

40TH & A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Fall 2007

History of Neighborhood Area on Fall Meeting Agenda

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association's annual meeting will be held Tuesday night, **October 30th** at Christ United Methodist Church, **4530 A Street** from 7 until 8:30 p.m.

Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner with the City of Lincoln Planning Department, will present the history of the area encompassed by the 40th & A Neighborhood.

If you have never heard Ed Zimmer speak, this is your chance to hear an informative and captivating orator.

Refreshments will be provided after the meeting for neighbors to become acquainted with one another.

Please accept our invitation to join your neighbors for information and fellowship on the 30th of October.

Sidewalk Repair Reimbursement Program

The 40th & A Neighborhood is embarking on a new project to address sidewalk repairs in our neighborhood.

Although the City of Lincoln is responsible for sidewalk repairs along the public street system, a limited reimbursement program is in place to allow property owners to repair sidewalk defects on an individual basis. Oftentimes, however, it is difficult to locate a construction firm to repair or replace only a small section of sidewalk.

To help ease the burdens of applying for permits and inspections and locating a contractor, the 40th & A Neighborhood Association would like to pilot a program where neighbors with sidewalks needing repairs are combined, making it more feasible to

obtain a firm to undertake the job as well as to provide cost savings and efficiencies to the property owners and City of Lincoln.

For instance, if we have several neighbors in need of sidewalk repair, the city can make one trip to pre-approve the repairs. (The sidewalk must have a defect of 2 inches or greater.) The second step in the process is obtaining a no fee repair permit prior to any work taking place. An inspection is also required to inspect the forms and subgrade prior to the pouring of any new sidewalk. This is to ensure that the guidelines concerning the width, thickness and subgrade, among others, are followed.

If you have sidewalks that need attention and are interested in partici-

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40th & A Neighborhood Association Seeking Board Members

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association is looking for a couple of individuals to fill board vacancies in District 3. This is the area south of A Street between 33rd and 40th Streets and bordered by South Street and Normal Boulevard.

Primary responsibilities are attend-

ing board meetings once a month and delivering newsletters twice a year. (Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month and last from 7 to 8:30 p.m.)

If you would like to volunteer your time or know of someone who would be interested, please call Mary

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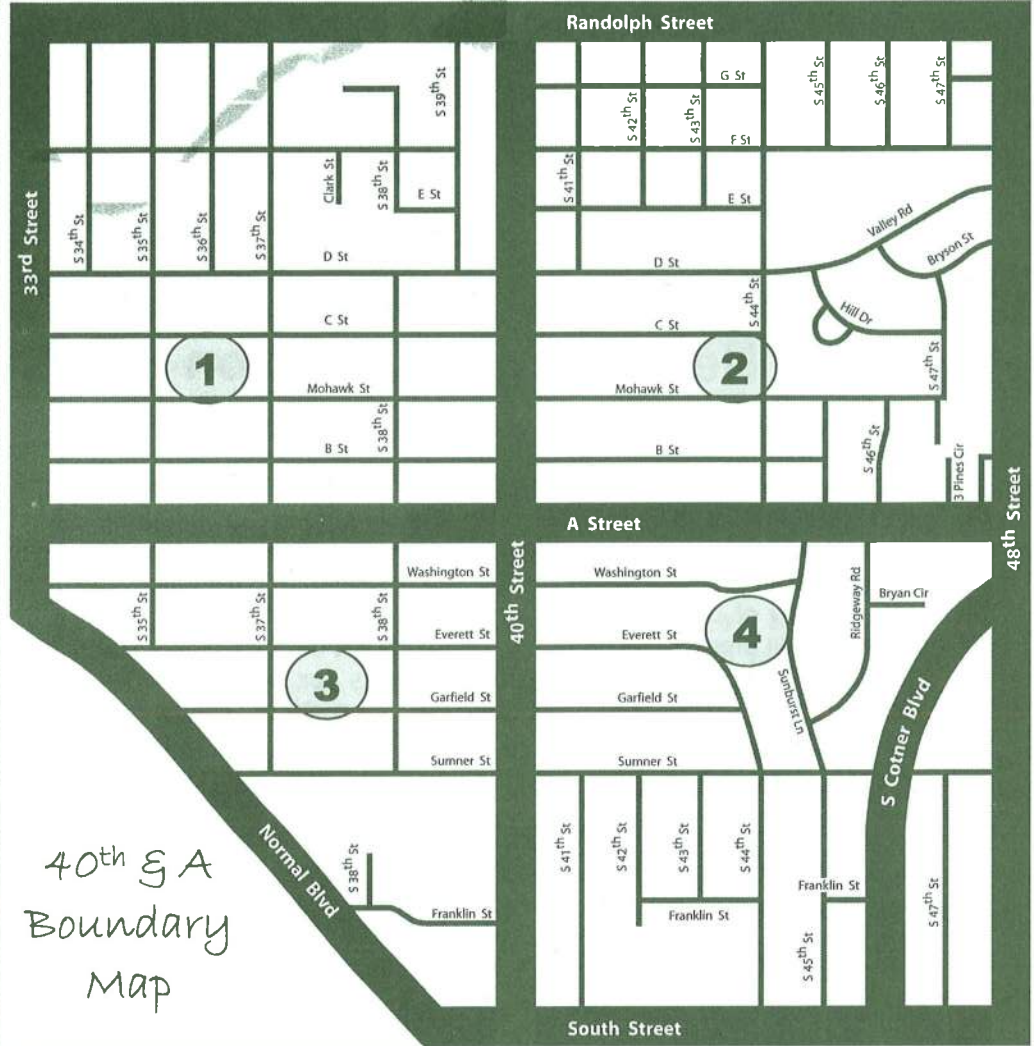
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Meetings

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except June, July and Dec.) at the Lincoln Medical Educational Partnership, Steven Carveth Center, 4600 Valley Rd from 7—8:30 p.m.

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.

This newsletter is the official publication of the 40th & A Neighborhood Association and is published three times per year (January/February, April/May, and September/October). The January/February issue is mailed to every address within the 40th & A Neighborhood Association's boundaries while the other two issues are hand-delivered.

Articles or press releases can be submitted via mail to 1001 S. 37th Street, Lincoln, NE 68510 or electronically to forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com. Content may be edited for clarity and space considerations.

Statements of fact and opinion made are the responsibility of the authors alone and do not imply an opinion on the part of the officers or members of the association.

This publication does not endorse or warranty advertised products or services printed herein.

Business card sized-advertising rates are \$17. Inquiries should be directed to Sarah Holz, Business, Church and School Liaison, at 486-0680.

Membership renewals should be sent to Susie Dunn, Treasurer, 4000 Garfield, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Hands On/Help Out Lincoln Parks and Recreation

Lincoln Parks and Recreation is asking for our neighborhood's help in the "Hands On/Help Out Lincoln Parks" program. This new program was established to complete fall clean-up projects in urban park areas.

The 40th & A Neighborhood is invited to adopt Sunburst Park at Sunburst Lane and Washington Street and Neighbors Park at 30th and D

Streets for maintenance.

Sunburst Park is in need of tree trimming while Neighbors Park requires playground maintenance such as raking and leveling the sand, removing weeds and sweeping the hard surfaces of the playground area.

The Parks and Recreation Department will provide supplies and tools and volunteers are asked to dress in

work clothes and shoes and wear gloves.

If you are interested in volunteering to help our neighborhood maintain our city's parks, please email the association at forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com or phone Tracy at 310-7069. We would like to complete this project in October or November.

TeamMates Mentoring Program Requests Volunteers

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

~Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The TeamMates Mentoring Program of Lincoln Public Schools is a school-based, one-to-one mentoring program that matches adult mentors with students who are at risk of academic failure for one or more of the following reasons: poor academic performance, poor attendance, difficulty with peer relationships, discipline issues and personal issues. The program was founded in 1991 through a partnership between

Dr. Tom Osborne and Nancy Osborne and the Lincoln Public Schools.

Adults are asked to volunteer as a mentor for one hour a week for no less than one school year with the goal of following the student through high school graduation. Each school in LPS has identified a TeamMates facilitator who works closely with TeamMates personnel to effectively recruit and match students. Mentors may choose the grade level and school where they want to mentor. Mentors are asked to be someone who will be a good role model, believe in their TeamMates mentee, encourage them to do their best,

affirm them for who they are and where they came from and mostly, to be their friend.

The commitment of one hour a week is simple but the effects are long lasting. It's time as a community, neighborhood by neighborhood, to step up and help build our youth for the future.

There are many students waiting for a caring adult in their lives. If you are interested in becoming a TeamMates mentor or have questions, you may do the following: email us at teammates@lps.org, call us at 436-1990 or fill out an application online at www.lincolnteammates.org.



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Volunteers Needed to Deliver Newsletters

Do you like to "walk with a purpose?" Or perhaps you know of youth needing public service hours or a boy or girl scout in need of a project to earn a merit badge? We need help delivering newsletters in the District 3 area (33rd to 40th Streets South of A Street). If you would like to help, please email the association at forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com or phone Mary at 489-7914.

Annual Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up Held

The annual 40th and A Neighborhood spring clean-up was held on Saturday, April 28th from 8 a.m. until noon in front of Randolph Elementary School, 37th & D Streets. Warm spring temperatures and many neighborhood participants made it a great event.

Two dumpsters were filled; one contained brush and the other regular household waste. Volunteers from the neighborhood association board packed two roll-offs to the brim. Their diligent efforts saved the sponsor of the clean-up, Keep Nebraska Beautiful, from paying for additional, half-full roll-offs. The chair of the event, Nick Pischel, originally reserved five containers for the day.

Thank you to all of our neighbors who participated in the clean-up and beautified our neighborhood.

Thank you....

....to the Antelope Park Church of the Brethren for supporting the neighborhood association by providing the aluminum can recycling dumpster in your parking lot and donating the proceeds to our treasury.

—40th & A Neighborhood Association

4th Annual Holiday Display Award Contest Details Released

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association is holding its 4th annual Holiday Display Award contest this December. Similar to last year, we will have a "celebrity" judge from the Lincoln community to help the committee make the difficult choice of which yard in each district is decorated the nicest for the winter holidays.

The judges will be touring the neighborhood on Sunday, December 9th, so be sure to have your decorations lit up! Winners will receive gift certificates from area businesses as well as a certificate from the neighborhood association that is "suitable for framing"...or at least for hanging up on the fridge!

If you know of an address that we must not miss, call Tracy at 310-7069 or email the association at forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com. Good luck!

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2007 Yard of the Month Winners Announced

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce the winners for the Summer 2007 Yard of the Month contest.

One winner was selected in each of our four districts. The winners are:

District 1: Stan & Vicki Minchow
843 South 36th Street

District 2: David Sawyer
4256 A Street

District 3: Robert & Billie Bussmann
3750 Normal Boulevard

District 4: Fred & Marilyn Michael
1640 Ridegeway Road

In addition to receiving a certificate to display and/or show off to their family and friends, the winners received a \$5 gift certificate to either Wagner's IGA or Runza.

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association thanks our participating neighborhood businesses for their donations as well as our great residents for so many nicely manicured yards!

The neighborhood calendar has been moved to our website at www.myspace.com/forty_and_a. To include items on the 40th & A neighborhood calendar of events, please email a description of the event and the dates to forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com.

Neighborhood Social Successful Despite Rainy Weather

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and the 40th & A Neighborhood Association hosted an Ice Cream Social and Picnic on September 10, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Due to the inclement weather, the event was held inside Our Saviour's at 1200 S. 40th Street (40th & C Streets).

Ice cream with all the fixings was served by church members and board members from the 40th & A Neighborhood Association served up approximately 200 hot dogs.

Entertainment was provided by the Christian folk band Jubilee in the main sanctuary while children's games were played in the basement area. Many informational booths from community agencies such as Cedars and the Health Department were present.

Free adult and children's books were available for attendees as well.

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association thanks all of those who attended, Christ Lutheran for organizing the event, Wagner's IGA on 33rd & A for donating the hot dog buns, Runza at 40th & Randolph for donating condiments, Valentino's at 33rd & A for donating napkins and Dr. B at Randolph School for helping to publicize the event. All remaining food items and supplies were donated to the Matt Talbot Kitchen, 1911 R Street.

If you are new
to our neighborhood—

WELCOME!

We are happy to have you living
in our area of the city.