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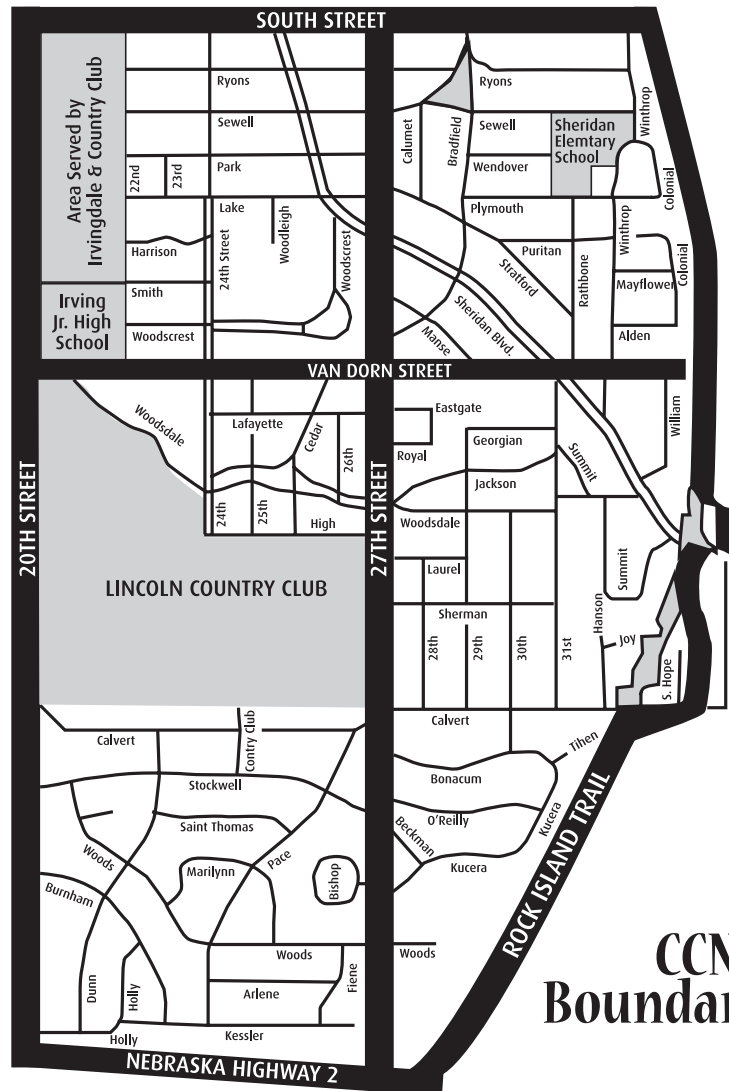
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President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President



Fall Is Here!

I looked up the other day and it hit me, autumn has definitely arrived. That thick canopy of leaves has quietly overnight changed its color from deep greens to beautiful hues of yellows, oranges and reds. The leaves on the trees that provided the shade to keep us cool all summer will soon fall down. Left behind will be the empty, wooden branches of winter. As I age I better appreciate these drastic changes of seasons and the stark beauty they bring (except for maybe the endless leaves to rake).

Around our house one can tell it is fall just by the nightly dinner menu. We've already had a pot roast in the crock pot, hot apple cider, chili and cinnamon rolls and have gone through enough apples that I should seriously considering planting some apple trees. I even found pumpkin flavored coffee at Leon's yesterday. Fall is here.

Fall also brings about the cooler temperatures and changes in weather. The brisk evenings remind me of my youth playing in the piles of leaves or neighborhood football games with heavy sweatshirts and stocking caps that almost felt like real football pads. It's a great time of year to spend time in your neighborhood, on walks and working in the yard. Get out and enjoy this colorful time of year!

The Country Club Neighborhood Association has been busy with our annual Apple Festival at Pocras Park, planning for spring projects and the upcoming Holiday Fun Run and Party on Friday December 20th. As I've mentioned in previous articles we currently have several board member openings available and would love to have anyone who is interested in getting involved in their neighborhood. Board member time commitments are minimal and go a long way in keeping our neighborhood great. If you are interested in becoming a member of the CCNA Board please feel free to contact me at 402-770-7188 or jpcliz@msn.com.

On behalf of the Country Club Neighborhood Association Board of Directors we hope you enjoy this quarter's copy of the CCNA Chronicle.

See you around the neighborhood!

Justin Carlson
President
Country Club Neighborhood Association



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CCNA Holiday 5K Fun Run

Do you have images of holiday lights, presents, wise men, ugly sweaters, a leg lamp, candy canes and Christmas trees running through your head? You must be thinking of what you will see running and walking along Sheridan Boulevard at the Third Annual CCNA Holiday 5k Fun Run!!!

Friday December 20, 2013 is the date for the Third Annual CCNA Holiday 5k Fun Run, which benefits the lighting needs of the Old Rock Island Trail between South and Calvert Streets. The Old Rock Island Trail is utilized by numerous walkers, runners and bikers in and around the Country Club Neighborhood every day. Some are on the trails in the early morning and late evening hours, before and after daylight, which poses a safety concern. CCNA is hoping to help solve this problem by raising funds to install lighting along the Old Rock Island Trail from South to Calvert Streets through the CCNA Holiday 5k Fun Run and from neighbor donations. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to: CCNA Fun Run, PO Box 21953, Lincoln, NE 68542. Please specify Fun Run.

This adults-only, non-competitive, fun run/walk starts and ends at the Lincoln Country Club. The course runs through the historic Country Club Neighborhood including 24th

Street, Woodscrest Avenue, Sheridan Boulevard, Bradfield Drive and Stratford Avenue. Runners and walkers enjoy a festive holiday post party in the Ballroom at the Country Club, including a complimentary beverage, heavy appetizers, music and door prizes. Additional beverages will be available at cash only bar.

Not a runner/walker or just don't want to get cold? Register for a social ticket and enjoy the fun!

How to Register:

Online at: ccnalinc.org or by downloading the entry form at ccnalinc.org and mailing it to:

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The drought of the last couple of years has taken a toll on many of our trees. Some were already weak after surviving the October, 1997 storm. Some were just getting very old and diseased. Some were succumbing due to a lack of water during the drought. Because of this, CCNA has already lost about 50 trees in the neighborhood with more scheduled to be removed.

CCNA will be taking an inventory of the trees in the neighborhood and identifying locations for tree replacement. We will again be writing grants and working with Lincoln Parks and Recreation for these replacement trees. This project will be similar to all of the other tree planting projects undertaken by CCNA. Almost every street, park and boulevard tree planted in our neighborhood since 1998 has been due to the efforts of CCNA. We have not written grants in several years and it is time to start again.

DO YOU NEED A NEW STREET TREE?

We will be taking inventory of the locations needing a street tree, but we want to make sure we don't miss you. If you want a street tree, contact:

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Our grant due date is January 15, 2014 with scheduled planting to be in March or April.




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CC NA Country Club Street Name History

Did you know that several of the streets in the Country Club Neighborhood are named for historical figures?

Winthrop Road was named after author and traveler Theodore Winthrop, who was one of the first Union officers killed in the Civil War. An 1848 graduate of Yale University, Winthrop traveled in Great Britain, Europe and the United States for a year. After contributing to periodicals, short sketches, and stories, which attracted little attention, Winthrop enlisted in the 7th Regiment, New York State Militia, an early volunteer unit of the Federal Army that answered President Abraham Lincoln's call for troops in 1861. He wrote a popular essay about the experience titled "Our March to Washington."

In the heat of the Battle of Big Bethel on June 10, 1861 Major Winthrop climbed onto the trunk of a fallen tree and reportedly yelled, "One more charge, boys, and the day is ours." Soon after, he was killed by a musket ball and became the first casualty of rank for the Northern side in one of the first land battles of the Civil War.




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- Nate Conroy of Green Touch – Nate and his crew are fabulous at keeping our parks, boulevards and neighborhood entrances well groomed. Most Thursdays you see Green Touch meticulously mowing the boulevards. He takes great pride in his work and we appreciate it.
- Jerry Shorney, Dave Bomberger, Bob Weyhrich and the staff of Lincoln Parks and Recreation for their assistance and efforts in making our entire neighborhood fantastic.
- Miki Esposito and Thomas Shafer of the Lincoln Public Works Department for working with us on street rehabilitation projects.
- Sergeant James of LPD who comes to our monthly meetings and assists us with our concerns.
- To all of you who come to meetings and take an active participation in your neighborhood.



Volunteers Needed

When the ornamental lights were installed between 20th and 27th Streets, south of Van Dorn and along Woodsdale Boulevard, a number of residents contributed funds to have swags of greenery hung on the light poles at the holidays. We are now looking for some younger, more agile bodies to climb the extension ladders to continue the tradition.

There are 15 lights that need swags. The swags are made and stored in plastic tubs. Each year they need to be "freshened" and new ribbons attached. In the past, the swags have been hung around Thanksgiving (before it is too cold) and taken down after the first of January.

If you would be interested in assuming the task of coordinating some neighbors to help with this task, or are willing to help put up and take down swags, please contact Mary Lynn Schaffer, 402-423-6224 or marylynn.schaffer@gmail.com



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Apple Party



This year the Country Club Neighborhood Association hosted a neighborhood Apple Party at Pocras park on October 8th. The event was meant to bring neighbors together to celebrate the impending Fall season, with cider, caramel apples and bags of apples for children and adults alike, to snack on. The event was a great success, with more than 50 children and adults in the area taking the time to stop by. The CCNA announced the event on our group Facebook page, so if you're interested in keeping up to date on future events, please add us to your feed!



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Rathbone Area Halloween Block Party

By Jeanne McClure



It's a pretty simple event to plan: Set the date, apply for the permit and make invitations. Hey neighbors, bring some food and a table, put it in the street and let's have some fun!

The 2013 party marked this Halloween event's 7th year. The idea was reborn in 2007, the year Sheridan Elementary School was remodeled and students were bused to a remote site. Every morning, parents and kids stood on the corner of Puritan and Rathbone waiting for the school bus. Parents talked and it really helped the neighbors (adults and kids) form even closer friendships. One of the parents at that bus stop was Debbie Schwartz, who had grown up in the neighborhood. She shared her memories of the block parties that she attended as a child. The Schwartzes along with other families -- the Morrors, Moberlys, Thompsons and McClures -- decided that a Halloween block party would be a great idea. So, together they arranged for the permit, invites and simple games for kids.



Seven years later, it's still going strong! It's not only the kids in costume at this party—the adults at this event love to masquerade for the evening too. This year's party was held on Rathbone Road between Puritan Avenue Stratford Blvd. A donation of \$5-10/family was requested to cover the cost of the permit, prizes and seed money for the next year's party. Dozens of families stopped by to share snacks and chat with friends before heading out to trick-or treat.

Don't wait for your invite, we'll be there again next year—Friday, October 31, 2014—so plan your costume, mark your calendars, bring a friend and come wanting to party!

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Haunting of the Woodsdale Islands



The first annual 'Haunting of the Woodsdale Islands' potluck picnic is a new Halloween tradition that the neighbors hope to keep up every year going forward. Neighbors met at the corner of Woodsdale Boulevard and Cedar Avenue on the grassy islands just a block north of the Country Club in their Halloween costumes. They came with bubbling pots of chili and stews, enjoyed a great meal, and caught up with friends around the fire pit before heading out trick or treating. Look for a notice on the CCNA Facebook page next year and join the fun!!!



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Octoberfest



Henry's on South and Leon's hosted an Octoberfest event this year, on October 18th and 19th. The festival featured, Bavarian beer and food. Plus, it included live music and games!



The Fuller Family, who owns Henry's on South, at the event.

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Estate Planning In the Wake of DOMA

By: Ramzi Hynek

Estate planning may now be a little bit easier, and potentially less costly, for same-sex married couples who want to share their assets with their spouses. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court invalidated a key provision of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act. Under this ruling, same-sex couples will be treated as married for all federal tax purposes, including income, gift, and estate taxes. Recently, the Department of the Treasury and the I.R.S. concluded that this ruling applies to all couples legally married in jurisdictions that recognize their marriage, even if the couple later moves to another jurisdiction where same-sex marriage is not recognized.

The inability to transfer all assets tax-free to a same-sex spouse was the basis of the DOMA Supreme Court case. Edith Windsor and Thea Spyer were legally married when Spyer died in 2009. Under DOMA, Windsor could not receive all of Spyer's assets tax-free and she owed the U.S. Treasury \$363,053. For this reason she filed a lawsuit on the grounds that DOMA violated the constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law.

Historically, heterosexual married couples have been exempt from almost all federal taxes that are levied on transfers of property or money between them, whether made during life or at death. After the recent DOMA ruling, these rules now apply to all legally married same-sex couples.

Some gifts are not taxable, including: 1) gifts of \$14,000 or less per recipient per year, 2) gifts to tax-exempt charities, and 3) gifts or bequests at death from one spouse to another, no matter the amount. In addition to these exempt gifts, each individual is allowed to gift a certain amount of assets (currently \$5.25 million) over the person's lifetime, with the unused portion reducing his or her taxable estate at death. If there is any remaining unused exemption, the surviving spouse may elect to carry over and take advantage of this unused exemption upon his or her death. This is known as "portability" between spouses. In short, portability can be used to double the value of an estate that is protected from federal tax (currently up to \$10.5 million). Again, these inter-spousal benefits are now available to legally married same-sex couples.

The Supreme Court ruling, however, does not require each state to recognize same-sex marriage for purposes of its own gift, estate, or inheritance taxes. Therefore, individuals must also look to the laws of the state of their residence to determine whether they will be able to pass wealth tax-free to their spouse upon death. For example, while a legally married same-sex couple residing in Nebraska will be treated as married for federal tax purposes, that same couple will be treated as unrelated persons for purposes of Nebraska's inheritance tax upon death (at a tax rate of 18%).

With the dramatic changes ushered in by the DOMA Supreme Court ruling, any estate plan previously implemented by same-sex couples is almost certainly out-of-date and should be carefully reviewed with the assistance of an estate planning legal professional.



Meadowlark Music Festival



2013 Meadowlark Artists: Sylvain Rabbath, Hans Sturm (Executive Director), François Rabbath, Steven Trinkle, Anthony Molinaro, Eugenie Burkett

The Meadowlark Music Festival has been a summer Lincoln tradition since it was founded in 2001, bringing internationally renowned musicians to a variety of venues across the City and beyond. The 2013 Festival featured three performances over the 4th of July weekend. On July 3rd, in partnership with the City of Lincoln, Meadowlark brought live music back to the Uncle Sam Jam for the first time since 2009. Directed by award-winning conductor and trumpeter Steven Trinkle, the 14-piece brass and percussion ensemble Trinkle Brass Works from Las Vegas performed a wide variety of music from patriotic marches to Broadway musical selections and symphonic transcriptions. The evening's highlight was the breathtaking performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture which accompanied over 1500 fireworks by Zambelli.

International double bass virtuoso François Rabbath came to Nebraska from Paris to perform on July 5th at St. Paul UMC. The only double bassist to have been awarded the Isaac Stern International Award and the International Society of Bassists Lifetime Achievement Award, Rabbath inspired a lengthy standing

ovation from the crowd of over 200 patrons with his interpretations of J.S. Bach's Suites for Solo Cello and his Middle-Eastern inspired compositions accompanied by his son Sylvain.

The Lincoln Star wrote of pianist Anthony Molinaro's July 6th recital, "Nobody does it better." The Naumburg International Piano Competition winner performed his fascinating solo piano arrangements of the music of the Beatles in addition to works by Liszt and Brahms in Kimball Recital Hall on the campus of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

The 2013 Meadowlark Music Festival was the brain child of Dr. Hans Sturm, the Festival's new Executive and Artistic Director. Arriving in Lincoln in the fall of 2011 to teach double bass and jazz studies at UNL after 17 years at Ball State University, Sturm was approached by Dr. Ann Chang, Meadowlark's founder, to consider applying for the vacant leadership position. His extensive experience as both a performer and organizer of international festivals gave him the resources to bring back the Festival in 2013 despite a timeline of only 5 months in which to design and implement the Festival. The



Anthony Molinaro



Hans Sturm & Steven Trinkle



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Trinkle Brass Works at the Uncle Sam Jam

Meadowlark Festival was dormant in 2012 due to financial difficulties, however thanks to an engaged and energized Board of Directors and overwhelmingly positive support from past Meadowlark sponsors and patrons, the Meadowlark Music Festival has now begun plans for the 2014 season.

As the Lincoln Journal Star wrote of the 2013 Meadowlark Music Festival: "Many patrons relished the revival of this diamond sparkling amid Nebraska's emerald fields."

To learn more about the Meadowlark Music Festival, please visit www.MeadowlarkMusicFestival.com



Sylvain Rabbath, Hans Sturm, François Rabbath



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CC NA BSA Troop 16 Celebrates 100 Years

Lincoln's Boy Scout Troop 16, which is made up of scouts in the southeast Lincoln area, will be celebrating 100 years with an anniversary banquet on April 25, 2014 at the Country Club of Lincoln. The Troop, which has been chartered by Southview Christian Church located at 2040 South 22nd Street continuously since 1914, is seeking past members to join the current Troop 16 scouts for the celebration.

Tentative plans for the event include a presentation about the history of the Troop, an update on current happenings and activities of the Troop and a celebratory dinner. Current and past members are invited to attend to reconnect with Troop members, share stories and learn more about the current Troop members, projects, fundraisers and events. In addition, there will be various events leading up to the event in the months ahead.

If you or someone you know was a member of BSA Troop 16 and would like to attend the banquet, please contact Rick Wolzen at #402-489-3723 for more information or visit the event Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Troop16LincolnNe.



Did You Know...

- Nebraska was once called "The Great American Desert".
- In 1927, Edwin E. Perkins of Hastings invented the powered soft drink Kool-Aid.
- J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day in Nebraska City in 1872.
- The Naval Ammunition Depot located in Hastings was the largest U.S. ammunition plant providing 40% of WWII's ammunition.
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