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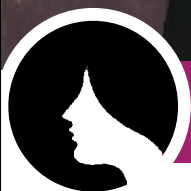
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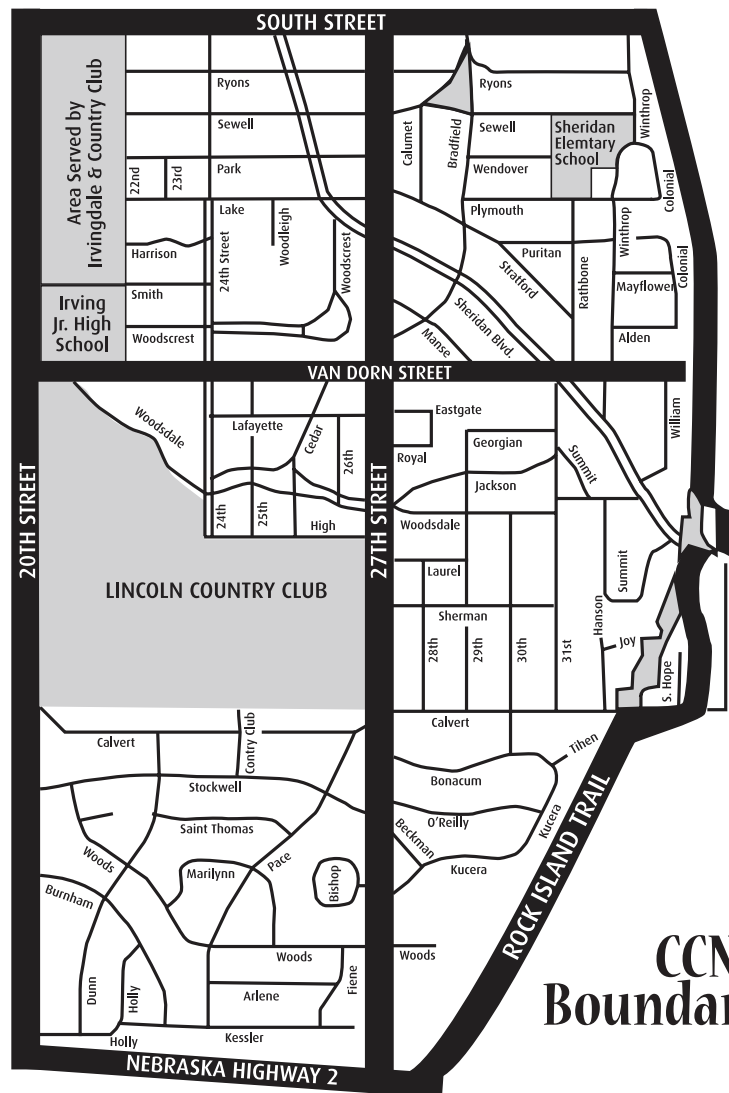
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President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President



Kindergarten Here We Come

I still cannot believe it, but we will be having our first school-aged child this August. Oh my how time flies! Soon we will be held captive by the Lincoln Public Schools calendar and begin reacquainting ourselves with words like "Curriculum", "PTO" and "Friday Folders" (Do they still have those?) We will need to learn what the heck a PLC day is and adjust our schedules accordingly. Change can be fun and

I am very excited for my Kindergartener. I feel lucky to be in such a strong neighborhood that contains some of the best schools in Lincoln. We are one of the only areas of town where kids still regularly walk to school. I have many fond memories of walking to Prescott Elementary. Meeting not only kids my same age, but some of the "big kids" a few years older than me, many that I still see around town and know today. Even our occasionally mischievous pranks or snowball fights still bring a smile to my face.

The back to school season is a time of year that highlights some important reminders for us as neighbors. We need to be more aware of the additional traffic whether it be more pedestrians or vehicles. We need to remind ourselves how important it is to respect the school zone flashing lights, slow down and keep an eye out for other safety concerns in the neighborhood. We also need to be willing to share those concerns with the Neighborhood Association and, if necessary, the Lincoln Police Department. Keeping our kids safe is a top priority.

As adults we rarely get the chance to have that fresh start like the first day of school. Don't you remember what it was like meeting new friends and learning new things as a kid? You can still do that today by getting involved in your local community. If you are interested in meeting some new neighbors and some of the "old big kids" in the neighborhood, we hope you consider joining us. All CCNA neighbors are welcome and we would love to have you. Our upcoming meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Irving Rec Center on September 18th, October 16 and November 20th.

On behalf of the CCNA Board of Directors we hope you enjoy this quarter's newsletter.

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Everyone invited to bring your ideas and suggestions. CCNA will be working on its Long Range Plan for the entire neighborhood.
 We need and welcome your input and participation at these meetings.



CCNA 2nd Annual Holiday Fun Run Announcement

Last December was the first CCNA Holiday Fun Run. Runners – some serious and some not – did a 5K run through the neighborhood starting and ending at The Country Club of Lincoln. After the 5K Run, festivities took place at The Country Club and you did not have to run to participate.

Save the date for the Second Annual CCNA Holiday Fun Run. Look for more information on the CCNA website starting in October.

For more information contact Linda Brown at 402-525-6000 or runnerlinda@gmail.com



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New Principal at Southeast

By Brent Toalson, Lincoln Southeast High School Principal



I am excited about the opportunity to serve the Lincoln Southeast High School community in my new role as principal. Although I am new to the principal position, I am not a newcomer to Southeast or to the neighborhood. My connections to Southeast High School and to the Country Club neighborhood go back many years.

My parents still live in my childhood home on Woodscrest Avenue. I

attended Sheridan Elementary School, Irving Junior High and Southeast High School. I graduated from LSE in 1982, and recently joined my fellow Knight classmates to celebrate our 30th year class reunion.

I have many fond memories from my childhood growing up in the Country Club neighborhood. I remember playing baseball with neighborhood friends in the vacant lot on the corner of Manse and Van Dorn. My mother taught math at Irving for many years. My wife, Colleen, and I purchased our first home in 1991 on the corner of 22nd and Woodscrest Avenue, directly across the street from Irving. My brother and sister and their families still gather at my parent's home several times a year.

I started my teaching career at Southeast High School in 1991, where I taught social studies and was the student council sponsor for 16 years until 2007. As a teacher at LSE, I was blessed with wonderful students, many from the Country Club neighborhood. Some of my students' greatest accomplishments involved giving

back to the community. For example, the LSE student council led the effort to build a home for Habitat for Humanity. Many students also participated in the planning, fundraising and building of the Antelope Park Playground, the largest accessible playground in the region.

For the past five years, I have been an Associate Principal at Lincoln High School where I created the master schedule, handled student discipline, worked on school improvement, and oversaw several school-wide initiatives aimed at improving student achievement and the graduation rate.

Returning to LSE as the school's seventh principal is a dream come true for me. Lincoln Southeast High School is a great school with strong traditions of excellence in learning, leadership and service.

One of my goals is to work with students, families, and staff on a strategic planning process for the LSE community. The planning process will build on the school's many traditions and create a vision of continued excellence for years to come. I plan to set aside time this summer and next fall to begin conversations with individuals and groups about how LSE can be a place where all students feel welcome, safe and motivated to learn. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this process by contacting Pat Monk in the main office or emailing her at pmonk@lps.org.

As principal, I am looking forward to continuing the strong partnership between Southeast High School and the CCNA. I can be reached at LSE by phone, 402-436-1304, or email, btoalson@lps.org. Go Knights!



Girl Scout Troop 20151

Girl Scout Troop 20151 is made up of girls from Lincoln Southwest and Lincoln High. The girls have all been involved in scouting for at least 10 years and are working to earn the money for a trip to one of the World Centers of Scouting located in Adelboden, Switzerland.

We aren't asking you to buy anything, but you can help in a couple of ways. The girls are involved in an ongoing recycling program and would appreciate it if you would consider saving aluminum cans. The money earned by recycling will go toward the trip. In addition, the troop also earns money saving the UPC codes from Best Choice brand products from Russ's or Super Saver.

Please contact the troop leader, Kate Baker at 2000 Ryons. Call her at 402-435-1212 or email katebaker0@gmail.com to arrange for someone to get cans or labels. Thanks so much for your help.



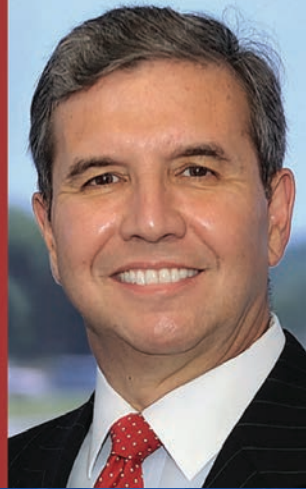
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The CCNA Tour of Homes showcases some of the many wonderful homes in our neighborhood. It gives the public an opportunity not only to see homes of historical value, but also how homeowners maintain the integrity of their home while also bringing it into the 21st Century. This year's tour does just that – homes that have been beautifully modified for today's family without losing their original integrity. In addition to this year's Home Tour – and included in the cost of the ticket - will be the first Country Club Concorde de Elegance. The pairing of the Home Tour and the classic car show should create more fun and excitement throughout the neighborhood on September 23.

Tickets for the Home Tour and the Concorde de Elegance will be \$10 per person in advance and \$15 at the door. Beginning September 8th tickets can be purchased at Leon's, Stockwell Pharmacy, Woods Bros Realty Country Club Office and Bishop Heights True Value Hardware. The tour can begin at any of the homes listed.

All proceeds will go toward neighborhood beautification and special projects.

Volunteers Needed

CCNA needs 70 volunteers for the Home Tour – half to volunteer from 12:30 to 2:45 and half to volunteer from 2:45 to 5:30. If you are interested in volunteering for the Home Tour, please contact

Joyce Norris at jbnnorris007@neb.rr.com
You can also call 402-435-0627.

These are the homes that will be featured. Can you guess which one is the old Pat Ash house? The home of Millard Lefler, Superintendent of LPS and namesake of Lefler Middle School? The Hyland House? Learn the stories of all seven homes. Enjoy the tour and bring your friends!



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Car Show

Country Club Concorde de Elegance Lincoln, NE

Sunday, September 23

Don't miss this welcome addition to the CCNA Home Tour. Displayed will be some of Lincoln's finest automobiles with the backdrop of Woodcrest Avenue Park. This year we will be featuring rare Italian cars and pre-WWII autos. Come vote for your favorite, as the cars will be competing for crowd favorite and judged on originality by a prestigious panel of auto enthusiasts.

Tickets for the Home Tour and Car Show are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. All money raised from the event will go toward neighborhood projects and beautification.



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Lincoln Marathon



Photo by Andrew Lamberson for the Lincoln Journal Star

CCNA Residents Danny and Scott Jenkins played drums and the cowbell respectively for Lincoln Marathon runners on Sheridan Boulevard.



CCNA Resident Randy Mittan took photos of runners on Sheridan Boulevard and the aftermath of the marathon.

Sometimes it's OK to eavesdrop ...

During the latter part of May my husband and I were enjoying a leisurely lunch while in Kansas City. At the table next to us were four young people talking about their experiences running various marathons. One of the young ladies began to talk about her first marathon that she had just completed in Lincoln, Nebraska. Upon hearing this, my shoulders straightened and my head ever-so-discreetly turned like radar towards the table next to us.

I delighted in hearing their comments ...

They didn't know Lincoln was so big as this was their first visit. And that the people were so friendly. They went through this one neighborhood that looks like the Ward Parkway area and the street was lined with people cheering them on and clapping. They even had drummers providing music. And of course they talked about "The Hill" – 20th Street coming up from Hwy 2 to Van Dorn. They hated "The Hill", but loved the people lining the street and giving them encouragement.

I was so pleased to have overheard these wonderful comments about our neighborhood.



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Woodsdale Fourth of July Parade



The fire truck leading the parade.

The Annual Fourth of July Parade around the Woodsdale Boulevards was a great success! The fire truck from Engine House 8 led the way. Many other areas throughout the neighborhood held their own festivities - neighbors getting together celebrating and enjoying the holiday.



CCNA President Justin Carlson sports his Fourth of July Best at the parade.



(Left to Right) Olivia Daugherty, Owen and Ian Brown and Wade & Rhett Voss at the parade.



CC NA Block Party

What does it take to have a block party? Fun neighbors, food, beverages, games and a blocked off street!

The neighbors of 25th Street from Woodsdale Boulevard to High Street had their 2nd summer block party July 7. Some neighbors on 25th Street get together on Fridays after work from time to time to bar-b-que, let the kids play and kick off the weekend. One Friday evening, we talked about closing off the street and inviting the whole block. Each neighbor volunteered a contribution: Invitations, street permit, smoking meat, bringing side dishes, providing kids games, etc. The kids had fun riding their bikes and scooters in the street, playing in the sprinklers and running from swing set to swing set. The guys played a pretty intense tournament of Polish horseshoes.

Start your own neighborhood tradition by having an annual Block Party. If you are interested in having a block party, visit: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/traffic/blkparty/> to learn more.



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- Home Tour – while your home may not be on the tour this year, the entire neighborhood will be "on tour". Spruce up, tidy up and make sure your home and lawn looks its best.
- Pesky Signs – yes, the neighborhood is being dotted with signs that have been up for more than one day. The Police Department

can pick them up or if it's in your yard, you have permission to throw it away.

-If you are one of the violators of those pesky signs, please follow the law and be respectful of your neighbor who gets your sign in their yard – take it down. Better yet, don't put it up in the first place.

-Want something done in your corner of the neighborhood? Come to the CCNA meetings. Your board only knows what you want or need if you let them know.



Consider CCNA in Your Will

Jan Pitsch lived in the yellow house next to Boulevard 43 next to the Penny Bridge on Sheridan Boulevard. For years she maintained and nurtured this part of her neighborhood. When Jan passed away she left CCNA and her beloved boulevards in her will. The new landscaping at the Penny Bridge at 33rd and Sheridan and the bench on the boulevard in front of the yellow house were all made possible because Jan made these arrangements in her will. This autumn a bronze sculpture will be added to the area by the bench – all thanks to Jan.

Please consider including the Country Club Neighborhood Association Charitable Foundation in your will or estate plan. Remember, you don't need to rewrite your entire will to make a provision for a bequest to CCNA. Simply prepare a Codicil (a written change or addition), have it witnessed and attached to your will. Another simple method is to add CCNA as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy or of your IRA. Your planned gift will enable CCNA to continue its long tradition of serving our neighborhood. Our legal name is Country Club Neighborhood Association Charitable Foundation under the umbrella of the Nebraska Community Foundation.



FYI: Why You Should Water Your Lawn

It's been a very, very hot summer. The heat and lack of rain can cause many problems. Many of these problems can be avoided if you water your lawn. Other than the obvious – to keep your lawn and trees alive – you also need to water to protect your concrete, your foundation and lots of other things that you don't think about.

Lack of water causes the soil to become compact and hard. It can put pressure on your underground water and sewer lines causing them to crack. Your driveway can start to crack and heave. The dirt around your foundation will start to pull away. When the rains and snow come the moisture could run right down into your basement or freeze causing pressure on your basement walls.

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The Most Precious Gift: Family Harmony

By: Daniel E. Klaus

Between 10 and 41 **TRILLION DOLLARS** will be transferred from the World War II generation to the Baby Boomers. Inevitably, some of those transfers will result in lawsuits between beneficiaries over who gets what. In my 25+ years of practice, I have all too often heard the phrase: "I never thought this would happen in my family." Although most generational transfers will occur amicably, the following are suggestions to preserve family harmony after a death.

Talk about the plans for your estate. Many believe a beneficiary can only determine an inheritance by attending the reading of the Will, but secrecy before death is not legally required. Problems can arise when beneficiaries are surprised about the distribution of an estate, or if the documents are less than clear about the distribution. There is no legal restriction preventing you from explaining to your prospective beneficiaries how your estate will be distributed, and doing so may reduce the risk of a fight.

Explain unequal distributions. Except as to spouses, it is your absolute legal right to dispose of your estate in any manner you choose. However, society generally presumes that children will all be treated equally. A significant inequality in the distribution of your estate may cause a beneficiary to question your competence or the influence exerted over you by another. You should make certain your reasons for unequal distributions are known. It may be uncomfortable to talk to your children about this, but it is better than having them quarrel after you are gone.

Know how your assets will be distributed. Your Will or Trust does not necessarily control disposition of all of your assets. The proceeds of your life insurance policy will be distributed based upon the policy's beneficiary designation which may be different than your Will. Including the name of a child on your bank accounts may raise a question about whether the funds in those accounts are to be distributed to that child after your death or should be distributed as provided in your Will. Make certain your legal advisor knows of all your assets and fully explains how they will be distributed upon your death.

Consent to a mental evaluation, if recommended. The most commonly raised issue regarding a Will or Trust is whether you had "testamentary capacity" at the time you signed it, that is, whether you really understood what you were doing, particularly if you make changes later in life. If your mental capacity could be called into question, you should be professionally examined immediately prior to making changes to your estate plan. A timely examination will stop many challenges.

Finally, people are unfortunately willing to take financial advantage of the elderly. I am aware of situations where elderly individuals have "disinherited" their children and left all of their assets to new "friends". Once deceased, it is challenging to determine whether a person understood or desired a particular distribution of assets, or whether he or she was unduly influenced by the new "friend". While children should not become overly involved in planning their parents' estates for fear they may be accused of unduly influencing them, they should make certain their parents are not being taken advantage of by others. Ask your parents about their estate plans and be certain their plans reflect their expressed desires. Contact the attorneys at Rembolt Ludtke LLP for assistance.

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