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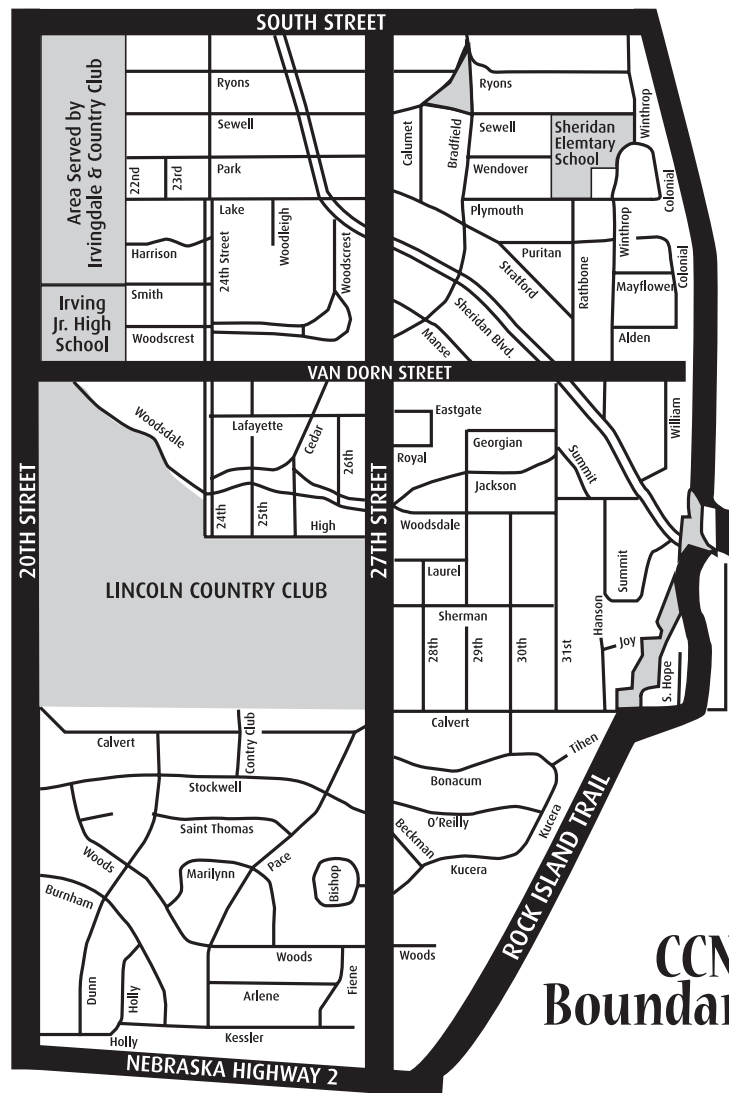
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Your CCNA Board of Directors
meet seven times a year.

All neighbors are encouraged
and welcome to attend.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m.
and are held at Irving Rec Center.

Our next meetings will be
July 15, Sept. 16, Oct. 2 and Nov. 18.



From A Different Perspective

Our neighborhood is full of unique homes, beautiful green spaces, and historical treasures. Do you think you know the neighborhood well? See if you can identify this location based on the photo and description below.

The architect team who designed this school, Ellery Davis and Walter Wilson, were also the architects of Randolph, Park, Hawthorne, and Havelock Elementary Schools, Northeast High School, and Everett Junior High.



CCNA Yard Of The Month

Ever notice that great looking yard down the street that just stands out? Or has one of your neighbors recently completed a landscaping or garden project that brought their yard to a new level? This spring and summer CCNA wants to celebrate these neighbors who do a little bit extra to keep our neighborhood looking great. In the months of June, July and August we will be selecting three yards each month for the "CCNA Yard of the Month". Winners will receive a \$50.00 Gift Card to Bishops Heights True Value at 4200 S. 27th St.

To nominate a yard, please email an address and a few quick reasons why a yard deserves the award to jpcliz@msn.com or call us at 402-770-7188.

Thanks for making our neighborhood look great!



President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President



Welcome Spring. We Missed You.

The tulips are popping, the grass is green and the birds are back. Welcome spring, we missed you. Each year it seems that spring's arrival requires an extra degree of patience and this year was certainly no exception. Spring is here and

the Country Club Neighborhood is looking great. On a recent walk through the neighborhood I noticed several new early season landscaping and gardening projects from some of my neighbors. It seems that many of you are anxiously getting your green thumbs ready and preparing for the inevitable dirt under the fingernails. All that early spring work is usually worthwhile as our neighborhood becomes a botanical wonderland of floral delight as the weather warms.

Recently the CCNA has been busy with several projects all designed to keep our neighborhood beautiful. On April 5 CCNA volunteers and UNL students partnered to clean up the Rock Island Bike Trail, focusing on the area behind Leon's and working our way towards Penny Bridge. We were able to take many bags of trash out of the creek beds and bushes and trees. My kids were especially interested in the full pair of rubber rain boots discovered abandoned by someone who got too deep in the mud. Thank you to everyone who took part in this day of service. The trail looks great!

As you will read in this issue we are also excited to announce that we are bringing back the "CCNA Yard of the Month." Submit your nominations for the best looking yards for

the months of June, July and August. Three yards will be selected each month and will be awarded a \$50.00 gift card to Bishop Heights True Value.

As I mentioned in my recent letter to you we will be focusing on trees in 2014. Our large canopy of trees is a neighborhood treasure that we need to protect and develop. The drought, disease and winter storms of the past several years have had a dramatic impact on our neighborhood trees. Many of our neighborhood trees have been removed or are slated to be removed this year. We have been working hard on several grants to replace trees and are passing the hat around the neighborhood to raise some additional funds designated specifically for tree replacement. If you are interested in making a tree donation, please contact any of your CCNA Board members.

We still have a few positions open on our Board of Directors. If you have ever considered getting involved with the Country Club Neighborhood, now is a great time! Please feel free to contact me if you would like to learn more or would like to get more involved in our neighborhood. We would love to have you.

On behalf of the CCNA Board of Directors we hope you enjoy this issue. I also want to wish you a sincere thank you for your continued support of the Country Club Neighborhood Association.

See you around the neighborhood!

Justin Carlson
President, Country Club Neighborhood Association

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A Note From Your CCNA Treasurer

By Ron Tucker, CCNA Treasurer

Greetings Neighbors!

Spring is here and that means lots of projects. It means new life and we definitely have that in our neighborhood. We are all blessed to see so many of our friends with new little ones, and some on the way. We are also seeing many new projects. From individuals remodeling their charming houses, to yards getting makeovers. The trees are flowering and spring is in the air. 2014 is sure to be a great year of progress!

By now you all have your taxes done and it's a good time to start thinking about your 2014 tax situation. As your CCNA Treasurer, taxes are on my mind as we process your 2014 dues statements. Thank you to all who have promptly mailed in your dues. We appreciate it! All dues that are \$35 or more are deposited into the Nebraska Community Foundation Charitable Fund, which is a great way for us all to reinvest and donate to our neighborhood. When you donate this amount or more, you will receive official documentation of your donation from the fund. This is an official receipt for your tax records and can be used to lower your total tax bill. Consult your CPA for the exact benefit you receive from this wonderful donation.

Your additional dues donation stays right in your neighborhood. We have many projects we work on and fund. Some great ones this year to donate to are the tree planting project and the upcoming Penny Bridge project that will need neighbor support to make it a stand out area in our neighborhood for the next

hundred years. We are still working on lighting improvements along the Rock Island Bike Trail and would like to encourage another lighting district in the neighborhood, such as the one that happened around Woodsdale Boulevard a few years ago. We are always looking for new projects as well, so bring forth your ideas!

Take a look at the Foundation website for more info and the ability to donate online to help our cause: www.nebcommfound.org. Our fund was started in 1997. The Country Club Neighborhood Charitable Foundation Fund exists to encourage neighbors to come together to preserve, protect, and enhance the historic, low density, owner-occupied, single family residential character of the Country Club Neighborhood.

The treasurer's office, like all CCNA positions, is a volunteer office. Throughout the year we work the account, making deposits and paying for things like the trash pickup at Pocras Park, paying our editor on our wonderful newsletter and general things like stamps and mailing expenses. Your contributions are handled with great care.

Thank you all for your years of support. We couldn't be as great of a neighborhood without you.

Ron Tucker
Treasurer, County Club Neighborhood Association



Mbera Now on Display

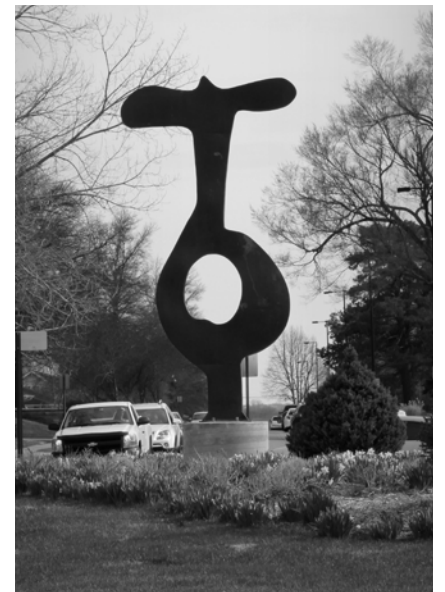
You may have noticed the new piece of artwork in the neighborhood.

"Mbera," a bronze sculpture now on display at the 33rd Street and Sheridan Boulevard roundabout, was a donation to the city from Marc Lebaron and family in 2004, according to an article published in Lincoln Journal Star on Jan. 29.

The sculpture by artist Catherine Ferguson was formerly located near 33rd and O Streets in Woods Park.

Ferguson's work is featured in various locations and museums across the state, including the Sheldon Memorial Art Museum in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the Museum of Nebraska Art and the Landmarks building. Awarded an Omaha Public Art Commission in 2004, Ferguson created Totem, a twenty-six-foot tall sculpture based on mythological effigy animals, installed at the entryway for Omaha's Public Library Main Branch. The following year, she was selected to participate in the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts' award-winning Artist-in-Industry Steel Collaboration Project with Valmont Industries, for which she created "Sky Fin," on view at the main entrance of CenturyLink Center Omaha.

Lynn Johnson, Lincoln's Parks and Recreation Department, told the Journal Star in January that the sculpture, about 12 feet tall and 6 feet wide, was inspired by theme of motherhood. It is now the only sculpture located in the middle of a roundabout in the city, according to the Journal Star.





A Note From The CCNA Membership Committee

The Country Club Neighborhood Association has long acted as an advocate for the best interest of its residents. The Country Club neighborhood is known city-wide for having one of the most vibrant, active and effective associations. For the last 29 years (next year is our 30th anniversary, after all) the CCNA has been committed to maintaining the integrity and historical value of our beautiful neighborhood. And, if you take a moment to consider how wonderfully picturesque the Country Club neighborhood can be, it becomes evident that the CCNA has had a great deal of success over the years.

This record of achievement doesn't stop at our curbs either. The CCNA has also managed to keep it's residents connected through beautiful quarterly newsletters; as well as, promoting a sense of neighborhood pride and rapport among neighbors through events and beautification projects.

The CCNA is without a doubt, among the greatest assets our outstanding neighborhood has to offer. Yet, over the last few years membership to the board has begun to dwindle. It is now to the point that many of our committees are so understaffed, that we've had to essentially extinguish them. We have a very limited number of dedicated board members that are diligently working to keep the association running. This isn't because the CCNA is no longer necessary. We are still actively fundraising, advocating for and promoting this charming little neighborhood. However, without your help, we may not be able to continue. It's not just about membership dues. While those are important, the real life-blood of any organization are the people that give of their time. I've personally spoken

to some of you, about joining the neighborhood association. Not surprisingly, the answer I hear most for why they are unwilling to promise themselves, is that they don't have the time. Or, that they are concerned it would take up too much of their time.

However, the Country Club Neighborhood Association has a variety of volunteer opportunities, consisting of flexible and negotiable commitments, for people with any availability, ability or skill set.

We need you to help us continue making your neighborhood, your home, wonderful. Together.

Please, come to one of our meetings, talk to us about how you can get involved! It may be as simple as volunteering at an event or submitting an article to the newsletter. It may seem small, but ultimately each of us doing a little will make a significant impact.

Furthermore, if you would like to suggest an article, submit a piece of writing or a photo, or are interested in other volunteer opportunities, please feel free to contact myself or anyone else listed in the board member directory in this issue of the Chronicle.

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Community Relations Committee

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Replacing The Penny Bridges on Sheridan Boulevard

Over 75 interested citizens attended a public meeting in February to introduce the Penny Bridges project to the neighborhood and greater Lincoln community. These bridges on Sheridan Boulevard near 33rd Street are considered to be structurally deficient based on the Federal Highway Administration's National Bridge Inventory criteria. Both bridges have significant deterioration and have reached a point of needing to be replaced. Funding for the replacement structures will come exclusively from local dollars.

Since that initial public input meeting, the design team including Alfred Benesch & Company, The Clark Enersen Partners, Historic Resources Group and the City of Lincoln have been working closely with an Advisory Committee to complete a Value Engineering process:

What is Value? Value is subjective and relative to different perspectives. In terms of a transportation project, value is achieved when the selected alternative reliably performs all necessary functions, is acceptable to stakeholders and comes at a reasonable cost to the owner.

What is Value Engineering? Value Engineering is a structured, team-oriented approach to delivering solutions with

the highest performance and greatest acceptance, at a reasonable cost. In order to define value, we must first identify the constraints, needs and desires of all stakeholders.

Through this structured process, the committee defined users, owners and stakeholders that will be affected by, or will have an interest in this project. They next identified constraints, needs and desires of project stakeholders. This step incorporated comments heard at the public meeting, information gathered through an online survey, comment forms gathered at the meeting and input from Advisory Committee members.

With the help of the design team, functions for the bridges were also identified. Possible solutions that addressed constraints, needs and desires were presented. Criteria were developed to measure performance, acceptance and cost of design concepts.

Based on input from the public, Advisory Committee recommendations and results of Benesch's Value Engineering process, the design team is developing the preferred concept to be presented at a public meeting in May 2014. Following the public meeting, final design will be completed. The schedule for construction



is subject to final costs and available funding.

The Advisory Committee is comprised of individuals that represent nearby residents, the County Club Neighborhood Association, trail users, Lincoln Diocese, Congregation Tifereth Israel, historic interests, and City of Lincoln. If you have questions or comments about this project, you can learn more at www.sheridanpennybridges.com. You can also contact Stephanie Rittershaus with Benesch at 402.479.2200 or the City's Project Manager, Devin Biesecker at 402.937.5515.



A Few Friendly Reminders

- According to Crime Mapping.com, the season for breaking into cars has arrived. Warmer temperatures bring out the thieves. LPD suggests that you lock your car, make sure nothing is left inside the car that would tempt a thief to break a window, leave on a porch light. Also, parking your car in the driveway – not on the street – is a deterrent to thieves.
- GARAGE SALE SIGNS – like dandelions, they have already been sprouting throughout the neighborhood. As long as they are NOT on public property (street signs, street lights, nailed onto

trees, public right-of-way between the sidewalk and the curb), you are OK. If you see an illegal sign, you are ok to take it down and throw it away or you can call the police and they will take it down and throw it away OR LPD can issue a ticket and a fine.

- Your mailbox – please remember that you are able to keep your mailbox at the house. If you get a note in the mail from your mail carrier requesting that you move your mailbox, please remember that it is only a request, not an order. CCNA prefers that all mailboxes be left at the house.



Pennies For The Penny Bridge

Because of the one cent fare to ride the trolley from 33rd to College View up until after WWII, the bridge was aptly named, The Penny Bridge.

The Penny Bridge and the Rock Island trail below have fallen into severe disrepair. The bridge is unsafe and the users of the trail below run the risk of being hit by falling debris from the severe deterioration. The City of Lincoln, along with the Great Plains Trails Network, the Lincoln Preservation Society and the Country Club Neighborhood Association are working together to formulate a design for the new bridge and the trail below. Meetings have been posted for anyone to attend. Bob Ripley is the CCNA representative, but everyone is invited and encouraged to get involved. The Bridge construction is tentatively scheduled for 2015.

Unfortunately, there is only so much money for the bridge, lighting, landscaping and other accouterments. CCNA is adamant that the new design takes into account the history of the bridge and the neighborhood's history. CCNA will not be settling for a bridge like the one built over the last several years on 38th and South Street.

WE NEED YOUR PENNIES!

CCNA is sponsoring "Penny Jars for the Penny Bridge" at various businesses throughout the neighborhood. From May 2014 through May 2015 we are asking that you put your pennies – or any loose change that you may have – into the penny jars. This money will go towards any "extras" at the bridge or on the trail.

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In Memoriam

Barbara H. "Bobbie" Allen

Bobbie Allen lived a very happy and productive life at 2320 Sheridan Boulevard along with her husband, Hal. The two of them traveled – and lived – the world. Before calling Lincoln their final home, they lived in Washington, D.C., Chicago and Ankara and Erzurum, Turkey. You see, they had a passion for

travel and soaking up the history and culture of places visited and lived. So it was that for over 30 years Bobbie loved the Country Club neighborhood – the people, its culture and its history.

In 1985 a crisis began to emerge in the Allen's neighborhood. The City of Lincoln Public Works Department wanted to rip a concrete swath through the entire neighborhood. Starting from South Street all the way down to Hwy 2, Bobbie's beautiful, gentle neighborhood would soon be a mirror image of the

concrete section of 27th Street north of South Street. The quiet, gentle neighborhood known to all prior to 1985 was soon to be not if Public Works had their way.

Bobbie Allen did not live on 27th Street or even close to it, but this was her neighborhood and she was concerned. She was very proactive and wanted to get involved as she quickly did. She was reasonable, but passionate. She and her husband quickly emerged as neighborhood leaders. Meetings were called for the entire neighborhood to participate in the call-to-action against the destruction of the neighborhood. CCNA was formed, By-laws were written and the Country Club Neighborhood Association was born – thanks in large part to Bobbie and Hal Allen.

Over the years Bobbie volunteered and held many positions in CCNA. Long before computers and the internet, Bobbie wrote and proofed the CCNA Chronicle. She sat on the CCNA Board. She shared her wisdom. Without Bobbie, there probably would not be a Country Club Neighborhood Association.

For almost three decades CCNA has been privileged to have Bobbie Allen as a friend and a neighbor. She will be greatly missed.

Thank you, Bobbie.



New Board Member: Maggie Stuckey



My name is Maggie Stuckey and I live at 2457 South 27th Street. I was born and raised in the Country Club Neighborhood by my parents, Scott and Nancy Stuckey. We lived on High Street until 1987, when my parents moved us to their current home at 25th and Woodsdale. My sister, Emily, her husband, and their daughter also live in Lincoln. My brother, Ted, and his wife live in Hartford,

Connecticut. All three of us Stuckey children have fond memories of growing up in this neighborhood, and some of our greatest friendships began here. We all remember

the Fourth of July parades; the Easter Egg Hunts; finding golf balls along the fenceline of the Country Club; the Kite Flying Contests; the children's summer musical productions in the Woodsdale Boulevards; sledding down 25th Street in the winter; biking to the Irving pool on summer afternoons; climbing trees; and many other great tales!

I attended Sheridan Elementary, Irving Junior High, and Southeast High School. My college career took me initially to Boston University, then back to Lincoln where I graduated from UNL with a degree in political science and history. After graduation, I moved to Washington, DC, where I worked in the legislative office of Senator Chuck Hagel. I am now the Director of Development for the Arbor Day Foundation, where I have been since 2008. I am excited to be a part of the CCNA Board!

CCNA Back to Basics Economy

CCNA is busy sprucing up the neighborhood with tree plantings and work on our boulevards, parks and entrances. We hope you want to do the same thing with your house. Even though the last several years have been a back-to-basics economy, it doesn't mean that you have to spend big bucks to keep and enhance the value of your home. A little bit of spit polish, paint and elbow grease can go a long way.

The National Association of Realtors says that your curb appeal can add thousands of dollars to the value of your home – and your neighborhood. A poorly maintained home usually decreases its value more than what it would actually cost to fix. This same poorly maintained home also could negatively affect the value of your surrounding neighbors. For most of us, our home is our largest investment. Doesn't it make sense to take care of this investment?

Some inexpensive things that you can do:

- Do make sure that your roof is tight and not leaking. Your roof is like a good hair-do – it frames and enhances the face of your house.
- Do add a splash of color – your front door, pots of flowers. Look through magazines and see what is attractive to you.
- Do mow your lawn on a regular basis. Lawns should have at least 1" of water per week and don't forget to feed it. There are many fertilizer options, even organic and chemical free.
- Do keep the paint on your house from peeling. Not only does it not look good, but the EPA also has rules for peeling lead paint on homes built prior to 1978.
- Do keep your trash cans away from the street view of your house. Why would you want to spoil its look with garbage cans?
- Do take a walk around your house. What do your neighbors on either side, the front or the back see? Is it something that you would like to look at if you were your neighbor?
- Do have fun working around the outside of your house. It's a great way to visit and enjoy your neighbors!

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CCNA Easter Egg Hunt

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A little history about this Easter Egg Hunt: Each family brings one dozen plastic eggs filled with candy or Easter Treats, per child participating to the Mattern's to be hidden. Children are divided by age and sent to find their eggs. Each child gets to find 12. At the end, families gather and have a "potluck" style of morning snacks.



CCNA Popsicle Pool Party

CCNA Popsicle Pool Party

When: Monday, June 30, 2014

6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Where: Irvingdale Pool

What: Come join us for a fun evening at the pool! You can swim, just put your feet in, or socialize on the pool deck!

This is a free event and ALL neighbors are welcome.

Sponsored by the CCNA.





Painting Classes at Irving Rec. Center



Instructor Peg Pelter

Country Club Neighborhood residents may be familiar with Irving Recreation Center. It provides opportunities for hundreds of young people during out-of-school time, and also hosts monthly CCNA meetings. However, not everyone might know the scope of programs and services for all ages offered at the center ranging from licensed preschool to organized adult basketball leagues. One golden secret, which we wish wasn't so much a secret, is the adult China Painting program offered right here in the neighborhood.

Lincoln Parks and Recreation has offered china painting classes at Irving Recreation Center since 1991. They are taught by Lincoln artist Peg Pelter, a Country Club Neighborhood resident and overglaze specialist who paints on porcelain, tile, and pottery. Her work has appeared in *The China Decorator*, *The China Painter*, and *The British Porcelain Artist*.

Classes are offered for beginning and experienced painters. Each four-week session includes the completion of at least one instructor-led project, or for the more advanced, the option to work independently. The recreation center also offers monthly Saturday workshops throughout the year.

Peg creates a relaxed and social atmosphere, and the coffee is always on. In addition to a great instructor, the recreation center also has convenient parking, a spacious classroom with good lighting, and two large kilns.

Upcoming classes will be offered on the following dates:

Summer Session

Dates: June 4—25

Times: 6:00-9:00p | Fee: \$42.00 (plus firing and supply fees)

Late Summer Sessions

Dates: August 6—27 and September 3—24

Morning class: 9:30a-12:30p | Fee: \$42.00 (plus firing and supply fees)

Evening class: 6:00-8:00p | Fee: \$28.00 (plus firing and supply fees)

Saturday Workshops

Bring your own lunch and enjoy a full day of china painting!

Dates: June 21, July 26, and August 30

Times: 9:00a-3:00p | Fee: \$21/workshop (plus firing and supply fees)

Students can register and pay for classes and workshops online at parks.lincoln.ne.gov (click the "Register Online" button). Those registering online can sign in using a free MyInterline account, create a Parks and Recreation profile, and search for classes. Students may also register by phone at least seven days in advance by calling Irving Recreation Center at 402-441-7954.

More information about Lincoln Parks and Recreation programs is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.



Art work done in the class

Flatwater Free Shakespeare Summer Tour



Bob Hall

As spring turns to summer, the Country Club neighborhood's parks ring with the sounds of children playing and people enjoying the outdoors. Neighbors gather to picnic, meet friends, and play basketball and tennis. For the past three summers, on a June evening they have also gathered at Irvingdale Park to see a free performance by the renowned Flatwater Shakespeare Company.

Flatwater Shakespeare Company was created over ten years ago by Bob Hall, the company's artistic director. Bob is a Lincoln native who returned from a 25 year stint in New York City to direct plays for the Nebraska Repertory Theatre. While in New York he found success as a theatre director, playwright, actor, and visual artist. In Lincoln he continues to pursue all these activities. He and his wife, Paula Ray, reside on Ryons Street.

Flatwater Shakespeare Company found a home for summer productions in the open-air courtyard at Wyuka Cemetery's historic stables building. The building's courtyard was renamed the Swan Theatre and was the setting for productions of almost every Shakespeare play over the years. However, by 2011 the old building needed too many repairs to be usable.

Bob Hall explained, "When we had to temporarily vacate the Swan Theatre while the building was being restored, we had no formal theatre to work in, so we decided to create a brand new program: bringing free Shakespeare to the people of Lincoln right in their own neighborhoods."

Flatwater Free Shakespeare is a unique project that tours a Shakespeare play to the public parks of Lincoln. The company arrives, and with the help of portable set pieces and lights, transforms a lawn area into a playing space. Audience members arrive with lawn chairs and blankets, and at 7 p.m. the play begins. Like magic, the park's trees and plantings become the woods near Athens or a square in old Ephesus. The audience is swept away to a distant time and place.

When asked why the company emphasizes Shakespeare's plays, Bob said, "Shakespeare is a vital part of our cultural heritage, yet people often feel removed from these great plays, seeing them as hard to understand, not written for ordinary people. We wanted to change that perception by making these wonderful plays easily accessible to everyone and being sure that ticket prices weren't a barrier to whole families giving Shakespeare a try."

Flatwater Free Shakespeare has been a notable success, playing to an average of 300 people at each performance. The neighborhood locations have brought in many people who have never seen Shakespeare or even live theatre before. Bob noted, "When folks showed up, we wanted to make sure they experienced the plays as the vastly entertaining works they are meant to be. We hoped they'd have fun, spread the word, and come back for more next year. So far, that's what's happened."

He continued, "Shakespeare created mass media for his time, with rip roaring plots and operatic emotion all wrapped up in some of the most wonderful dialogue ever written. Our

audience can expect to see a production that enthralls them with action, adventure and marvelous characters performed by a cast of seasoned actors." He smiled and added, "We also give away free ice cream." Ivanna Cone, the local gourmet ice cream maker, supplies free treats at intermission.

Bob concluded, "I love it when someone comes up to me after a performance saying, 'I wasn't so sure we'd like Shakespeare, but we had a great time and we

understood it!' It's even better when they follow that with, 'And this is the first time we've seen Shakespeare performed!' Then we know we're accomplishing our mission."

In 2014 Flatwater Free Shakespeare will present "The Comedy of Errors" in ten Lincoln park locations, at the Lincoln Community Foundation Gardens in downtown Lincoln, and, for the first time, out of town at James Arthur Vineyard. The tour will be Thursdays through Sundays from June 12 through July 6. The play will be performed at Irvingdale Park on Friday, June 20. All performances begin at 7 p.m.

The company intends to perform again in the Swan Theatre in summer 2015. The Wyuka stables building is currently in the



2010's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

restoration process. The return to the Swan Theatre will not be the end of Flatwater Free Shakespeare, however. The company intends to make the free parks tour a permanent part of summer fun in Lincoln.

Because free theatre actually costs quite a lot to produce,

Flatwater Shakespeare Company is seeking sponsorship for the parks tour. If you would like to honor a theatre-loving friend or get exposure for your business, this is a perfect way to do so. All sponsors will be recognized in tour programs and at the performance. Please visit www.flatwatershakespeare.org or call (402) 416-5056 for more information.

CCNA The Big Event



The Mo Pac Trail is in great shape again. The CCNA teamed up with volunteers from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for "The Big Event," an annual effort by which participants give back to local communities by giving one full day of service.

This spring, hundreds of UNL students and faculty volunteered throughout Lincoln as part of The Big Event. With



volunteers from the university, many neighborhood residents came out to help with the cleanup of the trail. All ages were represented and all brought gloves, energy, and a positive spirit to help clean up the trail that morning.

The cool spring morning blossomed into a beautiful warm and sunny day as participants worked from South Street along the trail to Highway 2. After hours



of walking the trails and picking up garbage, the group filled 15 bags of trash. It was a rewarding and exciting way to clean up our beautiful neighborhood while having an opportunity to meet and visit with our neighbors and friends in the community. Thanks to all who came out to help on this beautiful spring day and a special thanks to Cathy Beecham for making all arrangements.



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Stardust Event



Ed Polochick and Jackie Allen

On April 11, the Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra teamed up with CCNA resident jazz singer and recording artist Jackie Allen to host a fundraising event, "Stardust at the Lincoln Country Club," to raised money and awareness for the symphony. Orchestra conductor and director Ed Polochick and the symphony joined Allen, along with her own combo, including husband Hans Sturm, Tom Larson and Dave Hall. It was a beautiful evening featuring a smattering of jazz standards done to perfection by the combined musicians. Allen also announced a new CD to be released May 13th, titled "My Favorite Color."



Jackie Allen, singer; Hans Sturm, bassist; Dave Hall, drums



Jackie Allen and Ed Love

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2014 Energy Walk

Greetings,

Are you ready to put on your walking shoes and bring some ENERGY? The Cornhusker State Games and Teach a Kid to Fish are excited to bring the 2014 ENERGY Walk to the Country Club neighborhood on Saturday, July 19, 2014. The event benefits Teach a Kid to Fish, a local grassroots non-profit whose mission and vision is to empower families to live a healthy and active lifestyle while fighting to eliminate childhood obesity.

The ENERGY Walk will start at Lincoln Southeast High School and consist of either a two mile stroll or six mile trek through the beautiful Country Club neighborhood. These courses are fun for the family and beginning walkers, yet challenging for the most experienced walkers.

This is a great opportunity for the residents to showcase the Country Club neighborhood and create a fun and exciting atmosphere for the walkers as they pass along Sheridan Blvd and through the neighborhood.

We will have random drawings for some great family prizes like Kansas City Royals Tickets, Lincoln Star Passes, Lincoln Salt Dog Passes and many more exciting prizes for participants!

Check-in will be located at Lincoln Southeast High School 2930 S 37th St Lincoln NE. Parking for the walk will be located in the Southeast Parking lot located off of S 37th St. There will be signage directing you to the parking area and check-in.

This year the courses will be color coded. Two mile walkers will follow the green arrows, signage and sidewalk chalk on the course. Six mile walkers will follow the purple arrows, signage and sidewalk chalk on the six mile course. All walk cards will have turn by turn directions, please make sure you follow the directions located on the card and the designated signs. At the finish, walkers will receive a Cornhusker State Games finisher medal. We are inviting you to join us at the ENERGY Post Walk Festival featuring various vendors, activities, refreshments and fun.

Our ENERGY event staff and volunteers look forward to seeing you this summer! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at csgenergyevents@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Todd Fitzgerald, ENERGY Events Director

WHEN IS THE 2014 ENERGY Walk?

The ENERGY Walk will begin at 7:00 am at Lincoln Southeast High School (2930 S 37th St, Lincoln) on Saturday July 19, 2014. Check in starts at 6 a.m. in the Southeast parking lot. Participants may begin their walk anytime between 7 a.m. and noon.

WHAT IS THE ENERGY Walk?

Modeled after the Cornhusker State Games Volkswalk, the third annual ENERGY Walk is a family-friendly event for all ages,

benefiting Teach a Kid to Fish. From babies in strollers to fast-paced grandmothers, ENERGY Walk is a great way to be part of the Games with a two mile stroll or a six mile trek.

WHAT IS TEACH A KID TO FISH?

Teach a Kid to Fish is a nonprofit organization energizing the movement to prevent childhood obesity. For more information, go to www.teachakidtofsh.org.

WHERE WILL THE WALKERS WALK?

Both the two mile and six mile routes are stroller-friendly, complete with arrow signs and sidewalk chalk. Both routes will start and finish at Lincoln Southeast. Maps will be posted here when the course is finalized, and handed out to walkers the morning of the walk.

WILL THERE BE ANYTHING FUN TO DO WHEN WE ARE DONE?

After the walk, participants are encouraged to hang out with family and friends and enjoy music, drinks and snacks at the Post-Walk Festival.

WHERE DO WE PARK?

Participant parking available in the Southeast High School parking lot (South lot located off S 37th St)

DO I HAVE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL WALKER OR IN SHAPE?

ENERGY Walk is a non-competitive event.

SO WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME TO WALK IN THE SWELTERING HEAT OF JULY?

Walkers who register via the ENERGY Family Form, or those who select the Family option online, will be eligible to win great family prizes and giveaways! All participants that complete the course will receive a Cornhusker State Game commemorative medal.

REGISTER BY JUNE 16 AND SAVE! If registered by Monday, June 16, the Energy Walk entry fee is \$15 per person. After June 16 the fee is \$20 per person.

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE: Online registration for the ENERGY Walk closes at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 17. On-site registrations will be accepted for an additional \$5.

WALKERS SPECIAL OFFER: Participants who register for the ENERGY Walk can also register for the CSG Mallwalk (Sunday, July 20) for a discounted entry fee of \$10! Both registrations must be made in the same transaction to receive the discount.

NOTES: Proceeds benefit the Teach a Kid to Fish Foundation. Entry fee includes an athlete shirt, passes to SportFest and the Opening Ceremonies and a copy of the NSC Yearbook. Yearbooks will not be shipped, but will be available at the Opening Ceremonies on July 18 and at the Nebraska Sports Council office during normal packet pickup dates/times. Opening Ceremonies for the 2014 State Games will be at Pinnacle Bank Arena Friday, July 18, 2014.

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