

"Change is the only constant."

—Heracitus

Neighbors:

This year in addition to soliciting your annual neighborhood dues payment, we are also asking you to complete a short survey to help the board determine the direction of the neighborhood association. You can either complete the survey below and mail it in with your dues payment or you can complete it online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CKL79LZ>.

The theme of change not only applies to the timing and content of this newsletter, but also to the leadership of the organization. The time has come for me to resign as President. While this change is bittersweet, I do plan to stay active in the association but in a much lesser role.

The good news is that there are already two individuals interested in the presidency. There are other vacancies on the board that need filled as well, so please consider donating your time and talents. A viable neighborhood organization needs a good volunteer base to stay healthy and vibrant. Please start by volunteering 15 minutes of your time to give the board your input with the survey below.

—Tracy

Help us shape the future of our neighborhood!

1. What three things do you like best about our neighborhood?

- Convenient location Good schools
- Safe neighborhood Affordable housing
- Features of my home
- Other (please specify) _____

2. What are the three most serious problems you see in our neighborhood?

- Traffic congestion Crime
- Poor lighting Garbage/Trash
- Not enough parking Poor sidewalks
- Graffiti Lack of neighborhood unity
- Barking dogs
- Problem properties (deferred maintenance, weeds, peeling paint, parties)
- Other (please specify) _____

3. The Association has sponsored many events over the years to promote active involvement by all residents of the neighborhood. How would you rate each of the following current, past or proposed events?

Please use the following scale as the rating system:

1 – Not at all important **2** – Not very important **3** – Somewhat important **4** – Important **5** – Very important

Bi-annual meetings with speakers	1	2	3	4	5	Monthly board meetings	1	2	3	4	5
Spring cleanup	1	2	3	4	5	Garage sales	1	2	3	4	5
Yard of the month	1	2	3	4	5	Holiday lighting contest	1	2	3	4	5
Semi-annual newsletter	1	2	3	4	5	40 th & A Facebook page	1	2	3	4	5
Ice cream social	1	2	3	4	5	Summer picnic celebration	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic issues (parking, speeding)	1	2	3	4	5	Street Art painting	1	2	3	4	5
Sunburst Park development	1	2	3	4	5	Welcome neighbor program	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborhood zoning/redevelopment	1	2	3	4	5	Participation in City policy development	1	2	3	4	5

4. Which of the concerns or activities above would you be willing to participate in?

5. How can the above events be improved or changed so you would participate?

6. Are there other community building events you would like to see offered? If so, what are they? (Ex. plant sale fundraiser, fun run)

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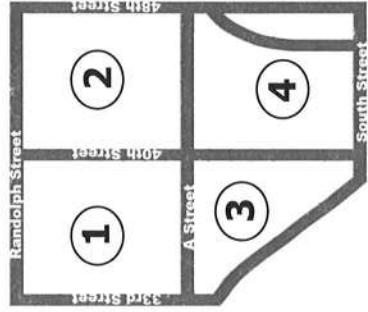
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—2012 40TH & A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM—

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ District #: _____



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 40th & A
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 Association

Mail to:
 Susie Dunn
 4000 Garfield
 Lincoln, NE 68506

Membership Categories

- Student..... \$1
- Individual..... \$5
- Family.....\$10
- Business\$15
- Contributing\$25
- Sunburst _____
- Park \$ _____

I want to help!

- Deliver newsletters
- Serve on the Board
- Coordinate garage sales
- Spring clean-up
- Plan events/socials
- Other _____

Office Use Only Check No: _____ Date Rec'd: _____ Cash: _____

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7. What talents or resources do you have to offer that could help the Association?

- ___ Marketing skills
- ___ Videography skills
- ___ Grant writing skills
- ___ Writing articles
- ___ Serving on the board
- ___ Other (please specify) _____
- ___ Design Skills
- ___ Website development skills
- ___ Newsletter delivery
- ___ Employer-matched donations
- ___ Writing minutes

8. Would you consider serving on the board? Yes No Not at this time

9. Are you a member of the Association? Yes No Why or Why not? _____

10. Which of the methods below is your preferred choice for receiving communications from the Association?
 Facebook Email U.S. Mail Website

Thank you for your time and input. We greatly appreciate it as concerned neighbors like you make a difference! **Please consider joining if you are not a member or renew if you have not paid dues in the last year.**

Please send your answers to: Susie Dunn, 4000 Garfield, Lincoln, NE, 68506 or via email at forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com. Survey results will be reported in the fall newsletter and online on our Facebook page (Lincoln's 40th & A) as well as our webpage at <http://40thanda.org> and the fall bi-annual general membership meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd in Christ United Methodist's Room B at 4530 A Street. **You are invited to hear about the results and help steer the Association down the right path!**