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 Scott Liggett neighborhood resident who helped research the issue

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Mayor Mike Johanns said he had not been served with papers in the case this morning but he was not surprised the lawsuit was filed.

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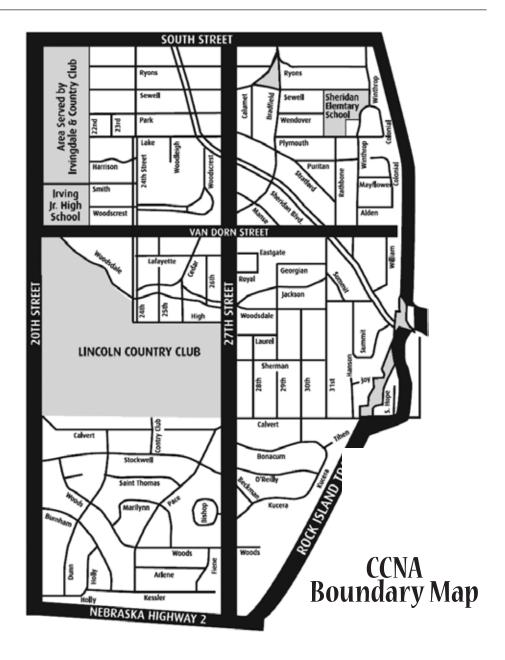
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Your CCNA Board of Directors meet seven times a year.

All neighbors are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at Irving Rec Center.



President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President



1985.

The year was 1985. A gallon of gas cost \$1.09 and you could mail your handwritten letters through the post office for 22 cents each. Our tape decks spun with the sounds of Duran Duran, Madonna, Simple Minds, Springsteen and The Cure. We had to go downtown to see a movie at one of many downtown movie theaters where we probably watched The Color Purple, Back

to the Future, Teen Wolf, The Goonies or The Breakfast Club. Each night we had appointment television to watch The Cosby Show, Family Ties or Dallas. Microsoft came out with new operating software called Windows 1.0 and a bunch of neighbors started meeting together to stop the City of Lincoln from widening of 27th Street from South St. to Highway 2. It was through these meetings, an organization developed called "The Country Club Neighborhood Association."

On April 23, 1985 Coca-Cola infamously released a new product New Coke. The marketing experts had determined that taste tests proved that most drinkers liked the taste of the New Coke better than the old. This proved to be a bad idea. After months of backlash from Coke drinkers, ABC's Peter Jennings interrupted normal television programing to announce the return of Coke Classic to the delight of most Coca Cola fans.

Much like the introduction of New Coke the widening and expansion of 27th Street through the heart of our neighborhood would have had a disastrous effect. What may have seemed like a good idea on paper or even in focus groups would have had a profound impact on not only our historic neighborhood but the entire city of Lincoln.

Thirty years ago your neighbors stood together, created an organization and took a stand. I'm thankful of the stand that they took. They protected our beautiful historic neighborhood and proved much can be accomplished by being involved in the process. Since that time CCNA has played a big role in shaping the look and feel of our historic neighborhood including projects such as the Pocras Park Renovation, tree plantings and installation of historic street lights. CCNA also has worked with the City of Lincoln on several projects including burying power and utility lines and selecting the style of curb used in our neighborhood during paving projects. Over the past 30 years the Country Club Neighborhood has stood the test of its mission established many years ago:

"To encourage neighbors to come together to preserve, protect and enhance the historic character of the neighborhood."

On behalf of the Country Club Neighborhood Association we hope you enjoy this copy of our newsletter.

Happy 30th Anniversary! See you around the neighborhood!

Justin Carlson

President, Country Club Neighborhood Association



CCNA celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year.

CCNA has always had to be very proactive for the protection of our neighborhood. Fall asleep at the wheel and you were sure to be run over. CCNA had to be educated, informed and well organized - and that they were.

When CCNA was successful in preventing the disastrous proposed widening of South 27th Street in the mid 1980's, the Lincoln Public Works Department would not give up and wanted to impose "Balanced Pairs" on South 27th Street and South 40th Street in 1994. With balanced pairs, 27th Street and 40th Street would be widened an additional lane each. One street would carry two lanes of northbound and one of southbound traffic; the other would carry two lanes southbound and one northbound. There would be no turn lanes causing a stoppage of traffic and leading to accidents of vehicles trying to weave around stopped cars. Not only did CCNA see this as ill conceived, but also "letting the camel into the tent". If this was successful, it was only a matter of time that Public Works would come back with the argument of having to widen even more.

CCNA set out to once again having to defend and protect our neighborhood. These postcards - many, many, many of them - were mailed to the Mayor, City Council, County Commissioners, Planning Commissioners - anyone CCNA thought should have a postcard. CCNA formed an alliance with the people of the South 40th street neighborhood. CCNA neighbors attended public hearings, went before the City Council and stayed vigilant until the "Balanced Pairs" Project was defeated.

This defeat found its culmination in a lawsuit filed against the City. Again, the City learned the neighborhood means business and we will not be run over!

WIDENING DESTROYS NEIGHBORHOODS

I like to feel safe when I walk in my neighborhood. Don't widen my street.

P.S. My parents Vote

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Country Club Street Name History

Did you know that several of the streets in the Country Club Neighborhood are named after historical figures?

Rathbone Rd is named after notable Lincoln developer Harvey Rathbone. He was very active in the Sheridan Park and Bradfield areas. He liked the idea of abandoning sidewalks in residential areas where traffic was light and streets were paved. Coincidentally, half of Rathbone Rd is sidewalk free. He also abolished alleys and instead preferred using four foot easements at the back of properties for utility poles and wires. Harvey was also a University of Nebraska graduate and former track and football star, circa 1911. He was recorded as saying he went into real estate because "I had to eat." It turns out he had a knack for it.

An interesting fact, a Major in the U.S. Army Henry Rathbone was a guest of President Abraham Lincoln's at Ford's Theatre on the fateful night of his assassination.



Yard of the Year

Three Country Club Neighborhood homes were awarded the 2014 "Yard of the Year. Each winner received a \$50.00 gift card to Bishop Heights True Value Hardware Store. All readers are encouraged to stop by and check out the improvements at each of the homes.

Kim Koluch and Diane Cole have lived at 2660 Calvert. St. since they purchased the home in 1992.

Another winner, Sybil Greene, purchased her home at 3026 S. 27th St. in 2008.

Deb Luebbe and Dick Cades have lived at 2701 O'Reilly Drive for about three years.

What is your favorite thing about your yard?

Kim: The improvements we have made to the west, which include a berm and Star Art.

Sybil: My new in ground sprinkler system and the new sod I put in this year. It's small, and there's not a lot to mow.

What are you planning to do with your yard this spring?

Kim: Planning to do a few more annuals to brighten things up.

What kind of work went into making your yard so beautiful? Any major overhauls?

Deb: We tore out all the old bushes and put in retaining walls for plants. We took out 2 big dead trees and put in berms, boulders and plants and new sod. We did all the work ourselves.

In the backyard we gutted it and tore out huge bushes and put in a retaining wall and new ornamental trees and plants, new fence and a covered patio with a bar, TV and fire pit.

Sybil: I added a little bit of driveway, and then we took out the bush that was in front. We put this watering system in, and then sod. After that was done, I had it landscaped.

I was also one of the lucky recipients of one of the free trees that the neighborhood association got a grant for.

What is your favorite thing about your yard?

Sybil: My new in ground sprinkler system and the new sod I put in this year. It's small, and not a lot to mow.

Deb: Our backyard.

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Penny Bridges By Kim Hachiya

The first signs of change will appear sometime in March: detours, orange barrels, barricades, vegetation removal. After 80 years, the Sheridan Penny Bridges will come down and be replaced with new, safe and aesthetically sensitive bridges designed to last at least as long as the historic bridges.

Final plans were sent to the city the first week of January, and the City was seeking construction bids in late January (too late for the CCNA Chronicle deadline). Anthony Dirks, project manager for Alfred Benesch and Co., led a design team

of engineers and architects from Benesch and The Clark Enersen Partners. Historic Resources Group also provided guidance regarding the historic significance and recordation process.

Key to the process was a neighborhood advisory group that met several times to offer opinions about the new bridges and how the neighborhood would be impacted by the nearly year-long project. (Full disclosure: the writer of this article served on that committee.)

"Benesch realized the public involvement process was going to be important in this project," Dirks said. "The engineering of a bridge is pretty easy but we wanted to be sure we knew what the neighborhood wanted and needed from this project."

Dirks and Karen Nalow, landscape architect with Clark Enersen, said the message gleaned from the first meeting of the advisory group in late winter 2014 was: aesthetics are most important. The committee was composed of stakeholders from the Country Club Neighborhood Association, the Great Plains Trails Network, residents, representatives from Tifereth Israel and Cathedral of the Risen Christ, and others. The consensus: we don't want the bridge to look like South Street's bridge with chain link fencing; no box culverts; no tunnels; no big blank walls.

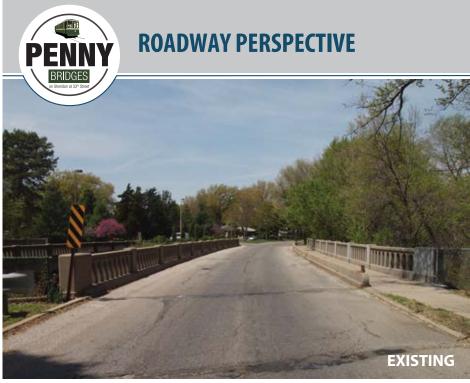
"This was a special project," Nalow said, "and we knew stakeholder input would be vital to its success."

After some to and fro, the final design produced twin bridges that look remarkably

like the current structures, including decorative concrete side rails that closely mimic the crumbling 80-year old railings. Plans call for the old railings to be salvaged and used as part of a seating area south of the bridge on the Rock Island Trail about 100 yards north of Calvert Street.

Both said they had received lots of positive feedback and appreciation from residents about the ability to have input.

The new bridges will feature new lighting on Sheridan that is similar to lighting provided by CCNA on 27th and Van





Rendering by: Alfred Benesch and Co.

Dorn streets. Lighting underneath the bridge will dimly light the trail at night. The current piers that hold the bridges will be replaced with compacted earth and concrete walls but the open space below the bridge will be wider than the current opening. Wing walls on each bridge will include information about the bridges' historic significance.

The ditch on the west side of the trail will be improved to alleviate flooding and enhance drainage. Terraces will be added to help control erosion, and plantings, including trees, shrubs and grasses, will help with that as well. The area will eventually fill back in, she said, but the goal is for easier maintenance and more open feel.

"I think it will be a shocker at first for people because it's a dramatic and major change. It will be a totally different experience approaching the bridges from the trail, but eventually, it will fill in," she said. The current vegetation has been growing in for about 40 years. Much of it, she said, is weedy trees. Replacement trees will focus on native species, including disease-resistant elms.

Nalow said that she knows folks will take notice when trees and other vegetation come out (and because of the federal Migratory Species Act, that must occur before April 1). Plants will be removed about 30 feet on either side of the bridge so construction workers have access.

Dirks predicted the bridges would close as early as March, but he wasn't sure when they would be removed. The eastbound bridge (south side) must remain in place through May 3 as it is on the Lincoln Marathon route. The Rock Island Trail will close about the same time.

About 7,800 vehicles cross the bridges each day and an unknown number of people use the trail. Dirks and Nalow

CCNA contributions for the Penny Bridge can be made to the Penny Jars at Leons, Super C, Stockwell Pharmacy, Bishop Heights True Value Hardware and Woods Bros Realty.

agree there will be a lot of inconvenience. Detours route vehicles and trail users at South Street to 33rd Street to Calvert. Dirks hopes the bridges will reopen by December; Nalow said it will take an addition six to 12 months to complete plantings due to fall and spring growing seasons.

Construction workers will access the area from Calvert Street, driving equipment north along the trail. Access to businesses at 33rd and Sheridan will be provided throughout the project.

As part of the project, vehicle access from East Summit onto westbound Sheridan will be permanently removed; vehicles westbound on Sheridan will be able to turn left onto East Summit. Access to the eastbound lane from East Summit will not change.

Funding for the bridges comes entirely from local sources; predicted cost is about \$2 million.

The following individuals served on the Community Advisory Committee: Cathy Beecham, Justin Carlson, Bob Evnen, Kim Hachiya, Dave Miller, Bill Mines, Robert Ripley, Dalyce Ronnau, Ron Tucker and Linda Wibbels.

For more information, go to sheridanpennybridges.com. Other contacts include Stephanie Rittershaus with Benesch at sritterhaus@benesch.com and Devin Biesecker, a city engineer, at dbiesecker@lincoln.ne.gov.



New CCNA Board Member: Connie Duncan

My name is Connie Duncan. I grew up in this neighborhood just up the street from where I live now. I attended Sheridan Elementary, Irving Junior High, and then moved and went to Lincoln Northeast High School. I met my husband Todd when I was 17. We both were young musicians in the Lincoln Youth Symphony. After high school, we attended and graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan and were married in 1989.

We have twin 20-year-old boys. PK attends California Lutheran College and Harrison attends Nebraska Wesleyan. Our boys were the only children on our block for many years. They played football and baseball in the street and I am sure livened up the neighborhood! I was a special education teacher for Lincoln Public Schools for 17 years and then I was a retention specialist at Southeast Community College for the last 5 years. I am now running for the Lincoln Public School Board for District 2.



CC Country Club NA Luminaries

year, members of the Country Club Neighborhood recognize deep the rooted sense of tradition that is quite keen here, by lighting luminaries up and down the streets of Sheridan, Stratford, Puritan and Plymouth. The Chronicle would love to hear from those that know more about the history of this beautiful custom, so if you or someone you know could enlighten us, please contact Jena Lambert at jenanicole@ gmail.com.



CC Hanukkah in the NA Neighborhood



The Menorah shown brightly from Rifka Keilson's front window, on 27th street this year. Rifka, like many other families in our neighborhood, celebrated the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, which is also known as the Festival of lights and the Feast of Dedication.

For eight nights, people celebrating Hanuk-kah light candles in a

unique candelabrum known as a menorah or a hanukiah, in an effort to commemorate the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt. Other activities may include playing dreidel and eating oil based foods, such as latkes.



CCNA 30th Anniversary

2015 is the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Country Club Neighborhood Association. Committees are being formed for several celebratory events during the year.

Interested? Want to have fun planning the events? Want to get to know more people in your neighborhood? Then email CCNA at annakarin31@hotmail.com and you will be contacted.







Holiday Lights Around The Neighborhood























Neighborhood Crime

Country Club Neighborhood residents may have noticed an uptick in crime in the neighborhood over the past few months.

According to Capt. Martin Fehringer of the Lincoln Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit, the neighborhood experienced the following crimes between October and December:

- Five burglaries. Four involved open garage doors, and one an unlocked sliding glass door.
- Twenty larcenies, including 10 shoplifting incidents at area establishments and crimes of opportunity, including stolen Christmas lights, a cell phone left behind at a park, an iPad stolen from Irving Middle School and five unlocked bicycles that were stolen.
- Forty-three thefts from vehicles, the majority of which (31) occurred over four days, including Nov. 25., Nov. 30., Dec. 20 and Dec. 27.

The only major increase in crime the neighborhood saw over years past was thefts from vehicles, which was up 8 percent city-wide over the same three month period.

Over the same time period in:	2013	2012
Burglaries	5	7
Larcenies	32	33
Theft from vehicles	8	11

Volunteers Needed

The Country Club Neighborhood Association is Celebrating its 30th Anniversary!

Our mission: To encourage neighbors to come together to preserve, protect, and enhance the historic, low density, owner-occupied, single family residential character of the neighborhood.

Volunteering is part of the culture of our neighborhood and is part of what has made our neighborhood what it is today. Now we are asking for your help. The Country Club Neighborhood Association is planning a party to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Lots of volunteers are needed to plan all aspects of this event which will be recognized over the coming months. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Anna Eickholt at Annakarin31@hotmail.com or 402-219-4565.

Crime prevention tips from Capt. Fehringer:

- Lock all doors and keep items of value out of sight, especially at night
- · Keep bicycles and other items of value in the garage or out of sight
- Be vigilant. If you see a person or vehicle that looks suspicious, call the police "We rely on them to be our eyes and ears for the neighborhood," he said.

The non-emergency police number is 402-441-6000, and LPD will always send the closest officer.

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