

CHRONICLE



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**THE 30TH ANNUAL CCNA
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It's not too early to start cleaning out those closets and basements in preparation for the CCNA Annual Garage Sale. Sign up with Linda Wibbels at linda.wibbels@woodspros.com no later than April 30th.

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- Saturday, October 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

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GREETINGS NEIGHBORS!

Spring has officially arrived. Several years ago, I moved to the area with my family in the month of April. This time of the year always reminds me of how lucky we are to be living in such a beautiful neighborhood.

The CCNA annual board meeting was held on March 15, during which we elected Directors for the year. Jennifer Powell was elected as Administrative Vice-President. Abby Helman, Maggie Stuckey and Rifka Keilson will continue serving in their past positions as Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. I am happy to continue to serve as Board President. Additionally, we are excited to welcome Linda Wibbels and Linda Brown in their new roles as advisors to the board.

You may notice some changes in this issue of the Chronicle. Hopefully, it was addressed to the right person and everyone in the neighborhood received a copy. We have over 2400 households on our mailing list and unfortunately have missed several of those households in the past. This month's issue marks a more substantive Chronicle because we now have additional assistance from Focal Point.



Anna Eickholt, CCNA President

In addition to the changes to the Chronicle, we are currently updating the CCNA website. Our Treasurer, Maggie Stuckey, deserves credit for all the hard work she has put into getting the website to its present state. We hope that it will serve as a useful tool for residents in finding upcoming events, board meetings and other resources. In addition, we hope it shows off our beautiful neighborhood and its amazing residents.

We have several events planned in the upcoming months. Look for details in this issue regarding the Park Cleanup, a May Day Party at Pocras Park, the Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale, and another Ed Zimmer walking tour.

See you around the neighborhood!

Important Dates to Remember:

- April 19
Board Meeting
- May 1
May Day Party
- May 7
CCNA Garage Sale
- May 21
Composting Demonstration

Neighborhood News

STRATFORD AVENUE MEDIAN CLEAN-UP

Twice a year, the residents of Stratford Avenue get together to clean the Stratford medians of leaves, sticks, trash and to trim up the bushes and trees. On Saturday, March 19th they held their spring pick-up. A team of adults, kids and even a few pets spent the morning catching up and filling over 50 leaf bags and 10 trash cans. This clean-up would be a daunting task for one or two people but a big team can get it done in 3-4 hours and have a good time doing it.



Our three youngest volunteers pick up trash from the medians. Henry Eickholt and Rosie and Violet Franz.



Leaves, leaves and more leaves!



May Day Party

MAY 1ST

3:00-5:00 PM

POCRAS PARK

Please join us to celebrate spring! There will be activities, crafts and games (while supplies last). Parents must accompany children. **FREE** event sponsored by the Country Club Neighborhood Association



CCNA Board Supports Woods Tennis Center Campaign

by Maggie Stuckey

A public facility at 33rd and J Streets, Woods Tennis Center strives to provide opportunities for everyone to enjoy tennis, including many residents within the Country Club neighborhood. Whether a child trying out an activity for the first time, a junior looking for that edge to obtain a college scholarship, or an adult looking for the challenge of raising their game to the next level or staying in shape with cardio tennis, Woods Tennis has it.

At our February meeting, Woods Park Tennis Center Director Kevin Heim presented the “Taking the Game to the Community” Campaign to the CCNA Board of Directors. This campaign seeks to make significant improvements to the Woods Tennis Center, including the replacement of the bubbles and the addition of more tennis courts

and flexible community space. The CCNA Board of Directors voted in favor of providing financial support for this campaign and applauds the mission of this important community organization





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Home Improvement

SET THE STAGE FOR WHAT'S BEHIND THE FRONT DOOR

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Make stunning Containers in 3 Easy Steps:

1 Pick Your Pot

(or let your creativity shine through and recycle one)

Pick a pot that complements the style of your house. Pots are designed to enhance the plants and the location where they are placed. Since pots come in many materials like terra cotta, ceramic, wood and metal, you have many selections. Or you can creatively repurpose containers or give old pots a facelift. When we purchased our home, our old cement pots strongly clashed with the style of our new house. Not wanting to throw them away, I headed to my



favorite big box hardware store, purchased paint for cement pots tinted to my favorite color, and sponge painted them for a total new look. When looking for pots, let your personality shine through and get creative. Don't be afraid to search for unusual items for containers such as barn wood flower boxes, small wagons, fabric covered terra cotta pots, paint cans etc. Be sure your containers have holes for drainage.

2 Thrillers /Spillers /Fillers

First decide if the plants will be located in the sun or shade since plants thrive based on their light requirements. The secret



to constructing a bold beautiful container is to follow the simple Thriller/Spiller/Filler method for selecting the perfect plants.

Thrillers – Pick the plant for your main focal point. It should be eye-catching, dramatic, bold, and tall. Place it in the center of the container. Look for a Canna, Elephant Ear, Coleus, Dahlia, Hibiscus, Grasses, or Spikes. Be daring and make a statement.

Spillers – These plants cascade down the side of the container and balance the height of the Thriller. Look for Alyssum, Bougainvillea,

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Sweet Potato Vines, Lobelia, and other hanging vines.

Fillers – Find plants that are medium height designed to complement and accent the Thriller. They also add color and texture to the container. They should be billowing and fill out the space between the Thriller and the Spiller. Consider Petunias, Begonia, Impatiens, Verbena, Phlox, Lantana, Gerbera and similar types of plants.



3 Remember the Potting Soil

(and you are ready to begin)

Plants in containers need water, air and nutrients so be sure to purchase good potting soil for your containers.

If you want a more guidance for your planting adventure, Lincoln nurseries have talented floral designers eager to help you find the perfect container and plants to create sensational impressions. There are seminars coming up in April at Campbell's that will give you even more tips and tricks. Resources for ideas and supplies are also endless on Pinterest, YouTube, and Lincoln's hardware stores.

Great curb appeal translates to a home "well cared for." While most of us focus our attention and money on the inside of our house,



we often neglect the outside. My mother knew the value of bringing color and planters around our house every year. It enhanced the quality of life we had surrounding us with beauty and life. What she may not have known that those small investments on the outside of a home can yield significant returns when it's time to sell your house.

Happy spring and happy planting!

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the building, several vehicles and the entire season's inventory. This year the company is celebrates 50 years in business and is dedicated to continuing to provide the highest quality services to its customers just as Ray did.

With a name change that better reflects the services they provide, Ray's Lawn & Landscape today employs between 35 and 40 workers annually. What started out as a business with a used pick-up truck and two used push mowers has now grown to a fleet of 28 vehicles and 25 trailers, with its major equipment inventory consisting of approximately 90 mowers.

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While there have been major changes over the years, one thing hasn't changed: Ray's remains family owned and operated. Ray's wife Mabel continues working for the company 5 days a week (and sometimes more) year-round, from answering customer calls to accounts payable and receivables. Larry's daughter, Jenni, works in the office and is responsible for payroll and customer correspondence.

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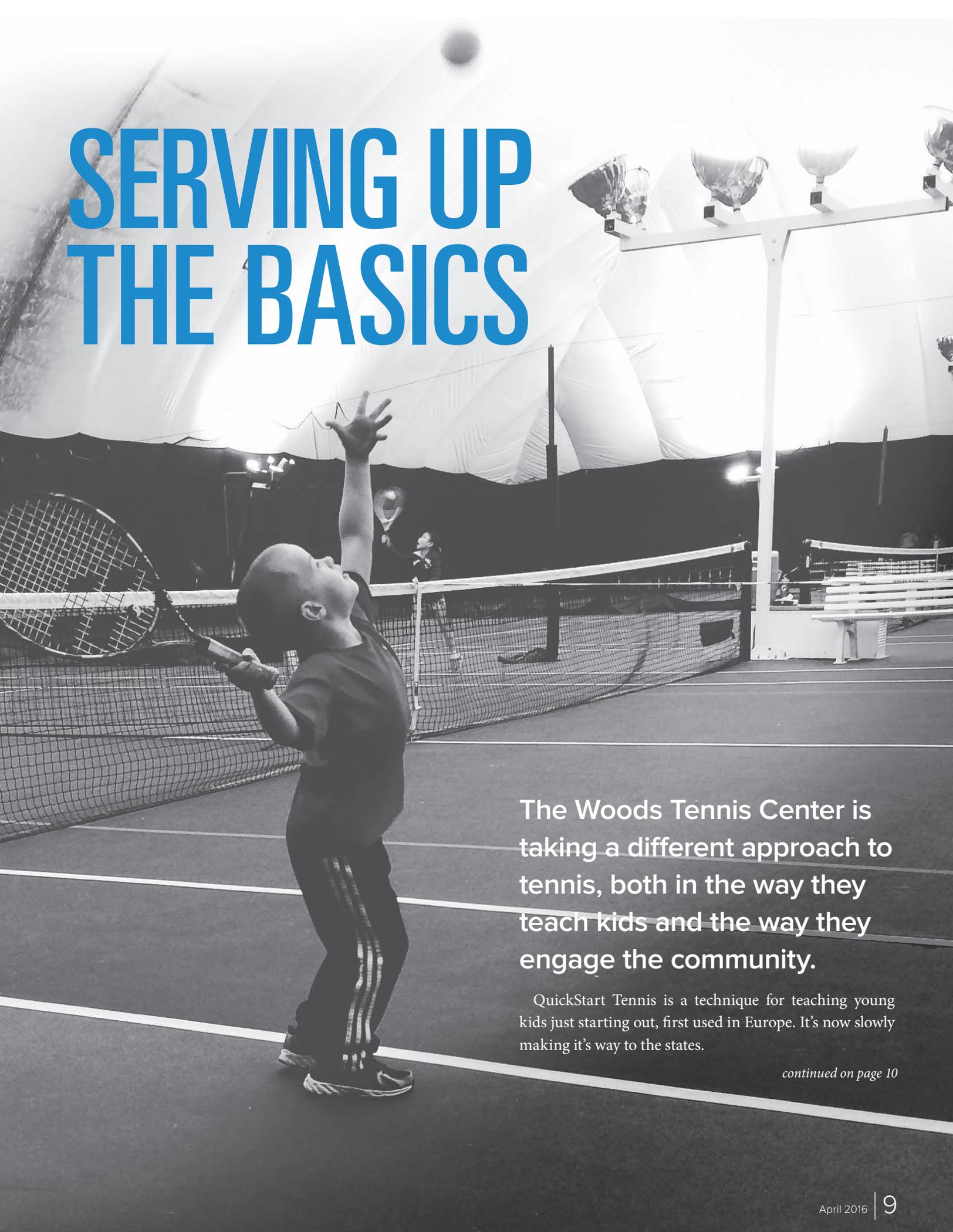
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SERVING UP THE BASICS



The Woods Tennis Center is taking a different approach to tennis, both in the way they teach kids and the way they engage the community.

QuickStart Tennis is a technique for teaching young kids just starting out, first used in Europe. It's now slowly making it's way to the states.

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“Everything’s been tailored to the size of the kid,” said Kevin Heim, executive director at Woods Tennis Center.

Similar to how a soccer league might shorten the field for young players, QuickStart modifies the size of the court and the ball based on the age and size of the child.

Kevin and his head pro Taylor Wain were among the first to put the tactic into practice in Lincoln.

“We’ve both been a part of this from the beginning,” Kevin said.

The biggest advantage QuickStart offers is that it allows kids to interact with the ball more than if they were playing with a traditional-sized ball on a normal court. They are able to keep up rallies and hit around more, which is more fun and engaging for young players. Kevin said that kids are coming back session after session simply because they’re enjoying themselves and the game.

“It’s a whole different mindset,” Kevin said.

Linda Brown started her children in lessons at Woods Tennis Center four years ago. Her husband played as a kid, so as soon as her children were old enough to hold a racket, they put them on the courts at Woods. Now, she said, it’s an activity her whole family is enjoying.

“They’re learning the basics, they are learning the techniques on size specific courts with a ball that helps them learn the skills instead of just killing the ball,” she said.

It’s just another plus of the QuickStart strategy: When kids are interacting with the ball regularly, instructors have the opportunity to teach technique, as well as the ins and outs of the game.

“Our goal is to give them the proper

foundation and fundamentals so that they can enjoy the game for the rest of their life,” said Kevin.

The idea that tennis is a lifetime sport rings true for him. He first picked up a racket the summer after fifth grade and has been in love with tennis ever since.

“There’s so many different levels of the game,” he said when asked what he enjoys most about it.

Of course, tennis is a competitive game. But you don’t have to be a pro to enjoy some time on the court. That’s the message Woods Tennis Center is trying to send to the community. Tennis can be a fun activity to do with friends and family, or a great way to get in a good workout.

“Tennis has a stigma that it’s only for select portions of the population,” Kevin said. “Our goal truly is to allow anyone in Lincoln to play the game.”

Woods Tennis Center boasts a number of participants from all different walks of life. Some are new to Lincoln, looking to find their place in the community. Others are just interested in learning fun ways to get in some physical activity. It hold sessions throughout the year, in the evening and on weekends, so it’s easy to fit into the schedule.

“We really pride ourselves on working with people from all different backgrounds,” Kevin said.

Overall, that’s the idea Woods Tennis Center wants Lincoln to understand. Tennis isn’t just for a specific group of people. It can be for anyone and everyone.

“There are courts all over Lincoln, the opportunity is there,” said Kevin.

The team is currently fundraising for new facilities. They’re hoping to break ground on the project in August or September of this year.

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The Hidden History of Coaches Row

MAGGIE STUCKEY



MAGGIE STUCKEY GREW UP IN the same neighborhood she lives in now. It has always been a special place for her.

“Growing up in the neighborhood for me was just kind of idyllic,” she said.

After high school, she decided it was time to get out and explore new places. Maggie attended college in Boston before heading further south to work on Capitol Hill. She was a legislative aid in the U.S. Senate. When the Senator she was working for retired, she had a decision to make. She could stay in D.C. or head back home. She chose Lincoln.

“When I moved back, I just knew this is the neighborhood I wanted to land in,” Maggie said.

In October of 2014 she closed on her current house. But it wasn’t until she began to cross paths with a few of its previous owners that she realized the home had its own stories to tell.

Her first experience like this happened when she hosted a church fundraiser. She noticed a man who seemed especially excited to be there.

“I thought he was just really excited to be at the event,” she laughed. “He came up to me later and said, ‘You know my wife grew up in this house.’”

His wife couldn’t make it to the event, but he introduced them later. They were able to chat and swap stories about growing up in the neighborhood.

The second revelation occurred at a sorority alumni celebration. Maggie, a Delta Gamma, sat next to a few women

who were celebrating fifty years of membership. They shared small talk and Maggie offhandedly mentioned she’d just moved into a new house. As she described the home, she said the women stared at her in disbelief.

“It’s kind of a glimpse into a different time.”

“That sounds like Karen’s house,” one of them said.

Karen Bush Hoiberg was the daughter of Jerry Bush, a former coach of the Nebraska Men’s Basketball team. His family purchased the home in 1954, when Karen was in fifth grade. The women from the sorority event put Maggie in touch with Karen, who now lives in Iowa City. Maggie said she was eager hear how the house had changed.

“It started with, ‘Is that tree still in the backyard?’ or ‘Can you take a picture of this or that?’, ‘Can you tell me what that looks like now?’ Things like that. I quickly took a lot of pictures and sent them to her, and she would respond.”

The two have been pen pals ever since. If Karen stumbles upon an old photo from when she lived in the home, she’ll scan it and send it to Maggie.

“She just informed me that we’re having our one year friendship anniversary,” Maggie said.

Apparently the street on which Maggie now lives was once called

“Coach’s Row”, because so many of the university coaches lived along it. Karen told Maggie she remembers her dad hosting university events, or having the rest of the staff over to watch tape in the basement.

“It’s kind of a glimpse into a different time,” Maggie said of Karen’s stories.

Karen’s experiences of growing up in their neighborhood are what Maggie enjoys hearing about most. She talks about walking to the Country Club to swim in the summers, meeting up with friends, or playing cards by the fireplace. In many ways, they’ve realized, their childhoods are very similar, although they happened in such different times.

Maggie said learning to stories of her home have completely changed the way she views it. It’s made her respect its rich history, and appreciate just how deeply rooted the neighborhood is in the community.

“The history of the neighborhood just seems to be written by this house, like any other house. So I definitely feel like I’m a part of this really great story.”

She wants to encourage her neighbors to do some research and see what they can find on their homes. They may unearth something truly special, she said.

“I think a lot of people could probably do some digging and have a similar experience. So maybe it’ll inspire some people to go down to the county and see who’s owned their house and what stories they could learn.”



Gerald Koch

Feature Family

GERALD & JUDY KOCH

LINCOLN HAS BEEN THE SETTING for Judy and Gerald Koch's story since 1964. Back then the city looked a lot different, and so did their family. Now, they're enjoying life by spending time with loved ones and discovering new hobbies.

Both Judy and Gerald grew up on farms in rural Nebraska and came to the city in search of jobs. Even then, Lincoln offered a few more opportunities than some of the smaller towns that surround it. A mutual friend introduced them on the eve of a big snowstorm.

"She worked with one of my roommates down at Miller and Paine at the time. We were going to have a big snowstorm and he says, 'Sounds like time for a party. Hey, I know a couple of girls I work with who live two blocks over.' So we had a party at the house. And, there it is," he laughed.

Gerald took a job at local body shop and Judy worked for Goodyear. Later, they went on to own their own business, called K & K Paint Supply. It sold various supplies like house paint and materials for body shops. They ran the business for 33 years before retiring. But of course, they haven't slowed down a bit.

"I knew there was something I wanted to do after I retired," he said.

Gerald has always enjoyed working

with his hands, so he knew he wanted to do something along those lines.

"When we were kids we used to make all our own toys. And when I worked in the body shop, I worked with my hands all the time, you know fixing cars."

"I knew there was something I wanted to do after I retired."

He discovered he had a knack for woodcarving. He's created all kinds of things, like canes, walking sticks, animals, feathers, mountain men and cowboy figurines, and so much more. He joined Lincoln's Wood-Carving Club, which meets every Wednesday night at Mickel Junior High. The group comes together to work on various projects. Recently, they brought in a wellknown carver from Missouri to teach them how to do a new project.

"It's relaxing. It's creating something, you know, with your hands. There's never any two alike," he said.

Aside from his hobby, Gerald said both he and Judy love spending time with their two daughters and two grandchildren. They're enjoying life and their family in the same home they've lived in since 1969.



Neighborhood News

MANAGING YARD WASTE

From April 1 to December 1 of every year, grass and leaves (including crabgrass and pine needles) cannot be mixed with other waste or placed in plastic bags for general waste collection. Tree trimmings, garden waste and weeds may go with regular household garbage. Refuse haulers often request that tree branches be cut to certain lengths and bundled. Call your hauler for details.

HAUL GRASS/LEAVES YOURSELF

You may take your grass/leaves to the 48th Street Transfer Station, 5101 N. 48th St. Yard waste must be free of garbage, litter, and tree trimmings over 1" in diameter. Yard waste must be removed from plastic bags at the transfer station.

CONTACT YOUR TRASH HAULER

Local trash haulers offer yard waste removal services. This is in addition to your regular trash service and generally is offered in early Spring through Dec. 1.

It is important that yard waste does not get mixed in with regular trash. If someone mows or tends to your yard for you, please inform them of where to place yard waste.

Yard waste may be placed in carts provided by waste haulers, large paper bags provided by many retailers, or 32-gallon trash cans with lids. Plastic bags are not allowed for disposal of yard waste. Note that tree trimmings over 1" in diameter are collected with regular trash.

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Include yard waste management in your lawn care service package.

WOOD WASTE

Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S Folsom Court, will accept branches and wood waste during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. No treated or painted lumber is accepted. Residents can also obtain landscape mulch through Hofeling Enterprises for a nominal fee. Please call 402-438-8733 with questions.

Branches can be taken to the North 48th Street Transfer Station to be chipped. Gate fees apply.

TRY MULCHING OR COMPOSTING

An easy option is to leave grass clippings on the lawn or to place clippings around plantings as mulch. Proper mulching benefits lawns and other plants.

Grass and leaves also are used for composting. Backyard composting workshops are offered each Spring and Fall by the Lincoln Recycling Office in cooperation with UNL Extension in Lancaster County.

Lincoln also has three backyard composting demonstration areas located at:

- Pioneers Park Nature Center;
- Antelope Park, north of Garfield and Jefferson Streets and west of the bike path;
- University Place Park, 50th and Colby Streets, near the maintenance area.

Source: City of Lincoln

HOW TO AVOID VANDALISM

While we live in a very safe neighborhood, we are not immune to vandalism. The warmer weather seems to bring out undesirable behavior. The Lincoln Police Department has several tips to keep you and your property safe:

- Always lock your car and house doors.
- Never leave anything of value in plain sight and unattended.
- Avoid parking on the street. Not only is this safer for other cars and pedestrians, but people are less likely to break into or vandalize your vehicle if it is in the garage or parked in the driveway.
- Light is a deterrent. Leave on a porch or garage light. Don't have enough streetlights? Organize your neighbors to get ornamental lighting just like the Woodsdale area west of 27th. Email or call CCNA on the "How To's" of looking into an ornamental lighting district.
- Call 911 if you hear something strange going on or see suspicious activity. Do not hesitate. It is better to err on the side of caution.
- Let your neighbor know if you are going to be out of town or on vacation – not the whole world. Make arrangements to stop the paper and the mail, put lights on a timer and make sure the house does not say, "We're gone."



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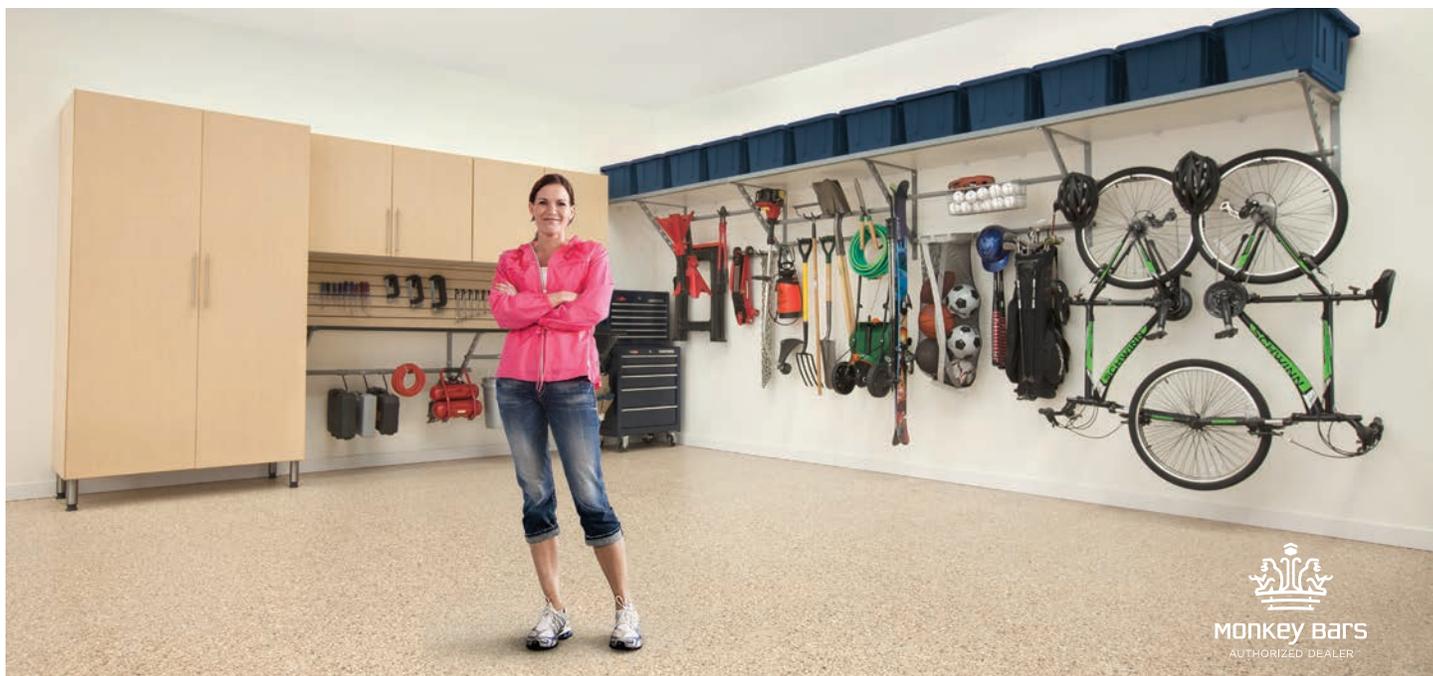
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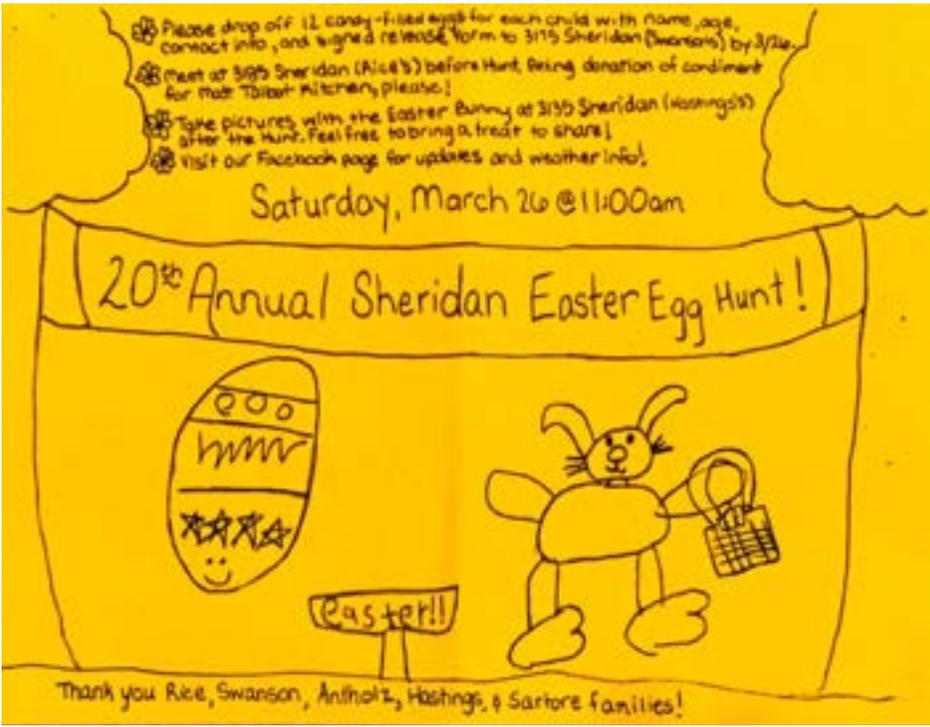


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If you're looking for the ideal family outing, Lincoln has several different Farmers Markets to attend. The locations include; Old Cheney, Fallbrook and the Lincoln Haymarket. What's better than grocery shopping outside on a beautiful day in Lincoln? Not only do you get to enjoy the weather, but you can also taste real flavors, support family farmers, learn cooking tips and connect with the community.

Fallbrook

Opening: May 19

Thursday's from 4:30 - 8pm

Haymarket

Opening: May 7

Saturday's from 8am - 12pm

Old Cheney

Opening: April 24

Sunday's from 10am - 2pm

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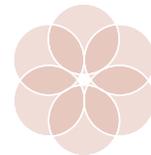


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Prior to becoming a Woods Bros agent, Roger owned Reynolds Design and Remodeling for 28 years and has remodeled hundreds of Lincoln's finest homes. The same qualities that helped him earn the 2008 Better Business Bureau's Integrity Award for Small Business carry over to the real estate world as well...honesty, attention to detail, and knowing how to coordinate all the pieces that make a project a success. Roger is also a two-time past president of the Home Builders Association of Lincoln and past chairman of the Remodelers Council. His knowledge of new construction coupled with the ability to see an existing home's potential sets him apart from many other real estate agents.

Tyler is a lifelong Lincolnite with the exception of a year he spent in Los Angeles assisting in the day-to-



day management of the band the Eagles. Keeping rock stars happy requires many talents; not the least of which are strong organizational skills. Tyler also brings a background in sales, property management and is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

His strong work ethic, dedication to his craft and diverse professional background all lend to making Tyler a very committed and knowledgeable partner with his clients.

Woods Bros Realty has a long history as a leader in growth and development of Lincoln and has been serving Southeast Nebraska since 1889. Tyler and Roger also share a love for Lincoln and enjoy having the opportunity to give back to such a great community through volunteering with Habitat

for Humanity, Santa Cops, Lincoln Children's Museum and Meals on Wheels to name a few.

In 2005 Roger was recognized by Neighborworks with a Leadership award for his total home renovation of a rundown property in the Woods Park neighborhood. Tyler is an active member of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals Group and the Home Builders Association of Lincoln's Young Building Professionals.

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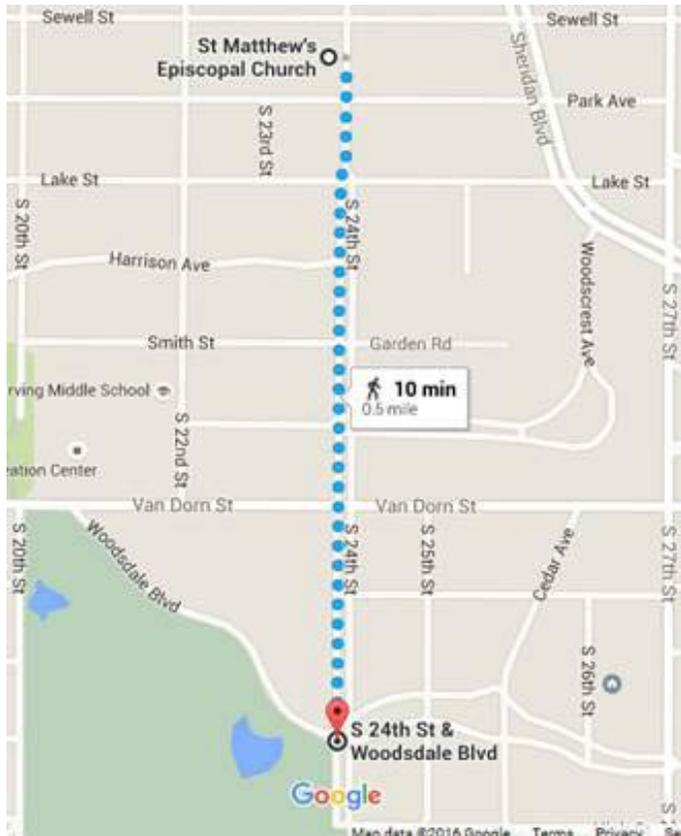


Neighborhood News

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK

Ed Zimmer is confirmed to lead a neighborhood walk for us on Sunday, May 15th at 2pm!

The walk will start at 24th and Woodsdale and will end at St. Matthew's church at 24th and Park.



CCNA MEETING DATES

The Country Club Neighborhood Association meets the third Tuesday in February, March, April, July, September, October and November.

Our next meetings will be held at the Irving Rec Center on the following dates:

- April 19, 2016
- July 19, 2016
- September 20, 2016

10 Ways to Spruce Up your Curb's Appeal for Spring and Summer

By Krista Rickman

It's Spring and we are all excited to get outside and brighten up our homes exterior. Here's our top 10 Ideas:

1. Start off by cleaning up remaining leaves and yard debris. Mulch around all of your bushes, trees and flowers. Mulch keeps moisture in, control weeds, protects plants, and looks great.
2. Apply a pre-emergent with fertilizer to your lawn to prevent crabgrass, weeds, and give your grass a boost.
3. Add a seasonal garden flag to your flower bed and a new doormat by the front door.
4. Solar lights are awesome, They come in many styles, are relatively inexpensive and add charm to your landscape.
5. Maintain your lawnmower. Change the spark plug, add fresh gas, and keep the blade sharp.
6. Invest in a quality leaf blower and garden hoses. Using a blower is the easiest way to get leaves out from under bushes and keep things looking neat. Poor quality garden hoses kink and can be frustrating.
7. Replace all your outside lights with LED's. They use way less energy and don't attract insects.
8. Class-up your mailbox, especially if it is out at the street. A well-maintained mailbox can give your house a great first impression.
9. Plant flower bulbs, annuals, and perennials in pots and flower beds.
10. Shop your neighborhood hardware store, Bishop Heights True Value, S. 27th and Hwy 2, we have a knowledgeable staff, care about the neighborhood and want your home to look great!

What's Happening

April

Harlem Globetrotters 2016 World Tour Saturday, April 9

The Harlem Globetrotters are preparing for their most epic tour in history, as the world famous team celebrates its 90th anniversary world tour, with over 320 games in North America alone. A star-studded roster will have fans on the edge of their seats to witness the ball handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that thrills fans of all ages.

Where: Pinnacle Bank Arena

When: 6:00 PM

Cost: Ranging from \$24.50-83.50

Marc Maron Saturday, April 9

For over twenty years, Marc Maron has been writing and performing raw, honest and thought-provoking comedy for print, stage, radio, online and television. A legend in the stand-up community, Maron has appeared on HBO, Letterman, Leno, Craig Ferguson, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel Live, Real Time with Bill Maher, John Oliver's New York Stand-Up, The Green Room and two Comedy Central Presents specials. He has appeared on Conan O'Brien more than any other comedian.

Where: Rococo Theatre

When: 6:30 PM Doors Open, 7:30 PM Show Starts

Cost: \$29.00

Words 4 Birds! Sunday, April 17

Celebrate nature and National Poetry Month with us and several amazing local poets! Start off the day at 11am with a poetry writing workshops - one just for kids and another for adults. This is followed by a "bring-your-own" picnic on the prairie and finally, after lunch, poets both professional and workshop attendees, will read their pieces inspired by the prairie, birds, and conservation.

Where: 11700 SW 100th St, Denton, NE (Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center)

When: 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Cost: FREE

Moscow Festival Ballet: Romeo and Juliet

Tuesday, April 19

Founded by legendary Bolshoi Ballet principal dancer Sergei Radchenko, the Moscow Festival Ballet returns to the Lied Center presenting the passionate story of Romeo and Juliet alongside a fiery one-act setting of Carmen Suite.

Where: Lied Center for Performing Arts

When: 7:30 PM

Cost: Ranging from \$14.50-39.00

A Century of Sculpture at Sheldon Art Museum Open thru Sunday, April 24

Demonstrating one of the museum's collecting strengths, A Century of Sculpture at Sheldon surveys three-dimensional work, acquired through gift, bequest, and purchase, that serve as the prologue for what is yet to come.

Where: Sheldon Museum of Art

When: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Tues

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wed - Sat

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sun, Closed Mon

Cost: FREE

May

Man of La Mancha Sunday, May 1

UNL Director of Opera William Shomos stars as Don Quixote in this adventure-filled journey that comes alive in a breathtaking new production of one of musical theatre's timeless tales. Centering on the noble journey of a knight who sets out to right all wrongs and win the heart of the woman he loves, this production is filled with soaring music, romance, fantasy and heartfelt gallantry that lets you dream the impossible dream!

Where: The TADA Theatre (701 P Street)

When: 2:00 PM

Cost: TBA

Red Green's "I'm Not Old, I'm Ripe" Tour Tuesday, May 3

After 20 successful years on television from the infamous "Possum Lodge" as the handyman who believes that "anything is possible if you use enough duct tape," Red Green is back with a whole new show focusing on "Red's life" (with a few side trips). The new show follows on the heels of 77 live performances across North America in his "How To Do Everything... from The Man Who Should Know" Tour.

Where: The Lied Center for Performing Arts (12th & R St)

When: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$49.50

Cinderella

Thursday, May 5 - Saturday, May 7

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Follow young Cinderella as she searches to find her prince.

Where: Haymarket Theatre

When: TBA

Cost: TBA

Critter Corner at Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center Saturday, May 7

What is it like to sleep underground? How do I keep myself warm in the winter? Why do I only eat plants? Get an introduction to the Nebraska's wildlife by jumping into their feet (or hooves). In the Critter Corner you can observe how animals move, feel, and eat. Make crafts, read stories and role-play so that you can better understand animal life. First Saturday of the month from 2-4 PM we will focus on a different animal. Join us for Critter Corner and learn about Fantastic Fish.

Where: 4703 N 44th St

When: 2:00-4:00 PM

Cost: \$3 for the activity or \$6 including an hour or archery range time for youth.

Guardians of Freedom Airshow Saturday, May 7 - Sunday, May 8

Come out on May 7-8, 2016 to see some of the best nationally recognized air show performers in America. Civilian aerobatic acts as well as military and vintage demonstrations and parachute team are among the event's highlights, which will be held at Lincoln Airpark.

Where: Lincoln Airpark (NW 31st and West Mathis)

When: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Cost: FREE

Capital City Stampede PRCA Rodeo Friday, May 13 - Saturday, May 14

Capital City Stampede PRCA Rodeo will return to Pinnacle Bank Arena for two performances on Friday and Saturday. The professional rodeo will feature some of the nation's top rodeo athletes, the toughest rodeo stock on the circuit, and seven championship events each night including bareback riding, saddle bronc, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, WPRA barrel racing and bull riding.

Where: Pinnacle Bank Arena

When: 7:30 PM (Both Nights)

Cost: \$48, \$38, \$24, & \$14 Advanced Tickets, \$19, \$12, & \$7 Advanced Kids 2-12, \$52, \$42, \$28, & \$18 Day-of-Show Tickets, \$21, \$14, & \$9 Day-of-Show Kids 2-12 (Subject to applicable fees)



Big Red Challenge Saturday, May 21

Big Red Challenge is a 5K and 10K obstacle course race series presented by Men's Health™ designed by Marines to push you to your limits and give you a feel for what challenges members of the military encounter on a day-to-day basis.

Where: The Railyard

When: 9 AM

Register: bigredchallenge.com

JUNE

Lincoln Community Foundation Garden Performance Series Wednesdays in June

This 31-year tradition, is preparing for the 2015 series of free summer concerts and seeking a variety of high-quality, family-friendly performances for the public.

Where: Lincoln Community Foundation Garden (1415 N Street)

When: 12:00-1:00 PM

Cost: Free

Elin Noble: Vox Stellarum Entire month of June

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Where: The Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery (35th and Holdredge)

When: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Cost: Free

LiveWell Challenge 37th Annual Havelock Charity Run Saturday, June 4

Pinnacle Bank and the Lincoln Track Club invite you to run in the 37th Annual Havelock Charity Run. Runners may enter either the 10k or 3k races, both of which start in front of Pinnacle Bank at 6145 Havelock Avenue. Both races finish in Havelock Park, where there will be fruit, bagels, and drinks for all to enjoy. All early entrants will receive a T-shirt and a prize.

Where: 6145 Havelock Avenue

When: 7:30 AM

Cost: \$20 - 10k or 3k Race, \$10 for competitors ages 13-19

Piedmont Uncorked Food & Wine Festival Saturday, June 4

Piedmont Uncorked is a wine and food festival located right here in Lincoln, with an emphasis on Nebraska Wines. Spotting dozens of vintages from all over the state, this is one event you won't want to miss.

Where: The Shoppes at Piedmont (1265 S Cotner Blvd)

When: 5:00-11:00 PM

Cost: Free Admission, Wine - \$5 per glass, \$1 per sample

Waterfest 2016 Saturday, June 4

The City of Lincoln will hold the 6th Biennial Waterfest at Holmes Lake Park. For three hours, guests will learn about our most valuable resource - water. Exhibitors and volunteers will help guests to learn about what they can do to reduce pollutants in local streams and lakes.

Where: Holmes Lake

When: 5:00-8:00 PM

Cost: Free

Strider Cup at the Railyard Saturday, June 11

The Strider Cup® race series gives small children a chance to put their STRIDER® Balance Bike skills to the test at several stops across the US and worldwide. The unique Strider Cup race series caters directly to children 2-5 years old who want to experience the thrill of racing. Children of all sizes and skill levels are welcome to participate. In addition to the toddler classes, there are race classes for riders (of all ages) with special needs.

Where: Railyard on Canopy Street

When: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Cost: Free admission for families and spectators

Investigate Second Saturday: Sights & Sounds of Spring Saturday, June 24

Join us in the science lab at Morrill Hall! Winter is over and spring has sprung, so we are seeing and hearing interesting and unusual animals everywhere! Did you know that some frogs sound like crickets and some sound like sheep? Some birds even sound like cats! Come see live frogs and test your ear at identifying frog calls and bird songs—the sights and sounds of spring!

Where: Morrill Hall

When: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: Free with museum admission

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