

'tis the season to decorate

Stratford Avenue Neighbors Create Holiday Tradition

Stratford Avenue is known as one of the most festive holiday streets in Lincoln. This reputation is well-deserved. During December, beautiful lights and displays grace the homes and on Christmas Eve, thousands of luminaries line the sidewalks and medians.

What is the history behind this long-time neighborhood tradition?

Most of the people on Stratford agree that the lights and luminaries have sprung from the energy and creativity of a few industrious neighbors. Hope and Ralph Ludwick of 2921 Stratford Avenue recall, "Our young neighbors (the Linewebers, the Campbells and the Haberstiches) were in our living room one evening years ago. They hatched the plan to decorate Stratford Avenue - to go all out!" These neighbors had strung up a few lights over the years, but this time the couples decided to add some additional illumination.

Joan and John Campbell had recently moved from St. Louis and told their new Stratford neighbors about a beautiful decoration they had seen there. On Christmas Eve, the St. Louisans would light votive candles inside sand-filled bags. The lighting of luminaries, or "luminarias" came from a custom of the same name which is associated with the Pueblo peoples in New Mexico. On Christmas Eve, small bonfires are built in front of their pueblos to help welcome the Christ Child.

No one seems to remember the exact year in which the luminaries initially appeared, but they know that it was sometime in the late 1970s. That first year, a few Stratford homes set up the luminaries which the Ludwicks believe were the first to appear in Lincoln. The next year, more neighbors joined in and the third year (as well as every subsequent one) the entire street was awash in luminaries. Coordinating such a massive holiday effort every year is no small task. Ray and Marti Lineweber have been instrumental in making sure it happens without fail.

Each winter, the Linewebers order over a ton of sand and have it delivered to their home. They also order

2500 white bags and send out luminary information to the other neighbors. Although the materials have been a gift from the Linewebers, they are quick to point out that it is the effort of a large number of residents which ensures that the tradition will continue. On Christmas Eve Day, volunteers from all over the Avenue arrive at the Linewebers to fill and distribute the bags. The bags are piled onto a pick-up truck and volunteers jump off to deposit them three steps apart on the sidewalks and the medians.

Neighbors are asked to supply their own votive candles and to light them at sundown. However, the Linewebers are ready to assist with illumination.

One of their person-

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By Julie Enersen



CCNA History snapshot



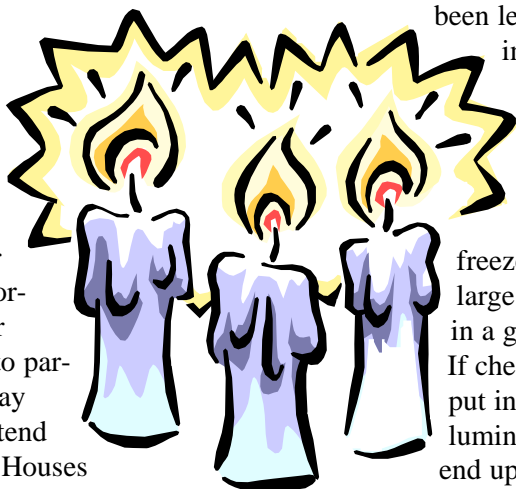
Christmas Eve luminaries grace the corner of Stratford Avenue and Bradfield Drive.

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al family traditions is to patrol the Avenue several times during the evening. They spend their Christmas Eve making sure that the bags are upright and the candles are lit.

Additional displays are set up at the complete discretion of individual homeowners.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no formal requirement for Stratford residents to participate in the holiday decorations or to attend the annual Holiday Houses party that the neighbors hold during the first weekend of December. However,



many Stratford residents simply enjoy being part of the seasonal activities. As Marti Lineweber can attest, "It's like living in a Christmas card."

Over the years, a few lessons have been learned. For instance, kiln-dried masonry sand is better than regular sand because it won't freeze into one large chunk when left in a garage overnight. If cheap candles are put in luminaries, they will end up in a puddle after three hours...it is better to buy the 12-15 hour votives. Molley the Trolley sometimes needs a push to

get around the corners. Squirrels eat through electrical cords that are left on the trees for too long.

Overall, the mishaps have been few and the pay-offs have been great. Stratford Avenue is consistently on the StarTran bus tour of Christmas lights and, according to one informal study, approximately 600 cars an hour make a visit to the avenue on Christmas Eve. The home of the French family, 3067 Stratford, was even featured as the December photograph of the 1989 Nebraskaland calendar. "People respect the work and the lights. We're very proud of the community for that," says Ray Lineweber. In return, the Country Club neighborhood is proud of the holiday gem that the Stratford Avenue residents create every year.

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Helpful Tips for Maintaining Your Home

By Ray Omel



How will old man winter greet us this year? So far this fall, the weather has been great and, if mild weather holds on a little longer, now is the perfect time to make a last minute outdoor repair. As weather permits go around the outside of your house and inspect the following items. Keep in mind some of these routine maintenance tasks know no season.

Inspect mortar joints on house and chimney.

As always, test your smoke detectors and change furnace filters.

Windows and Doors inspect putty, caulking and weather-stripping.

Gutters and Downspouts look to see if leaves are piling up. If so, you want to clean out the gutters before the snow starts to fly. Make sure downspouts and any extensions are attached and secure.

Driveways and Sidewalks Look for cracks, other than expansion joints, and seal with urethane caulking.

Exterior walls Look for loose or missing siding. Check for signs of wood rotting and replace boards as necessary.

Instead of repeating some of the same things year after year, I would like to make a request from all of our readers. Please e-mail me at rjo@navix.net or call me at 484-5757 with any questions about a problem with your house that others in the CCNA area could learn from or maybe something we should include in the next article. Finally, a couple of weeks ago, while at a convention in Cincinnati, I had a chance to meet with a man who has a great website with plenty of answers to do-it-yourselfers: askthebuilder.com. Mr. Carter is a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist who has years of experience in the construction and remodeling industry.

Minutes Digest

Editor's note:

The minutes of the CCNA meetings held since last March are given here in an abridged fashion for members' quick review. Copies of the original minutes taken at the meetings (and any handouts or referenced documents) are in the CCNA Notebook at the South Branch Library at 27th and South Streets. This abridgement includes editorial corrections of spelling or grammatical infelicities as well as condensation of the content. Supporting information such as the time the meetings convened and adjourned are omitted, and names of those persons making or seconding motions are given when known. The reader will no doubt notice the inconsistency in style occurs because various people have taken the notes at the different meetings. There were no meetings held on June 20, August 15, 2000, and June 19 and August 21, 2001. Minutes are not available for the meetings held on April 18, September 29, October 17, November 21, 2000, and February 20 and March 20 of 2001.

MARCH 21, 2000:

In their study of government and democracy, Boy Scout Troop 16 was in attendance and was introduced by Jonathan Cook. Bob Valentine and James Hewitt, candidates for an open legislative seat, spoke to those present. Jonathan Cook recognized the service of past board members Hal and Bobby Allen, Bill and Joyce Norris, and Linda Wibbels. Those present approved the slate of board members which included Jim Pattavina, Jan Pitsch, Janet Stephens, Jane McGinnis, Pat and Nancy O'Brien, Ray Crisp, Kevin Clements and Melody Albert, Terry Schaaf, Jeanne Tunnison, and Deb Foster.

Members present were updated on underplantings, new trees on the boulevards, and lighting.

At the formal board meeting which followed the general meeting, the officers were elected which slate included Jim Pattavina, President; Jane McGinnis, Jan Pitsch, and Janet Stephens, vice-presidents; Jeanne Tunnison, treasurer, and Deb Foster, Secretary. Jane McGinnis agreed to maintain the data base and coordinate the garage sale while Ray Crisp agreed to edit the newsletter.

MAY 16, 2000:

President Pattavina's announcements included 61 residents participated in the last garage sale; Earl May Nurseries was awarded the contract for the plantings on the boulevards; Zone 3237 Neighbor Preservation Initiative passed; an upcoming discussion of traffic lights for Irving Middle School; and the scheduled swap of latex paint at the State Fair Park.

During a good discussion of the proposed roundabout at 33rd and Sheridan, Jack D. Messer of HWS Consulting Group, Inc. presented information about the safety issues involved, the positive impact on the environment, and costs and aesthetics. Pictures of roundabouts in other cities were shown.

Upcoming Meetings of the CCNA:

The CCNA will be meeting the following Tuesdays at 7 PM, St Matthew's Church:



- February 19th, 2002
- March 19th, 2002
- Annual Meeting April 16th, 2002**
- July 16th, 2002
- September 17th, 2002
- October 15th, 2002
- November 19th, 2002

JULY 18, 2000:

Members present selected publication dates of December 1 and late February or early March for the Chronicle. As well, the group selected January 15 for the dues mailing, and decided to meet on January 16, February 20, and March 20, 2001.

The treasurer reported that the current treasury is just over \$10,000.00, and the group approved a donation of \$200.00 to St. Matthew's Church where CCNA meetings are held.

After discussion of the proposed new building on Sheridan Boulevard and Westminster's proposed enlargement of their parking lot by removing two houses, the majority voted to oppose both of these endeavors. Ray Crisp dissented, pointing out the irony in voting against churches at this meeting but, at a previous meeting, voting for a proposed rezoning of property at 27th and Stockwell to allow the sale of liquor by the drink. Further, the group discussed the availability of mini-grants for use by CCNA members to improve public areas within the CCN. Two committees were formed, by-laws revision and nominating. Named to serve on the by-laws committee were Terry Schaaf, Pat O'Brien, Ray Crisp, and James Pattavina, and named on the nominating committee were Jan Pitsch, Jane McGinnis, Janet Stephens, and Ray Crisp. The by-laws committee expected to meet in January and the slate of nominees for election in March, 2001, was expected to be presented for discussion at the February meeting.

JANUARY 16, 2001:

Jane McGinnis reported that the treasury held just over \$10,000.00 which included \$1,075 received to date in dues and an expense of \$333.10 incurred in mailing costs.

Discussion was raised by Pattavina regarding the update of the association's by-laws. Recommended changes were presented to the Board for discussion through a draft copy of the bylaws. It was noted that records do not include an official signed copy of the bylaws.

A motion was made by Ray Crisp requesting that if a set of the "signed" Bylaws is located that it be disseminated to members at the annual meeting on March 20, 2001. If old signed bylaws cannot be located, a proposed new set of bylaws can then be adopted. Notice will be included in the next newsletter informing members that the Association's bylaws are to be revised or adopted at the March meeting.

Members present discussed the entities of the CCNA and the CCNA Charitable Foundation in relation to the revision of the two groups' bylaws and the need to make them more compatible. to be more conducive. Concern was expressed that there may be a risk of jeopardizing the charitable status if the two entities co-mingle.

Nominating committee member Ray Crisp asked how many names the board would like to have on the nominating slate. Following discussion, members of the Board recommended that the slate would be made up of a minimum of twenty people with each nomination being advised of the length of tenure. Existing board members would also be contacted by the Nominating Committee as to their continued interest in serving.

Items to be included in the next CCNA newsletter would include: Details of the garden tour and Administrative VP of Board acting in the President's absence. Pattavina noted that the Mayor's Round Table was considering licensing duplexes in the community. Contact Mike Merrick of the planning office with concerns.

FEBRUARY 20, 2001:

Jane McGinnis reported that CCNA's account at the Nebraska Community Foundation is \$13,020.57 and the CCNA checking account at Wells Fargo has a balance of \$55.00.

President Pattavina introduced Terry Werner, a City Council candidate, who addressed the group.

Jeff Yost of the Nebraska Community Foundation addressed the group, explaining the relations of the CCNA and the Nebraska Community Foundation. The Nebraska Community Foundation is a statewide organization consisting of 175 communities and 210 firms. Yost discussed what areas that charitable dollars, which CCNA dues become, can be used only for specific purposes. He also explained that charitable dollars cannot be used for personal use or political advocacy.

Dave and Cindy Piester agreed to chair the Roundabout Committee.

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Ray Crisp presented the CCNA newsletter editorial polices, and Jim Pattavina asked that they be re-addressed at the April meeting with the new board. Sean Payant presented the new format for the newsletter. Jim also provided an overview of the bylaws to be presented to the membership at the annual March meeting. Pat O'Brien's motion to adopt the revised bylaws was seconded by Jane McGinnis. Motion accepted.

President Pattavina provided information about the Catholic Diocese's plans to construct an office building at 3341 Sheridan Boulevard, and more information will be given on February 27, 7 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ.

At the formal meeting of the CCNA Foundation Advisory Committee, Jim Pattavina presented the revised bylaws for the Foundation Advisory Committee. This revision brings the Foundation funds within control of the CCNA Board of Directors. Thus, the CCNA Board of Directors is the CCNA Foundation Advisory Committee. Pat O'Brien moved that the revisions be adopted; Jane McGinnis seconded; motion carried.

MARCH 20, 2001:

John Carlson, City Council candidate and President, South Neighborhood Association, addressed the group.

Bob Ripley reported on the progress the city has made on the roundabout. Ray Crisp introduced the CCNA Chronicle staff who are developing editorial policies for board approval at the April 17 meeting.

Jane McGinnis announced that the garage sale is scheduled for May 5, 2001. Jane also reported the CCNA's balance held by the Nebraska Foundation is \$17,250.06 and the Wells Fargo checking account has \$88.83.

President Pattavina presented the revised bylaws for the CCNA Foundation Advisory Committee. After discussion, Jan Pitsch's motion that the revision be accepted was seconded by Bob Ripley, and the motion carried.

Ray Crisp introduced the new board members present (Ryan Omel, Julie Enersen, Sean Payant, Stuart Goldberg, and Paul Morrison). Nominations from the floor included Debbie Schwartz and Stacy James. Terry Schaa's motion that the slate of board members as presented be accepted was seconded by Dan Marvin, and the motion carried.

April 17, 2001:

Officers were elected at this meeting. President: James Pattavina; Vice presidents for Administration, Membership, and Communication: Paul Morrison, Ray Crisp, and Julie Enersen, respectively; Secretary: Deb Foster; Treasurer: Jane McGinnis. Motions made by Jane McGinnis and Marla Payant and seconded by Chris Carranza, passed.

Jane McGinnis reported that 582 members have paid this year's dues with receipts of about \$9800.00. Jane also reported that 30 households are planning to participate in the May 5 Garage Sale. Bob Ripley reported that nearly all details have been worked out on the Roundabout at 33rd Street and Sheridan Boulevard, with construction to begin in June with completion expected in September 2001.

Information about the noxious weed, "loosestrife" was shared. The board adopted the Editorial Policies of the CCNA Chronicle which had been prepared by Mary Hewitt Jones and approved by the Chronicle Staff. Motion made by Jane McGinnis and seconded by Jan Pitsch.

Linda Wibbels was appointed chair of a committee for the improvement of the green spaces within the CCNA area. Jane McGinnis moved and Stacy James seconded.

Board members approved contributions of \$300.00 to St. Matthew's Church and \$250.00 to the landscaping fund of Sheridan Elementary School.

President Pattavina requested that a CCNA spokesperson regularly attend the comprehensive Planning Committee.

May 15, 2001:

In attendance: Chris Carranza, Jonathan Cook, Ray Crisp, Ann Donovan, Julie

Enersen, Peggy Gentley, Stacy James, Jane McGinnis, Bill & Joyce Norris, Jim Pattavina, Sean Payant, Bob Ripley, Debbie Schwartz, Mark Stalhurt, Linda Wibbels

The treasurer reported on a number of expenditure items. Of note were donations of \$300 to St. Matthew's Church for use of the building in 2001 and \$250 to the Sheridan PTO Beautification Project. Other expenditures included flyers & balloons for the CCNA Garage Sale and the printing and mailing of the May newsletter. Also, CCNA received \$405 in dues from 24 additional members.

A discussion ensued about the process that the newsletter committee went through in order to secure bids for the newsletter. In January, specs were sent to four printers. The newsletter committee reviewed the bids and chose a printer. Ultimately, the newsletter committee is responsible for decisions about the printing and the mailing while maintaining good relationships with businesses with whom we've worked in the past.

CCNA has depleted the Wells Fargo account by paying bills from the account and not replenishing it. Therefore, people are having to write personal checks for CCNA expenses and then wait for reimbursement from the Foundation, often for several weeks or months.

In the past, CCNA made requests for money for general operating expenses. Now, we receive reimbursements after presenting receipts. The Foundation will also take an estimate from a company, but that is sometimes a lengthy and time-consuming process.

The possibility of having part of future \$15 dues go directly into Wells Fargo account for operating expenses was discussed. However, only money that goes through the Foundation is tax-deductible. The suggestion was made that a committee and officers discuss ways of keeping money in the Wells Fargo account so that members are not having to front expenses out of their own pockets.

Sixty families signed up to participate in the garage sale. About half picked up their materials the night before. Rain was a major deterrent. Those who decided to proceed reported decent attendance. Kudos to Jane McGinnis for excellent organization of the sale!

The Comprehensive Planning Committee wants to hear from different organizations regarding long-range planning issues. We have been given time to voice our opinions on June 22. What are CCNA's ideas and input? What issues would we like to have presented to the CPC? Responses included:

1. Repair medians and curbs.
2. Don't widen 27th Street.
3. Preserve quality of established neighborhoods. They should not be a pipeline or thoroughfare for newer neighborhoods.
4. What is the city's overall transportation plan as the city grows? What about mass transit?
5. We want zoning codes strengthened, not weakened. Make it collective R3 zone.
6. Four or five plans for handling traffic have been established. CCNA should review the options and react to those that have already been suggested.
7. We prefer the word "established" over "inner city" when describing our neighborhood.

Jim Pattavina reviewed the spraying discussion which occurred via e-mail. The final vote was six for and six against the spraying. In the end, the spraying did not occur and will not occur in the near future. There seemed to be general agreement that it is too late to do a pre-emergent. If it hasn't been applied, it should not be done at this point. \$250 for mailings, postage, and materials for the Beautification Committee was approved.

JULY 17, 2001:

Present: Terry Schaa, Jan Pitsch, Jim Pattavina, Chris Carranza, Ray Crisp, Bill & Joyce Norris, Bob Ripley, Jonathan Cook, Mary Eitel, Lynn Johnson and Steve Schwab, Parks Department; Virendra Singh and Jim Visger, Public Works; Nick McElvain, Lincoln Water System

President Pattavina advised that no action would be taken at this

board meeting by vote since a quorum was not present.

President Pattavina reported that we have approximately 650 paid members and that our income is greater than last year at this time because of greater contributions. (Paid membership is down.)

Pattavina shared a portion of Paul Morison's report on the Mayor's Roundtable. One neighborhood association is interested in obtaining support for a ban on smoking in public places. If interested, contact Corrie Kieilty at 477-5220 or ckieilty@neb.IT.com. Also, legislation regarding the flood plain is being developed.

President Pattavina asked for discussion in the future on several topics: the use of e-mail for conducting CCNA business; use of CCNA's phone line (not many are using this); reprint of the magnet to include CCNA's website address, countryclubNA.com

Ray Crisp reported on the status of the Summer Issue of the Newsletter. Copies of articles to be included were distributed and comments, reactions, and suggestions were solicited. Crisp explained a new column would be added to the Newsletter to carry quarterly committee reports as well as a treasurer's report with an audit in the future. This issue may carry the Chronicle Editorial Policies since we are obligated to publish those twice a year.

Ray Crisp reported briefly on the CCNA Board Retreat held on July 8, 2001. Those attending generated a mission statement for CCNA and hope that at future meetings CCNA members will discuss, react, and suggest improvements. Along with the mission statement, the group discussed classifications of membership, CCNA purposes and priorities, possible future activities, and the need to improve communication among all persons within the CCNA boundaries as well as the City as a whole.

Ray Crisp reported on the activities of the Garden Tour 2002 Committee. The group will meet again on August 8 at 7 pm at St. Matthew's Church to work in sub-committees on topics to include banners, advertising, gardens, design, artists, and printing. Gardens have been identified but all gardeners have not yet committed to the activity to be held on June 9, 2002, from noon until 5. Money raised will go to support public art within CCN.

Nick McElvain of Lincoln Water System discussed the faucets on the islands, medians, or boulevards--those public green spaces between roads--and reported that the City cannot give away free water. Eventually, if water is used, someone will have to pay for it as the City's Bond Covenant states that the City will not give away water. An estimate of how much water is used from the 97 or so connections in the medians is impossible to formulate. The City is looking for ideas on funds or ways to pay for this water. President Pattavina added that he doubted that CCNA could pay for this since we have a limited budget and only a few people in the CCNA live on the medians. Pattavina suggested portable meters in order to determine amount of water used and costs. Councilman Cook and Mr. McElvain clarified the plan of action to follow while awaiting the decision: take out those faucets that are leaking and are not used; repair momentarily those meters that are leaking and are used; wait until there is a leak or break on those faucets that are not used and not leaking.

Much discussion was devoted to the Roundabout and the 33rd Street Rehabilitation largely because of rumors that had been promulgated and brought to the attention of the Mayor Wesley who then asked the appropriate city personnel to respond. In order to report accurately the cause of the discussion and the responses of the appropriate personnel, copies of letters (all of which are a matter of public record) are attached. (The reader will find copies of these documents in the CCNA folder held at the South Branch Library at 27th and South Streets.)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2001:

Dr. Rick Windle presented plans formulated by interested parties to establish a lighting district from 27th St. to 20th St., Van Dorn to the Lincoln Country Club.

President Pattavina shared a few items of correspondence: Mr. Wright sent \$30 and kind words regarding the Chronicle and the neighborhood watch meeting scheduled for October 10, 2001. Paul Morrison sent a letter of resignation from the board and administrative VP. Paul's resignation prompted discussion and Ray Crisp

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Jim Pattavina



Our community based organization is usually of one mind on most topics of concern for CCNA. If we are not all like-minded, we try to find compromise on any given issue. On occasion we allow the majority to make the decision. Such is the case regarding the lighting district planned for the area between Van Dorn to the Lincoln Country Club and 27th street to about 20th street. Each person in that area will need to consider the merit of the program and make up his or her own mind about this issue. Please be sure to get all the information you can to make an informed decision.

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nominated Terry Schaaf to the position of Administrative VP. Terry declined and no action was taken. The issue of child care was proposed and a motion to provide care was passed to provide care at the regular meetings through the April 2002 meeting.

The roundabout committee and the 33rd St. committee and others reported that there would be a second meeting of public works and other city officials and interested citizens on October 10 2001. Location of the meeting was reported to be at the Irving Recreation Center (later changed to 33rd and South Streets intersection).

The Nominating Committee requested names of persons interested in serving on the board or as officers.

The Membership Committee wants to establish a contact group to welcome new neighbors and make other helpful connections.

Boulevard Beautification reported that the committee had met.

The Newsletter Committee reported that because of the resignations of Sean and Marla Payant there may be some difficulties in producing the next issue of the Chronicle. Ray Crisp suggested that a special software be purchased to help in the production of the Chronicle. Terry Schaaf suggested that a payment may be in order for the person who actually produces the newsletter. No action was taken on either suggestion.

The Garden Tour committee reported the date for the event has been changed to June 16, 2002. Jonathan Cook reported that a number of people were given citations regarding plantings in the city right of way in front of the individuals' homes. Over 80 citations were issued.

Ray Crisp nominated James Hewitt and Ian Doremus to fill vacant positions on the board and both were elected by unanimous vote.

OCTOBER 16, 2001:

The treasurer reported that CCNA has in its two accounts about

\$14,200.00. Based on current spending trends, expenses by the end of the year may amount to about \$4,000.00. Having copies of the audit report done quarterly by the foundation was requested.

Items held over from the previous meetings: Contribute to the South Branch Library for beautification projects, motion made by Pat O'Brien to kill, seconded by Stacy James: passed (not unanimously). Contribute to the World Trade Center Relief Fund, motion to kill made by Linda Wibbels, seconded by Nancy O'Brien: passed (not unanimously). Contribute to the "Daydreams" statue for Cooper Park, motion to kill made by Linda Wibbels, seconded by Stacy James: passed (not unanimously).

A request was made to suspend the agenda and allow Rick Windle to present for a Woodsdale Neighborhood Group an outline of their plans for improvements and attempts to establish a lighting district in a section of CCNA. A motion was made and passed to endorse and commend the process undertaken by the group on their attempt to beautify the neighborhood.

Cara Bentz reported on the citation she received on the plantings she did on the area between the side walk and road (public land) in front of her home. Jonathan Cook reported on what actions he had taken and is undertaking to establish guidelines regarding the so called "hell strip" situation.

Schaaf and Cook reported on the 33rd St. and Roundabout projects. The second walkabout was held on October 10, 2001, and the process was discussed regarding continuing with the next step in each project. There was additional concern regarding the safety of children crossing in the area of the roundabout and suggestions were made to contact public works with those concerns.

Jim Pattavina brought up the item of the CCNA phone line and pointed out that it is rarely used. A motion was made and passed to allow the president discretion as to when to discontinue the line. Guidance was given with regard to stopping the service after it is announced in the Chronicle.

The following items were held over to the next meeting because of the late hour: Revising the magnet; other advertising; Garden Tour

Committee request for funding; Nominating Committee: The three strike rule (Article VII, 10 of the bylaws); Bookkeeping system for CCNA; Reporter for the meetings; Payments to the person responsible for the set up of the newsletter; US Bank sign request, and changing CCNA's boundary.

READERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE CCNA MEETINGS

After reading this abridgment, the reader may well conclude that board members have a number of challenges facing them. Several people have made suggestions for the present board and certainly these suggestions will be something to consider for those persons considering serving on the board. In this issue of the Chronicle we have implemented one of the suggestions by printing a summary of the minutes since March of 2000. Now that we have caught up the members for the past several months of the board's activities, we can keep members more current by printing a summary of the meetings each quarter. For the reader's consideration, and to motivate the reader to send in additional suggestions, the following recommendations that we have received to date are given below:

- 1) Follow through on decisions.
- 2) Hold persons accountable for promises or commitments made.
- 3) Establish criteria for the minutes. (Consider hiring a professional for this purpose.)
- 4) Record and publish the names of those persons attending each meeting.
- 5) Publish the appropriate minutes in each newsletter to provide a continuity for members and readers.
- 6) Twice a year, publish in the newsletter the record of income and expenses, along with current balance of the treasury.
- 7) Twice a year, publish the Editorial Policies for the Chronicle.
- 8) Hold orientation sessions for new board members, reviewing the by-laws, mission statement, purposes, and objectives.
- 9) Hold orientation sessions for officers, outlining respective responsibilities, duties, and expectations for each.
- 10) Set goals and monitor the progress toward achievement.
- 11) Establish guidelines for committees so that communication can be maintained.
- 12) Adhere to the published agenda and observe appropriate time allocation to topics
- 13) Adhere to the CCNA By-laws and follow Robert's Rules of Order.
- 14) Broaden the scope, activities, and purposes to include activities in addition to plantings.

End

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL
by Joyce Gleason

Neighborhood Exchange:

New Start for the Neighborhood Exchange! Let's begin a new season with "offers" and "bids" for items that you have available or wish to obtain from others in the neighborhood. This idea originated from those who have renovated old homes and wanted to save items to give to someone else who might be able to use them in the neighborhood. Since many of us have vintage homes and/or items to share, why not post them? For now, email your "bids" and "offers" to Joyce Gleason at jggleason1@aol.com This will be the clearing house for now, but soon we hope to use the CCNA website for such transactions. The price is right, if you have need of some items or some to offer, please contact Joyce. We have placed shutters, closet doors, slate rock, plants and shrubs. Still available are storm windows.



HEARD IT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

by Ray Crisp



TO ALAN, WITH APPRECIATION

Several months ago vandals spread white paint on the light pole and street sign at the Memorial Garden at Stratford and Rathbone, nearly covering the names of the streets and certainly marring the attractiveness of the street. However, not too long ago, Alan Dawson of 2955 Stratford Avenue thoroughly cleaned the paint from the street sign and repainted the black light pole on his own initiative and at his own expense. We are grateful, Alan, and to you we extend the appreciation of all in the neighborhood. Thank you!

27TH & WOODS BLVD. PROPOSED SIGN ALERT

US Bank is proposing the erection of a ground sign at the intersection of 27th Street & Woods Blvd. To do so would require a change-of-zone, as the existing zoning does not allow the sign. The CCNA Board of Directors voted to oppose such a change as it would set a precedent in other similar locations and would undermine the attractiveness of the southern entrance to our neighborhood. The buffer zone between the residential and commercial area is there for a reason and should be maintained. The Planning Commission voted to deny the change-of-zone, but that vote is only a recommendation to the City Council. At this time, we are waiting to see if the application goes to the City Council or if some other plan will be proposed. Concerned neighbors should contact the CCNA for updates.

DONATION MADE TO SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY LANDSCAPING

Kudos, gratitude, and appreciation are indeed extended to Harry and Wanda Drake of 4160 South 20th Street for their generous contribution to the South Street Library Branch Landscaping Fund. Significant progress is being made in the improvements to the drainage problem as well as the aesthetics of this much-appreciated library branch. More contributions from individuals will no doubt be appreciated. See the minutes of the October 16, 2001, CCNA board meeting for more information.

COOPER PARK'S "DAYDREAMS" STATUE REMAINS A DREAM

At the last meeting of the board and members of the

CCNA, a motion to contribute to the purchase of the statue "Daydreams" for Cooper Park was on the agenda. The motivation for the motion was CCNA's recently identified theme or emphasis of "outreach" and the intent of the contribution was to motivate other neighborhood associations to "reach out" to others in a matching contribution. At the October 16, 2001, meeting the motion to contribute was killed, but not unanimously. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can send your donation to CCNA clearly marked for the "Daydreams" Statue. Also, for more information, call Steve Larrick at 472-9217 or 435-5612.

HIGHWAY 2 TO BE RE-NAMED



On Friday, October 26, 2001, the Nebraska State Highway Commission endorsed Governor Mike Johanns' request to name the section of Nebraska Highway 2 from Lincoln to Nebraska City the Jerome and Betty Warner Memorial Highway. As reported in an article in the Lincoln Journal Star on October 27, 2001, "Jerome Warner was a longtime state senator who left a lasting imprint on state government, including roads policy."

CCNA'S HOTLINE YIELDING TO PRINT?

At a recent CCNA meeting, members decided to cancel CCNA's hotline, 435-CCNA/435-2262, since the line has not been used by any member for several months. If you prefer to have this line available to the membership, please call and leave a message to that effect. Or if you prefer, you can write your editors and share your opinion on whether we should continue to make this resource available. And, as a matter of fact, you should feel free to write your editors about any concern you have. Please let us know if your letter is for publication so that we can use your name. You can e-mail your letters or comments to Ray Crisp at raydcrisp@aol.com or Mary Hewitt Jones at mhj@crosbylawfirm.com

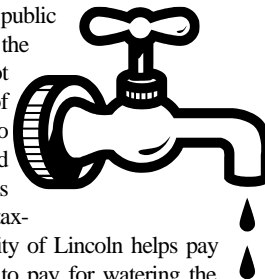
CCNA'S DIRECTORY

We reported in an earlier issue of the Chronicle that a CCNA directory will be available to CCNA members, and in that same report we asked you to let us

know if you do not want to be listed in the directory. We have not gone to print yet with the directory, so there is still time to let us know your wishes.

UPDATE ON THE SPIGOTS IN THE MEDIANS

Mr. Nick McElvain reports that no resolution has been reached in the question of who pays for the water used for the medians within the CCNA area as well as other places within the city. All concerned are yet seeking creative ways to solve the problem. The dilemma centers around the City's Bond Covenants preventing the City from giving away water. Since the water that is used to irrigate the medians and other public green spaces within the CCNA area is not metered, the cost of that water is added to the City's overhead costs. And this means that every taxpayer within the City of Lincoln helps pay for the water used to pay for watering the medians on Sheridan, Woodsdale, Woodscrest, Stratford, Bradfield and others. Your creative thoughts are needed to come up with a fair, equitable, use-oriented way of paying for this water. Perhaps a solution similar to the one used by the downtown area will appeal to most. A Downtown Improvement District has been established and those property owners adjacent to the irrigated areas pay for the water. In addition to the issue of inequity to taxpayers, there may well be a safety issue involved if appropriate anti-siphoning devices are not properly installed on each of the spigots.



HOW DOES YOUR PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE GROW?

Apparently too well, and on January 1, 2001, purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria* L. and *Lythrum virgatum* L.) became a noxious weed in the State of Nebraska. Therefore, in accordance with the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act, each person who owns or controls land in Nebraska has the duty to effectively control noxious weeds on such land. If you have questions or problems, please call or write the Lancaster County Noxious Weed Control Authority, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Bldg. B., Lincoln, NE 68528-1507, 402-441-7817. The e-mail address is bfrazier@ci.lincoln.ne.us or rschultz@ci.lincoln.ne.us.

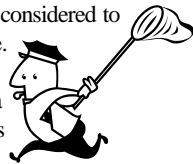
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Local participating nursery or garden centers will provide a 25% discount on perennial plants replacing removed lythrum plants (one to one exchange), and gardeners can dispose of the noxious plants by placing them into a doubled black garbage bag for garbage pick up. Also, the Weed Control Authority will pick up plants left at those participating garden centers.

INVISIBLE FENCING ALERT BY ANIMAL CONTROL

Jim Weverka, Manager of Animal Control Program, advises that according to Municipal Code a dog must be contained within a physical structure or the owner's direct control and that the Lincoln-Lancaster Board of Health does not approve of an invisible or underground fencing as a primary means of confining a dog. According to the Code, a physical structure is considered to be an above ground fence. Without an above ground fence, a dog must be on a leash or under the owner's direct and effective voice control. An electronic fence can be used as a secondary means of confinement.



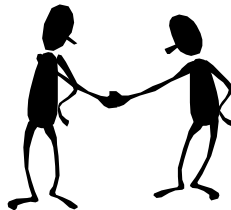
ELECTION COMING IN MARCH 2001

All good things must come to an end...well, I'm not sure they must, but when they do, sometimes good things become even better. And this may be so with the current Chronicle staff.

Since the CCNA By-laws call for an election each March for new board members and new officers, we may see changes in the staff for the CCNA newsletter. Each March, per the By-laws, new members are elected to the Board of Directors by the full membership and at the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors, and from that group only, the officers are elected by the members of the Board. If you are interested in serving on the Chronicle Staff, let us hear from you at the March 2002 membership meeting.

Already, we have seen some major changes in the membership of both the Board of Directors and the Chronicle Staff. Eric Hammerschmidt resigned from the Board, Sean and Marla Payant resigned from both the Board of Directors and the Chronicle, and Paul Morrison resigned from the Board and as Vice President for Administration. Elected to complete those terms respectively were James Hewitt, Ian Doremus, and Bob Ripley. Ian Doremus will hold responsibility for Layout and Design of the

Chronicle. Colleen and Alton Brown resigned from the Board, but Colleen remains as CCNA's Webmaster. We extend our thanks and gratitude to each who have served us well. Those who have visited CCNA's website are aware of Colleen's very good work, and readers of the CCNA Chronicle have seen the results of the Payants' creative contri-



butions

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Would you enjoy greeting new neighbors on behalf of CCNA and helping to update our membership database? If so, then we need you on the newly formed Membership Committee. Please contact Julie Enersen at 475-9988 or enersen@inebras-ka.com if you would like to know more or if you want to submit the name of someone who is great at connecting with other neighbors.

CHILD CARE AT CCNA MEETINGS

At a recent meeting, CCNA members and the members of the Board of Directors present, voted to provide child care at no cost to CCNA members at each of our meetings through the meeting on April 16, 2002. Of course, free-will donations will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost. Our hope is that this service will make it possible for more of our members to attend and participate in our meetings.

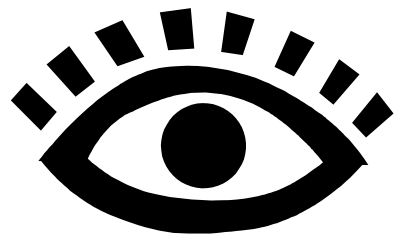


DATABASE EXPERT NEEDED

CCNA is looking for a person to help design an electronic database. If you understand what is meant by "web front end to back end database" and know how to use middleware, then your neighborhood needs you. Please contact Julie Enersen, 475-9988, for more details.

"PLANT A TREE, SHRUB, OR BUSH"

Drive by Sheridan Elementary School soon and observe the developing beauty that is sprouting about the school. Many are following Lady Bird Johnson's advice, and great progress is being made in Sheridan Elementary School's landscaping project which is being installed to celebrate Sheridan's 75th anniversary. And we are a part of that project in several ways. The CCNA donated funds to help with the Sheridan's landscaping.



THE "EYE"

Indeed The "Eye"'s have it and if you did not get your copy, call or visit your Neighborhood Watch representative. Since there's some very good information and helpful advice in the recent issue, you'll want to have your copy for reference. If you do not know who your "Eye" rep is or if you would like to become involved in the Neighborhood Watch, call Captain Kim Koluch of the Lincoln Police Department at 441-7755.

ANOTHER NOTE ABOUT STRATFORD AVENUE

Julie Enersen's article about Stratford Avenue prompts us to remind readers that Ray Lineweber and John Campbell were awarded the Mayor's Arts Award for Urban Design in 1993. Building and maintaining the beauty of the corner of Bradfield and Stratford was one of John Campbell's greatest joys. John died in 1998, and the beauty of that intersection remains in all seasons as a tribute to John's caring for his neighbors and his environment. Ray Lineweber continues his efforts to maintain what the duo began. As well, Pat Ryan devotes much of his time, energy, and talents to developing and maintaining the landscaping on Bradfield Drive.



THE MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE

Over the last year and one half, Jim Pattavina has attended most of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meetings and he reports they are very interesting and informative. Jim invites any of our members to attend. You can get a great feel for how grassroots democracy really works! If you wish to attend, e-mail Jim and he will see that you get the agenda by e-mail. The meetings are always on the second Thursday of the month and are usually at the County City Building. Jim Pattavina's e-mail is jamespattavina@prodigy.net.

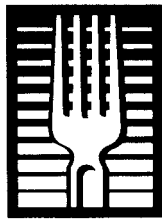
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