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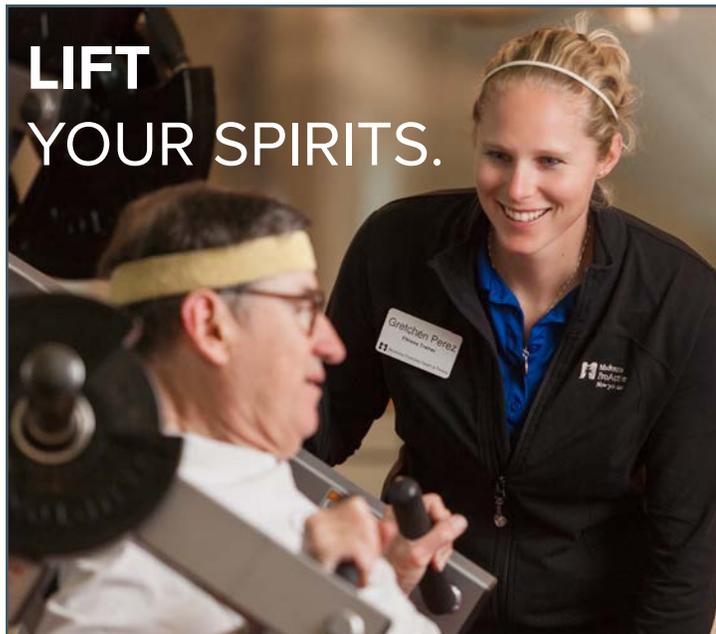
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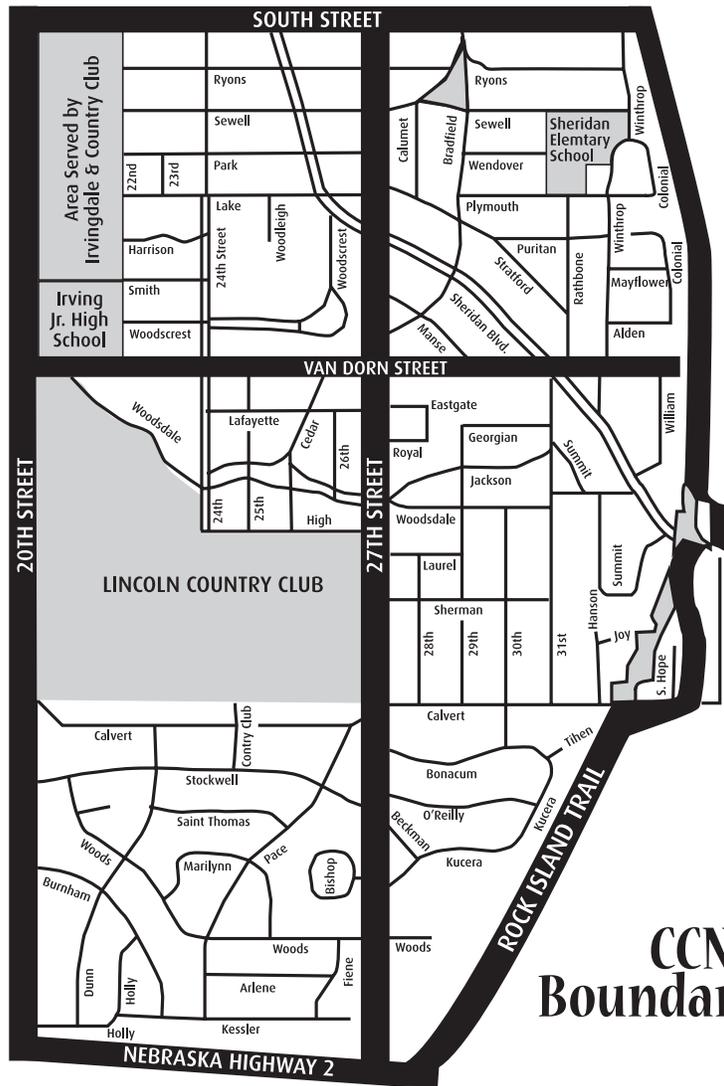
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President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President



Ferris Bueller was Right

In today's busy world, time is a vital resource that always seems to be stretched too thin. Families and individuals are asked to do more with less time each and every day. Technological advancements have helped us bring some efficiency to our lives but there still seems to never be enough hours in the day. Demands of our time pull us to our occupations, our families and our community. As the demands of time pull us in every direction, it is easy to be focused on what's next and forget to enjoy the now.

As Matthew Broderick's character says in his 1986 movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, "life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Have you stopped and looked around in our neighborhood recently? Have you thought to yourself, someday, I will get involved in my local community?" Well now may just be the time. Great things are happening. In the past few weeks we have partnered with LES and added several more street lights to the area near 27th and Van Dorn. Thank you to all who donated time and money to make this project a reality. The CCNA now helps welcome new neighbors to our area with a personally delivered New Neighbor Welcome Package filled with valuable information on our neighborhood and gift certificates from local businesses. The CCNA has also assisted the city in matters as specific as what type of curbs should be installed in neighborhood paving projects. We are involved in making our neighborhood great.

Recently the Country Club Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting. At this meeting several of our long-term

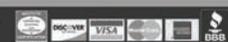


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members decided to resign from their service to the board. I want to personally thank Sue Van Horn, Linda Wibbels, Mary Lynn Schaffer, Terry Schaaf, Alice Epstein, and Will Stahn. Your institutional knowledge of our neighborhood and wise counsel and hard work will be dearly missed. On behalf of the entire Board of CCNA I want to personally thank each one of you for all of your service to our organization. Our neighborhood is better because of you.

Moving ahead, we have lots of great projects to move forward on. However, to ensure we make a difference we need more neighbors to step up. We hope that you will consider serving on our CCNA Board of Directors. It's a great way to meet neighbors and make a difference on issues that impact our neighborhood. Don't miss out! Preserving the historical nature of our neighborhood, keeping it safe and strong as well as creating a great sense of community; this is what CCNA is about and we need volunteers to ensure this mission stays a reality.

If you have ever had an interest in getting involved with your

neighborhood, now is a great time! The CCNA Board meets seven times a year and it's a great opportunity to give back to your neighborhood. Please feel free to email me at info@ccna.org or check out one of our next CCNA Meetings to be held on July 16, September 17, October 15, and November 19th. We meet at Irving Rec Center and all meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. All neighbors are welcome to attend. Please consider serving your neighborhood.

Lastly, if you have not yet paid your neighborhood dues for 2013, there is still time. Thank you to all of you who have already sent in your checks. And an extra thank you to all of you who make an additional donation. We appreciate it!

On behalf of the Country Club Neighborhood Association Board of Directors we hope you enjoy this issue of the CCNA Chronicle.

See you around the neighborhood!

Justin Carlson
CCNA President



CCNA Webmaster's Report

By Steve Haudrich, CCNA Webmaster

Our facebook page continues to grow. As of the time of this writing, it is up to 300 members! Facebook is a great way to become informed about upcoming CCNA events. We have had postings about the Jan Pitsch Green sculpture dedication in April, the May neighborhood garage sale, city snow removal policies, etc.

The BizLinc section of the website (ccnalinc.org) has been updated for 2013. CCNA members are able to submit one card yearly for posting on the website at no cost. Additional cards can be added for \$5 each. The BizLinc section is a good way to find businesses and services in our neighborhood or provided by our fine neighbors.

If you have any concerns about the website or facebook page, please feel free to contact me at my new e-mail address, stephenhaudrich@gmail.com.

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If you have lived in the neighborhood since the late 1950's, you probably recognize the location of this picture. You have to look at it closely for clues. Here are a few:

- Looking at the upper right hand corner – or looking northeast from the point where the picture was taken, you see two houses.
- One of the houses is 2700 Bonacum which is the lovely brown salt-box style home on the corner of 27th and Bonacum.
- The other house is 2701 Calvert, a striking contemporary home at the corner of 27th and Calvert.

So where was the photographer standing when the picture was taken showing these two houses? This is where you have to remember and know what was there before:

- The tires piled high in the foreground - if you needed gas, your oil changed, tires rotated or just general service on your car, you went to Harry's Sinclair Station that stood where the U-Stop now stands. Harry ran his station and his business in this location until his retirement in either the late 1980's or early 1990's. Everyone went to Harry to do the work on their car. Harry didn't sell snacks, hot dogs or those things that convenience stores now sell – just automotive service, tires, belts and hoses, and a pop machine if you were thirsty. And yes, Harry had charge accounts for his regular customers.
- The building next to the tires and the pop machine hasn't changed very much over the years as far as physical appearance – still has the same shutters, the same light fixtures and the same neon sign at the front of the parking lot along 27th Street. For the longest time it was Baskin Robbins, a favorite ice cream destination for everyone in the neighborhood. The lower level in the back of the building was Woods Bros. Realty. When Baskin Robbins closed their doors, Woods Bros. Realty took over the entire building and the neon sign no longer said Baskin Robbins, but Woods Bros. Realty.

Well you may have guessed "where" this picture was taken, but did you guess "when"? Although we don't have an exact date for this photo, we can narrow it down to a few years. Here are the clues:

- 2701 Calvert was built in 1961.
- Woods Bros. Realty/Baskin Robbins building was built in 1962.



- 2700 Bonacum was built in 1965.
- Notice the big power poles along 27th Street? LES did not put these lines underground until 1971.
- Look at the cars – see the 1965 Chevy Corvair which was the "it" car during that time period and had its engine in the back where the trunk normally would be? Cool car, especially if you had it as a convertible and pale lavender was "the" color to have.

So, we now have this narrowed down to between 1965 (when 2700 Bonacum was built) and 1970 (LES buried lines on 27th Street in 1971). If you are a better detective than we are, please let us know and we will publish your fine detective skills in the next CCNA newsletter. Just send an email to CCNA.

Have more pictures from the past? We would love to have you share them with us and any stories you may want to tell.



New Board Member

Krista Young Rickman, Welcoming Committee Chair



My name is Krista Young Rickman, my husband David and I own Bishop Heights True Value at S. 27th and Hwy. 2. We live on Loveland Drive just behind the store. Both of us grew up in Lincoln and graduated from Southeast High School. We have three grown daughters Kelly, Megan, and Erin that all graduated from Southeast also.

My parents are Rowena Young and the late Rev. Otis Young who lived most of their 40 years in Lincoln on Bonacum Drive in the Country Club Neighborhood. While I was

raising my daughters I worked as a Sales Director for Discovery Toys, and Wedding Coordinator for First Plymouth Church, where my dad was a minister for 36 years. David and I started in the hardware business ten years ago. We opened Briarhurst True Value at 48th and Hwy. 2 and spent the first five years at that location. Russ's Market moved out of the Bishop Heights space and we watched the building deteriorate for two years. Since both of us grew up in Lincoln and lived behind the property, we had fond memories of the Bishop Heights shopping center. It was sad for us to see the space vacant and run down. Our lease expired at the Briarhurst location and we moved our store to Bishop Heights, opening in January of 2009.



Years And Years And Years Of Experience Leave Their Mark On CCNA

The Country Club Neighborhood Association has always been very proactive and very successful in its endeavors. This is largely due to the contributions of time and talent by its board and committee members. CCNA would like to profusely thank the following people for their commitment to CCNA. We appreciate your contributions and will miss having you on the CCNA Board:

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Feedback from "2240 Woodsdale Then & Now" Published February 2013, CCNA Chronicle

Dear Alice,

Thank you so very much for sending me the copy of February issue of CC CHRONICLE. It looks even better in the magazine form than it did over the Internet. Really, it is just very beautiful and layout, superb. Of course, I love the way you also translated my little note on scratch paper into being part of the heading. It also pleases me that you also were able to include the 1986 article from the Sunday Journal Star that I had so hastily torn out of the paper and saved. You can imagine that it all just delights me that the efforts of our little group of neighborhood women has actually come into the light.

Maybe someday you can also get something from the disk we recorded from the original F. Pace Woods when he was in his nineties. There are plenty of fourth generation Woods family still living in Lincoln (several living in the Country Club Neighborhood) who could probably give help on that story.

*Anyway-beautiful, beautiful, and thank you.
Best,
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The Aitken house article (2240 Woodsdale Blvd.) in the February 2013 issue of the Chronicle, brought back many fond memories of my growing up in this neighborhood in the 1940's and 1950's. I would like to share some of them with you.

I was born and raised in Lincoln and grew up in the house on the corner of 23rd & South Streets (2040 South 23). I remember when South Street (and Sheridan Blvd.) were paved with bricks (back when South Street was only two lanes). The College View Streetcar ran up the middle of South Street, made a turn onto Sheridan Blvd., and went clear to College View. As children, my brother and I used to ride the streetcar from our house, down the center of the boulevard to College View, wait for the driver to eat his lunch, and pay another nickel for the ride home. During those excursions, we probably tried out every seat on the streetcar, as there weren't many passengers on this end run. I also remember riding my bike to Leon's Grocery Store at 17th & South Streets, to pick up extra groceries for my mom. Dick Cavett grew up across the street from us. He and my brother used to spend Saturday mornings at KFOR's radio station broadcasting "Storytime Playhouse."

My dad, Marv Shaffer, was a civil engineer and became the chief draftsman at the Department of Roads at the State Capitol. In his spare time, he did loan closing surveys for savings & loan companies, and engineering work for land owners. In the early 1950's he retired from his regular job at the State Capitol (after his children were raised), and pursued a growing interest in his land development business. He wanted to develop an area of his own.

He loved to play golf, and saw a growing need to provide a golf course for young families. He purchased a tract of farmland south of town on 27th & Old Cheney Road. He had a real talent for looking at the "lay of the land," and seeing a golf course! He subdivided the farmland into one-acre lots. He named the area "Chez Ami Knolls," (House of my Friend) and it later was referred to as "The Knolls." He named the streets for his grandchildren. We were one of the first families

to move there (1955). He started laying out the golf course at about the same time. I remember helping plant the olive trees on the first nine holes.

Just as Martha remembered living on the edge of town and hearing the cows mooing late at night, I too have the same memories after we moved out to the country. In retrospect, I think the mooing came from the Skyline Dairy at 14th & Old Cheney Road. St. Thomas Orphanage (now Bishop Square) marked the city limits, and the paving on 27th Street ended there. Everything south of there was farmland and gravel roads!

My father passed away in 1976, and I often wish he could see how Lincoln has grown since then. In 1965, my husband, Bud Dunklau, and I purchased the Shire house at 2421 Sheridan Blvd. The house was built in 1936, and we are only the second owners. In 1996, CCNA awarded us the Good Neighbor Award for maintaining our boulevard and replacing dead/dying trees. We became "Captains" of our boulevard and thus, began the beautification of all the CCNA boulevards in partnership with the City Parks and Recreation Department. In 1998, after an ice storm took down all our trees, we enclosed our front yard with a stucco wall. Our garden was featured in the Friends of Arts Are A Basic tour in September, 2011.

Martha Aitken Greer was a dear friend, although we didn't really get to know each other until we were adults. From 1965 until shortly before her death, we lived only two blocks apart; we each lived only five blocks from where we grew up! Martha and I shared much of our city's history over the years. She would love it that you've now shared it with many others.

Willard and Dorothy Beck lived directly across the street from us when we moved here. Willard passed away several years ago, but Dorothy has knowledge of the neighborhood before 1965. Maybe someone could interview her and record some of this history.

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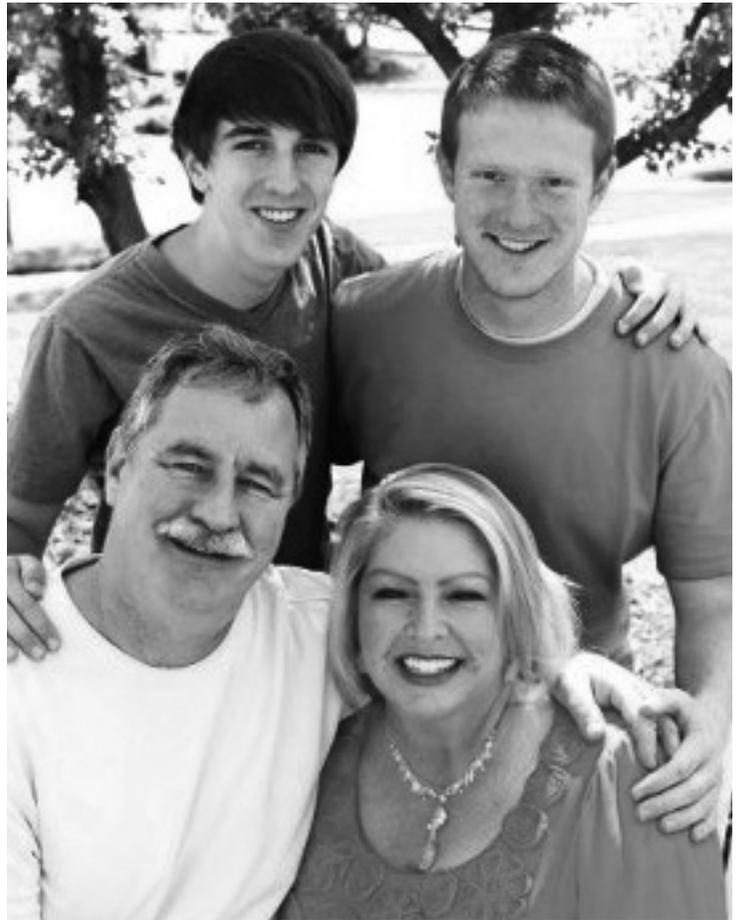
Tell us a bit about yourself.

“Lincoln is one of the best places in this country to call home, and we are fortunate to be here” Mary says.

After living in many places, Steve and Mary wanted to return to Lincoln to start their family and build their real estate business.

Mary grew up in Geneva, NE in between frequent and extended trips with her parents who were world-class sailors with larger-than-normal hungers for exploration.

Steve’s parents were Air Force people, and moving was part of life growing up – often to places which did not compare to Lincoln.



Steve and Mary Wiely are pictured here with their sons, Wyn and Dane.

Steve adds, “When I came to school here (UNL), I knew Lincoln could be a good community to return to one day.”

The Wileys have two sons, both nearly out of the “nest”. Wyn is a junior at UNL, who travels extensively with his blossoming photography business, despite solid academic performance.

Dane is a senior at Lincoln Southwest, will attend UNL next year, and will pursue a career teaching music at the high school level.

When not focusing on real estate – which never ceases – Steve and Mary squeeze time to spend with family, friends and neighbors, and some travel.

As they share the richness of living in Lincoln, they find that most are just like them - never wanting to move away.

How did you decide on real estate sales careers?

It’s been a work-in-progress, which we didn’t first recognize. As kids, to earn spending money, we sold stuff like old comic books and collectable marbles.

As a young girl, Mary set a record for selling Girl Scout cookies. I set a recruiting record for my college fraternity.

It was fun. Today the product is real estate and the focus is people.

After college, the best man in our wedding became a real estate broker. He was not only successful but also happy. After some thought, we said goodbye to great corporate jobs in Dallas TX, jumped into real estate, and have worked very hard since. Today we're a great team, with complementing skills.

What do you enjoy most about what you do?

Our clients' confidence and referrals have allowed us to continue to do what we enjoy, support our family, and have sanity and balance.

Most Realtors are in and out of real estate in a few years. We've done this (extremely well) for 30 years. Our clients know, respect, and value that.

What is the most challenging aspect of being a Realtor?

When you care, you have to be your best, every day. Being tired or sick is no excuse. Work doesn't wait.

It is frustrating that some people don't care or distinguish between Realtors' abilities and the benefits they can offer. No, all Realtors are not equal. Merely holding a license means nothing.

What sort of real estate trends are you seeing in Lincoln?

The biggest trend is that more consumers recognize that involving a qualified real estate agent is a value-added resource that saves them time and money, while reducing risk.

What advice do you have for first-time homebuyers?

First, shop for a professional / experienced Realtor; second, for a home loan (pre-qualification); and last, for a home.

What types of qualities should Buyers and Sellers seek in a real estate agent?

They deserve someone who is well qualified and who will commit the time and effort to build a caring and service-rich relationship with them.

What advice do you have for buyers looking for foreclosed homes and short sales?

Getting fully qualified assistance is a necessity, not an option. Hire a pro.

Unlike what you see on TV, Foreclosures are high risk and not for the uninitiated. They sell "as-is". There are appraisal and repair challenges. Costs can sky-rocket. Offers are handled via a competitive bid-based system subject to complex rules. Good deals are there, but not easy to find, buy, or close.

When it comes to selling, should sellers hire a real estate

agent or try it on their own?

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CCNA History: The Development of Bishop Heights

This article was originally published in the CCNA Chronicle of Spring 2005.

In 2003, dozens of blueprints were delivered from the Catholic Chancery to Linda Wibbels, a longtime CCNA board member.

These blueprints, which had been stored at the Chancery for over 40 years, were for homes in the Bishop Heights area of our neighborhood and are a reminder of how that development came to be.

Thomas Orphanage was built on the land southwest of the residence thanks to the tireless efforts of Lincoln's first bishop, Thomas A. Bonacum (see The Chronicle, Fall 2001.) The area south of Calvert served the church well during the first part of the 20th century.

Five bishops lived in the residence over the course of 60 years. Enrollment at the orphanage steadily increased and peaked in the 1930s with 110 children. A trolley car line eventually ran through the area.

However, the buildings fell into disrepair over time and the needs of the church changed. When James V. Casey became the Bishop of the Diocese in 1957, he decided to purchase a property at 1040 S. Cotner for his home and the original Bishop's residence was razed. The George Abel family, 2835 Calvert St., subsequently built a home on the site.

The farm surrounding the original Bishop's residence was subdivided under the supervision of Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas Kealy who was in charge of property for the Catholic Diocese. He possessed the vision for Bishop Heights and he platted the area in 1959 in honor of past Lincoln Bishops Francis Beckman, Thomas Bonacum, Louis Kucera, Charles O'Reilly, and J. Henry Tihen (see sidebar.) Kealy sold many of the lots himself and was integrally involved in the development of the area. He



This building at 28th and Calvert served as the Bishop's official residence from 1887 until it was razed in 1958.

created an Architectural Review Board and invited Albert Hamersky, a Lincoln architect to participate.

Hamersky recalls, "One of the stipulations of buying a lot in Bishop Heights was that the blueprints had to be given to the Architectural Review Board for approval. I made sure that the plans conformed to certain standards so that none of the homes would be a detriment to the neighborhood." Hamersky examined all the plans submitted for Bishop Heights homes, but doesn't remember any controversial ones. "The most common problems were with the proposed grading of the properties. We didn't want owners to be dumping too much water on their neighbors."

Many of the plans which were approved by the board were kept by Monsignor. Kealy simply as a record of what had been agreed upon. The blueprints were stored at the Chancery in case a question arose during construction.

However, since the houses have now been standing for 40 years, it's unlikely that issues will now arise which need to be resolved by studying the blueprints. The plans have come out of storage and will be distributed to the current homeowners.

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Monsignor Thomas Kealy platted Bishop Heights in 1959 and named the streets after the five bishops who lived in the Bishop's residence when it was located at 28th and Calvert Streets:

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1887-1911

J. Henry Tihen,
Bishop of Lincoln Diocese,
1911-1917

Charles J. O'Reilly,
Bishop of Lincoln Diocese,
1918-1923

Francis J. Beckman,
Bishop of Lincoln Diocese,
1924-1930

Louis B. Kucera,
Bishop of Lincoln Diocese,
1930-1957



Note To CCNA Residents:

I am noticing a significant increase in the number of "invisible fence" electric dog fences in the neighborhood. What the pet owners don't know is that the "invisible fence" is only legal if you are with your dog at all times. If a pet owner leaves the dog out alone in the yard behind the "invisible fence" it is illegal. The city considers this an at large dog and the "Invisible Fence" cannot be used as the primary fence. All of this information is on the Animal Control website. The fine is \$100.00 plus court costs and doubles and triples on any subsequent offenses.
-Ron Coniglio

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Torch Singing



The Spring Class, post performance.

Jackie Allen and Hans Sturm, a set of gifted professional musicians and educators, relocated to the Lincoln Country Club area from Muncie, Indiana in July of 2011. Since then, the couple has set about creating an atmosphere of creativity and support in Jackie's Torch 101 class, which she teaches from her home, right in the heart of the Country Club neighborhood.

Jackie has been gracious enough to answer a few questions about her experience as a vocalist and about her class, for the Chronicle. If you have more questions about how the class works or how you might participate, please feel free to contact Jackie Allen at info@JackieAllen.com or call her at (402) 314- 4112.

What is torch singing?

The term Torch Singer comes from the idea of carrying a torch for someone, usually an unrequited or long lost love. Thus, Torch Singer 101 is designed for those with little or no background in music, although it's okay if you do.

Describe your background in singing. When did you start? How did you get involved in torch singing specifically?

I grew up in a musical family. My father played Dixieland tuba and mother played some piano and sang in the church. We also had a very active and supportive music department in our school system.

I went on to study classical voice and jazz at University Wisconsin in Madison. From there I started a professional singing and recording career that led me to Chicago where I spent 14 years, recording nine albums and touring both nationally and internationally. I also taught in Chicago both at the community level and college level. I wanted to teach a class where singers could sing individually with a rhythm

section, not unlike singers such as Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday or Peggy Lee - singers I admired. I wanted something that wasn't a jazz choir.

Why did you decide to start a neighborhood class on torch singing and when did you start teaching?

The idea for this came to me years ago. I read an article about top fantasy occupations for men and women. The men's were a professional airline pilot or baseball player. The women's were to be a lounge singer and I thought to myself, "That's what I do!" Then it occurred to me that many adults in the community might like to have a chance to actually experience this without spending the years it takes



Jackie Allen begins the class by practicing an opening number with her students at the piano.



One of the students practices their number at the dress rehearsal of the final show, with Hans Sturm on bass.

to become a professional. I taught a course similar to this in Chicago for about 10 years and students would take it again and again inspired by each others song choices and getting more confident with each show.

In Lincoln, I thought it would be fun to try teaching it out of my home which has a relaxed atmosphere. I also have a third grader so it makes it easier for me to be at home in the evenings.

Describe the class. What do participants learn? How long is it and how often do you teach it?

The class is held Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in my home on Puritan Avenue. It is limited to eight students and lasts five weeks. We meet a total of seven times including a private one-hour session and dress rehearsal with a professional rhythm section where singers bring a dish to pass and get out the jitters, singing for each other. Singers learn two standards of their choosing although I offer suggestions and have a large library of songs to select from. We work on a group song, which serves both as warm-up and show opener. By the end of the course, students know their vocal range, song structure, how to create a simple improvisation, use a microphone and communicate with a rhythm section. The class culminates in a free public concert where students invite friends, family and the community to cheer them on!

Who can take the class?

Anyone of adult age, both men and women. I've had college students through seniors in their 80s working side by side.

Anything else you think we should know?

The next show is at Zen's Lounge in Lincoln, May 20 at 7:30pm. I will offer one session over the summer.



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Now That Taxes Are Filed, How Long Should You Keep Your Tax Documents?

By: Ben Moore

Last month we wrote about the concept of spring cleaning and the importance of addressing legal issues that you may have identified, but have put off addressing, such as updating your estate plan or revising the ancient lease agreement you have been using for your rental property. This month we are following up on the spring cleaning theme by reviewing what to do with all of those tax documents you have been accumulating over the years.

When we talk about tax documents, we are talking about two types of documents: (1) the Form 1040 tax return; and (2) the tax records that support the income or expenses claimed on the tax return, such as W-2's, expense receipts, cancelled checks, and account statements. As a general rule, tax returns should be kept indefinitely while most tax records should be kept until the statute of limitations runs out for the IRS to audit the year's tax return.

The IRS generally has three years from the date a return is due to audit the return. So if a 2012 return is filed on or before April 15, 2013, the IRS would have until April 15, 2016, to perform an audit. The IRS has an additional three years (six years total) to audit a return if income is underreported by 25% or more, and an additional four years (seven years total), if a deduction is claimed for a worthless security. The IRS has even more time to perform an audit if someone failed to file a return, or filed a fraudulent return.

Given the different time periods that exist for the IRS to audit a return, the magic number most people should use when saving tax records is seven years. As with most things related to the law, however, there are a few documents that you should probably keep even longer, such as records of retirement contributions, documentation regarding the purchase and improvement of your home, and certain investment records.

When saving your tax documents, you don't necessarily need to keep paper copies of your tax documents. The IRS accepts electronic copies of tax documents as long as the scanned documents are accurate and accessible. If you do this, make sure you backup your tax records by saving a copy on a CD or external hard drive.

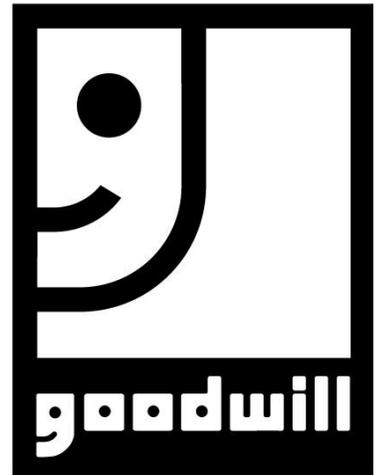
Determining what tax documents to save and what tax documents can be shredded requires consideration of the law and facts unique to each person. This article is intended to provide general information regarding what the law provides; it should not be used as a substitute for the advice of private legal counsel or your accountant regarding the retention of specific documents. Let the attorneys at Rembolt Ludtke LLP assist you with your particular tax questions.



Goodwill to Sponsor Neighborhood Challenge

Goodwill Industries Serving Southeast Nebraska, Inc. is sponsoring a friendly competition to promote community involvement among the Neighborhood Associations and Organizations of Lincoln called The Neighborhood Challenge. This is a six weeklong event where the various Associations/Organizations are encouraged to host neighborhood garage sales or donation drives for Goodwill. The top three Associations who collect the most weight in donations will win a cash prize to fund a neighborhood project of their choosing that strengthens their community.

"The Neighborhood Challenge will not only promote and further our mission of serving those who struggle to find work, but also give the neighborhood communities a chance to strengthen their own neighborhoods."



The Neighborhood Challenge will run from May 26 to July 6, 2013. To register for the event, visit www.lincolngoodwill.org and fill out the registration form or call (402) 438-2022 ext. 118 or 127. Free neighborhood pick-ups can be coordinated with Goodwill for donated goods following the neighborhood event. Participating Associations/Organizations must have a Federal Tax ID number in order to win. "We are very excited to work with neighborhoods in ways that connect neighborhood members to each other and to Goodwill," said Amanda Herndon, Communications Coordinator for Goodwill.

Donations to Goodwill help fund employment programs for individuals who face barriers to employment and includes Goodwill's Job Connection computer lab located in Work Force Development's One Stop Career Center. Donations to Goodwill also help fund other organizations' employment programs, including Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lincoln Literacy, Community Justice Center, The Arc of Lincoln, and YWCA Job Outfitters.



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