

Fall 2008

Proposal to divert LES payment subject of fall meeting

In an effort to promote education regarding current budget topics in the City of Lincoln, the 40th & A Neighborhood Association has invited Coby Mach and Ed Zimmer to address attorney Mark Hunzeker's proposal to redirect LES' payment in lieu of taxes to rebuilding Lincoln's infrastructure.

The presentation will take place at the Association's annual Fall Meeting, Tuesday night, October 28 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership's Steven Carveth Center at 4600 Valley Road. Please enter the western most doors under the blue awning.

When the Lincoln Electric System (LES) went public, it agreed to pay the city, county and schools 5 percent of their gross revenue from the sale

of electricity to make up for the entities' lost property tax revenue. (The land that LES owned changed from private to public land. Public property is not on the tax rolls, hence the lost property tax revenue.)

In 2007, LES' \$8 million payment provided \$6.6 million to LPS, \$1.4 million to Lancaster County and \$1.5 million to the City of Lincoln. (The disbursement is allocated based on current property tax levies from each entity.)

The proposal, as currently written, would redirect the whole payment to the City of Lincoln for building streets and to repeal impact fees.

Hunzeker feels that the city should get a majority of the LES payment since the city not only owns the utility

but encompasses nearly all of Lancaster County and the school district.

To approve such a transfer of funds, the City of Lincoln charter would need to be amended. Approval of such an amendment would involve a vote of the public.

At a time when the City of Lincoln's budget is very tight, this proposal could provide some much needed funds for backlogged infrastructure repairs such as repairing pumps at Star City Shores (3 out of 4 are currently inoperable).

Please attend this informational meeting to learn more about Hunzeker's proposal, how it would potentially affect the City, County and LPS budgets and provide your input.

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Volunteers needed to help deliver newsletters

"He ain't heavy, he's my brother."

Boy's Town tagline

The tagline for the 40th & A Neighborhood Association's newsletter delivery project could be, *"It ain't hard, it takes little time."*

That's right, with several pairs of willing feet in each of the Association's four districts, it isn't at all hard to deliver newsletters in an area spanning 2-3 blocks per person. Nor does it take very much time...about an hour.

The district representatives, particularly in districts 4 and 1 are looking for volunteers to help deliver the Association's semiannual newsletter which is delivered in April and Octo-

ber, to each home within the Association's boundaries.

(Not sure which district you live in? Check out the map on page 2.)

If you are looking for a pleasant way to take a walk, want to have a part in contributing to our neighborhood — by spending a few calories instead of a few dollars — please consider contributing a couple of hours of your time and energy to assist in delivering newsletters. The district representatives would be glad for your service and are willing to help you get off on the right foot!

For more information please contact the 40th & A Neighborhood Association at 310-7069 or forty_and_a_neighborhood@hotmail.com.

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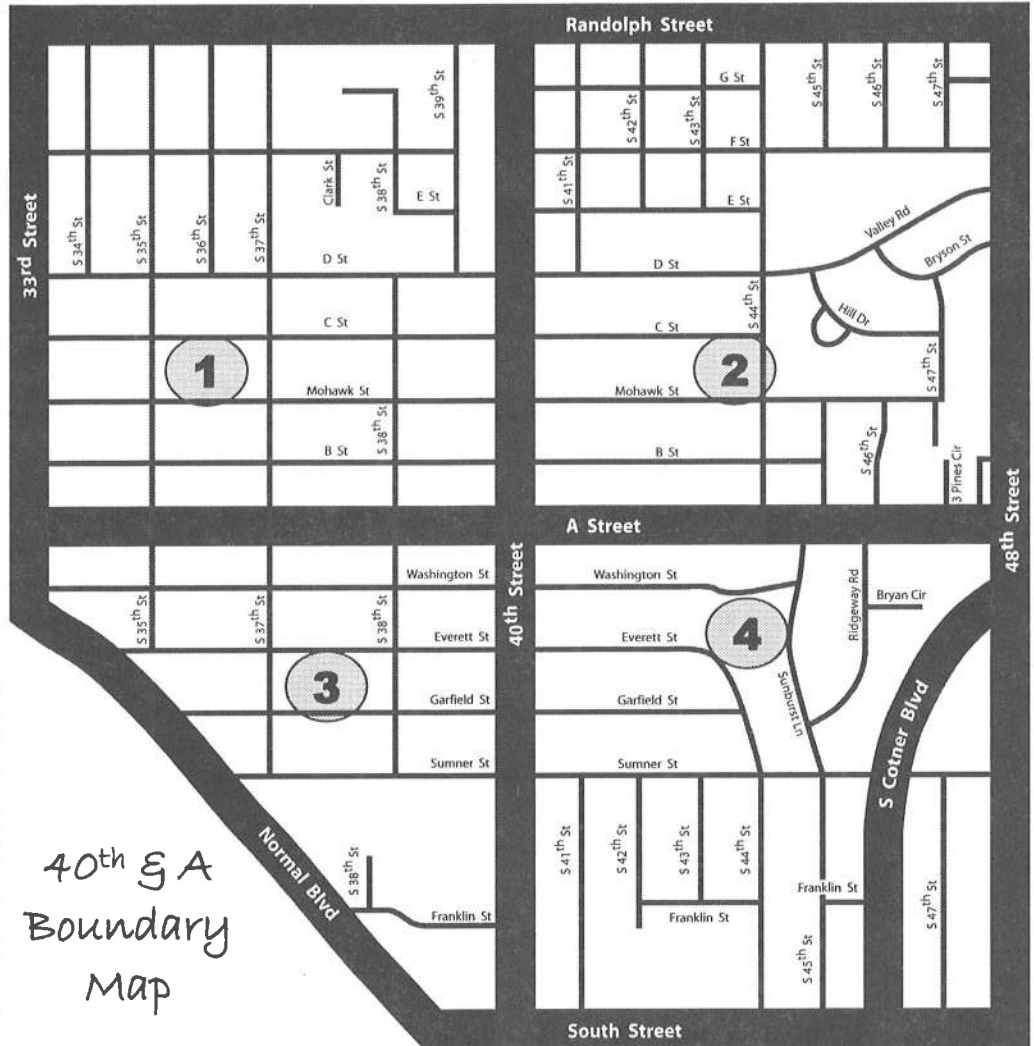
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Spring Clean-Up

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40th & A
Boundary
Map

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.

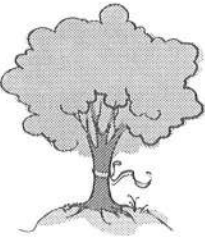
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Business card sized-advertising rates are \$17. Inquiries should be directed to Sarah Holz, Business, Church and School Liaison, at 486-0680.

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

Street Tree Planting Project Update

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association has secured grant funding from the City of Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) to plant 12 trees on 9 properties within our neighborhood boundaries.



While this project was originally set to happen in Spring of 2008, the project had to be delayed due to the need for optimum tree planting conditions. (Trees should be planted in early spring or late fall...either before they start budding or after the first frost when the leaves change colors and drop.)

Many thanks to our neighbors who have been patiently awaiting their new trees. As soon as Jack Frost decides to make an appearance, your trees won't be far behind him!

Neighborhood Picnic Report

This past July the 40th & A Neighborhood Association accepted an offer from local businesses to sponsor a neighborhood appreciation picnic.

We had an unexpected and amazing turnout with over 200 people in attendance!

While the kids happily jumped away in the bounce house, one lucky neighborhood attendee received a free hotel vacation stay in Florida.

Our apologies to those who did not get food. With a short supply of hotdogs and snow cones as well as a late delivery of pizza, many picnickers were rightfully disappointed. We will ameliorate these problems for next year's event and hope to see another impressive turnout.

Our thanks to Mary and Kelly for running to get additional pizzas that evening.

New Location for Aluminum Can Recycling Container

The 40th & A Neighborhood Association has a new location for their aluminum can recycling container.

Moran's Liquor has graciously agreed to host the receptacle in the alley north of their business. Moran's Liquor is located at 33rd & A streets, close to Wagner's Grocery, National Pharmacy and Valentino's.

A neighborhood volunteer transfers the aluminum to a local recycling company with all proceeds going directly to the 40th & A Neighborhood Association treasury.

Please help our organization by recycling your aluminum at our location. We have collected over 150 pounds since July! Recycling is not only earth friendly but neighborhood friendly.

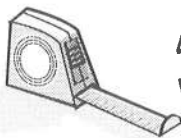
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Welcome New Board Members!

Lori Wortman, District 1 Rep

Lori was born and raised in our neighborhood, attending Randolph Elementary, Lefler Junior High and Lincoln High schools. She also graduated from SCC and UNL.

Lori lived and traveled around the world while in the Air Force, but recently retired after 20 years of service. She chose to move back to her hometown and specifically the 40th & A Neighborhood so she could be close to her parents.

Brandy Johnson, District 3 Rep

Originally from Nebraska City, Brandy graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan in 2003 and will graduate from the Master of Arts in Management program at Doane College in May 2009.

After briefly living in Omaha, Brandy returned to Lincoln 3 years ago to take a job working in the State Capitol Building as Executive Assistant to Attorney General Jon Bruning.

Brandy and her new husband, Alex, moved to the 40th & A neighborhood in the spring of 2007 when they purchased their first home. They looked at over 40 houses in neighborhoods all over Lincoln, but really fell in love with our great area and cute homes. Brandy and Alex couldn't be happier with their choice, stating that "we have the best neighbors and are close to everything we could possibly need."

Angela Stueckrath, District 3 Rep

Angela is originally from Randolph, Nebraska and has been living in our neighborhood since February 2002, when she bought her first home. Her house purchase and general interest in home architecture and remodeling inspired her to become a Realtor with Woods Bros. Realty.

On her way to Lincoln, Angela went to college at UNK for Visual Communication and Computer Science and was an E-business Consultant in Madison, WI for a couple years. Angela returned to Nebraska to be closer to family.

Angela is a huge volleyball fan and enjoys watching and playing.

Angela looks forward to making Everett Street and our neighborhood even more beautiful!

Neighborhood Calendar

October

- 9—Mayor's Roundtable, County/City Building, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 17—Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Waverly—County Shop, 11251 N 141st Street, 3 p.m. — 7 p.m.
- 18—Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Lincoln Industries, 600 West E Street, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
- 28—Fall Annual Meeting @ Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, Steven Carveth Center, 4600 Valley Rd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

November

- 4—Election Day
- 13—Mayor's Roundtable, County/City Building, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 15—Household Hazardous Waste Collection, State Fair Park, 4-H Youth Complex, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
- 25—Board Meeting @ LMEP, Steven Carveth Center, 4600 Valley Rd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

December

- 11—Mayor's Roundtable, County/City Building, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

January

- 8—Mayor's Roundtable, County/City Building, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 27—Board Meeting @ LMEP, Steven Carveth Center, 4600 Valley Rd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

February

- 12—Mayor's Roundtable, County/City Building, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 24—Board Meeting @ LMEP, Steven Carveth Center, 4600 Valley Rd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

March

- 12—Mayor's Roundtable, County/City Building, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 23—Board Meeting @ LMEP, 4600 Valley Rd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

April

- 9—Mayor's Roundtable, County/City Building, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 28—Spring Meeting @ LMEP, Steven Carveth Center, 4600 Valley Rd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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City Telephone Numbers

Animal Control	441-7900
Building & Safety	441-7785
Buried Lines	477-0547
City Council	441-7515
City Information	441-2489
Crime Stoppers	475-3600
Emergencies	911
Exterior Disrepair	441-6300
Fire Hazards	441-7363
Garbage/Dumping	441-8022
Gas Leaks	800-303-0357
Hazardous Waste	441-8021
Housing Codes	441-7785
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Junk Cars (recording)	441-6050
Mayor's Office	441-7511
Neighborhood Watch	441-7204
Parking Problems	441-6000
Parks and Recreation	441-7847
Police Administration	441-6000
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Snow Removal	441-7644
Street Repair	441-7701
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