



# Preserving the Heart of Lincoln

WNA Newsletter

March 2004

## **YOU ARE INVITED** **TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING!**

### **We Hope You Will Come And Hear What WNA is About**

The Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA) will begin holding its monthly meetings at **Hawthorne School on Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting will be a chance for residents in the area to learn about current WNA activities, as well as to meet other residents and share ideas for future activities.

### **At the March 4 meeting, items to be discussed include:**

- May 1 Neighborhood Cleanup
- Guest speaker about Tax Law Changes for 2004
- Plans to redevelop the former Husker Auto Group properties along O Street east of 48<sup>th</sup>.
- Updates on Neighborhood Design Standards
- Invitation for those interested in working on either the WNA newsletter and website
- Update on the City's discussions to change criteria for businesses to obtain a license to sell alcohol (include businesses located in our neighborhood)
- A proposal by a phone company to install a 120-foot cellular pole and antenna in the Christo Rey Church parking lot (4221 J St)

**Anyone wishing to receive updates about issues and activities, please send an email message to [info@witherbeena.org](mailto:info@witherbeena.org) . When requesting to be added to the WNA email list, be sure to include your name, address and phone number.**

**If you prefer to receive updates via regular mail, send a note to WNA Mailing List/ 645 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Lincoln, NE 68510.**

### **Who is in the WNA**

The WNA includes residents (*home owners and tenants*), business, schools and churches in central Lincoln – boundaries are 33<sup>rd</sup> Street to 56<sup>th</sup> Street and from O Street to Randolph Street.

### **Why Attend the Meeting?**

WNA members agree that perhaps the best thing about being involved in the group's activities is the friendships that have been established that would not have happened otherwise. The meetings and activities have helped us meet nearby neighbors, as well as others several blocks away. We invite you to join the growing network of WNA-area residents.

### **Check Us Out on the Web**

WNA has started a website and hopes to expand the contents to meet the needs and interests of WNA residents. Anyone with interest in working on the website is welcome. visit us at [www.Witherbeena.org](http://www.Witherbeena.org)

### **Our Primary Purpose**

The purpose of our Association is to provide a means for residents to work together to preserve the low density residential character of our neighborhood; work with other citizens and community organizations groups to make Lincoln a better community; promote a means to meet other neighbors.

We believe residents, developers and city leaders, have an obligation and an opportunity to work to make the best of our neighborhoods and city.

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We take guidance from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan that says that neighborhoods are one of Lincoln's greatest strengths and their conservation is fundamental to the plan.

We are working to preserve and enhance the best elements of the area for the benefits of residents here as well as for those throughout Lincoln.

### Why Witherbee?

Erasmus Witherbee was deeded the land in 1872 from "O" to Randolph, 40th to 48th Street, or as it was then called, the Northwest Quarter of Section 29. These 160 acres represents the center of our 480 acres of homes, schools, churches and businesses.

### Current WNA Officers

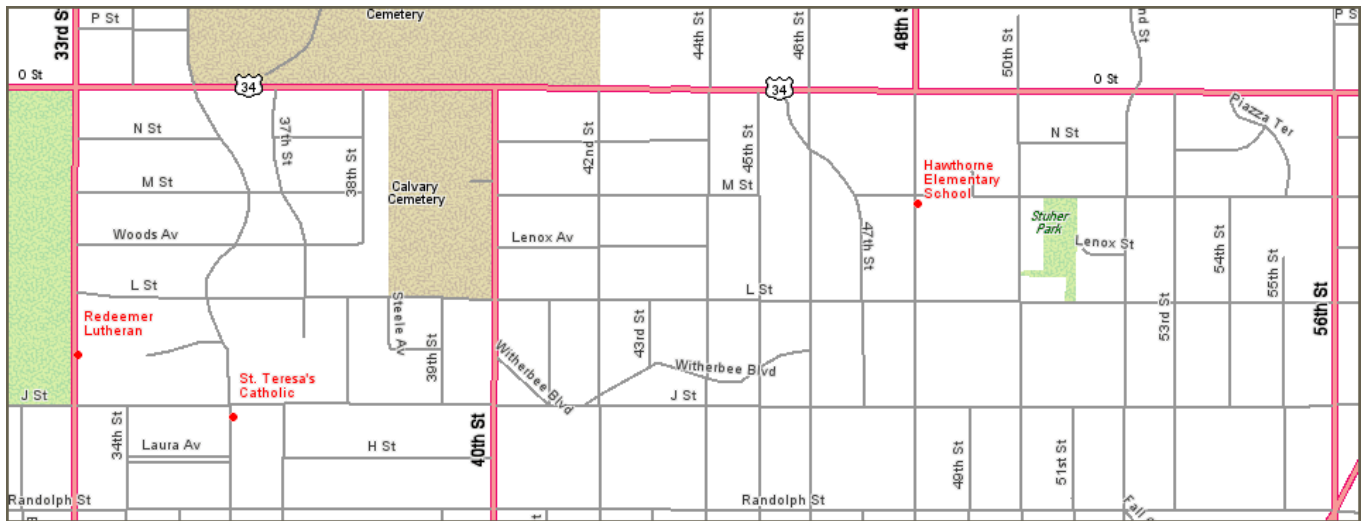
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District representatives will be elected later this year.



WNA meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at Hawthorne Elementary (300 S. 48<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30 p.m. We wish to thank Hawthorne Principal Dr. Stephanie Larson for making the school available for our meetings.

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

(please print clearly)

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

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

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

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

**Membership Categories:**

- Family \$ 5.00
- Business \$10.00
- Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to help your neighborhood?**

- Serve on the board for my district
- Help with newsletter [  articles  delivery ]
- Sell memberships & ads to businesses
- Help with the annual Cleanup in April/May
- Plan workshops or other programs
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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