garden. Whether you have a huge yard or just a window box, these gardens can help by giving bees more food, which helps them stay healthy and reproduce.

Here are some tips for creating a bee-friendly garden:

- Focus on flowering plants native to your area.
- Plant single-petal flowers like asters, clover, marigolds, and roses.
- Arrange them in groups, and go for many bright colors.
- Include plants that bloom at different times of the year.

You should also add a small container of **water** in your garden. Bees need water to drink and bathe.

One other great benefit? Gardening is a **great family activity!** Your kids will enjoy getting dirty, learning about plants and flowers, and you can teach them a lot about nature and humanity's role in it.

Going Beyond Bee Gardens

Once you've built a garden with your family, there are a few other steps you can take to protect bees. The Guardian has an **excellent list**, including:

- Buy local honey: This supports beekeepers and helps them take care of their bee colonies.
- Protect swarms: If you see a swarm of bees, call your city or county government. A trained beekeeper can move the swarm so no one has to eliminate it.
- Contact your politicians: Since local governments often plant flowers in public spaces, ask them to use native flowers that bees love.

Helping Bees Helps Your Family

Because bees are such great pollinators, many of our food crops depend on them. That's why you and your family should do your part in helping bees. Building a bee-friendly garden and making a few changes in your life can support bees and help their population recover.

Caring for Pets in Witherbee

Many people call the Witherbee Neighborhood “home”, and many have pets that are part of the family and part of the neighborhood too. It is not uncommon to see neighbors walking their dogs, cats prowling around a backyard, and even a chicken coop or two! It is part of the mission of the WNA to keep our neighborhood safe, beautiful, and welcoming and this means paying attention to responsible pet ownership as well.



In addition to making sure your pet is licensed with the city and kept up-to-date on its vaccinations we recommend making sure your pet wears a collar with current tags and your current home address. This is especially important if you and your pet are ever separated, as it will allow anyone who finds your animal to contact you quickly. To prevent being separated from your dog or cat in the first place, make sure that the fence around your yard is secure and that gates are shut completely when people come and go. If you don't have a fenced yard, make sure that whatever “tie out” method you use is secure (and that the chain or rope is at least six feet long). Keep in mind that while dogs can be legally off leash on your private property, they must still be under “direct and effective voice control” according to city ordinance. If your cat or dog does leave your property, you may be liable for any damage or destruction they cause. Additionally, owners whose animals are repeatedly “at large” may receive a citation or have their animal impounded, which is no fun for anyone!

In this cold winter weather there are special considerations you need to make for your pet. According to city ordinances, dogs that are outdoors for more than 30 minutes must have access to adequate shelter that keeps the dog off of frozen ground and has four walls and a roof to protect them from extreme temperatures and precipitation. Additionally, if you have an “outdoor” dog, you'll need to make sure that their water bowls have drinkable water and do not freeze. Some dog breeds love the cold weather; huskies, malamutes, pyrenees, saint bernards, and others were bred to live and work in frigid conditions. Owners just need to make good decisions in the cold weather based on their dog's “health, breed, and size” according to the city. If you continue to get out and walk your dogs in the winter months, beware that the salt and gravel that is laid down as de-icer can be harmful to their paws. The salt makes the snow/ice feel much colder to the dogs, and the chemicals in de-icers can irritate their paws and be toxic if ingested. Try to avoid salt-laced paths, and be sure to wipe/rinse your dog's paws when you return home. Owners can look for boots or salves to protect paws during these conditions.

Also, when you're out walking with your dog be sure to carry baggies with you so that you can clean up after any waste. Dog droppings don't “fertilize” the ground; it's actually bad for the soil and creates a public safety hazard. If you forget a baggie I'm sure your neighbors would rather have you knock on their door to ask for an old grocery sack instead of just leaving the mess.

You should also keep in mind that even if your dogs walks well on a leash and likes to “socialize” with other dogs, not every dog is the same. Some owners may choose to cross to the other side of the street with their dog or turn around when they see you not out of rudeness but because they have an anxious dog or are working on specific training skills. If you use a “flexi” leash, it's polite to reel it in when you see others approaching so that you and your dog can meet the others at the same time, rather than your dog meeting them 20 feet in front of you! We are blessed in Witherbee with many great walking routes and paved trails through nearby parks; it takes every neighbor to ensure we can all enjoy the outdoors with our pets.

You can read more about animal ordinances in Lincoln here:

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/animal/ordinances.htm>

You can read more about responsible pet ownership here:

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/animal/responsible/pets.htm>

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Holiday Lighting Contest 2017

Many thanks to all our neighbors who participated in the Witherbee Neighborhood Association holiday lighting contest! Due to the exceptionally warm weather, the judges had an abundance of homes to choose from!! Many homes were nominated and others were randomly selected as they caught the eyes of the judges as they toured the neighborhood streets. Judges this year consisted of 3 WNA board members and 2 WNA citizens who spent several enjoyable evenings touring our wonderful neighborhood streets.

All the judges noted there were many deserving displays, however, the following homes were selected as the top winners in the 3 categories and each winner received a \$50 gift card to Super Saver.

Traditional/Simple Elegance Award: 4225 Lenox St

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TWO way tie: 5325 L St

430 South 37 St

Lincoln Electric System Superior Customer Award(most lights): 4200 Randolph St.

*** a BIG thank-you to our WNA neighbor, Kristi Cadenback of KAP Photography, for capturing pictures of the winners!!

Thank you to the residents of Witherbee Neighborhood! There were many wonderful light displays this year!!! Once again, we must be proud of our immediate neighbors in Lincoln and grateful to live in Midtown!



Traditional/Simply Elegant - 4225 Lenox - Above



Kids Favorite - 5324 'L' St. - Above

Kids Favorite - 430 S. 27th St. - Below



LES Loves You - 4200 Randolph

Join Us in Making a Difference

Since the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA) was organized in 2003, we have accomplished many important things to help maintain and enhance the neighborhood you call home. To help keep it strong we are conducting our annual membership appeal. As your neighbors and WNA volunteers, we hope that you will send in your membership in the next couple of weeks.

In addition to your membership, there are many ways to support the association. 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 could be an important contribution. Please consider attending a monthly meeting to see what WNA is all about!

Finally, participating in WNA is a great way to meet your awesome neighbors... from across the street, down the block and throughout the neighborhoods!!



Become a new member or renew your membership today!

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, St.: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Membership Categories:

___ Household\$20.00
___ Senior Household (55+)\$15.00
___ Sponsor (listed in Buzz newsletter).....\$50.00
___ Business (listed in Buzz newsletter).....\$50.00

Contributions: Donations to WNA of \$50.00 or more will receive a tax deductible receipt.

Please complete this form, indicate your area of interest below and mail along with your payment to: WNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 5431, Lincoln, NE 68505.

You may also now pay your dues online at www.witherbeena.org.

___ Plan Meeting Speakers
___ Distribute Newsletters
___ Newsletter Production (writing or photo or layout)
___ Membership Committee
___ Neighborhood Clean-up
___ Witherbee Park (46th & O)
___ Pool Party/Ice Cream Social (or other social event)
___ Organizing Garage Sales
___ Yard of the Month
___ Holiday Lighting Contest
___ Government Liason Committee

___ Annual Meeting (food/entertainment)
___ Mulching or other tasks at Witherbee & Stuhr Parks
___ Church & Schools Liason
___ Leadership Training
___ Serve on the WNA Board
___ Provide Snacks for Meetings
___ Welcome to Our Neighborhood
___ Witherbee Connect

If you don't see something you are interested in here, please tell us your ideas and suggestions.