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CCNA HISTORY:

Lincoln Southeast High School Celebrates Golden Anniversary

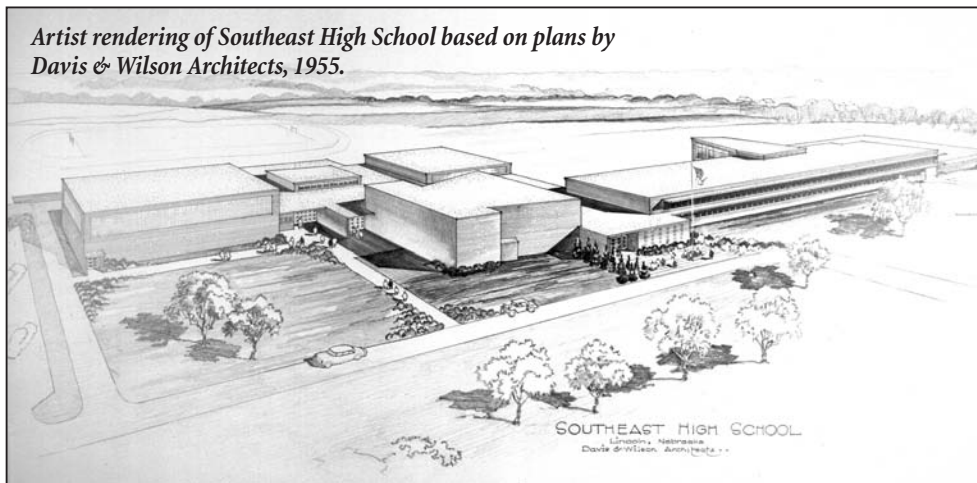
Fifty years ago this spring, Lincoln Southeast High School graduated its first senior class. Although the structure itself is not within the Country Club Neighborhood Association's boundaries, it was built in response to the ever-increasing population in our portion of Lincoln and has served as the high school to numerous neighbors in our area.

The predecessor of Lincoln Southeast High School was originally not even in Lincoln. College View High School, built in 1920, was in the town of College View located southeast of Lincoln. However, in 1929 this town was annexed by Lincoln and the high school became part of the Lincoln Public Schools system.

In the 1940s, city surveys indicated that a larger junior-senior high would need to be built to serve the southeast portion of Lincoln. In May of 1951, voters approved a six million dollar bond issue which included a new building at 37th and High Streets. A local architectural firm Davis & Wilson was hired to design a new structure. Their objective was to construct a high school that was as large as possible within the limits of the bond issue. The final figures for the original construction totaled:

Land (17.28 acres)	\$10,900
Construction	\$1,523,041
Equipment	\$241,977
Square footage	118,518
Construction cost per sq. ft.	\$12.85

According to the School Board president at the time, Dr. Paul Bancroft, the \$1,775,918 project was "one of the least expensive of its kind in the United States and also in compar-



ison with cost of the older school structures in the city."

In May 1955, College View High School graduated 45 students in its last senior class. (The CVHS building was subsequently used as an elementary school until it was razed in 1988 to make room for new classrooms at Calvert Elementary.) On September 25, 1955, Southeast Junior-Senior High School opened with approximately 650 students in attendance. The former principal of CVHS, Hazel Scott, assumed the leadership of Southeast High School for that first year, but she soon realized she didn't enjoy being principal of such a large school and did not return for a second year.

The Lincoln Evening Journal expounded at that time on the innovations of the new school: floor to ceiling windows, air hair dryers in the girls' locker room, boys' lockers in which air would circulate to dry the gear, and glass bubble type skylights which distributed an ample amount of bright sun to corridors below.

The Southeast students quickly chose the Knights for their mascot (beating out Cyclones and Panthers). The student newspaper was dubbed The Clarion after the long musical instrument used by knights to announce events. The most controversial decision was the choice of black and gold as the school colors. Since a major portion of the students were from College View High School, where the colors were purple and gold, some parents hoped that the new school would also incorporate those colors. The CVHS parents had a vested interest in the decision: They had recently paid off a major debt for purple and gold band uniforms which they had hoped would be worn for many years. However, in the end, the pupils' preference won out over parental protests and the trim on the uniform was dutifully changed (thanks to a loan of \$3,500 from the Board of Education) to reflect the new school's colors.

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Upcoming CCNA Meetings:

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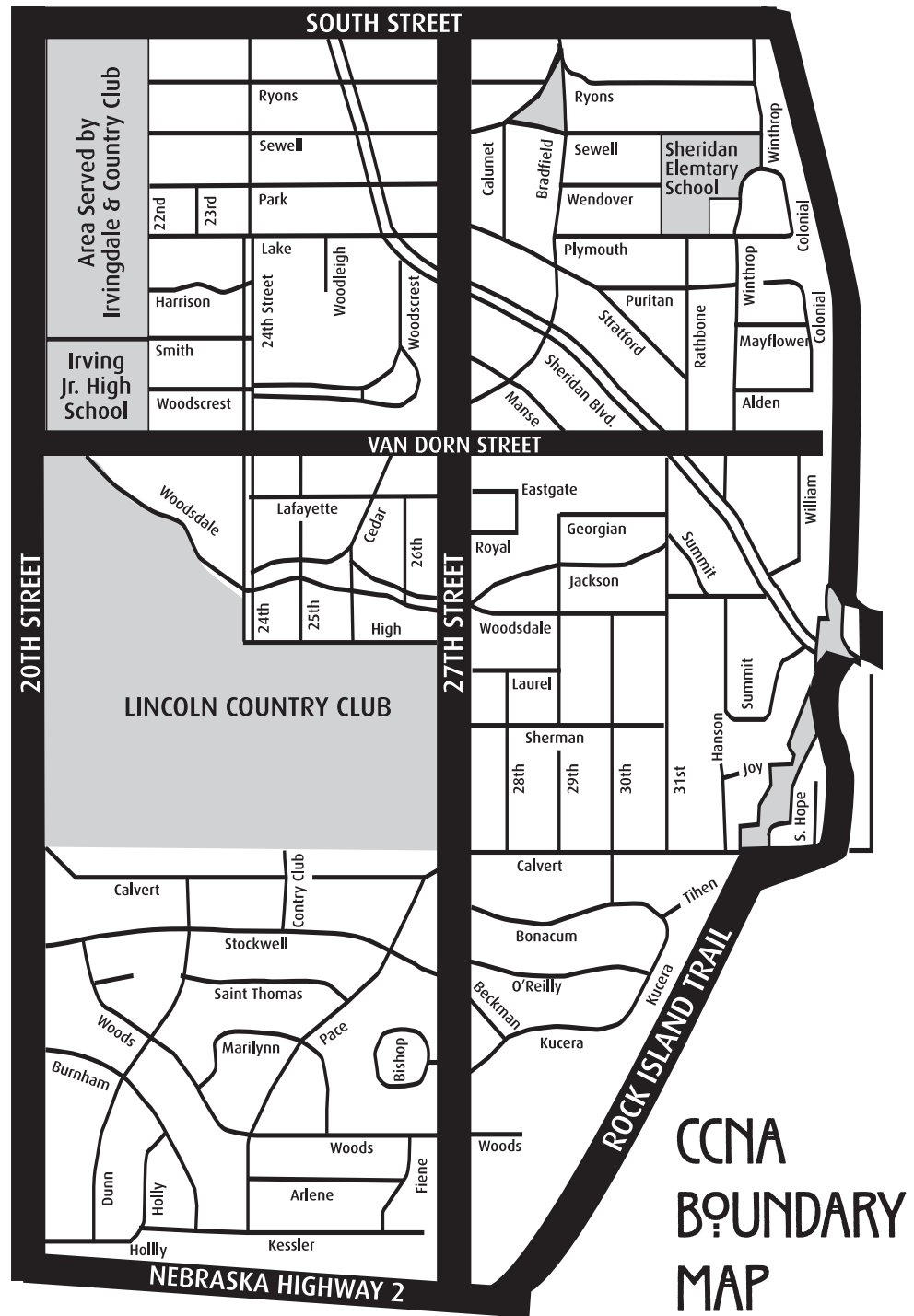
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What is it?

Many of us have had our yards and boulevards torn up this last spring and summer as Aquila was updating the gas service lines.



Surprisingly, this new "pumping" station appeared along the west side of 27th Street between Van Dorn and Sheridan as a part of the "updating." Those of you who live close by or have walked beside the structure will notice there is a faint smell of gas.

CCNA was not aware that such a structure would be appearing and is awaiting a reply from the Public Works Director about why it is necessary to have such a large, unsightly service structure along one of the main arterials through our neighborhood. We are concerned not only with the appearance of the structure in such a prominent spot, but also the potential danger if a car collided with it. Please call Public Works if you have concern about the structure. Hopefully, we will not have any other such surprises in our neighborhood.

If Aquila has not satisfactorily replaced the sod along your parkway after completing their digging, please call their customer service telephone number. Fall is a good time to get that grass reestablished. ☺

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Even as the original building was being put to use, plans were created for its expansion. By 1957, a southwest wing addition had been constructed at a cost of \$429,551 and increased the size of the school by 31 classrooms. This enlarged facility continued to serve junior high students until Pound Junior High was completed in 1963. In addition, kindergarten through second grade students attended Southeast until 1965 as part of a Child Center in the building.

In 1956, the Southeast students recorded this message in their first yearbook, appropriately dubbed *The Shield*: "What lies ahead in the future of Southeast High School is unknown, but as we, the students and faculty, look ahead we inevitably discover vast possibility, unlimited opportunity, profuse cultural upheaval." What we now know fifty years later is that Southeast High School has expanded and adapted as the student population and curriculum requirements have grown. It plays a vital role in our part of Lincoln as it meets the needs of the ever-changing neighborhoods it serves. ☺

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Mary Lynn W. Schaffer

School is back in session and fall sports are underway. The weather will soon be cooling down and we can all get "another wind." Fall can be quite invigorating. It seems in my own immediate neighborhood we have a new generation of young families joining us to call this area "home." I am excited!

These young families bring a new vigor to our neighborhood—vigor to invest in their homes, our neighborhood schools, parks, library, and traffic safety projects. Please make an effort to welcome these new neighbors to your street. Consider hosting a driveway party of root beer floats, or something equally simple— so you can get to know each other before the snow blows in.

Just as a neighborhood needs some invigorating, so does your neighborhood association. New neighbors—please join us. A dues form is included in our newsletter. If you're a long-time resident, I encourage you to also join us at our next association meeting, September 20. We will be electing new board members and officers in the spring. Please consider becoming an active member of your association. Ours is an "activist" association, and, it is because of the hard work of dedicated volunteers, we have a quality of life in our neighborhood of which we can be proud. Please join us in the adventure!

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- Other Interests/Talents _____

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Is there anything CCNA can do to help?

The CCNA Board of Directors fielded a number of concerns from residents this last spring and summer who have wanted to know what CCNA could do to help them with their neighbors—neighbors who need to paint their house, mow their yard, trim their bushes, kill the weeds, and just plain do some major “sprucing up”—they are tired of looking at the mess!

Legally there is nothing CCNA can do, but we do offer residents some city resources to

call for assistance. CCNA has been sending an increasing number of letters to owners and tenants of properties reported to us, asking for their cooperation in helping make this the most beautiful and well-kept neighborhood in Lincoln.

Getting to know our neighbors as individuals helps us know when our neighbors need some extra help. Consider offering to help trim the bushes or with some special clean up. Sometimes the project needs a little encouragement and a couple of extra hands make the work easier. And it says to your neighbor, “I

notice!” Just like with kids—a little assistance and praise can lighten the burden and instill some pride.

Please use the Neighborhood Hotline (441-6300) as necessary, and let a board member know if a letter requesting cooperation of the owner or tenant to be more attentive would be helpful.

It was a Hot! Hot! Summer

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were taking an Alaskan cruise or could sit by the pool all day long. If you did not find yourself doing either of these, you probably were doing anything to avoid being outside. 100+ degrees during the day and lows of the 80s at night forced many people to delay any outdoor projects they may have planned. It was just too hot!

Welcome, autumn!

It's September and the days are getting shorter, cooler breezes are blowing in, and school has started. Everyone gets back into a regular routine. It's time to take account of what we put off over the summer (because of the heat or otherwise) and get things done before the snow flies.

Yes, it's time for fall cleaning. For you it's your house, garage and yard, but for CCNA it's the entire neighborhood. We have lots of "housecleaning" to do with this, that and everything else. So, sit back with your CCNA newsletter and enjoy the articles about this, that and everything else. After all, this is fall house neighborhood cleaning.

Curb Appeal

It's the term real estate agents use to distinguish houses with character from the many that miss the mark. The National Association of Realtors has published many articles on the subject of curb appeal – how does your home and neighborhood present themselves. There are volumes of documentation to show that a well-groomed, well-maintained yard and neighborhood will command higher prices. Local appraisers will tell you that a property that puts its "best house forward" will get a higher rating. Your home is your most valuable asset and you should treat it as such.

Keeping up Appearances

Tom Silva, in one of the issues of "This Old House Magazine" and popular television program, says some houses could use a helping hand to look nice from the street – a paint job, new roof, landscaping, general maintenance and a need to keep things picked up and looking tidy.

Need a new roof? A roof does more than shed the weather. Where the roof is an important architectural feature of your house, the choice of material can have as big a visual impact as siding and paint.

It is always better to have a complete "tear down" when replacing your roof. Installing new shingles over an existing roof may be a little cheaper in the beginning, but the added weight of the extra layer of shingles can damage your roof system. The life of the new shingles is also cut short by the layers creating friction with each other.

Drive around and look at other roofs for ideas. You can get colored gutters, valleys and gutter aprons to match.

Go on the internet for ideas, buy magazines – this is your opportunity to make your house fabulous.

Need a paint job? Paint is often the easiest way to spruce up an exterior. Color combinations can draw out details – windows, trim, porches, and doors – that otherwise might disappear. Paint is also necessary to maintain your property. A house's worst enemy is water. Peeling paint can allow water to get to the wood structure and cause rot. Because most of the homes in the neighborhood were built prior to 1977, there also is a risk of the peeling paint containing lead paint. These particles should not be allowed to fall to the ground and contaminate the soil or become airborne.

- Preparation is the key – the painting is the easy part.
- Take your time and do it right .

- Hire a professional contractor – get references.
- Need to work on your yard and landscaping? Did you know that a well manicured yard can add up to an additional \$5,000.00 to the value of your home? Your yard is also like an "open book" as to who you are – Neat and tidy? Pays attention to details? "I'll do it later" . . .

This is the perfect time to reseed any bare spots. Trim, edge and manicure your yard. There should be no "curb bangs." Mow on a regular basis. This is good for your yard (and will make your neighbors happy).

Flower gardens – everywhere! – were very popular in the late 1980s and 90s. They look good when the flowers first bloom, but unless you have a lot of time to pay attention to the beds, things start to look a little straggly. Clean lines of a manicured lawn and beautiful trees and bushes are more the original styling of the neighborhood. Annuals and pots for color should be the accent pieces in your landscaping.

Autumn is the perfect time for a weed and feed. You will avoid all of those ugly dandelions in the spring.

Read lots of magazines for ideas. Most of the ideas for this article came from Better Homes and Gardens Special Interest Publications, Simple Perfect Exteriors – 187 ways to boost Curb Appeal, 2005.

DO NOT NEGLECT YOUR HOME. Regular maintenance will not only save you money in costly repairs due to neglect, but it will also make you money by adding to the value of your home.



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Atractive Home...Unsightly Trash Cans—Trashcan Etiquette

No pun intended, but “exposed” trashcans and totes and dumpsters can look downright trashy! Before the City required that we all have separate cans for grass, etc., it was easy to keep everything in our garages. Now, these big huge things have taken over the neighborhood and it is downright ugly!

Trashcans should never be visible from the street! Ever!

Do not put your trashcans where your neighbors have to look at them. If they won't go in the garage, build a privacy area to house these cans.

Just because the refuse company gave you a “tote” or “dumpster” (you are probably paying a fee for this) for your regular trash does not mean that you are required to use it. Target sells great trash cans that are on wheels and light weight – all for \$12.00.

Now that it is getting close to winter, you might want to call your refuse hauler about their fee for pick-up at the house. It might be worth the extra dollar or two – no snow and ice to traverse down to the curb and back.

Speaking of trash cans...

What's the deal with 82 million garbage trucks going up and down the streets every hour of the day, every day of the week, making

lots of noise. and putting all of that extra truck weight on our already fragile streets? Add onto that the recyclers! Well, here's the scoop on this new annoyance.

For years all of the refuse haulers in Lincoln were locally owned and operated. They respected each others routes and did not infringe upon each other's territory. This was wonderful for the neighborhood because you only had garbage trucks on your block maybe two days a week. That has now changed and here's why as we believe it to be:

Shrader Refuse was locally owned and operated and sold out to Midwest Refuse. Midwest is a California owned company.

Once an outside company came in, several of the local companies OR brand new companies, decided that their routes were fair game. When they see that a house has sold (Yes, they watch for the SOLD sign and then put a flier in the door for the new owner), they let the new buyer know about their company.

The new property owner thinks that this is their trash company, signs up with them, not realizing that their Monday/Thursday pickup is not the same as the other neighbors' Tuesday/Friday pickup days.

What To Do?

In addition to people not taking care of their yards and properties, believe it or not

TRASHCANS AND REFUSE SERVICE are at the top of the list of neighbors complaints.

CCNA is writing letters to each of the refuse services in our neighborhood.


We are requesting certain expectations of service, i.e. no trash can should be down on the ground and allowed to blow away.

All refuse vehicles should be maintained. Have you smelled that “dead animal” smell? That is “grass juice” leaking out of their trucks and onto the street. This is not supposed to happen and is against health regulations.

If you live on a street where you have several different refuse companies, talk to your neighbors about changing. If you are new to the neighborhood and did not know any better, think seriously about changing to the company that serves your neighbors. It will be so nice to have everyone on the same schedule.

And, please be a good neighbor. Put your trash out only the night before and at a place by the curb that is not directly across the street from your neighbor's driveway. Immediately put it away the next day. Putting it away allows people to admire your home and your yard, not the size, color and number of trash cans you have. Thank you!

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 - tree branches hanging down so low you cannot walk under them on the sidewalk, or bushes extending over the sidewalk
 - garbage, lawn trash, construction/remodeling debris that has been allowed to accumulate
 - a junk vehicle or a vehicle that has not been licensed
 - more than three unrelated people living in the property

Call the Neighborhood Hotline

441-6300. The call will be kept confidential and your concern will be forwarded to the proper agency.

Traffic Committee

The traffic and safety committee meets each Monday evening following the monthly CCNA Board meetings on Tuesdays. The meeting is at 7:00 PM at the Woods Brothers Country Club Plaza office in the lower level meeting room. We are currently working on a handful of projects including crosswalks on 27th Street and stop signs for streets entering Calvert between 27th and 33rd. The meeting is open to anyone with traffic and safety interests or issues. If you have an item for our agenda please call Barney Helton at 730-9076 or 475-8173 or just show up.

Do I have to move my mailbox to the curb?

The short answer is "NO!" (and please don't do it!) A longer answer is that the CCNA Board of Directors has a scheduled meeting in September with the Lincoln Postmaster to try to resolve the issue for our neighborhood.

The Postal Service regulations apparently do not carry the force of law, and the Postal Service cannot legally require homeowners to purchase and install mailboxes at the curb. However, the Postal Service may say they are requesting homeowners move their box as a "cost-effective" measure for the Postal Service.

The Country Club Neighborhood has uniformly received door delivery up until a short time ago when some NEW residents began receiving notices they should move their box to the curb. Based upon information the CCNA Board has received from members, we believe this practice of pressuring new residents is affecting only a few streets served by one particular mail carrier. Residents report they have not been successful in resolving the issue with the mail carrier.

PLEASE do not move your box to the curb. Once it has been moved to the curb, the "red tape" to move it back to the door becomes complicated.