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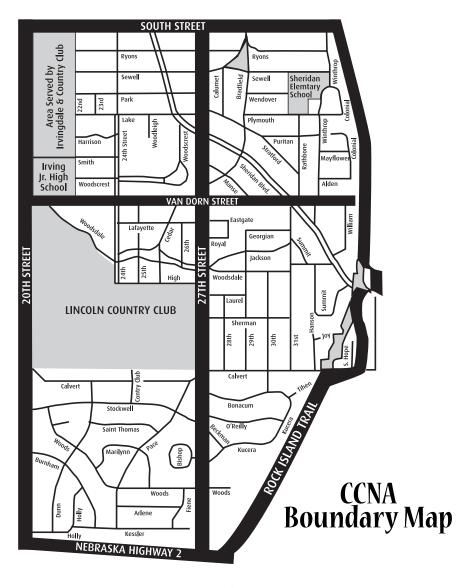
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# President's Message

By Justin Carlson, CCNA President



### Leaves! What am I going to do with all these leaves?

Whenever I ask others what they like most about living in an older, more established neighborhood, undoubtedly the top answer is always the trees. The tall oaks, maples, locusts, and elms are a treasure of the Country Club Neighborhood; especially this time of year when the lessening sunlight brings out the vibrant shades of yellow, red, and orange. The

fleeting palette of color lasts but a few weeks but the enjoyment of fall colors lasts in our memories for months. I love trees. But after the colors fade and the leaves fall, I strap on my work gloves and go to battle with the leaves of fall. I've tried all different types of techniques including raking and stuffing those big paper bags you get at True Value Hardware. I've used the vacuum and mulch option on my leaf blower to pick up the fallen foliage. Grinding them up with the mower and even borrowing my friend's large riding lawn mower all to battle the leaves. Regardless of my efforts, I still struggle each fall to pick up all of the leaves. They keep falling and falling and falling. Even with the pending hours of yard work that awaits me, I love this time of year. I hope you do too. So sit back, look up and enjoy the canopy of colors in our neighborhood.

This summer our neighborhood experienced a slight uptick in property crimes, mainly to homes and cars. As a victim of these types of crimes in the past, I certainly sympathize with those who had their home broken into or their vehicle damaged. While the uptick appears to be attributed to a few now apprehended individuals, it is a good reminder to always be cautious and on the lookout for crime. Sergeant Mark James with the Lincoln Police Department attends our CCNA meetings each month and provides a breakdown of any crime reported in our neighborhood. One stat that took me by surprise is that the majority of property crimes occur to unlocked cars and homes. In fact, of the 17 burglaries reported in our area 12 were to unlocked homes and cars. If you have a concern about crime in our area or want to learn more, I'd urge you to attend one of our meetings. Our upcoming meetings will be held November 20th, February 19, and March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Irving Rec Center. All neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Finally, on Sunday September 23rd you may have noticed more traffic in the neighborhood as the CCNA held our 2012 Tour of Homes and Car Show. It was a beautiful day in our neighborhood as hundreds of visitors toured several homes and enjoyed our area. A big thank you to all those that helped plan this great event and especially those that opened up their homes for the tour. We appreciate it!

On behalf of the CCNA Board of Directors we hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter.

See you around the neighborhood!

Justin





# 2nd Annual Holiday Fun Run Announcement

Last December was the first CCNA Holiday Fun Run. Runners – some serious and some not – did a 5K run through the neighborhood starting and ending at The Country Club of Lincoln. After the 5K Run, festivities took place at The Country Club and you did not have to run to participate. Visit CCNA.org to register. Registration begins November 1.

For more information contact Linda Brown at 402-525-6000 or runnerlinda@gmail.com



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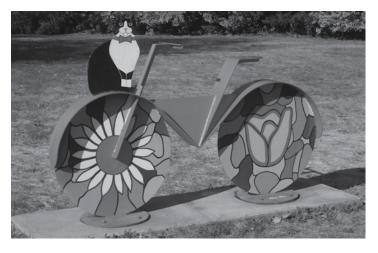
# In Memory of Clarisse Hastie

Clarisse Hastie, who once lived at 2747 Royal Court, passed away Wednesday, August 8, 2012 after a very lengthy illness. After living on Royal Court for several years, Clarisse lived with her fiancé, John Yowell, at 3168 Puritan Avenue.

Clarisse was born in Boulay, France on April 26, 1960. She moved to the United States in 1980 and became an American citizen in 1992. During her time in the U.S., Clarisse lived in Texas, Indiana, and spent over a decade living in Lincoln. Once in Lincoln, she volunteered at the Pioneer Park Nature Center and Bright Lights. She taught children's art, gave art demonstrations, and also worked for many years at Lincoln Public Schools. Clarisse touched many lives both in France and the U.S. All who knew her adored her.

Throughout her life, art had been the mainstay of Clarisse's ambition. She was represented in galleries in France, Germany, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Nebraska. Her most recent works were accepted at the Great Plains Museum juried show this past July. She has shown her art at the SouthPointe Art Festival over the past ten years and was accepted to show again this past September. Some of her work can be found at The Capital Gift Shop, the Lux Art Center, and the Sheldon Gift Shop.

Clarisse participated in the citywide bike project, Tour de Lincoln, in 2004. Several neighbors on Royal Court sponsored Clarisse and



her red bicycle in the Tour de Lincoln art event by paying for the entry fees and materials. The Tour de Lincoln bicycles were then auctioned off to raise money for the Lincoln Arts Council. Some of the Royal Court-Eastgate neighbors again sponsored Clarisse and raised the funds to purchase Clarisse's bike at the auction to the highest bidder. It was then donated to the City of Lincoln to be placed where it is now showcased on the corner of Van Dorn and Manse Avenue, with Clarisse's black and white cat Tuxedo sitting proudly on top. Take a walk over to the park and enjoy one of Clarisse's beautiful legacies to our neighborhood.





# Sergeant Mark James



Say hi to Sergeant Mark James if you see him around at the CCNA Board meetings.

Sergeant Mark James began his career with the Lincoln Police Department in December 2000. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in February 2008. He has worked as an officer or sergeant on the Northeast, Center,

Southwest and Southeast Teams. He is currently one of two second-shift sergeants working the Southeast Team under the direction of Captain Kim Koluch. Sergeant James holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



# Mary Lynn Schaffer

Mary Lynn Schaffer has previously served on the CCNA Board as secretary, treasurer, and president. She and her husband, Jim, have lived in the neighborhood since they were married in 1979. "This is home for our family," she says. Their children Suzanne, Sarah, and Stephen attended Sheridan, Irving, and Lincoln Southeast. Mary Lynn says, "The friendliness of the neighbors and the excellence of the schools have made it easy to feel a



commitment to work to maintain and enhance our neighborhood. I think civic engagement is an important responsibility, one I hope our children have learned. We can be proud we have such a wonderful neighborhood to promote."

Mary Lynn is a retired LPS educator and currently works part-time at Nebraska Wesleyan University as an outreach coordinator with Dawes Middle School.





# Nebraska MEDS Disposal Program Launched

### What is it?

Nebraska MEDS Disposal is now available at participating pharmacies in Lincoln and Lancaster County. This program enables residents to dispose of unwanted and unused non-controlled medications. The program is sponsored by the Nebraska MEDS Coalition, with a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

### Why dispose of medications?

- Taking expired medications can be dangerous.
- If your doctor has changed your medication, don't take it there could be negative reactions. Keep your doctor informed of your health status.
- Mixing medications can result in drug interactions or significant side effects.
- Medications prescribed for you should never be given to someone else.
- Keeping medications in the medicine cabinet can lead to accidental poisoning or drug abuse. Why not flush or trash the unused meds?

- Flushed medications can end up not only in our lakes and streams, but also in our drinking water.
- Trashing is a last resort, since it increases the chance of environmental contamination of the landfill leachate. Meds in the trash can also be harmful to children or pets.

### What can the pharmacies accept?

- Prescription medications.
- Over-the-counter medications: tablets, capsules, gels, patches, liquids, ointments, and inhalers. (Leave meds in their original containers and follow the pharmacists' directions.)

Check nebraskameds.org for a list of participating pharmacies.

### How can I dispose of controlled substances?

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Lincoln Electric System's Sustainable Energy Program (SEP), implemented in 2009, assists in funding energy-efficiency projects that range from increasing home insulation to installing high-efficiency heat pumps and air conditioners, as well as commercial and industrial projects.

LES has provided this program with \$3 million this year to fund different types of energy-efficient upgrades to homes and businesses. LES urges its customers to take full advantage of this opportunity before the program's end.

Customers have until **Dec. 31, 2012** to choose a contractor and have them submit the necessary paperwork to LES.

We at LES are doing everything possible to make it easy for all customers, residential and commercial, to sign up and receive these cost saving perks.

When deciding what incentives and improvements to implement, consider upgrading your insulation. This high energy-payback project favorite saves money all year long with lower cooling and heating needs. That paired with LES' incentive program makes it an excellent way to scale down on power usage while scaling up on savings, up to \$1,000.







Pon Ritchey and LES Energy Services Specialist Bob Ruskamp.

Existing homes with no wall or minimal attic insulation (R-19 or less) can qualify for incentives to upgrade insulation levels to current code standards.

Don and Marilyn Ritchey of Lincoln upgraded their wall insulation from R-0 to R-15 and increased attic insulation from R-19 to R-49. On each type of insulation, a label states the R-value per inch, a measure of resistance to heat transfer. This means, the bigger the "R" rating, the more effective the insulation.

Don and Marilyn will enjoy more consistent temperatures between and across rooms for increased comfort. Their estimated annual reduction in heating and cooling bills is 38 percent, an annual savings of approximately \$294.

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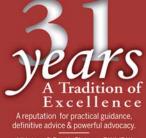
















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# **CCNA's 2012 Tour of Homes**

By Kay Maxwell, Home Tour Committee Chair



A home tour volunteer checks tickets outside Ponde Plowman and Pennis Duchon's home on 24th Street.

It was a perfect day for the CCNA Fall Home Tour. We had over 600 attendees besides all of the wonderful volunteers and raised about \$7,000 for CCNA neighborhood beautification projects. Everyone enjoyed walking the neighborhood and touring the homes. It was great seeing our many neighbors and friends. We are lucky to have such a welcoming neighborhood.

This year we had a variety of houses from mansion to cottage, small to large, historic to modern. It was interesting to see the many changes that have been made to the homes, while retaining the charm of the neighborhood.

The Hirt home, which has been on many home tours, was once again interesting and full of antiques and interesting facts. Doni had made a time line of the home, showing the various homeowners with the dates that they had lived in the house. The Plowman/Duchon home featured Ray Lowther playing the baby grand piano in the living room for several enjoyable hours. The Basler home had a candy store-bakery theme and was totally decorated for Halloween. The Woita home was totally updated inside and out and perfect for the young growing family residents. The Reha home was interesting in that they had done so much of the remodeling and updating themselves and what a beautiful and sophisticated job they had done. The Wibbels home is full of charm with everything updated, beautifully decorated and with a touch of whimsy. The Faatz home was incredible with every room perfect, many interesting and historical items, beautiful gardens and landscaping.

Many thanks, to the homeowners who allowed us to include their homes in this year's tour. We couldn't have done it without you and we know what a huge commitment it is. Also, thanks to the volunteers who spent their Sunday helping us with this great



Home tour attendees gather outside the house on 31st St. waiting to take a look inside.



Home tour volunteers sell and check tickets outside 3040 Summit Blvd.



# Some History About Each Home on the Tour

- \* Home of Doni & B.J. Hirt, 2330 Woodscrest Ave. Built in 1925, the Fred & Lela Walt House is a two-story stucco and frame home. Kingery Construction Co. was commissioned to build it for around \$14,500. Lincoln architecture firm of Fiske, Meginnis & Schaumberg is credited with its design.
- \* Home of Debbie & Rod Basler, 2700 Eastgate. George Albin and his wife, Jane, hired Lee Chapin to build this two-story, stone veneer and frame ranch-style house for approximately \$25,000 in 1959. The Albins sold the house within three years to Lincoln physician, Phillip Getscher, and his wife, Naomi.
- \* Home of Diane & Con Reha, 2928 Royal Ct. Lincoln architect Edward G. Schaumberg hired local builder Merrill W. Anderson to build this brick-veneered Cape Cod for approximately \$12,500 in 1951. The Schaumbergs lived in it until 1970.
- \* Home of Linda & Kevin Wibbels, 2740 Royal Ct. Built in 1942, for Millard and Adalyn Lefler, this stone veneer Cape Cod was designed and built by Lincoln architect John O. Unthank for about \$7,000. Millard Lefler and his wife, Adalyn, purchased it to share with their college-aged daughter, Esther. Lefler was the Superintendent of Lincoln Public Schools from 1920 to 1948, during which time he oversaw the creation of the junior high system, vocational training in the high schools and adult education programs in the Lincoln public schools. The Leflers resided here until 1966.
- \* Home of Mark Faatz, 3040 Summit Blvd. Otto F. Schlaebitz and his wife, Alyce, had this two-story limestone colonial built

in 1939 for about \$7,300. The Schlaebitz family resided in this home until 1962.

\* Home of Megan & Jason Woita, 3280 S. 31st St. This twostory brick home was built in 1940 for Dr. Ralph L. Ireland, his wife, Marian, and their 2-year-old son, Robert, at an estimated cost of \$7,000. Local architect John O. Unthank designed it. Ralph continued to reside here until his 1985 retirement.



CCNA Home Tour attendees enjoy the backyard of the home on 3040 Summit Blvd.





# CCNA's 2012 Tour D'Elegance Car Show



Pre-WWII cars were well represented at the Tour D'Elegance, with Dick and Sue Boswell's Packard Limo (far left) taking home the prize for crowd favorite.

The Tour D'Elegance car show was a great success, with cars from all time periods and geographies represented. Dick and Sue Boswell, with their 1938 Packard Limo/Formal, won the crowd favorite by a 3 to 1 margin. It was a beautiful car and the standout in the pre-WWII Class. Everyone wanted to get married and drive away. I don't know how Dick fights them all off. Dick was more than happy to receive the beautiful trophy for crowd favorite. He is kindly donating his \$200 in prize money back to the CCNA and looking forward to next year's Tour D'Elegance.

The show also had a great group come down from Omaha, representing the model A Ford Club. They looked tough traveling in a group of four cars sputtering down Woodscrest Avenue to the event. But nothing could compare to the sound of the two Ferrari's that arrived fashionably late, roaring down

the boulevard to the event. A V-12 Testerosa and a very new Blue 360 was something to see. The houses in the canyon of the street echoed the sweet notes of the mean exhaust of the cars. Allen Dayton brought out his Ferrari 360 Spyder in pristine condition and wow'ed the boys with a special garage tour of very rare Ferrari's that are set to make an appearance at next years event.

Officially, we had seven rare Italian cars at the event - possibly a record in recent memory in Lincoln. Dave Erickson brought a beautiful 1957 MG, which was a contender in the Best Restoration category. Dave from Bishop Heights True Value with his charcoal gray Porsche 356 won the best restoration. Also a special thanks went to Brad Swiggart who graced us with his fun pack of "mini" cars. His 1958 BMW Isetta 300 and 1947 Crosley pickup were amongst the favorites, with his mini pickup winning the most



This Porsche 356 won the award for "Best Restoration."



Brad Swiggart's 1958 BMW Isetta 300 made an appearance at the show.



From left: Lucio Bergo, Owen Tucker, Tafe Bergo, Britta Carlson, Davide Bergo, Annika Carlson and Sophie Flynn pose for a picture while running the ticket booth at the Tour D'Elegance car show on Woodscrest Avenue at the CCNA Fall Home Tour in September.

original award. The kids especially enjoyed the cars, and Brad was nice enough to take all the little ones in the park for a ride in the cars at the end of the event. There is nothing sweeter than two little girls in the passenger seat of an Issetta. If it wasn't so prone to being turned into a smashed aluminum can at a man's running speed, it would be the perfect first car.

There were many other great cars at the event and neighbors out enjoying the day. Thanks to all for their help. Life is sweeter with great friends. Heoya's, Serendipity Cupcakes, and Greta's Gourmet Grill provided food for the day, which everyone loved. Greta had killer beans and brauts. It was a great day, a new chapter for the park, which is beautiful and has been a sleeping beauty in our neighborhood for a long time.



Swiggart's 1947 Crosley Mini Pickup won the "Most Original" Award at the Tour D'Elegance Car Show.



Tour D'Elegance attendees enjoy the day on Woodscrest Avenue. Heoya's Food Truck also made an appearance along with Serendipity's Cupcakes and Gretta's Gourmet.



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# Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra

By Susan Larson Rodenburg, Marketing Director for Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra

### Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra Offers a New Family Subscription Deal For its 2012-13 Season

Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra enjoyed a 98 percent attendance increase after its move this season from Kimball Recital Hall to the bigger Lied Center for Performing Arts.

"It did exactly what we had hoped for," LSO executive director Barbara Zach said. "Many more people in the Lincoln area are attending our concerts."

Last season LSO also lowered its ticket prices to only \$10 and \$25 each to make its concerts more accessible. Under the new pricing, nearly half of the seats in the concert hall are available at the affordable price of \$10.

To keep the momentum going for the 2012-13 season, LSO is now offering a family concert subscription package, which includes both family concerts for only \$50 (\$25 per concert) for the whole family. This is a significant savings over individual ticket prices, and all ticketing fees will be waived. Add a grandparent, godchild, or other individual for only \$10 more.

### LSO's family concerts this year include:

"The Phantom of the Music Hall" (family), 2 p.m. Nov. 18, O'Donnell Auditorium. Meet Mysterion, the phantom of the concert hall who has mischievously engineered a program filled with giant puppets from Madcap Puppets, familiar family classics and orchestral music for all ages.

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" (family), 2 p.m. Feb. 3, O'Donnell Auditorium. The timeless children's classic about Ichabod Crane's encounter with a headless horseman is set to music by Robert Lichtenberger and brought to life with a narrator.

LSO's family concerts are held at O'Donnell Auditorium on the Nebraska Wesleyan campus. The hour-long Sunday afternoon performances provide younger audience members with the opportunity to be exposed to live symphonic performances in a more informal setting. Before each of our family concerts, LSO provides face painting; a musical petting zoo where children can see, touch, and play real instruments; and a craft activity related to that afternoon's performance.

In addition to the two family concerts, LSO's 2012-13 season features six classical concerts and a holiday concert. The season includes Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 (From the New World), an all-Mozart concert, the Madcap Puppets, Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major, and Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.

### Other concerts include:

"An Evening with Mozart" (classical), 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9, Lied Center. Soprano Jennifer O'Loughlin joins LSO to perform the composer's "Exsultate Jubilate," with its joyful "Alleluia," as well as several arias, including "Queen of the Night" from "The Magic Flute." The concert concludes with Mozart's Symphony No. 40.

"Deck the Halls" (pops), 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, Lied Center. The annual holiday concert features actor Tim Marrone performing "A Christmas Carol," local Suzuki music students and Lincoln Midwest Ballet Company members dancing "The Nutcracker."

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"Russian Romantics" (classical), 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23, Lied Center. A string orchestra performs Borodin's "Nocturne" and Shostakovich's Chamber Symphony (String Quartet No. 8), followed by the full orchestra finishing with Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 in B Minor ("Pathetique").

"Brahms Meets Beethoven" (classical), 7:30 p.m. March 16, Lied Center. LSO concertmaster Anton Miller performs Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major. The concert concludes with Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F Major.

"The Rite of Spring" (classical), 7:30 p.m. May 5, 2013, Lied Center. The orchestra performs Stravinsky's avant-garde masterpiece "The Rite of Spring," which enjoys its 100th anniversary. Also on the program: Schumann's "Spring Symphony" and the Lincoln Youth Symphony performing with LSO on a piece commissioned from University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Damon Thomas Lee.

Tickets can be ordered by calling LSO at (402) 476-2211 or online at www.lincolnsymphony.org. Ticketing and facility fees apply to all tickets sold.





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# Featured Advertiser: The Dryer Vent Dude

After 20 years in the heating and air business Steve Schwaller, Jr. began to notice problems with his clients' dryer vents in their homes. He soon discovered that about seven out of ten dryer vents had a problem. Soon after this discovery Steve left the heating and air business and started his own business, The Dryer Vent Dude.

"One day I was changing out a furnace and I noticed lint buildup on the furnace and water heater - more than usual. When I went outside, I looked at the dryer vent cover. The cover had lint all over it, along with some on the ground. That was concerning to me, so I told the home owner they had a problem. After that, I started to look at all the homes where I worked. That is when I knew there was a need to educate people about dryer vent cleaning, safety, and maintenance," says Steve.

On August 18th of this year a dryer vent fire occurred in Lincoln causing \$20,000 worth of damage to the home. "With proper cleaning and maintenance this fire could have been avoided," says Steve. "About 98% of people don't understand that your dryer vent is like your car, regular preventative maintenance is a necessity."

Steve recommends that dryer vents be cleaned annually depending on usage. "Every year over 15,000 clothes dryer fires



The back port to a dryer that is completely plugged. This is a serious fire hazard.

cause an average of ten deaths, 300 plus injuries and \$85 million in property damage," explains Steve.

Indications that you may need to have your dryer vent cleaned:

Clothes (especially jeans and towels) take a longer time to dry. Clothes are unusually hot at the end of the cycle.

Lint buildup on the outside vent prevents the damper from opening or closing.

Lint buildup on the outside of the building or on the ground where the dryer vent terminates.

A normal size load of laundry has four to eight pounds of water to remove and in order for this moisture to be removed, proper air flow is needed, which means a clean dryer vent. Steve says, "An annual inspection can help prevent a fire and save you money in the long run. Most drying loads take 30-50 minutes, any longer can mean a potential problem. If it is taking more than one cycle to dry your clothes you are not only spending double the money on your energy bill per load, but you are putting yourself at a higher risk for a fire." Steve admits, "When someone's dryer isn't working as efficiently as it used to, most people think it's the dryer itself. Usually it's not your dryer. It's your vent making your dryer work harder and less efficiently." Steve however does recommend having your dryer vent cleaned and checked before installation of



The bottom of a dryer that steve removed. The black spots inside is combustion from fires started.



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Steve takes great pride in owning his own business and making sure his customers are 100% satisfied with his service. "We pride ourselves on offering the best products the industry has to offer as well as exceptional service from the first time we speak."

As a member of the Better Business Bureau, Steve has earned a high rating with his customer service and attention to detail.

"Steve was very helpful and professional! We noticed our dryer had been losing efficiency and taking a super long time to get things dry. Our dryer is over 10 years old, started wondering if we needed to get a new one. Did a little research and called The Dryer Vent Dude! He saved us tons of money - the dryer works like new! The added safety of finally getting this thing cleaned out is an added bonus - I can't believe we waited so long to do this! We will definitely be on a regular maintenance schedule for this! His rates are super reasonable and worth every penny! He definitely knows his stuff!" - Comment posted by a Google user

Steve is also a Certified HVAC Journeyman, Installation Technician for over 20 years, Certified Universal EPA Technician, and has earned an Associates Degree in Refrigeration.

The Dryer Vent Dude offers free inspections in Lincoln. During this inspection Steve will not only check your dryer vents but inspect your flex hose. "White vinyl flex or thin silver aluminum flex do not meet city code. The product needs to be UL listed and I carry that type of product," says Steve. An inspection usually takes about 20 minutes and if it is determined that a cleaning or replacements are needed it can take up to three hours for Steve to make sure your dryer and venting system are back in tip-top shape.

To schedule an appointment with Steve call 402.310.9530 or email him at stevedvdjr@yahoo.com. For any other information on The Dryer Vent Dude or Steve's services check out his Facebook page, his Google+ page, or his website, www.thedryerventdude.com.

Steve is a Lincoln native and graduated from North East High



Pictured here is lint that steve pulled out of the back of a dryer and the flex is not up to city code.

School. He and his wife Kelli who works at Bryan Hospital, have been married for 22 years and have two children. Paige, their 20 year old daughter is currently enjoying her Junior year at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where she is a member of a sorority and is a double major in Spanish and International Business. Jeff is 19 and a Freshman at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln majoring in Criminal Justice.

Family time is very important to the Schwallers. Once a week they make a point to have family dinner which usually involves making pizza or tacos. The family is also huge Lincoln Stars Hockey fans, holding season tickets. When Steve and Kelli have a chance they love to bbq and entertain family and friends.



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# New NRD Program Helps Landowners Improve Water Quality

LINCOLN (NE) October 10, 2012 - The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District has created a cost-share program to assist landowners with the implementation of post-construction stormwater best management practices (BMPs). The Urban Water Quality Program is aimed at improving the quality of water throughout the District by catching storm runoff before it gets to rivers, streams and lakes. BMPs installed through the new program will allow sediment and potential contaminants to settle out of the runoff before the runoff is allowed to move further downstream. The Urban Water Quality Program is open to any landowner in the District; urban or rural.

Even in small areas, installing water quality best management practices can effectively capture and treat the "first flush" of pollutants found in stormwater runoff, allowing infiltration, soil storage, and available water for vegetative uptake, offsetting some of the impacts of impervious surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, streets and parking lots. "This new program," said NRD Stormwater Specialist J.B. Dixon, "is a perfect opportunity for small businesses, churches, schools and even homeowners to get financial help to install practices that make better use of stormwater, instead of immediately sending it downstream, and improve the quality of runoff that does occur." Practices such as bioretention, rain gardens, bioswales, infiltration planters, and

installing pervious pavers, are some of the eligible practices. Any new construction or renovation of a home, commercial or other property that could effectively utilize these practices may be eligible for the new NRD cost-sharing program, including homes and commercial buildings.

Projects will be evaluated for potential eligibility by the District based on a project's cost effectiveness, its proximity to (i.e. impact on) a receiving body of water, as well as its potential for water quality improvement, surface water rate and volume control and public outreach.

For approved projects, the District may fund up to 50% of eligible materials and contractor labor, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per project. The District Board of Directors will consider funding requests exceeding the \$10,000 cap on a case-by-case basis. The NRD is now accepting applications from landowners and will continue to accept them year-round.

For complete program information and guidelines, please visit the District's website: http://www.lpsnrd.org/Programs/ urbanwaterqual.htm, or contact J.B. Dixon, Stormwater Specialist, at 402-476-2729, jbdixon@lpsnrd.org.



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# Nebraska Litter Hotline

Nebraska Litter Hotline: 877-665-4887

Keep Nebraska Beautiful, KLLCB's statewide partner, works with Sheriff's offices in Lancaster and several other counties, offering a Litter Hotline to report persons observed littering in those counties.

Motorists who spot a littering violation along any street, road or highway are encouraged to call 877-NO LITTR (877-665-4887), or complete an online form at http://www.knb.org/litterhotline. html.

All types of trash—from cigarette butts to fast food bags and all types of vehicles (personal or commercial) are subject to reporting, as long as the license plate number is provided. Reporters remain anonymous.

The registered owner of the vehicle reported will receive a letter from the Sheriff, stating that someone driving their vehicle was seen littering on (date, time, location). They'll be reminded of anti-littering laws and potential penalties.

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### Water: Do You Know Your Rights In Times of Shortage?

By: David J. A. Bargen

It has been called the "issue of the century". Water, and its scarcity, have been front and center in the news and in public policy decisions across the state recently as the drought that started this summer continues, impacting everything from reduced crop yields for farmers, to brown lawns due to voluntary and mandatory city watering restrictions. The drought, which some long-term forecasts predict may continue for another one, two, or more years, has a direct impact on people, and has many in various situations looking at the extent of their legal rights and obligations during times of water shortage.

Water law is a complex, seemingly ever-changing body of law that impacts people in a variety of ways depending upon particular situations. The subject includes everything from how much water can be legally withdrawn from a river or the ground and applied to a crop; to rules about drainage from one person's property to another, or liability for failure of proper drainage; from rules regarding liability for soil erosion from one property to the next; to determining how property boundaries may change with the movement of a boundary stream. Water law also involves not just issues of water quantity, but also water quality, and various state and federal laws and regulations impact an array of activities touching on water quality. Whether you have some interest in agribusiness; property near a water body or above an aquifer used for irrigation or other water uses; water-related recreation; developing land for a subdivision that will rely upon groundwater; a home or business on property that relies upon groundwater or surface water; or any number of activities that rely upon the availability or location of water, understanding your legal rights requires careful analysis of both your situation and how the law applies to it.

In general, much of water law in Nebraska deals with determining who gets to use a limited quantity, for a particular purpose, at a particular time, for a particular time period, and if there is a shortage, who has superior rights to its use. It is, essentially, land-use regulation. It may come as a surprise to many that in general, there is no private ownership of groundwater or surface water in Nebraska. All water is 'owned" by the public, with various rights to its use granted by the state based on an ownership interest in land or based on the purpose for its use. Thus, the diversion, storage, and use of surface and groundwater are highly regulated by the State of Nebraska and 23 local governments called natural resources districts. Permitting and other regulatory processes at both the state and local level govern rights to use water for domestic, agricultural, and commercial purposes. Careful attention to the latest developments in the law affecting water rights is important to plans for your business and other goals.

Contact the attorneys at Rembolt Ludtke LLP for assistance with your water rights-related questions.

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