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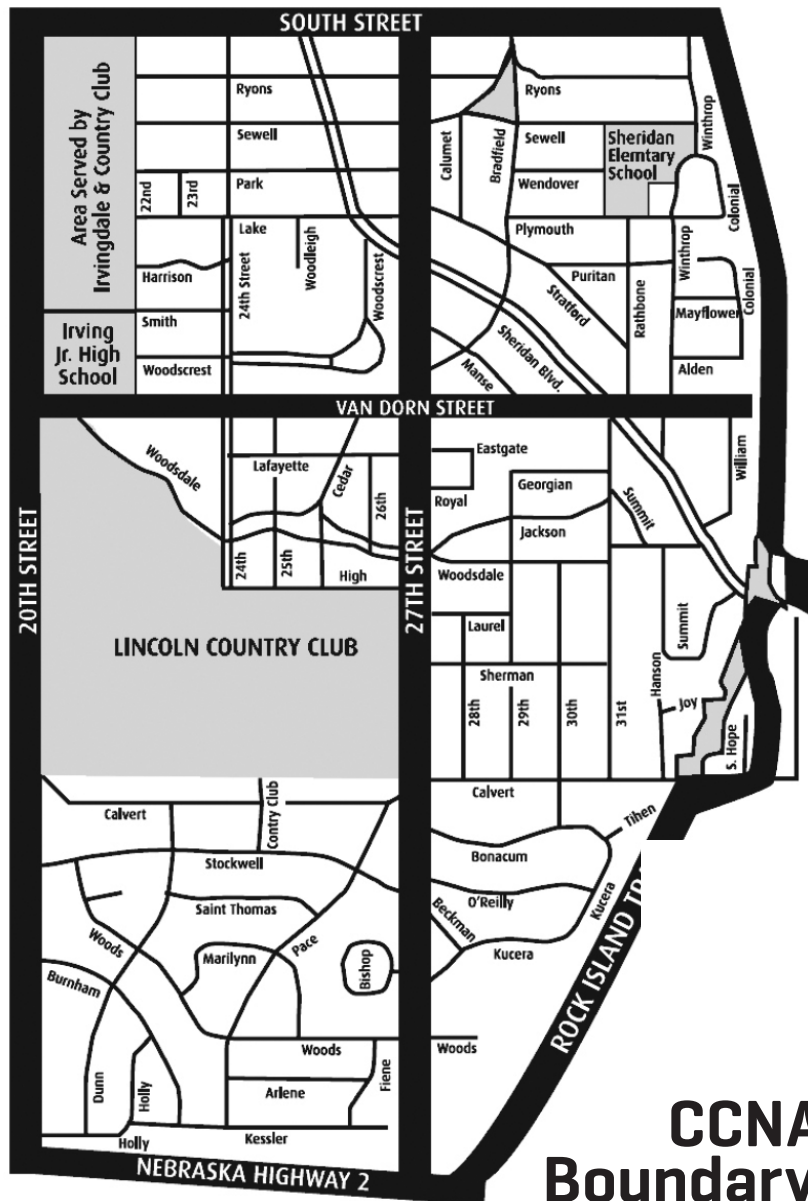
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President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President



Thank You Neighbors!

As many of you know, 2015 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Country Club Neighborhood Association. Thirty years ago, a group of neighborhood leaders, stood up to the City of Lincoln and created an organization to prevent the widening of 27th Street from South Street to Highway 2. Their leadership and vision for our area has helped create this wonderful neighborhood we call The Country

Club Neighborhood. Since that time 30 years ago, your neighborhood association has been an advocate for our area of town. CCNA has been involved in many, many projects over the years from streetlight relocation, parks and paving projects and even the recent replacement of Penny Bridge on Sheridan Boulevard. CCNA has also coordinated many social activities with the sole mission to bring neighbors together. We work to make our neighborhood great.

The Country Club Neighborhood is thriving because of your support. In fact over the past several months I've been contacted by two other neighborhood organizations for advice on how to improve their organization.

Our success as an organization can all be attributed to one factor-YOU! Your financial support of our organization through the annual voluntary dues program and the volunteer efforts has allowed the Country Club Neighborhood Association to thrive. Many of you have dutifully paid your dues and volunteered in our organization and the events we host. Thank you!

Recently you received a letter from me with our annual dues request. I hope you consider contributing to the CCNA. We are financed only by voluntary contributions from neighbors like you. Last year we had a focus on the planting of trees. Our beautiful 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 dramatically impacted our trees. Many of our trees have been removed or are slated to be removed this year. If you know of an area that needs trees, please contact us. Also, as part of your annual dues you will have an opportunity to donate a little bit extra for trees. All proceeds will be used for trees in our neighborhood. Thank you for your continual support of our organization.

We still have a few board member positions open on our Board of Directors. This is a great way to give back to your neighborhood. If you have ever considered getting involved with the Country Club Neighborhood now is an outstanding time! The CCNA Board meets 7 times a year. 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 your for your continued support of the Country Club Neighborhood Association. Happy 30th Anniversary!

See you around the neighborhood!

Justin Carlson

President, Country Club Neighborhood Association ■

Spring Crime Alert

We are asking for your help in reducing crime. There are two acts that can help reduce larceny from autos and burglaries by 50%. Those acts are closing and locking your vehicle and home doors. Criminals are looking to make an easy score. Most don't want to give the extra effort to break windows or kick in doors because that can attract attention. Criminals use open garage and vehicle doors to enter your homes and cars and take your belongings. Thieves target your credit cards. They immediately use the card to buy thousands of dollars worth of merchandise and gift cards. The use of the credit cards creates extra headaches for the victims and hours of follow up work for the police officer investigating the crime. These thefts are not limited to night time hours, as increasingly more are committed throughout the day.

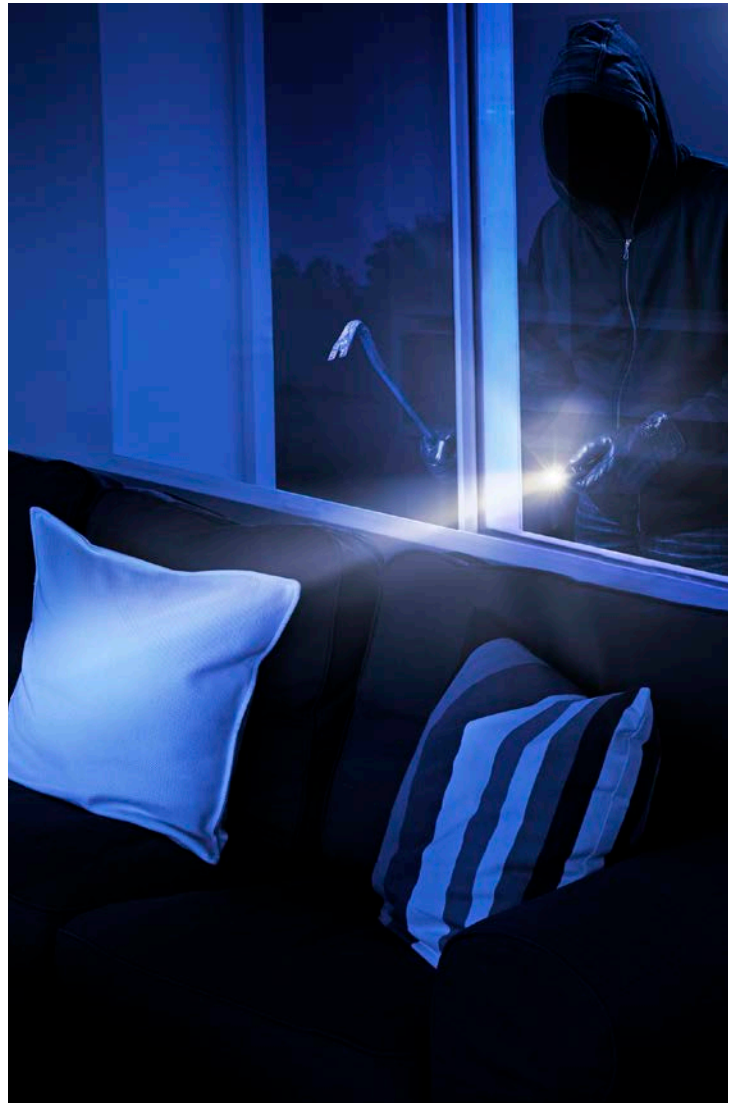
Southeast Team Officers will conduct our around the clock annual education campaign to alert residents of the perils of unlocked or open doors. If you accidentally leave your garage door open don't be surprised if you receive a knock at your door from an officer. We want to make sure you and your belongings are safe.

Please forward this email to friends and family. Working together we can help make our neighborhood safer and less attractive to criminals.

Please contact me if you have any questions or information.

Sgt John Walsh #1272

LPD SE Team Detective/ 402-441-8679 ■



Street Sweeping: What is the Process?

What is the Process?

The morning Street Maintenance shift sweeps arterials and central business districts. Business districts are swept about once every four days and arterial streets are swept on about a 15-day rotation. Residential streets are swept three times yearly. There are 18 residential districts consisting of four sections each, except district one, which only has two. The spring sweeping starts around the middle of March, which is usually the longest. Summer sweeping usually begins around July followed by the Fall sweeping beginning the second or third week of October. Individual street sweeping requests are not possible other than emergency situations approved through the Maintenance Coordinator.

Pot holes:

Street Maintenance Operations is responsible for filling potholes in the City of Lincoln. Arterial roadways are given the highest priority. When a pothole repair request is received, it is our policy to repair the hole within three working days. Inclement weather will increase this time frame. A list of non-arterial roadway repair requests are compiled, prioritized, and repaired throughout the year.

Potholes in paved City streets can be reported in three different ways. You may report a pothole online at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pothole), call the Street Maintenance office at 441-7701 or leave a recorded message on the "Pothole Hotline" at 441-7646. ■

Dealing with Noxious Weeds

File a complaint at:

<http://lancaster.ne.gov/weeds/complain.htm>

For a list of local noxious weeds:

<http://lancaster.ne.gov/weeds/>

Lancaster County Weed Watcher program:

What is the Weed Watcher Program? The Lancaster County Weed Watcher Program trains and supports volunteers to look for and report harmful invasive plants.

Why Become a Weed Watcher?

Weeds cause real problems by:

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- ✿ Weeds grow so prolifically that they displace native plants. You can help keep them out by looking for and reporting these plants.

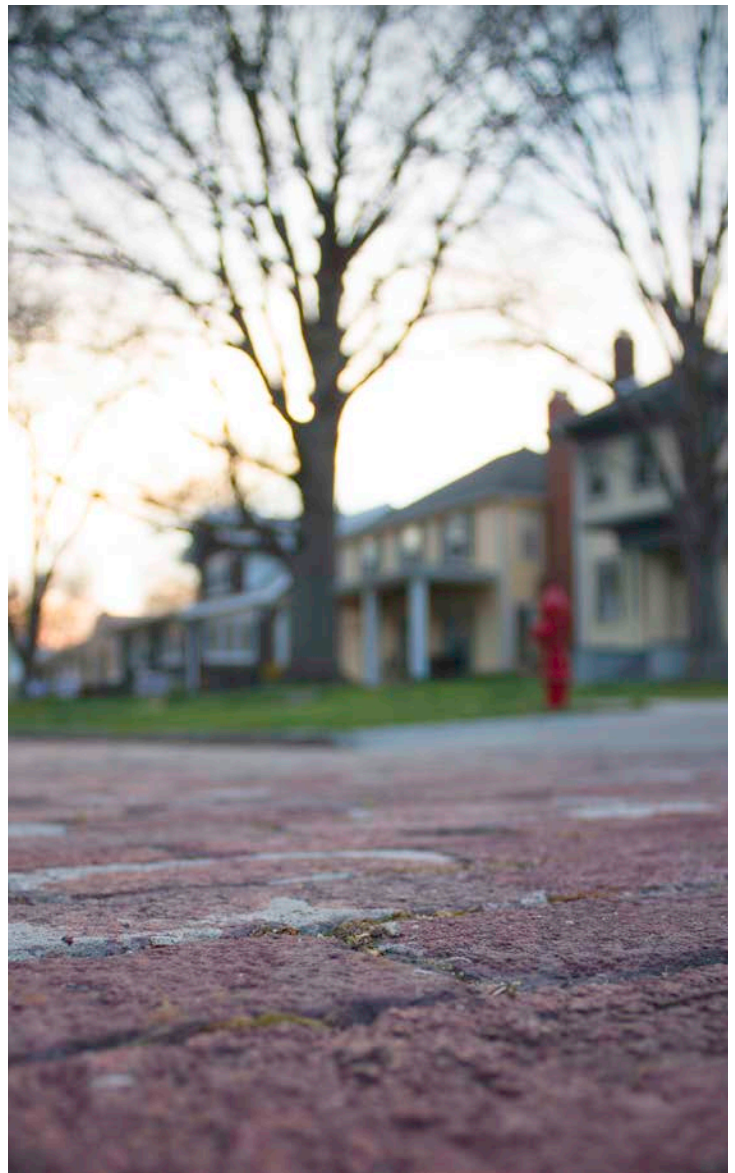
For more information about becoming a Weed Watcher Volunteer Contact Lancaster County Weed Control: 402-441-7817, weeds@lancaster.ne.gov or <http://lancaster.ne.gov/weeds>

Noxious Weed Responsibilities

In 1989, the Nebraska Legislature approved amendments to the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act with the passage of LB 49. The revisions made to the Noxious Weed Control Act went into effect on November 1, 1989. The Noxious Weed Control Act defines and places specific responsibilities for noxious weed control on landowners, individual counties, and the State of Nebraska.

Landowner

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land. ■



Can you guess the street?

Turn to page 15 for the answer and a history of the street name.

Meeting Dates

The Country Club Neighborhood Association meets the third Tuesday in February, March, April, July, September, October and November.

Our next meetings will be held at the Irving Rec Center on the following dates:

July 21, 2015
September 15, 2015
October 20, 2015
November 17, 2015



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Celebrating 110 Years at Westminster Presbyterian Church

By Ed Zimmer

Westminster Presbyterian Church is proud to celebrate 110 years since its first founding in 1905. But the story of this church and its members precedes that by more than a decade. The original congregation consisted primarily of people who belonged to Second Presbyterian Church, which was located at 26th and P Streets. In 1892, Second Presbyterian Church began a care program for children and adults called “Mission Sunday School”. Four years later, The Presbyterian Alliance of Lincoln purchased two small cottages at 24th and A. The cottages were joined together to create “Pleasant Hill Chapel”, the first sanctuary, and in January of 1986, the first services were held there.

By 1904, Pleasant Hill Chapel members organized themselves to create an independent church. During this time, First Presbyterian Church accepted leadership of the Mission Sunday School, which had grown greatly under Second Presbyterian’s care. Toward the end of 1904, Pleasant Hill Chapel was renamed to Westminster Chapel and 50 community members had stepped forward to become members of the new church. Following the petition for a new church, two lots were purchased at 23rd and Garfield Streets—which was, at the time, located on the outskirts of Lincoln and did not have paved streets. But knowing new homes were being built in the area encouraged ground-breaking in November of 1905. The name “Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lincoln” was formally adopted.

The church continued to develop as membership increased dramatically over the years. It became evident that a larger building was needed. The architect in 1922 was told the plans must accommodate approximately a thousand people, plus house an educational unit of about the same number of children and youth. The community pulled together to fund this grand new worship and learning space and ground broke again for Westminster Presbyterian Church in August, 1925 at South Street and Sheridan Boulevard. This space was once more on the outskirts of town, but with the Sheridan neighborhood developing at a substantial rate, the ground floor of the church was opened in September 1926, and the impressive new sanctuary held its first service December 5, 1926.

Then and now, the church is dedicated to the needs of its members and the surrounding community. Continued growth in our education ministries brought us Westminster Preschool, a NAEYC Fully-Accredited Program. Leading



up through 2003, our education space for children was renovated; a new playground, recreation center, Fellowship Hall, youth room updates, and restoration to the sanctuary accompanied the renovation. Emphasis on education programs continues to be a strength within Westminster’s congregation. Westminster Presbyterian Church is proud to host camps for the community youth, like Drama Camp, Creative Arts Camp, Vacation Bible School, and Sports Camp. We also provide support for mission in the community and do a bi-annual special mission trip to disaster sites. Our members donate to the Lincoln Food Bank through our own Food Pantry program. Our favorite way to share our church is by providing space to over 30 community-based groups.

Westminster Presbyterian Church continues to be “blessed to be a blessing” as we look ahead to the next 110 years! We give is with profound thanks to the community for supporting us from our humble beginnings. We invite all neighborhood members to join us for worship and our wide variety of activities at any time. ■



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Turkey Vultures

By Kim Hachiya

They typically arrive in March. A couple of eager early newcomers signal that in the coming days dozens of turkey vultures will return to roost in the tall trees and power stanchions in the Country Club neighborhood. The first sightings of these now urbanized birds occurred in the late 1980s, when they started roosting in trees on Williams. Now, their roosts and numbers have grown.

Joel Jorgensen, nongame bird program manager for Nebraska Game and Parks, said turkey vultures (*Cathartes aura*) migrate through Nebraska in spring and fall. Some do spend the summer here breeding. The big groups, sometimes called “committees,” are most evident in early morning when they lift and evening when they come in to roost. Their habit of soaring on wind thermals makes them adept flyers, Jorgensen said. The birds we see here probably fly as far south as Central America during the winter.

“They are amazing flyers,” Jorgensen said. “They appear to fly almost effortlessly.”

Turkey vulture numbers are increasing for a couple of reasons, he said. The federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 made it illegal to shoot many birds unless there is a specific “season.” If you stop killing birds, their numbers often increase, he said. While illegal shooting still occurs, it is less socially acceptable to kill birds like vultures, hawks, owls and eagles, he said. Punishment for intentionally killing a turkey vulture is a fine of up to \$15,000 and six months imprisonment.

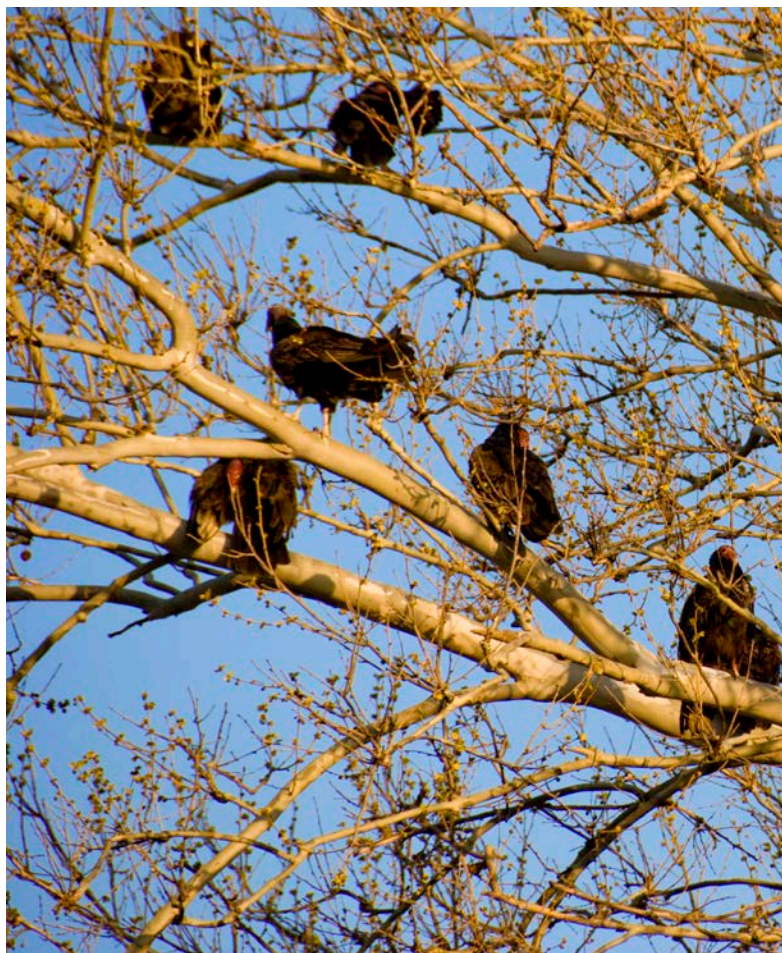
And vultures are attracted to urban areas because of the abundance of food, particularly road-killed squirrels, rabbits and other small animals; they also like dead fish. Vultures only eat carrion, Jorgensen said. They will not attack live dogs, cats or small children. “They are really doing an ecological service that’s beneficial by cleaning up the road kill,” Jorgensen said. “It’s wildlife that is serving a purpose.”

Their habit of communal roosting does cause human-bird interface problems, Jorgensen said. “Their poop can cause damage to buildings and make messes in people’s yards.”

He offered some ways to encourage birds to roost elsewhere:

Effigy hanging: Turkey vultures are troubled by the upside down hanging of a dead turkey vulture carcass in a tree, and they will vacate the site, he said. One can buy commercial effigies on line, he said, noting it’s hard to find a dead vulture and killing them for this purpose is illegal.

Non-lethal hazing such as spraying water, yelling, motion or noisemakers also work. “As long as you are not physically harming the birds, you’re not violating any laws,” Jorgensen said. Even waving your arms may cause them to move along as they are wary and dislike being annoyed.



Several turkey vultures roost in a tree near Kucera Drive.

Call the USDA Wildlife Services (Nebraska Wildlife Service) at (402) 434-2340 for assistance with nuisance issues. “If they are causing real problems, then call USDA,” Jorgensen said. “This is more than just ‘I think they’re ugly and I don’t like them.’ It’s not an easy thing to manage.”

Nebraska’s Raptor Recovery group will take and care for injured vultures.

“They are impressive birds,” Jorgensen said. “They suffer from bad PR and being ugly. If people had similar numbers of Bald Eagles in the back yard, they would love them. But they create a lot of poop, too.”

Other facts about Turkey Vultures (source: Vultures, Nature’s Ghastly Gourmets, Wayne Grady, Sierra Club Books, 1997; and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkey_vulture)

- Wingspans can reach 6 feet; birds weigh between 3 and 5 pounds.
- Females are slightly larger than males; coloration is the same in both sexes.
- Heads are small, featherless and red.
- Feathers are dark but when viewed from the ground the wings are often gray or light-colored.



Photo provided by Tom White

- To distinguish them in flight from hawks, note their heads are smaller, their wings form a W or V shape rather than being straight across, the wing tips spread out like fingers and they tip or wobble while soaring. They also soar more and flap less than hawks.
- They lack vocal organs so they can only hiss or grunt. They do not scream.
- They hunt by smell, so they may be attracted by outdoor cooking.
- They nest in caves, hollow trees, cliffs or old, abandoned buildings like barns or farmhouses.
- Incubation is 30 to 40 days; chicks (usually two to a nest) fledge in nine to ten weeks; family groups remain together until fall migration.
- After dispersing in May to nest, they will reconvene in late August and hang around until October when they fly south. They do not tolerate cold weather and do not overwinter in Nebraska.
- They are found in nearly every county in Nebraska and their summer range includes Canada and all the contiguous U.S. states. ■

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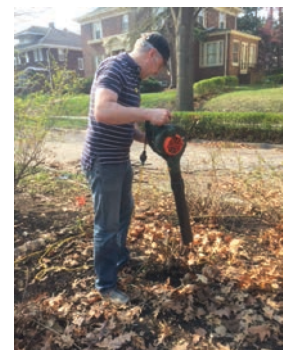
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Neighborhood Clean-Up

During the first weekend in April, the Stratford Avenue Beautification Committee (SABC) organized a cleanup of the median area along Stratford Avenue. Nearly every household along Stratford Avenue participated. Volunteers raked leaves, trimmed trees, and removed various pieces of garbage that had filled and cluttered the median area. It was a beautiful spring morning, and with help from everyone, the work only took four hours. Families filled 150 yard debris bags, along with at least a half a dozen large rolloff containers, and filled a pick up with a load of tree and rose branches.

The SABC is presently working to make additional improvements to the median areas along Stratford Avenue.



New Board Member: **Curt Ruwe**

Curt Ruwe lives at 2141 Harrison Ave. with his wife Megan and children

David, 5, and Liza, 4. They moved into the neighborhood in July, 2013.

Curt is a lawyer with Crete Carrier Corporation. On the Board, he hopes to promote and advance projects and ideas that make the Country Club

Neighborhood a great place to raise a family. His interests include travel, spending time with friends and pretty much anything that keeps his children occupied. He has no empirical proof, but suspects he is the only attorney in the trucking industry who was once a radio morning show stunt man.



Annual CCNA-Sponsored Irvingdale Pool Party

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!

Date TBD, visit our facebook page for forthcoming details!

Creative Kitchen

Anyone fortunate enough to be acquainted with Jackie Allen is fully aware that her creativity knows no bounds. She, along with her husband Hans Sturm (who are both professional musicians), has filled their 1917 stucco Craftsman with music and art since they first purchased it nearly four years ago. Yet, as so many Country Club folks are aware, beautiful old homes come with restoration and obstacles, refinishing and headaches. Many people opt for replacing everything old with everything new, some stay true to the original design of their homes and others choose another route all together, marrying old and new through innovation and resourcefulness.

Jackie and Hans are among those that choose innovation and resourcefulness, as they spent three years designing a new kitchen by reusing and refurbishing items found at Out Of The Box (owners Jody Strauch and Steen Lundberg are also Country Club residents), Connor's Architectural Antiques, The Eco Store, Scherer's Antiques, Craig's List, Ebay the and even things left on curbs.

Allen also had help from others, a music teacher and professional vocalist by trade, she came across contractors and artisans among the families of her students that guided her through the process of remodeling her once dark and cramped kitchen into the one of her dreams.

Working with contractor Josh Lionberger, and Country

Club neighbors Joep and Max Cuppins on the design, Allen created a kitchen that is highly functional while maintaining a sense of tradition aesthetically, making practical use of every inch of space. Her first phase included removing part of a staircase on her own, along with her son Wolfgang. In the following three phases spanning the next couple of years, Allen collected treasures, stripped and refinished countless items and met with numerous contractors looking for someone willing to work with her on her vision. Slowly but surely, she made significant progress. She even credits some of her success to the length of the project: "We did it in four phases so I learned that patience pays, or should I say, saves! The added time allowed me to evaluate every aspect of the design and incorporate creatively, things that wouldn't have if it came together in a matter of weeks. The whole process was so much more fun, if you don't mind dust during the long process!"

All in all Allen managed quite nicely. Her custom cabinetry, marble counter tops and totally re-imagined floor plan, that included the addition of a window overlooking her yard leaves no doubt that this was a major overhaul. Considering that the average cost of a major kitchen overhaul of this nature is estimated to be around \$54,000, Allen's conservative \$15,000 cost is all the more appealing. ■

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Have you ever noticed that great looking yard down the street that just stands out? 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.

We will be selecting 3 yards for the our CCNA Yard of the Year. Each winner will receive a \$50.00 gift card to Bishop Heights True Value at 4200 S. 27th St.

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

Thanks for making our neighborhood look great!



Yard Sign Etiquette and the Law

Soon they will begin sprouting like dandelions – *illegal yard signs!*

**Got BUGS – call this number.
For sale - this. Garage sale - that.**

The City of Lincoln has a sign ordinance that specifically spells out where signs are not allowed and the fines that go along with the illegal posting of a sign:

1. No sign may be placed in the public right-of-way (between sidewalk and curb or where a sidewalk might be). They have been lenient in putting up Open House signs that are up just before an open house and taken down immediately after.
2. No sign can be placed on any public property – street light or pole OR tree! Yes, people have nailed garage sale signs on trees!
3. No signs in any boulevards or parks.
4. If you put a sign in someone's yard, you must ask for their permission. If the property owner declines, respect their wishes and do not put a sign in their yard. Please don't puncture their sprinkler system or you will have to pay for the repair.
5. If you are having trouble with an illegal sign, call the police non-emergency number 402-441-6000.

Most of the violators in our neighborhood live outside the neighborhood. If you see an illegal sign, you may take it down.

P.S. Our new black street poles are painted. Taping signs, etc. to them will remove the paint. Don't spend your garage sale proceeds having the poles repainted. ■

Guess the Street

The answer to our guess the street photo is Wendover Avenue. Notable land developer and city planner Harvey Rathbone was of English descent and wanted to pay homage to that fact by naming a few streets. Wendover is a small town in the district of Aylesbury Vale in Buckinghamshire, England ■.

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