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President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President

Hello Neighbors!



I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying life to the fullest as we wrap up a busy summer and move into the new school year. Time flies when you are having fun, right? For me, the summer has been filled with some special family moments at the pool and city parks, a few weddings and neighborhood barbeques and of course some house and yard projects.

Summer is also a great time to chat and meet your fellow neighbors whether it's at an organized 4th of July parade or while you are taking a stroll on Sheridan Boulevard. This summer I had the chance to meet even more new neighbors and strengthen friendships with others. I am continually reminded about how great our neighborhood is.

But you've heard me brag about our neighborhood enough in this column so now it's time to hear from some of you. Here are a few quotes we've received in the last few months via email or on our Facebook page that are a telling tribute to the special place each of you have decided to call home, the Country Club Neighborhood. Please keep posting or sending us your thoughts, we love hearing from you!

• "Many thanks! By the way, I 'grew up' in the CCNA (before it existed) and sincerely appreciate all the Association does to preserve and protect this historic neighborhood."

• "Thanks neighbors on Bradfield for yet another amazing display of fireworks and neighborly love."

• "We have lived in the CCNA neighborhood since 2002 as we bought our first home here. We are truly blessed to have such great friends and neighbors that live in this community. Events like the 4th of July and Christmas Eve are true events that bring out the community feeling here that other neighborhoods do not have."

• "I simply love my neighborhood. Love, love, love. Historic homes, amazing and creative gardens, friendly people. Thanks everyone for making this such a fantastic place to live and raise a family."

We definitely have something special here and we need more help to ensure that we stay strong and vibrant! The Country Club Neighborhood Association is made up of neighbors who volunteer to encourage neighbors to come together to preserve, protect and enhance our historic neighborhood. We meet seven times a year as a board and there are plenty of volunteer opportunities. We would welcome your attendance at any of our upcoming meetings and hope you consider getting more involved with our organization.

Our next meetings will be held September 17th, October 15th and November 19th. All meetings are held at the Irving Rec Center and start at 7:00 p.m. If you can't make the meeting but still want to volunteer for one of our projects or events, please contact me directly at 402-770-7188 or jpcliz@msn.com. We can definitely match you to a project that fits your passion and your strengths!

See you around the neighborhood! Justin P. Carlson





Save The Date

for the 3rd Annual CCNA Holiday 5k Fun Run Friday December 20, 2013 Country Club of Lincoln 7:00pm

register at: www.ccnalinc.org starting November 1

The CCNA Holiday 5k Fun Run is a non-competitive, adults only, fun run/walk. Proceeds from the race will benefit the lighting needs of the old Rock Island Trail between South and Calvert Streets. After the run/walk, participants and spectators can enjoy the post party in the ballroom at the Country Club. Party includes, live music, food, beverage, prizes and more.

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Jan Pitsch's love of animals and her community have left a mark on the Country Club Neighborhood.

In April 2011, a green space located on the south side of Sheridan Boulevard near 37th Street was named after the longtime CCNA resident, who passed away in 2008. She lived just across the street and cared for the area during her time residing in neighborhood. the This year, the park was completed when a bronze statue of Pitsch's standard poodle, Emma, was installed in the space. Titled "Jan's Emma," the sculpture by artist Sondra L. Jonson signifies Jan's love of animals - especially dogs. Jonson worked with Pitsch's longtime friend Margaret Small,



Artist Sondra L. Jonson and Jan Pitsch's friend Margaret Small with Emma.

То continue the care for the green space in front of her home, Pitsch left a generous gift to the Community Lincoln Foundation to fund initial landscaping improvements for the small park and the roundabout median at 33rd Street and Sheridan Boulevard. She also left а \$70,000 endowment to provide for the perpetual landscaping and care of the areas. Her gift to the Lincoln Community Foundation also included a large sum for Hearts United for Animals, a nokill animal rescue in Auburn, NE.

who now takes care of Emma, in creating the sculpture.

"Jan had lots of pride for her neighborhood. She served on the Country Club Neighborhood Association for many years. She loved to garden and it drove her crazy when the boulevard in front of her home was not kept up by the city. She took matters into her own hands. She trimmed, planted,



"It was the combination of these two provisions of her estate planning that inspired having the bronze sculpture, 'Jan's Emma,' created and installed in Jan Pitsch Green," said Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson.

Johnson worked with Pitsch after she had adopted and cared for the area on the west end of Sheridan Boulevard.

"We were grateful for her ongoing care of the two landscape areas, and yet she annually brought a tray of holiday cookies to the Department as a thank you for the partnership with Parks and Recreation," Johnson said.

The fund will provide perpetual care for the green space, Johnson said, including replacement of plants and any other landscaping needs.

"The Lincoln Parks Foundation was honored to work with (Pitsch's friends) Margaret and Larry Small to facilitate beautiful charitable gifts from Jan's friends and neighbors to honor her legacy. We worked together to leverage private

watered, pulled weeds, and we in the neighborhood enjoyed the results. It was an extension of her yard," Pitsch's longtime friend Linda Wolfe said.



Margaret Small speaks at Jan Pitsch Green at the dedication of Emma, a statue by artist Sondra L. Jonson.

donations through Give to Lincoln Day 2012 and the Lincoln Parks Foundation provided a \$1,000 mini grant to support 'Jan's Emma' by Nebraska artist Sondra Jonson. These gifts honor Jan and also serve as an inspiring example for others about how planned gifts and memorial gifts are critical to enhancing our community's beautiful public spaces now and for generations to come," said Lincoln Parks Foundation Director Danielle Conrad.

Pitsch's longtime friend, Gretchen, said Jan might have been embarrassed to have the green space named after her.

"But it made such sense since she took such good care of it. She was a great friend to many tennis friends, sorority friends, neighbors, and family," Gretchen said.

"I... do know that Jan had the foresight to plan for this fund through her will. I believe it will last for many years to come. I have a feeling others might add to it," Linda Wolfe said.



Sondra Jonson unveils the statue of Emma.





Jan's house on Sheridan Boulevard.







Owen Tucker gears up for the Fourth of July Parade.

The 4th of July Children's Parade has been going on for years. Neighbors meet at the corner of Woodsdale Boulevard and Cedar Avenue with decorated bikes, scooters, wagons, strollers and pets. Around Woodsdale Boulevards we go! Neighbors meet afterward in the boulevards and enjoy Fourth of July snacks and catching up with friends.









Country Club Neighborhood residents on Bradfield show their patriotism with a display of flags in their yard.





Bill Avery shared these photos with the CCNA on facebook. We at the Chronicle currently believe that these were taken near 33rd and Sheridan in the 1960's. If you have an more information please feel free to contact us at ccnamagazine@gmail.com.









Country Club Girl Raises Money for Alzheimer's Research



The Country Club Neighborhood is filled with plenty of unique people. But few are so driven as Emily Price, 13. Emily will be a 7th grader at Irving Middle School this Fall. She confesses to love, "singing, reading, Taylor Swift and One Direction." She plays volleyball and is an active student of music, playing the double bass and the guitar.

However, Miss Price is also an ardent fundraiser for Alzheimer's research and has just managed to cross the \$1,000 mark thanks to her efforts.

Emily was kind enough to sit down with the Chronicle and share her experience, letting us in on what motivates her and give us insight into how we, too, can get involved.

Why is Alzheimer's important to you? What brought this disease to your attention, at such a young age?

"My family has lived in the Country Club area for over 60 years. My house on Plymouth Avenue was originally bought by my great-grandparents, Frank and Margaret Stork. My grandma, Brenda Stork was raised in this house and then raised her family over on Colonial Drive. My grandma and her siblings, my mom and her siblings, my cousin, and myself have all attended Sheridan Elementary School."

"My Grandma Stork was diagnosed with Alzheimer's at the age of 62. By age 65 she sold her home on Colonial and moved

into a nursing home in Ashland, NE. A year later she was moved back to Lincoln into Lancaster Manor Rehabilitation Center. They invited us to walk with their team for the annual Alzheimer Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. During the following year my Grandma Stork passed away. My mom and I decided that year we would start our own team in my grandma's memory, Team Unforgettable. I think that my grandma and the millions of other people affected by Alzheimer's are simply unforgettable. I loved going to my grandma's house. I loved visiting her while she was in care at

Lancaster Manor. Sometimes I still go over to the manor and visit the residents there. I like doing puzzles with them and I really like singing with them. My grandma loved music and so do I. I will never forget my Grandma Stork."

How did you personally get started on your fundraising efforts?

"I wanted to think of a way that I could raise money and awareness for the walk. Since I had been making flower clips, bows, and headbands for myself and friends, we decided to sell my creations and all the profits would go to the Alzheimer's Association. I had two stands that year."

How much have you raised?

"My first stand was at the end of my driveway during the



Country Club's garage sale. My first year I was able to donate \$600 in the name Headbands for Hope. I have already had two stands this year, one was during the Country Club garage sales and the other at the Farmer's Market. I just passed the \$1000 mark."

What kind of plans do you have for future fundraising?

"I am going to try to do one more stand before the walk in September. The Alzheimer's Associations Walk to End Alzheimer's will be taking place at Holmes Lake this year, on the 15th of September. The gathering starts at noon and the walk begins at 1pm. There will be lots of fun things for kids to do. The best part is being around so many people who know what you have gone through."

What do the funds you raise go toward?

"All contributions made towards the walk are used to provide research, financial support for respite care, educational programs and materials, and may other services to Nebraska families affected by Alzheimer's disease."

How can others get involved, or simply make a donation?

Donations to Headbands for Hope can be sent directly to the Great Plains Chapter at the following address:

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Each LFLibrary will be located on a Google map with GPS coordinates. Many will have a theme--anything from heroes and geography to weather, children around the world, adventure, food, the environment, gardening...you name it.







CCNA Pool Party



Neighbors enjoyed popsicles and swimming at the CCNA Pool Party July 8 at Irvingdale Pool.







By: David J. A. Bargen Summer is the traditional time for families to get away, have some fun in the sun, travel to new destinations or old favorites, and spend time together before the regular routine of school and work set in once again. Getting ready to embark on the summer sojourn involves the familiar packing of clothes and gear, stopping the mail, having the car serviced, and maybe arranging for pet care and house-sitting, all details to help ensure a safe trip and to allow everyone to relax and forget the usual cares for a few days.

Another part of that routine should involve making sure pertinent legal matters are up-to-date as well. For instance, are your estate plans current? While no one wants to imagine the worst when preparing for a fun trip, it is, of course, prudent to be prepared for the unexpected. Chances are everything will go off without a hitch, but just in case, make sure you have updated your Will and trust, general durable power of attorney, and health care power of attorney documents, including having selected a guardian for surviving children.

If you are leaving a loved one in the care of others while you are away, check to make sure all proper medical consents and related documents are executed and delivered to the proper caretakers. Perhaps a family trip will occur with minor children and one parent as part of a parenting plan in a divorce decree settlement agreement. In that case, make sure the trip meets the requirements of the agreement, and clear up any questions before beginning the trip.

If you plan an extended getaway, maybe you are renting your home to someone while you are gone. If so, make sure you have in place the proper rental contract and related documents to ensure your property is well cared for and that you and your renter understand the terms of the arrangement. Perhaps you will be the renter, renting someone else's property at your destination for a long-term stay. In that case, you will want to be sure the rental agreement meets your needs, and that you understand the obligations of each party before the trip begins.

Summer vacation is a time for family relaxation and rejuvenation. Likely you will have spent several weeks or months planning and anticipating the time away, and considerable time making sure every detail is right. Make sure your planning includes a review not of just what to pack, but also an inventory of potential legal matters that should be attended to prior to the big departure. Doing so will provide some of that peace of mind we all seek on every great vacation. Let the attorneys at Rembolt Ludtke LLP assist you with all of your legal needs.



Goodwill Announces Neighborhood Challenge Winners



Goodwill Industries kicked off the start of summer with its first ever Neighborhood Challenge, which began May 26 and ended July The six weeklong 6. event was a friendly competition between neighborhoods of the Lincoln, NE and promoted community involvement through donation drives and garage sales. The top three neighborhoods who collected the most items to be donated to Goodwill received cash prizes to

invest back into the community project of their choice.

Six neighborhoods participated in the Neighborhood Challenge and collectively donated almost 18,000 pounds of miscellaneous clothing, furniture, and household items to Goodwill. The winners were 40th and A Neighborhood Association (9,053 pounds), Eastridge Neighborhood Association (2,595 pounds), and Arnold Heights/Arnold School-Neighborhood Advisory Committee (2,568 pounds).

Each association has expressed how they plan to strengthen their community with the prize money which includes the revitalization of Sunburst Park, located in the 40th and A area, a new walking path and updated playground equipment at Eastridge Elementary School, and a community event to celebrate the history and diversity of the NW 48th Street neighborhoods.

"This event helped bring our neighborhood together and revitalize our association. Winning third place was an unexpected, pleasant surprise!" said Dayna Krannawitter of the Arnold Heights/Arnold School-Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

"Goodwill continually strives to strengthen the Lincoln community through its programming, support of other local non-profits, and its recycling efforts," said Amanda Herndon, Communications Director for Goodwill. "This was a unique way for Goodwill to share its mission and promote community while supporting individual neighborhoods' visions of their own stronger community."



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