

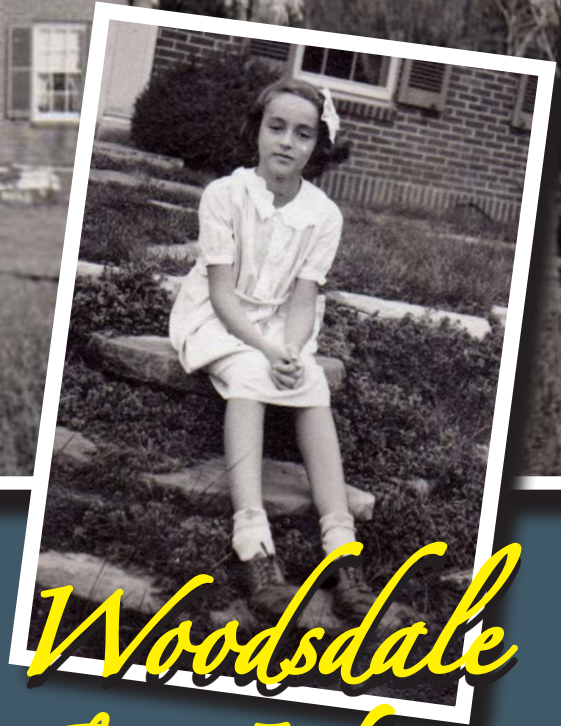
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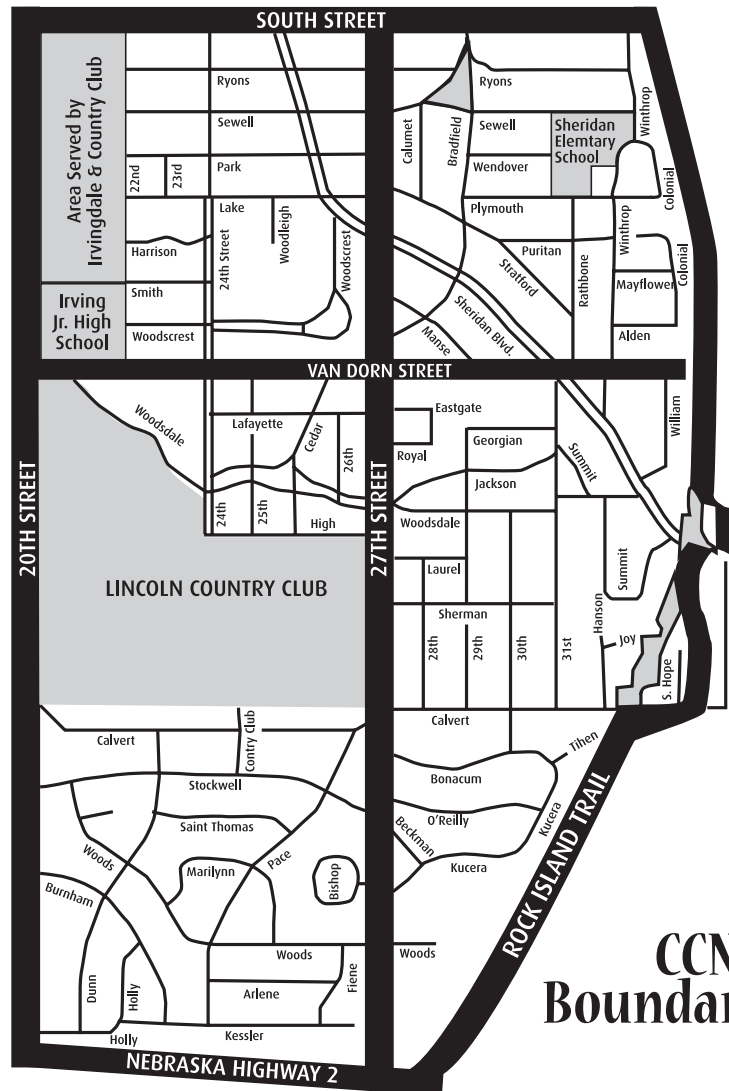
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President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President



As we begin this New Year it's a great time to not only reflect back on where we've been but more importantly where we are going. I am excited about 2013 and all the opportunities we have in our neighborhood.

In looking back on 2012, we had such a busy and active 12 months. Some of things I'm most proud of include: the Tour of Homes and Car Show, the 2nd Annual CCNA

Holiday Fun Run and holiday party, the neighborhood garage sale, our partnership with the University of Nebraska in a neighborhood cleanup of the Boulevard on Stratford and 27th to Bradfield, we updated records systems for our database and finances, the meetings with the City to discuss the future of Penny Bridge, the meetings with Lincoln Police after an increase in crime was identified which resulted in an officer now attending each of our board meetings, increased membership in CCNA by 30 households, increased Facebook page members from 63 to 260 "Friends", and lastly we finished the 27th Street Light upgrade project.

We have identified three priorities for 2013. First is to bring back our "Welcome Wagon" committee. We have a great group of new volunteers who are heading up this project to welcome new neighbors to our area. I'm excited about this impact in making a good first impression on our newest residents.

Secondly watch the Facebook page for information about our "Cash Mob Neighborhood Socials." This is a great way to get together as neighbors socially and help out our many local businesses. Our first Cash Mob took place in December at Henry's on South, Curio Collective and Leon's Grocery and was attended by about 30 neighbors.

Our third priority will be to work towards a development plan for our Historic Boulevards. We are still in the early stages but our Comprehensive Plan Committee has several ideas on how to better maintain and develop this important asset of our neighborhood.

Lastly, you should have recently received a letter from me with your dues notice. Annual dues are paid each year in January. For the great many of you that have been good dues paying members for years, I thank you for your continued and loyal support of our neighborhood. Dues collection remains our single largest fundraising mechanism and allows us to continue our operations and keeps the neighborhood safe and strong. Many of you also give above and beyond the minimal dues. Thank you again for your continued support of our organization!

As we look forward to 2013 we have lots of fun activities and events planned that we hope you will take part in. On behalf of the CCNA Board of Directors we hope you enjoy this copy of the Country Club Neighborhood Chronicle.

See you around the neighborhood!

Justin





CCNA Annual Meeting Scheduled

CCNA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 P.M.
Irving Recreation Center, 22nd & Van Dorn

If you can only make one meeting a year, this is the one to come to. The CCNA Board will present the new officers and their goals for the upcoming year. This is also the time for you to bring your concerns and wishes to the attention of CCNA. The only way things can happen is if you make them happen.

Some of the items for discussion:

Street repair and maintenance – does your street need resurfacing? Find out what the City philosophy is and how you can get this done.

Tired of poor street lighting? Find out what you can do and beautify your area at the same time.

Problem properties – these can be both rental and owner occupied AND can affect the value of your home. Come find out what can be done.

Live on or near a boulevard or one of the neighborhood parks? The drought and disease has taken its toll. Come find out what can be done.

See you at the annual meeting. Get involved. Refreshments will be served.



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2240 Woodsdale

Dear Country Club Neighborhood Association,

In cleaning cupboards in my home, I have found some papers concerning the history of this neighborhood. One is a lovely memoir of eight pages written by Martha Aitken Greer. I have talked with her children and given them copies, so I'd like to turn over the original to the History Committee of CCNA if there is one!

Back in the mid eighties a small group (about five of us) got together to talk about the history, intending to do research. We did more talking than research, but this paper of Martha's (from 1984) is worth keeping.

Virginia Knoll

Martha Aitken Greer – August, 1984
"Living at 2240 Woodsdale."

I moved into this neighborhood at age 3, the day the stock market crashed, in 1929 when my family had just built a new house in the middle of the Woodsdale block that starts with South 24th Street and ends with South 20th. When I was sick in bed I could see both the Country Club lakes from my window where the boys and girls were always ice skating in the wintertime, usually beginning just before Thanksgiving and all winter long until April. There was a bridge on the lake near 20th Street but the best lake was near 24th where a large sewer pipe (large enough for us to run through, just bending over, as we streaked over to the other lake on the other side of 24th Street)... stood at the end of the lake, where it was the deepest. With not much water in the lake, there was room to play there when it was frozen over. And the magnificent thaws in the spring were fun to watch when we weren't looking down into the ice to see fish and other sorts of animal life. In the summer we could hear frogs croaking at night coming from the lake and we watched ducks in the Spring and Fall, usually swimming in twos or threes. One day a giant turtle walked across Woodsdale and came to our driveway and then lived in a pail at our house until it died unexpectedly. My little sister then collected the salamanders that lived in our areaways (basement window-wells) in large pails in our garage and those salamanders were from five to seven inches long. I always thought that they came originally from the lake and then just decided to stay at our house. Getting to the lakes was easy with a three-stringed barbed-wire fence around the Country



**2240 Woodsdale Boulevard, also known as
 "The Aitken House," January 3, 1937**

Club because all you had to do was lift it up and crawl through, even with your ice skates. The trees at the Country Club were good for climbing. We hardly used the course for golf, except for searching for balls and tees which we collected until our father thought we ought to return the balls that were marked with names to the proper owners.

The other lakes on Woodsdale Boulevard were located between 24th and 25th and another one between 25th and 26th Streets, inside the islands that are now there. These were thin lakes, but interesting to watch when melting, good enough for smaller children on ice skates.

All the sidewalks were good for roller-skating because they were new then, and smooth. Everyone roller-skated. But parents were always concerned about the busy traffic on Woodsdale because people came by fast on their way to the Lincoln Country Club.

There were smaller trees than there are now, very few, really, and all of the trees were planted by someone. I can remember the giant weeds in the field that surrounded our house to the North and West, the clumps of bushes where we had caves or hiding places, the annual Spring fires the boys would light so



**Neighborhood children in front of 2240 Woodsdale,
 about 1935.**



Martha Aitken Greer, age 7 or 8.

as to burn off a baseball diamond, wherein the fire department would come and ask, "Who started the Fire?" The boys would always say, "Those girls started this fire." Those girls were always my sister and me. When our youngest sister came along, there were more houses and you could drink your orange juice and have another piece of toast while you watched out the kitchen window to see if the last bell had rung at Irving Junior High School, then make the fast dash to school across the field.

The houses that were already there on my block included the Barkley House (2829 South 24th Street) where a very cross lady lived and nobody ever went into her yard. Next door to her on the corner was the Gere House (2811 South 24th Street) that was moved there from somewhere else, a fact that was often repeated. Adults and no children lived in that house when I was playing in the neighborhood, so that I never did have much interest in those two houses. Most of the other houses on 24th on the West side were not there. So, with a great many fields to play in, an entire Country Club to explore, and a nearby park and playground at Irving, there was a great deal to do for youngsters growing up.

My father thought that we were moving out to the edge of town, and we really were, because at night I could lie awake and listen to a cow mooing on the other side of the Country Club where only fields and one orphanage were all that one could see. I can recall that Dad thought it was lucky that he did not own all that land, so as to not pay taxes on it. And for years during the Dust Bowl and Depression days, it seemed pretty bleak out there, hot in the summer, terribly cold in the winter. I probably walked by that orphanage once or twice, possibly drove by it in my parents' car rarely. Nobody went there because there was no reason to

go out to Highway 2, which probably did not exist.

Children who lived on the West side of 24th were in the Prescott District, except that the children on our block got special permission to attend Sheridan School, and had a driving group with mothers taking turns each day. We walked to Irving, of course, at the last minute so as to escape being tardy, and we walked to Lincoln High School on nice days. There was an orange school bus during World War II that picked us up in the dark (War Time) in the early morning on the corner of Van Dorn and 22nd and took us to Lincoln High; also brought us home at night. Some of the tougher boys rode their bikes to Lincoln High, but nobody had a car in those days. Parents who had cars mostly had the "B" stickers in this neighborhood. A person with an "A" sticker on his car looked suspect, especially when everyone knew what his profession was. Everyone used the bus in my growing up days. Cars were saved for special occasions with gasoline rationing.

I can remember a date during college who drove me through the driveway from Woodscrest to 27th Street where Dr. Hompes lived (2710 Woodscrest Avenue), and I can recall that I expressed surprise and was cross that he felt so free to drive his car through private property to get to the other side. Now that we live in that house, motorcycles, bicycles, cars and pedestrians use our private driveway to get from Woodscrest to South 27th Street – and I am still cross.

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Cornfields to Country Club: Early Days Remembered

Date: January 26, 1986, originally published in the Sunday Journal Star

Farmers in 1915 probably would have laughed in your face if you had told them you were going to convert their farmland south of South Street into the most prestigious area of Lincoln. The laugh would have been on them.

The Country Club of Lincoln and its surrounding residential area, arose out of cornfields that stood their 70 years ago.

F. Pace Woods Sr., the 90-year-old leader of Woods Bros. Realty who lives in the area at 2745 Eastgate St., remembers that in 1910 South Street was the city's southern boundary.

Then, a firm called Woods Bros. Silo and Manufacturing Co., now, Woods Bros. Realty, went to work.

It was high, rolling, beautiful land. But because it was higher ground, it was difficult to build there.

Development had stopped at South Street because the land farther south sloped uphill, requiring lots of expensive fill dirt to make an acceptable grade to higher land, Woods said. Woods Bros. brought in 24 feet of fill and began developing, he said.

In 1917, construction began on the first homes. People climbed the hills to live on higher ground because it had the best sewer and water lines in the city 60 years ago, Woods said.

Martha Greer remembers. She grew up living at 2240 Woodsdale Blvd., a home now owned by banker-developer Roger Anderson and on the market for \$358,000. She now lives in a Woodscrest Avenue house with her husband, J. Taylor Greer.

She remembers climbing through the best sewers in the city. She remembers pushing up the barbed wire that then surrounded the Country Club to get to the frozen man-made lakes for ice skating in the winter. And she remembers the fields before much of the development obliterated them. The Knolls today reminds her of the Country Club area of 50 years ago.

When she was a girl, the rich and famous of Lincoln lived there.

Joe W. Seacrest, former publisher of the Lincoln Journal. Miller and Paine's Erle Campbell and John Miller. Later, John Campbell of Miller and Paine came to live there. And, of course, Thomas C. Woods of Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co. In fact, four generations of the Woods family have lived in the Country Club area, Mrs. Greer said. Others who lived in the area were architect Harry Meginnis and lawyer William Aitken (Greer's father), as well as numerous other executives.

She also remembers it wasn't much fun for kids at Halloween – the houses were spaced too far apart...



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“Spending the Night at 2240 Woodsdale”

Even though my sister, Penny, and I lived only two blocks away, spending the night at our grandparents’ house always seemed exotic—the novelty never wore off. We called them Gompa and Gigi (names my sister had invented at the age of three), but to the rest of Lincoln they were known as William and Helen Aitken. They lived in a three-story brick house at 2240 Woodsdale Boulevard and, for me, their place will always be associated with those weekend nights.

It was like a ritual. We always ate at the same restaurant, Bishops (before it moved to Gateway), and always took turns using the “Christmas” spoon at breakfast. In the summer after dinner we usually made the pilgrimage to feed the ducks at Pioneers Park. The division of labor was seamless: Gigi was in charge of logistics, always remembering to bring the stale bread, and Gompa was the driver and storyteller. His stories were bigger than life, full of passion, adventure, and endless detail—whether about growing up on F Street, the beginning of the Lincoln Foundation, the miracle of our Constitution or helping plant trees on the Country Club golf course. On the way home we always drove over “the Hump,” a rickety wooden bridge spanning the Burlington train yards, and at dusk stared at the vast network of boxcars, like some giant version of my Lionel train set.

Once we got back to the house, the final act would begin. Now it was my grandmother’s turn. She read aloud to us epic stories like 1001 Arabian Nights or The Secret Garden. We always sat on the floor, next to her armchair. The carpet was so soft and thick, her voice so soothing, yet dramatic, I could have listened all night long. Gigi was also a gifted writer, over the years crafting a different story for each grandchild. I remember I couldn’t get enough of the story she wrote for me, especially the color illustration, about a heroic squirrel named Squiff.

The next morning after breakfast sometimes we watched Gompa wind the grandfather clock located at the base of the stairs. Though we hardly noticed, the steady ticking of that clock was part of the spirit of the house. We played “Hide the Duck” so often that we knew every square inch of their living room, combing it for possible hiding places (“getting warmer, warmer...”). Sometimes, we would “help” my grandmother in the garden that lined the front, side, and back of the house. Wearing a wide brim, straw hat and sunglasses, she would proudly show us flowers of all kinds and colors, especially roses, but my favorites were the pink and white snapdragons. When I grew older, I discovered that my mother, Martha, had transplanted some of the roses from the garden into her own on Woodcrest—a way of honoring her mother, our grandmother, and truly cultivating her inheritance.

Now that Gigi and Gompa are both gone and the house has long been sold, I still remember the magic of spending the night with my grandparents at 2240 Woodsdale.

Taylor A. Greer (Tag)

“Memories of 2240”

My family was more than privileged to be associated with several Lincoln homes during the first 18 years of my life. For me, “2240,” as we called it, carries a significance that outweighs the others.

2240 Woodsdale was the home of my maternal grandparents, Bill and Helen Aitken. It was the place where my large extended family gathered Christmas Day as well as on other occasions during the year. It was the place my out-of-town first cousins experienced when they visited. For my brother and me, however, it was the place of countless overnight visits to “Gompa and Gigi’s.” Because of our proximity, we came to know them and their home well.

My grandmother was refined and proper yet devoted to each of us with a light and humorous touch. My grandfather was often more serious than she and committed to teaching us, imparting lessons drawn from taking care of his immediate family after the death of his father, his time in Germany after the war, his many experiences of practicing the law. Because my brother and I were enveloped in their love - many things in their home, many rooms of their house and its surroundings were special and took on a magical quality.

One such item was the Christmas spoon; a silver spoon with green and red wreaths of holly surrounding the word, “Christmas,” engraved in red. My brother and I treasured this spoon and yearned to use it while visiting. However, my grandmother governed its use judiciously with complete equity – one child’s turn and then the other’s. One night, as I recall, she took a turn in using it, stirring something she was drinking. “Thar,” she pronounced, which was her creative substitute for “there.” “I feel so much better since I am using the Christmas spoon,” she declared.

Every part of the house had a history. For example, as we took turns sleeping in Mary’s or Nancy’s or Martha’s (our mother’s) rooms, we heard lots of stories about them as they were growing up in the Aitken family. There were pictures on some of the walls or in a drawer next to my grandfather’s chair in the living room. There were many times I sat on Gompa’s lap while he made sure I knew the stories of the family before him as well as the one he helped create.

For me, every part of the house was an entrée to layers of memories we had been invited to enter. When we were allowed to go up to the attic –it was a world all its own with three bedrooms, a unique fragrance, old fashioned faucets in the bathroom, and precious memorabilia from Gigi’s past – books she had read when she was a child, as well as toys and clothes the daughters no longer used. The basement was special too with a different fragrance, an old-fashioned stove and refrigerator, a well-used ping-pong table (particularly during large family gatherings) and Gigi’s extensive sand collection housed in tiny bottles from many places she had visited.

Throughout the house and with everything within it – my grandparents’ lives, their values and their love became available to us. I carried “2240” with me then and throughout the years since as the house, just as I remembered it, has become a backdrop for many a dream I dream while I am sleeping. My brother and I were blessed beyond measure to have had such an experience there.

Penny Greer



2240 Woodsdale Boulevard Now



The Country Club neighborhood has always had a certain panache ... a certain "draw" to many people thinking of making this area of Lincoln their home. The same is true for Jason and Shelby Byler who are the current owners of The Aitken House, 2240 Woodsdale Boulevard.

Shelby Byler, with the exception of attending the University of Kansas for her undergraduate work, has always lived in the Country Club area. She grew up on Royal Court, the only home she had ever known prior to college. After college graduation she returned to Lincoln to begin her studies for her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at UNMC, College of Dentistry. Needing a home, she of course purchased her first house in the Country Club area across the street from Pocras Park. She then married Jason whom she met at KU and they purchased their first home together on 31st and Woodsdale. Two children later, they moved to what they call their "final" house at 2240 Woodsdale Boulevard. Purchased from the Sorensens who had lived in the house for over 25 years, Jason had also fallen in love with the neighborhood and together they could not think of any other place to live or raise a family.

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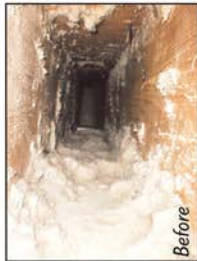
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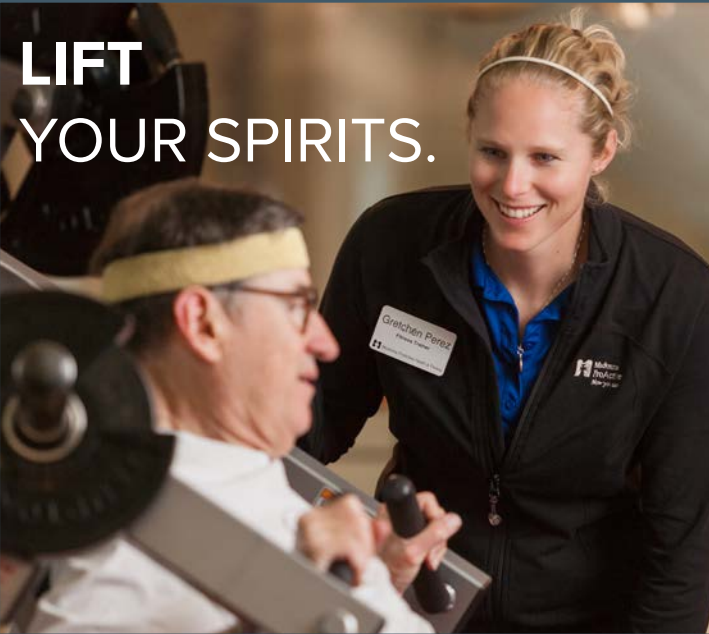
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Go Crazy for Nuts; They're Heart Healthy

By: Lee Nyberg, Marketing Director for Health at Home Services



Sometimes, just once in a while, we get to eat the stuff we like anyway, because it's actually good for us. Luckily, tree nuts are part of a heart-healthy diet. And unlike Brussels sprouts and carrot juice, nuts appeal to most of us.

Why eat nuts?

Help improve the body's reaction to stress
Can reduce the risk of heart disease (as part of a heart-healthy diet) by maintaining healthy cholesterol and glucose levels

Good protein source, although high in unsaturated fat (which is okay in moderation)

Good for heart health (specifically walnuts, which have Omega-3 fatty acids)

Can be a good source of antioxidants, which support our immune system and help to prevent cancer (Pecans, walnuts and chestnuts)

Could you, would you, should you eat nuts???

Skip the salted nuts. Salt can raise blood pressure and lead to stroke.

Take a small handful, about twice a week as a satisfying snack.

Add a small amount (up to 1 tablespoon) to another protein, such as toasted pecans sprinkled on top of broiled fish.

Sprinkle walnuts, pecans, or almonds on a spinach and lettuce salad with pears or strawberries. Dress the salad with balsamic or raspberry vinaigrette.

Stir nuts into baked goods before cooking (toast them first, for even more flavor)

Add nuts to morning oatmeal, along with blueberries, for a crunchy, super-fiber, antioxidant, and heart healthy breakfast. Even vegetables can be better with nuts- add toasted almonds to steamed green beans which have been seasoned with a touch of butter and garlic. Baked sweet potatoes are wonderful with a touch of butter and toasted pecans.

Tricks with nuts:

Toasting nuts amps up their flavor. You use less and taste more. Here's the easiest way: put them into a skillet, stir occasionally for 3-5 minutes, over medium heat, until they brown slightly. Immediately remove from the pan, as they will keep toasting while exposed to heat. The finer the piece of nut, the faster it will toast, so a sliced almond might take 1 minute or less while a whole almond might take 5-8 minutes.

Store nuts in the refrigerator or freezer.

Eating a few almonds, (unsalted, of course), is a great way to stop nausea.

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2nd Annual CCNA Fun Run: A Big Success



CCNA Board Members Lisa Sypal, Ron Tucker, Justin Carlson, President of the CCNA, Linda Brown, Race Coordinator, and Bryan Sypal at the CCNA Annual Holiday Fun Run.

Did you happen to see a few of the characters from A Christmas Story including the Fragile Box, the infamous Leg Lamp, and Ralphie running down Sheridan Boulevard on Friday, December 21st? Your eyes were not deceiving you! Santa, his elves, and lots of people in bright lights as well as a few ugly Christmas sweaters were also running through the Historic Country Club Neighborhood all to raise funds to light the Old Rock Island Trail. The 2nd Annual CCNA Holiday 5k Fun Run was another big success. Neighbors, friends and family started by picking up their packets at the Bishop Heights True Value on race day, and heading to the Country Club of Lincoln for a 7pm start. After the race, runners were greeted in the Ballroom of the Country Club by cheers of neighbors, live music, featuring Brian Vranicar, ZipLine Brewing Oatmeal Porter, heavy appetizers, and lots of prizes!



The start of the race.



Jen, Tiffany, and Brandon Verzal won the prize for ugliest sweaters.



The night's top winners for costumes: The Strasburgers. From left to right, Jackie, Scott and Matthew Strasburger dressed as characters from "A Christmas Story."



Post-race, runners and non-runners alike were encouraged to dig in to heavy appetizers and beer provided by Zipline Brewery.

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Ornamental Street Lights for Van Dorn

The Country Club Neighborhood Association was instrumental in the new street light project along South 27th Street from Calvert north to South Street. The area looks very impressive with most of the overhead lines buried, the new black cobra-styled street lights and the Grandville ornamental globes that not only give pedestrian level lighting, but ambiance for the area. Part of the South 27th Street project also included changing out the globes on Van Dorn east of 27th to match the lighting scheme on South 27th.

We are now entering Phase II of this project – Van Dorn Street from 27th Street west to about 22nd Street. Hopefully, sometime in February or early March you will see Lincoln Electric System installing the new ornamental pedestrian level lights along Van Dorn.

There are still more lights that CCNA wants to install, but all depends on funds. We thank all of you who have supported the various CCNA fundraisers, paid your dues and donated extra specifically to the street light fund. Your involvement in your association helps us to maintain and improve your neighborhood.



What About New Street Lights For South 27th South of Calvert?

CCNA is taking on South 27th Street from Calvert south to Hwy 2 as the next street light project. All you have to do is drive along the improved portion of South 27th to see the blaring contrast of the old wooden poles with overhead wires to the beautiful and

improved section north of Calvert. This project, however, will be more difficult and will require your help.

27th Street South of Calvert

According to LES, they installed their electric distribution facilities underground in this area in 1976. Most of the remaining wood poles along 27th Street from Calvert to Hwy 2 are owned by the City. These poles support street lights, overhead wire for street lights, Time Warner and Windstream communication wires. LES owns several of the poles that support risers for LES underground cable.

The street lights are on wood poles about 10 feet behind the curb. Time Warner is on most of the poles and Windstream is on the south half of the poles. There is no LES or City work planned along this street that LES is aware of that would trigger LES to consider rebuilding the City street light system in this area. If the work was done it would need to be ok'd by the City.

So ...

CCNA needs to work with the City, LES, Time Warner and Windstream to complete the project along this portion of South 27th. It appears that the City is the determiner/leader if this is to be done.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

If you would like to work on this project or have some very helpful suggestions, please call or email Linda Wibbels at 402-730-0203 or Linda.Wibbels@woodspros.com



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Henry's on South



Owner Andrew Fuller and Chef Anna Tschetter behind the new and improved bar at Henry's on South. Fuller opened the restaurant December 1st.

The Country Club Neighborhood welcomed a new restaurant to the area in December.

Henry's on South, a coffee and wine bistro located at the corner of South Street and Winthrop Road, opened on December 1st. The restaurant is modeled after a French bistro, serving pan-European cuisine with beer and liquor options as well as wine, owner Andrew Fuller said.

Henry's is open for breakfast, serving pastries, coffee and espresso drinks, as well as lunch. The lunch menu features items like the caprese sandwich, Cuban sandwich and a curried tuna sandwich.

Fuller, a former TV producer, recently moved to the Country Club Neighborhood with his wife, Melissa, from Los Angeles, California in order to raise their family. The restaurant is fittingly named after the couple's three-year-old son, Henry.

Melissa Fuller attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which familiarized the couple with Nebraska. Fuller said it was between Seattle, his hometown, or Lincoln, and Lincoln won due to its great schools, charming parks and "small-town vibe," Fuller said.

"I love the Country Club Neighborhood," Fuller said. "It reminds me of some of the neighborhoods where I grew up in Seattle."

While Henry's is Fuller's first endeavor into the food business, he has worked at a few wineries in the past and traveled Europe extensively, piquing his interest in food.

"Food has always been an integral part of my life," he said.

After moving to Lincoln, Fuller began working at the local Trader Joe's, where he met Anna Tschetter, Henry's full-time chef.

Tschetter, whose father is from Lincoln, moved to the capital city two years ago and recently graduated from Southeast Community College's Culinary Program.

In late September, Fuller mentioned the idea he had been brewing for Henry's to Tschetter.

"It was one of those opportunities that most culinary students don't have," Tschetter said.

"My dad lives here and all of his friends are well-traveled," the 22-year-old chef said. "We thought, why not? The audience has to be out there."

Tschetter and Fuller both said they were surprised by the outpouring of support for Henry's from the Country Club Neighborhood community, with many customers offering to send her their family recipes from Europe.

Tschetter's signature dish, the Hungarian Crepes, has been especially popular. She found the recipe while living in Budapest, Hungary for a year with her parents.

"It's the first dish that made me love food," Tschetter said. "To see people enjoy it is just the best feeling."

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Estate and Gift Taxes: Did They Fall Off the Fiscal Cliff?

By: Ramzi Hynek

As many of you have likely already heard, Congress averted the "Fiscal Cliff" by passing the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (the "Act"). Many have been left wondering, however, "What effect, if any, does the Act have on my estate plans?" This article will provide you with some of the highlights of the Act with respect to federal estate and gift taxes, but will leave the discussion of the Act's impact on income and capital gains taxes for another day.

The first thing to understand about the Act is that it essentially permanently extends the federal estate and gift tax laws that have been in effect since 2010. The second thing to keep in mind is that these new laws are permanent only for so long as Congress chooses to keep them. Congress may make changes at any time.

The Basic Federal Estate Tax Exclusion

In 2010, Congress passed a law allowing taxpayers to exclude \$5,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) from the federal estate tax. This meant that a taxpayer with an estate smaller than \$5,000,000 did not have to pay estate tax upon his or her death. The inflation-adjusted exclusion amount for 2013 is \$5,250,000 per person. The Act also preserves the "portability" of the \$5,000,000 exemption. "Portability" means that a surviving spouse can generally use the deceased spouse's unused exemption upon the death of the surviving spouse. This can have the practical effect of doubling a married couple's estate tax exclusion to over \$10,000,000.

The \$14,000 Annual Gift Exclusion and the "Unified" Lifetime Gift Tax Exclusion

In 2013, taxpayers are able to make gifts of up to \$14,000 per year per donee without the imposition of gift tax or even a requirement to report the gift to the I.R.S. What is less familiar to some (but also is not new) is the Lifetime Gift Tax Exclusion. In short, in addition to \$14,000 annual exclusion, a taxpayer may make gifts over the course of his or her lifetime totaling up to the inflation-adjusted amount of the estate exemption (currently \$5,250,000) without the imposition of gift tax. Any portion of the lifetime exclusion used during life when making gifts will reduce the exclusion available upon the taxpayer's death. Lifetime gifts in excess of the annual exclusion must be reported on a gift tax return filed with the I.R.S. For example, if a person makes a \$500,000 gift, the first \$14,000 will be exempt, and the remaining \$486,000 will count against the lifetime gift tax exclusion as well as the estate tax exclusion.

By no means does the Act eliminate the need to do estate planning. There are both tax and non-tax factors which still require your careful attention. If you would like assistance with your estate planning needs, please contact the attorneys of Rembolt Ludtke LLP.

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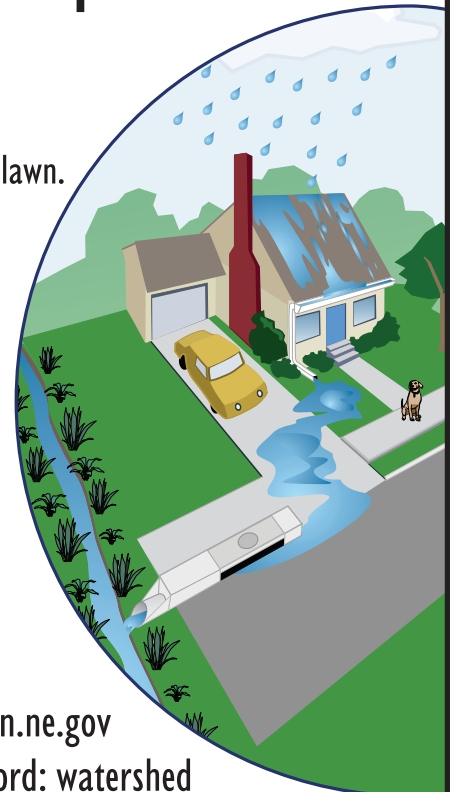


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