



40th & A Neighborhood Association



Fall 2005

Tabitha, Open Forum on October Meeting Agenda

The annual meeting of the 40th & A Neighborhood Association is slated for October 25th with a 7 p.m. start time. The meeting will be held in the Steven Carveth Center on the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (LMEP) campus.

The agenda includes a representative from Tabitha to update the neighborhood on their newly completed construction project.

In addition, an open forum will be held to address the concerns of our neighbors and to help develop action items for the board's agenda for the upcoming year.

Please email your issues to the association's new email address: forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com, phone one of your board members listed on the next page or attend the meeting.

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2005 Yard of the Month Winners Announced

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association's Yard of the Month Award continued into it's second year this summer.

Beginning with the month of June, four winners were designated in each of the association's four districts.

District 1 boundaries are from 33rd to 40th Streets and A to Randolph; District 2 between 40th to 48th Streets and A to Randolph; District 3 is bordered by Normal to 40th Streets and A to South while District 4 is from 40th to 48th Streets and A to South.

The Yard of the Month Committee was proud to award the following winners for the summer of 2005.

JUNE	Jason & Amy Weber 3940 Garfield District 3
JULY	Gordon & Cynthia McGill 3800 Mohawk District 1
AUG	Justin & Lynn Foerster 4020 Sumner District 4
SEPT	Patricia Ramsay 4610 A Street District 2

The Association thanks these residents for their all of their hard work in maintaining a beautiful yard and making our little section of the city a great place to live!

Annual Holiday Decorating Contest To Be Held

For the second year in a row, the 40th and A Neighborhood Association will sponsor a Holiday Decorating Contest.

Winners will be selected during the first two weeks in December and will receive a certificate and recognition throughout the city of Lincoln.

The Association chooses a house or group of houses in each of its

four districts to receive the honor.

Winners are chosen based on several criterion which include the display's theme, as well as it's size relative to yard space.

To nominate a display, please contact Tracy Lines, Susie Dunn or Kelly Stahly or email your nomination to: Forty_and_A_Neighborhood@hotmail.com.

Our Purpose

The purpose of the 40th & A Neighborhood Association is to provide a means for citizens living in the neighborhood to plan and work together for a better community.

The Association offers the opportunity for residents to meet and become acquainted with one another, become more informed and express views about the issues impacting our neighborhood community and cooperate with other citizens and community organizations.

40th & A Neighborhood Association

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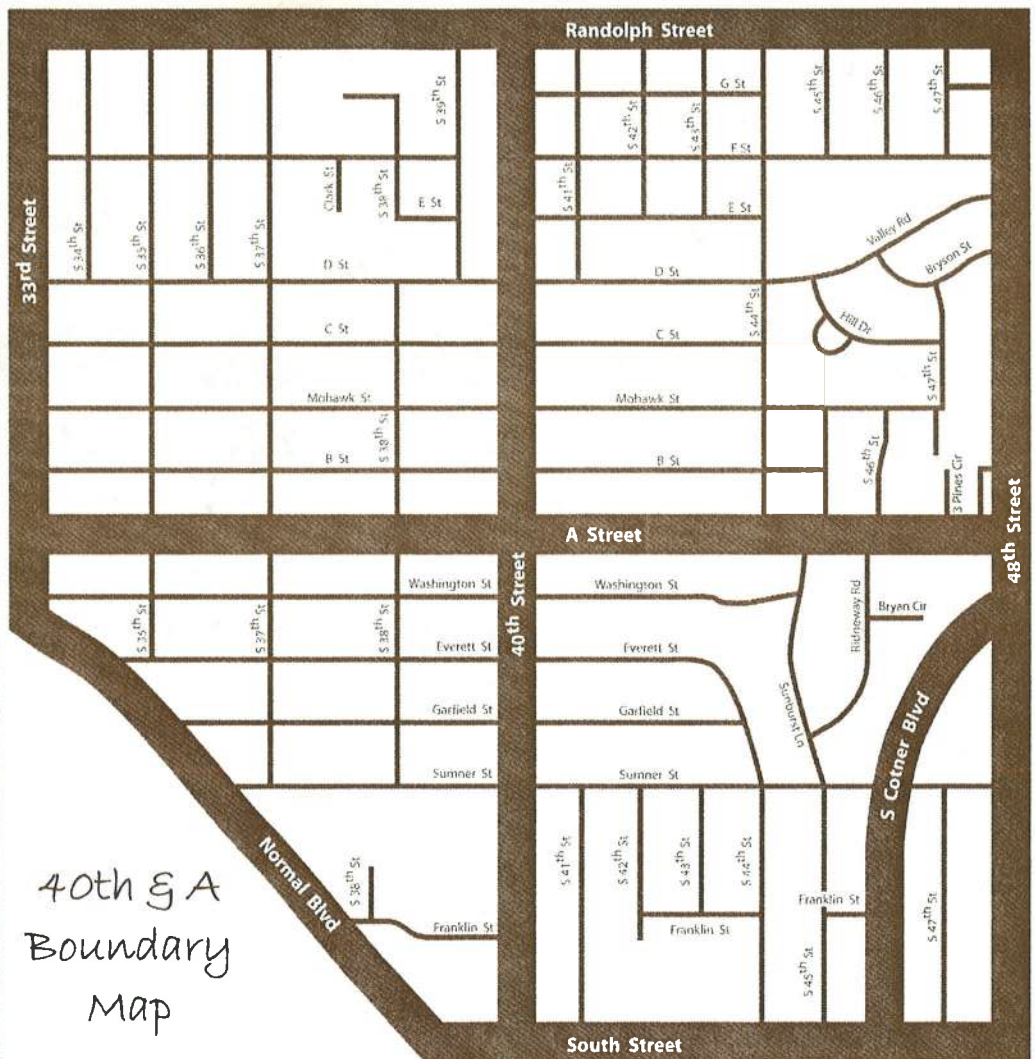
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40th & A
Boundary
Map

City & County Websites

City of Lincoln	www.lincoln.ne.gov
Lancaster County	www.lancaster.ne.gov
Lincoln Police	www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/police

City Telephone Numbers

Animal Control	441-7900	Junk Cars (Police Dept.)	441-7204
Building & Safety	441-7785	Junk Cars (recording)	441-6050
Buried Lines	477-0547	Mayor's Office	441-7511
City Council Representatives	441-7515	Neighborhood Watch	441-7204
City Information	441-2489	Parking Problems	441-6000
Crime Stoppers	475-3600	Parks and Recreation	441-7847
Emergencies	911	Police Administration	441-6000
Exterior Disrepair	441-6300	Sidewalk Repair	441-7541
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Garbage/Dumping	441-8022	Street Repair	441-7701
Gas Leaks	800-303-0357	Weed Problems	441-7817
Hazardous Waste	441-8021	Zoning Violations	441-7521
Housing Codes	441-7785		

Association Undertaking Zoning Change

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association is in the beginning phases of downsizing portions of our neighborhood that are currently zoned R4 into R2 districts.

Zoning is used by states to regulate subdivisions of land in order to protect the "health, safety and general welfare" of the public, to implement the community's comprehensive plan and to properly arrange land uses. Simply put, zoning is used to manage development.

The Association feels a need to downsize current R4 sections to protect the residential character of our community. Several neighborhood associations within the city of Lincoln have already completed this

process. They include: Near South, UNI Place, Country Club and Everett.

Zoning codes beginning with an 'R' are Residential Districts. The numbers designate the density with one being the least dense. For instance, a lot within an R1 district has the largest lot size requirement. R1 through R4 zones are primarily for single family homes, townhouses or duplexes.

The main differences between the R4 and R2 districts are lot size and density. R4 lots require 5000 square feet for either a single family or two family residence. A single family home in an R2 district requires 6,000 square feet while a two family dwelling needs 10,000 square feet.

In layman's terms, this zoning change would prevent some of our large, older homes from being converted into duplexes. It would not, however, affect buildings that are currently in use as a two-family residence.

Changing the zoning districts can be a challenging task. The Association requests the neighborhood's input and assistance. If you would like to join the Zoning Committee, help with the process or feel the need to voice a concern regarding this proposal, please contact one of our board members or email us at our new email address: forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com.

Itch Mites Find A Home in Lincoln

The University of Nebraska—Lincoln entomology department reports that itch mites may again be a problem this summer and fall.

Itch mite bites usually are red, 1/4 to 3/4-inch in diameter, with a hard, raised "pimple" in the middle. The bites are usually found on the

victim's neck and shoulders and on areas of the torso where clothing fits loosely. The bites are intensely itchy, but scratching is actually painful.

The nearly invisible mites need to be in contact for several hours before biting. Because the bites do not itch or get painful for about 16 hours,

many people do not know they have been bitten until the next day.

Bites often occur after raking leaves and mowing lawns under pin oaks, red and black oak trees.

The best defenses are wearing insect repellent and showering immediately after completing yard work.

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The first aluminum beverage was manufactured by Reynolds Metal Company in 1963 and used to package a diet cola called "Slenderella."

Royal Crown adopted the aluminum can in 1964 and by 1967 Pepsi and Coke followed.

The energy saved from recycling a can versus creating a new one is enough to power a television for three hours.

Last year 54 billion cans were recycled, saving the energy equivalent to 15 million barrels of crude oil—America's entire gas consumption for one day.

One pound equals 28 to 36 aluminum cans.

Aluminum cans today are 52% lighter than they were 20 years ago.

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association has a dumpster located in the parking lot at the Church of the Brethren on 37th & Sumner for collection of your aluminum cans. What a great way to help the environment while contributing to your neighborhood association!



Neighbor Nuggets

Neighborhood reminders from the 40th & A Neighborhood Association

Please sweep lawn fertilizer off your sidewalks to keep it out of pet paws' and stroller wheels where small children can get fertilizer on their hands and then into their mouths.

Parking in a driveway blocking the sidewalk is a violation of the city's parking codes and considered a ticketable offense.

Pet owners are required by law to clean up after their dog on public and private property. Homeowners are required to clean up their yards every five days.

Plants between the curb and sidewalk must be less than 30 inches tall.

Lincoln's population in 2002 was 232,312 and covered 80 square miles.

City Code 501.2 states that address numbers should be clearly legible and visible from the street and a minimum of 3 inches in height.

Garbage should be in trash sacks inside a container with a lid. On garbage day, please promptly put away garbage cans to maintain our neighborhood's curb appeal.

Neighborhood Calendar

October

13—Mayor's Roundtable,
County/City Building, 4:30 p.m.

22—Household Hazardous
Waste Collection @ State
Fair Park, 4-H Youth Complex,
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

25—Fall Meeting @ LMEP,
4600 Valley Rd, 7 p.m.

November

10—Mayor's Roundtable,
County/City Building, 4:30 p.m.

22—Board Meeting @ LMEP, 7 p.m.

December

8—Mayor's Roundtable,
County/City Building, 4:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social Deemed A Success

The Lincoln Medical Education Partnership parking lot at 4600 Valley Road was the site for an ice cream social held on Monday, September 12th from 6 to 8 p.m. This year's theme was diversity.

In addition to free ice cream, attendees had a multitude of free adult and children's books for the taking as well as information from cultural and community organizations such as AARP, Clinic With A Heart, 40th & A Neighborhood Association, Young Family's Program, the Lincoln Fire Department and many others.

Pizza was sold by the slice and soda by the can. Entertainment was provided by the music group Jubilee.

This year's ice cream social was sponsored by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Pathways New Heights Community, 40th & A Neighborhood Association and Target Logistic Services/MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company.

Christ Lutheran Playground Finished

Christ Lutheran Church, located at 43rd and Sumner, announced the completion of their new playground. The structure is available for children at Christ Schools as well as the children and families in the surrounding neighborhood.

The playground was constructed during the month of August by nearly 50 dedicated volunteers and includes eight swings (including swings for infants and toddlers), two climbing structures with slides and a miniature playhouse.

Approximately \$40,000 of funding for the playground came from the following generous donors: Christ Lutheran Church Foundation, Nickelodeon Let's Just Play Grant Program, Friends of Christ Schools and numerous Christ Schools parents and Christ Lutheran members.

A playground dedication ceremony was held Sunday, August 21st.