

Second WNA Annual Meeting Draws Crowd

The 2nd WNA Annual Meeting held November 3 at the Tabitha Life Quest Center drew a crowd of more than 60 residents and visitors. Two agenda items commanded the lion's share of the program, one educational and one business.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady was the featured speaker. He explained current department challenges and priorities by highlighting changes it and Lincoln has seen during the past 30 years. Alcohol used to be sold only downtown, now it available throughout the city; very few places were open 24 hours/day, now there are scores of places open 24/7; now schools call police instead of taking care of all discipline issues themselves; there are new crimes of holdups and robberies, many resulting from the use of methamphetamine; the department handles more mental health related matters; Lincoln and the surrounding area is growing more than 1% annually – adding 3,700 residents each year which means more work for the police force, and Lincoln has the smallest police force than many other cities of Lincoln's size.

The department has an officer per capita ratio of 1.34/1,000 and a goal of raising that ratio to 1.5. The national average is 2.07/1,000. The department is requesting eight additional officers and Casady hopes they can be added within the next few years. The department is responsible for 80 square miles and is planning to add substations to reduce response time and increase effectiveness. The next substation is planned at 49th St. and Huntington and should be open in November.



Chief Tom Casady speaks on department challenges

Casady's topic generated a wide range of questions from WNA residents. For example, he explained how all calls are prioritized.

The business aspect of the Annual Meeting was the election of board members and officers. Past President Mike Fitzgerald explained the board's goal is to involve more residents from throughout the WNA area to help with the growing list of Witherbee activities, such as garage sales, a holiday lighting contest, a neighborhood clean up, newsletter delivery and monitoring development proposals and projects. He presented the nomination committee's report and candidates for the six open director positions were elected. Fred Zarate (5110 L St.), Steve Schwab (3510 Woods Ave.) and Mike Fitzgerald (3794 H St.) were re-elected to serve two-year terms and Larry Frisch (4105 N St.), Russell Miller (341 S 52nd St.) and Karen Vogeley (3535 Frost Ct.) were newly elected, also for two-year terms

After the 12-member board was determined, election of officers was conducted. Fred Freytag (530 S. 38th St.) was re-elected as President. Rick Bagby (389 S. 47 St.) was elected Vice President. Larry Frisch (4105 N St.) was elected Secretary. Ann Richards (5030 L St.) was re-elected Treasurer.

The annual program included time for visiting and enjoying DaVinci's pizza and a large variety of salads and deserts brought by residents.



Pizza and salad were enjoyed by all

A little one-on-one tutoring can turn a frustrated student into a first rate student.



I try to keep up but...

The school year is half way over. **Now** is the time to make some corrections if your child is having difficulties keeping up with one or more subjects.

- Individualized Programs K-12 •
- Individually Priced •
- Free Consultation •

Individualized Instruction with:
Susan L. Smith, MA in Education.
 Thirty Years Experience with children and adults.
 Still Enjoying 100% Success!

Performance Based Learning Center
 499-0588

Guaranteed Learning Proficiency for "Diamonds in the Rough".

the Picture Man
 Special Events Photography

We are everything you need when it comes to photography. So no matter what your next event, contact us and see what we can arrange for your photography needs.

Specializing in:
 Family Portraits
 Wedding Photography
 Anniversaries
 Community Groups
 School Reunions
 Commercial
 Senior Portraits
 Digital Restorations
 Business Portraits and Groups
 Passport and Immigration
 Full Digital Services



4230 Progressive Ave.
 Lincoln, NE 68504
 402-467-2577