



Trash Got Your Goat?

5th Annual WNA Cleanup MAY 3rd

Collection will be from 8 a.m. to Noon

On Saturday, May 3, 2008, from 8 a.m. until Noon, the Witherbee Neighborhood Association's 5th annual neighborhood-wide area cleanup will take place, rain or shine.

WNA will kickoff the cleanup event at 48th & "M" with coffee, refreshments and pastries provided by our corporate sponsor, Braeda® Fresh Express Café, located at 4901 "O" Street.

For the first time, this year's cleanup will offer curbside pickup of acceptable waste items. Jay Carter Refuse and Niederhaus Brothers Refuse Inc. will be donating their services to make this possible. Each will canvass assigned areas of the neighborhood, block-by-block, and pick up acceptable waste items at the curb free (NO household trash/garbage, yard waste or business waste will be picked up).

In addition to curbside pickup, large roll-off waste containers will be located on the north side of Hawthorne Elementary School on "M" Street, between 48th and 50th. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to bring their larger waste items to this location where volunteers will unload them. Recyclable items such as metal appliances,

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Expert on Helping Tenants Become First-time Home Owners to Address WNA

Home ownership is a longstanding dream of many Lincolniters, and home ownership is essential to sustaining livable and safe neighborhoods. With the recent drop in home prices, and the lowering of interest rates, tenants have a new opportunity to become first-time home buyers. Currently, there are very affordable homes for sale in Lincoln's core neighborhoods, and Witherbee neighborhood is no exception.

The Witherbee Neighborhood is very fortunate to have many fine tenants, and now is a time they can benefit from becoming a home owner.

With tenants occupying approximately 500 units in the neighborhood, the Witherbee Neighborhood Association has arranged for Michael Snodgrass, Executive Director of NeighborWorks® Lincoln, to speak at the May 1st WNA meeting. He will explain the many resources available to assist first-time homebuyers. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Tabitha LifeQuest Media Room, which is located at 48th and J St. Free refreshments will be served by Merry



Michael Snodgrass

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Late Breaking News:

**Michael Snodgrass will
make an important
announcement concerning
the Witherbee Neighborhood
at the May 1st meeting.**

About the Witherbee Neighborhood Association

Boundaries:

33rd to 56th &
'O' to Randolph Streets

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7:00 p.m. first Thursday of each
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President's Message

Last issue I wrote about the beginning of our membership drive to increase our membership by 500%. My goal was met with some skepticism as would be expected. The campaign has almost reached that goal with an enthusiastic response to our mailing campaign. We have increased over 400% as of the end of March and we have not even started the second phase. We decided to go for our goal cautiously and expand our program as we succeeded. (As one of my ex-bosses called it "ooching along".) Our success in growth as a neighborhood association has gained positive attention around town. WNA is being listened to when we speak or take a position. The board and I would like to express thanks to all who have responded. Invite a neighbor to join and use our momentum to continue the growth and excitement. The goal is in sight!



Curtis Wood

Spring is finally upon us and I must say we have had more winter than we needed this year. All kinds of activities are bursting out with the warmer weather. Be sure and check out our calendar of events for all the fun things coming this spring and summer. We have added a second party this summer at Woods Park. All the activities will be hosted by the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA) free of charge.

Neighborhood Cleanup has been expanded this year to two events. WNA will cooperate with the UNL Big Event on April 12th. The main cleanup day (May 3rd) will be expanded to provide curbside pickup this year. Lots of new volunteers have brought out new ideas and services for these events. The city put on a seminar to help provide important information and the sharing of ideas and WNA made excellent use of that event. Recycling will once again be a focus of all the cleanup day activities. See more complete article elsewhere in newsletter.

WNA board members have been active in other events around Lincoln. The recent articles in the newspaper about Core Neighborhoods has prompted many of our members to participate with other neighborhood organizations, private businesses, and city government. The mayor and WNA member, Chris Buetler, has declared "No slums on my watch!" and started an initiative to help neighborhoods stop the decline that core areas tend to have happen as the city grows outward. Please join WNA in support of this initiative as it is much easier to do small things now rather than wait until a crisis is upon us.

Our advisory board was nominated and confirmed at our March meeting and has already met with WNA board to discuss how they can help WNA. The advisory board members were very complimentary of the WNA board participation and efforts to reach out to other neighborhoods. We have high hopes for the expertise our advisory board will bring to our efforts to improve our neighborhood and our effectiveness as leaders of our wonderful part of Lincoln. As the board likes to call it, "In the heart of Midtown Lincoln".

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Free Picnic

Is there such a thing as a free neighborhood picnic? YES, and the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA) is inviting everyone in the neighborhood to attend what will be a great summer time fun event, scheduled from 6 PM to 8:30 PM on Friday, July 11th at Woods Park.

Thanks to Glenn's True Value, Valentino's Pizza and Executive Travel. They have teamed up to offer a free picnic this summer to neighborhood associations. The picnic is totally free and includes fun for families, friends and neighbors. There will be free pizza, courtesy of Valentino's, and free hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's plus free Pepsi products. And what would a picnic be without cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn?

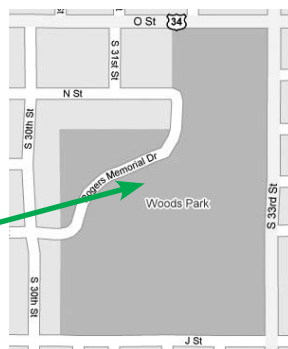
In addition to free food, there will be lots of fun for everyone, including a bounce house for kids and games for all ages, courtesy of Glenn's True Value/Just Ask Rental. They will also provide all the tables and chairs as well as place settings for the picnic event.

To add even more to the fun, Executive Travel is donating a free hotel vacation stay in Florida to one lucky winner from a drawing to be held at the picnic.

This event is totally free thanks to Glenn's True Value, Valentino's Pizza and Executive Travel and it is their way of thanking people for patronizing their businesses. At the picnic, each sponsoring company will have a small table with special offers for your neighborhood members.

Make sure to mark your calendar and schedule it now so you can enjoy the fun with family and friends. WNA will have exclusive use of Woods Park for the event, including the picnic shelter, playground and shaded area along Rogers Memorial Drive. The scheduled time of the picnic will be from 6 PM until 8:30 PM on Friday, July 11, 2008. If there is inclement or threatening weather, the sponsors will try to reschedule the picnic for a later date.

**Woods Park
Picnic Shelter &
Playground**



Hawthorne Celebration

On Tuesday, May 22nd, 2008, Hawthorne Elementary will host a community wide celebration of its 80 years of educational excellence. This event will run from 5:30-7:30pm with a short program at 6:00pm.

People will be able to take tours of the building, with current Hawthorne students stationed at special spots in the building to provide interesting facts and stories. In the art room, children will be able to make a Hawthorne bracelet memento to take with them. Joanna Kerns, whose mother was a custodian at Hawthorne, will be sharing a story she has written about her mother's interactions with Hawthorne students. Refreshments will be served and the media center will be devoted to Hawthorne memorabilia, including old pictures, scrapbooks, a slide show of Hawthorne's history and other Hawthorne artifacts. Hawthorne artwork, both past and present, will be on display throughout the building.

The short program at 6:00 p.m. will feature songs by Hawthorne students, comments by Superintendent Gourley and Principal Schwaniger, recognition of previous Hawthorne principals and students and celebration of Hawthorne's illustrious history.

Hawthorne is slated to close its doors as an elementary school at the end of this school year (May 30, 2008) making this the last chance for the community to come out and show it's support for this treasure of a school.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Michelle Strand (Hawthorne PTO president) at shelhusk@hotmail.com or 770-2840.

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Witherbee Garage Sales--June 7th



Whether you're an organizer of your possessions or a person who just lets them pile up, you'll enjoy a summer day by turning clutter into cash.

Residents of **Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA)** are invited to participate in our 2008 garage sales on Thursday, June 5th through Saturday, June 7th. Ads will be placed in the Journal Star, The American Classified, and on our WNA website.

Each participant may also place your own individual ad in the Journal Star, however this would be at your own expense. **If you do this, begin the ad with the word "Witherbee" and all the ads will be grouped together in the Garage Sale area of the Journal Star Classifieds on June 1.**

NEW THIS YEAR! An attractive, full color, **WNA GARAGE SALE yard sign** will be delivered to each sale as well as maps which indicate all the sales in the WNA area. You may also print out a map of all sales in the WNA area from the WNA website. Businesses in the WNA area will be receiving the lists/maps for distribution, also.

Eastridge and 40th & A Street Neighborhood Associations are holding their garage sales the same weekend. They will also receive the lists/maps to Witherbee sales. We are working with them to share the news that there will be a large area of midtown Lincoln where sales are GREAT!

The event brings people from all over Lincoln into our

neighborhood to see our quality of life and get the chance to purchase your on-sale items.

Please contact Mary Schwab, 3510 Woods Avenue, 440-4131, to register your Witherbee Neighborhood garage sale for June 5-7. Price to participate is \$4.00 per home. The deadline for applying is Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

I will need your name, address, time of sale and 25 words of what you are selling. *Please use the convenient coupon at bottom of this page.*

Tips for your sale:

- Collect what you want to sell over a few weeks; clean them, and put them in boxes or neat piles in one area of your home. Put similar items in the same box so you can decide on the proper price for all of them, not making a mistake by pricing one ring at ten dollars and a similar one at fifty cents. You also need to collect plastic and paper bags so your customers can easily carry away everything they want to buy.
- Pricing can be done when you collect the items to sell, or a day or so before the sale. You might want to research the prices by going to other garage sales or to www.ebay.com. You can put prices on individual items or make small signs for items in boxes. People like to know what things cost and will be less likely to walk away once they see the tag if you are too busy to tell them the price. You can price bigger items at slightly higher prices because people like to bargain.
- Before the sale, get several rolls of quarters, dimes and nickels, and at least 20 one-dollar bills. Get a covered box for your cash, with dividers for the different denominations, especially for a very large sale. Write down your initial amount and store it in the box so you can determine your profit when the

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Witherbee Garage Sale Sign Up

Please clip and send along with \$4.00 to Mary Schwab, 3510 Woods Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68510 prior to May 28.

Name _____

Address _____ Time of sale _____

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NIFA representative to speak at June Meeting

Our speaker for the meeting in June is no stranger to Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA). Cindy Trautman along with her husband Gregg met with WNA a couple of years ago to seek input for their planned development of their property on 37th and O Street. Those efforts paid off in a successful addition to the neighborhood instead of a confrontational situation. Cindy is not coming to speak about this however; she is coming to introduce Nebraska Investment Financial Authority (NIFA) to help support our emphasis on home ownership in the neighborhood in our programming. Our own Steve Schwab stated that his first home was through a program similar to NIFA.

NIFA provides Nebraskans a broad range of financial resources for home ownership, rental housing, agriculture, manufacturing, medical, and community development endeavors. NIFA also provides technical assistance for activities related to those areas, while preserving and growing the asset base used to provide these resources. NIFA's Single Family Homeownership Program offers eligible buyers 30-year mortgages with below market rates and assistance with the process of obtaining a mortgage loan. The Bar-None Housing Program may also be of interest to first-time homebuyers, and may be coupled with NIFA's Single Family program.

Cindy Trautman joined Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) in May, 2003 as the Assistant Single Family Program Manager. She is responsible for managing the loan pipeline performance, the loan funding process, lender training, is the real estate agent liaison, teaches the realtor continuing education class and supervises the Single Family staff.

Cindy has been in the housing field for 21 years with a strong finance and housing background. She began as a real estate agent and then chose to diversify her experience by becoming a mortgage loan officer, and has always been a strong advocate for the first time homebuyer.

Cindy has been an active member of the Nebraska Realtor's Association and the Realtors Association of Lincoln since 1987 and is currently a member of the Affordable Housing Committee. She was a mayoral appointee and developing member of the Workforce Investment Board for Lincoln and Lancaster County and a member of the Executive Committee of the Workforce Development Board and an Ambassador with the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

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Everyone is welcome to attend, just bring whatever to share with the crowd. Please join us on these dates:

May 18th, June 22nd, July 20th, August 17th,

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UNL Big Event Teams With WNA

The 3rd annual UNL Big Event was held on Saturday, April 12, 2008, and it involved many different community projects, including a litter pickup project in the Witherbee neighborhood.

At 9 AM on the day of the Big Event, six volunteers from the Witherbee neighborhood met with thirteen UNL student volunteers at the southeast corner of S. 48th & 'M' Street. Ten areas were designated within the neighborhood, from S 33rd to S. 56th and 'O' to Randolph Streets and volunteers were each assigned an area to help with the initial spring litter pickup and collection.

Collecting litter along the curb of neighborhood streets, sidewalks and removing illegal signs from utility poles was done as part of a mini-grant received from the Keep Lincoln Lancaster County Beautiful program.

This neighborhood improvement project was completed within three hours and over 500 hundred pounds of litter was collected. WNA is thankful to all those who volunteered and to the six fifth grade 4-H students who took pictures of the cleanup.

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Four kids, a job, a full time student, and a new homeowner

Claire Ellis is a remarkable young woman. On February 23rd, 2007 at age 22, she became a homeowner. Only eleven years earlier her future may not have seemed quite so bright. When Claire was 11 years old she became a ward of the state and entered the foster care system. She says that “not all foster parents are in it for the right reasons; some are interested only in the state check. So I ended up running away a lot.” Luckily Claire found a good family to run to. She often babysat their kids and ended up practically living there. By the time she was 16 she had permission from the state to stay there with her “new” family legally. Then in 2004 at the age of 19 her “new” parents were incarcerated and Claire worried her “new siblings” would also end up in the foster system. So she became their legal guardian; now Claire was responsible for her own daughter and four other kids.

A couple of years later while Claire was working for a general contractor one of the employees gave her a book about investing and building equity. Claire says “I started thinking about purchasing a house and planning for my family’s future. I started looking at cheap houses, then I started looking at NIFA and found information on NeighborWorks Lincoln on their website. I decided it wouldn’t hurt to call and find out if I was financially ready to buy a house.”

At the time she started looking at purchasing a house they lived in a duplex on south west A street. It was owned by Lincoln Action Program and they were receiving housing assistance. “I wanted to move and find a better environment for the kids. It wasn’t a bad place we were living in, but people were constantly moving in and out, police were called on a regular basis...sort of caught in a cycle of poverty.” Claire says that she initially liked the NIFA homebuyer program because they had really low interest rates, but she didn’t have the required money for the down payment. With NeighborWorks she only needed to save \$1,000.

After applying to the program to see if she was financially able to buy, Claire took the 12 hours of required homebuyer education. “Before I started the education



Claire Ellis and children relax in own home

classes I did some research of my own, because I wanted to be prepared. But I learned a lot about budgeting, loans, mortgage payments, home repairs covered by the program, termites...lots of stuff.” After the class and meeting with the loan coordinator Claire was ready to find her home.

Claire says she looked at about 15 houses in the fall of 2006. “Then I found this house and it was meant for me.” The three bedroom, two bathroom, one stall garage, split level near 18th and Fairfield was just what Claire and her family needed.

Now as a homeowner Claire has security for herself and her family. But most importantly “the house is mine” she says “I can do whatever I want. If I wanted a purple house I could paint it purple. I’m not going to, in fact next summer I want to paint it white with black trim, and stain the deck red.”

Claire will graduate with an associate’s degree from Southeast Community college in the spring and plans on finishing her bachelors in Accounting from Peru State College. She has big plans for her future, working as an auditor for the IRS, and for her family “all of the kids are going to college, and when the boys are old enough they will buy their own home, working with NeighborWorks Lincoln so they can secure their futures as well.”

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Mayor Kicks Off “Stronger Safer Neighborhoods”


“There will be no slums on my watch,” Mayor Chris Beutler said as he announced a new effort to improve neighborhoods. The “Stronger Safer Neighborhoods” initiative is a partnership among city government, non-profits and eventually the development community to focus on revitalizing problem areas. Beutler said the initiative will build on Lincoln’s tradition of strong neighborhoods.

“Neighborhoods are the heart and soul of our community,” said Beutler. “We have great neighborhood associations who organize and help their members look out for one another. The Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meets to discuss common policy issues and make sure the neighborhood needs are being met by my administration. The people of our neighborhoods are energized, motivated and ready to make a difference. Now, it’s time for City government and our new partnership to join them.”

The initiative will initially target core neighborhoods facing the challenges of aging housing, falling home ownership rates, increased crime and drug abuse.

The Stronger Safer Neighborhoods initiative will focus on three priorities:

- Bricks and mortar – restoring housing and reviving commercial vitality.
- Good neighbors – re-building neighborhood organizations and getting residents to take charge.
- Clean and safe streets - focusing law enforcement and code enforcement to reduce crime and blight and establishing standards to measure progress.



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A new Mayoral Aide, Jon Carlson, will work in the Police Department to develop goals, devise strategy and oversee the effort. Carlson is a property owner, former Near South neighborhood leader and former member of the City-County Planning Commission.

Landlords Are Supportive

“Efforts like this protect investments in the core of the City and encourage more private sector involvement, which is critical in revitalizing neighborhoods,” said Lynn Fischer, President of the Real Estate Owners and Managers Association (REOMA). “The Stronger Safer Neighborhoods Initiative makes good business sense and is important to the entire community.”

In addition to REOMA, the city’s partners in the effort include NeighborWorks Lincoln, the Human Services Federation, the Lincoln Community Learning Centers (CLCs) and neighborhoods associations such as Witherbee.

Witherbee will be inviting leaders from these groups to participate in its monthly meeting and boost home ownership activities.

Michael Snodgrass, of NeighborWorks, thanked the Mayor for his leadership and announced related actions the organization is taking. NeighborWorks has applied for state funding to convert older houses from apartments back to their original uses as single-family homes. It is partnering with the national Rebuilding Together organization to help with minor repairs on owner-occupied homes.

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New Office Building in Witherbee at 127 S 37th Street

The new one-story, 5,270 square foot, Trautman Office Building located at 127 S. 37th Street has recently been finished and opened this winter.

Developer and owner, Gregg Trautman, invested \$430,000 to build the appropriately well-designed brick exterior office building that replaced two deteriorating rental properties.

Space has been leased on the north half of the building to Farm Bureau Financial Services, while the south half is still needing to be leased.

Arboretum offers spring Landscape workshops

Landscape 101. For homeowners overwhelmed by yard work or wanting to do something different with their yards, with a focus on sustainable design and management. May 8 and 15 from 6:30-8:30pm.

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Classes will be held in Lincoln, with specific location announced closer to workshop. Fees range from \$25-40. Pre-registration is required at least one week before the workshop.

Workshops will be presented by Nebraska Statewide Arboretum staff. For more information contact Christina Hoyt at 402/472-5049 or visit arboretum.unl.edu.



Calvary, Lincoln's oldest Catholic Cemetery, located south of 40th and O Street, has been landscaped and has new roadways, a plan that has been worked on for quite a while. A beautiful perimeter fence around the cemetery has been created with brick pillars and a redesign for the fencing. There are new gateways at 40th and L Street, and the gateway on O Street has been closed. The work was started in 2007 right after Memorial Day.

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WNA Calendar

All WNA membership meetings are held the first Thursday of each month 7:00 P.M. at Tabitha's LifeQuest Center.

(Please note that membership is Not required to attend WNA meetings.)

Thursday, May 1, WNA Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. (first Thursday) at Tabitha LifeQuest Center with Michael Snodgrass, NeighborWorks Executive Director to be the featured speaker. Merry Maids will provide free refreshments.

Saturday, May 3, Neighborhood Cleanup, 8 a.m. to noon. (rain or shine). 48th and "M".

Thursday, May 22, Hawthorne Elementary Celebration. 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 5, WNA Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Tabitha LifeQuest Center. Cindy Trautman will talk about NIFA.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 5-7, Witherbee Neighborhood Garage Sales.

Thursday, July 3, WNA Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Tabitha LifeQuest Center. No program has been scheduled for this holiday week, but meeting will be held.

Friday, July 11, Free Neighborhood Picnic at Woods Park, 6-8:30 p.m. .

Thursday, August 7, WNA Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Tabitha LifeQuest Center.


Sunday, August 10, WNA Annual Swim Party and Free Ice Cream Party at Woods Parks 6-8 p.m.

WNA wishes to thank Tabitha for being a great neighbor and providing meeting space for us each month.

Garage Sale Tips *Continued from Page 4*

sale ends. When the box hits a certain number, maybe \$50, take some of the cash into the house.

- Display your items well by arranging the best items for sale on tables. Lesser goods can be put on rugs or blankets spread out on your lawn. Large boxes can be used for various displays. One might have a large amount of stuffed animals while another, put on its side, will neatly show the spines of your books, organized by subject. When the boxes are empty, give them to buyers for their purchases.
- As your sale continues, you might want to start lowering prices. This can be done easily by putting up a sign: "25% Off!" Towards the end of your sale, you can change it to "50% Off!"
- Make a couple of large, clear signs posted on corners with the dates and times of your sale and your address. Arrows pointing to your house are very useful, especially for people unfamiliar with our neighborhood. Be sure to put a sign in front of your home so the buyer knows where to go when they turn into your street.
- If you only have a few items to sell, try to combine your sale with neighbors or family members. People are drawn to sales with lots of choices neatly displayed.
- And when your sale is over, please keep the neighborhood beautiful by removing your signs, placing whatever you don't want in boxes and delivering them to thrift stores or other charities.



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Home Owners to Address WNA

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Maids.

NeighborWorks Lincoln works with families and individuals to help them realize their dream of homeownership. Their program includes classes in financial fitness to enable individuals to achieve financial stability in preparation for homebuyer education. Mortgage counseling and assistance is provided for income-eligible homebuyer education graduates who can secure 0% interest second mortgages to help with closing costs, down payment assistance and repairs. Grants are available.

NeighborWorks® Lincoln is a non-profit, community-based housing organization dedicated to community revitalization through an active partnership of resident leaders, private businesses and public officials. The organization was known as Neighborhoods, Inc., until June

2004, when the name was changed to NeighborWorks® Lincoln. Michael joined NeighborWorks® Lincoln in July, 2007.

A questions-and-answer session at the end of Snodgrass's talk will allow for detailed audience participation.

Snodgrass has more than 14 years of experience in community and economic development. He began his career in community development working on developing single-family homes and multi-family units in the urban core of Kansas City Missouri. From 1999 to 2005, he was President and CEO of CHWC, Inc., formerly Catholic Housing of Wyandotte County. He has developed and/or rehabbed several hundred housing units during his career, primarily single-family homes, and has led several economic development initiatives.

5th Annual WNA Cleanup MAY 3rd

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tires, batteries, computers and building materials that are re-usable can be dropped-off at this location on the day and time noted.

Waste items accepted for FREE: Furniture, lumber, screens, windows, doors, grills, junk, landscape timbers, picnic tables, swing sets, clothesline poles, broken fences, construction rubble, carpet, and non-Freon appliance (stoves, washers, dryers, and hot water heaters). These items can either be picked up at curbside or brought to 48th & "M" for disposal.

Recyclable items accepted for Ecostores Nebraska: They currently are accepting aluminum windows; plywood, 2x4s or any width, but 5ft or longer, kitchen sinks and faucets, stainless steel or cast iron; anything metal, brass, copper, etc. They do not need porcelain sinks or stools, windows or doors. They will also accept clean brick or cement blocks and walk pavers. Galvanized fencing and treated lumber is OK.

Items accepted for a nominal fee: Appliances with Freon (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners), \$10 each. Car/pickup truck tires \$3 each; large pickup truck tires \$6 each; farm tractor tires \$11 each. Tires with rims add \$1 each. Computer monitors \$20 each; CPU \$10 each; mouse/keyboard \$5 each.

Items that CANNOT be accepted: Ammunition/explosives; automotive waste; chemicals, televisions, microwaves, florescent light bulbs, grass or leaves (yard waste), heavy metals (thermostats, thermometers); liquid waste; paint or solvents; pesticides; propane tanks & gas cylinders; household hazardous waste; unidentified containers of waste.

FREE landfill brush disposal coupons will be available for pickup size loads of brush and branches from residential lots. Brush coupon may be used to take a load free to the landfill until the end of August. Coupons are not for commercial use, trash, leaves or yard waste. Mixed loads will be charged the regular landfill gate fee. A limited number of coupons are available and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis at 48th & "M" on the designated date and time of the cleanup. If coupons are still available after May 3rd, neighborhood residents may obtain one by attending a WNA monthly meeting (first Thursday of the month in June, July or August).

Volunteers are needed to assist refuse haulers with the block-by-block curbside pickup. Volunteers with pickup trucks and/or trailers are also needed

to help collect recyclable items at curbside.

Other volunteers are needed at 48th & "M" collection site to help direct traffic, unload, sort, and organize items, collect recycling fees, issue brush coupons, etc.

All cleanup volunteers should report to the southeast corner of 48th & "M" by 7:45 a.m. and have their own work gloves.

If you can help us with this year's cleanup, please join us on Saturday, May 3rd. Contact WNA President Curtis Wood at 817-3809 or at cwood57@neb.rr.com by no later than May 2, 2008 to let us know if you can help.

**Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner**



**\$1.00 off a
HALF & HALF
combo**

**Salads - Soups - Pastas
Baked & Deli Sandwiches
Baked Good - Desserts**

Good at the
48th & O location only.
Expires 6/30/08.



All Witherbee Tenants are invited to a Special Home Buyer Meeting

May 1st, 7 p.m.

Tabitha LifeQuest Media Room
48th and J St.

featuring

Michael Snodgrass

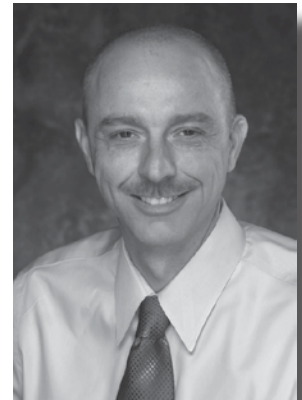
Executive Director, NeighborWorks® Lincoln

FREE Refreshments will be served by Merry Maids

Home ownership is a longstanding dream of many Lincolniters, and home ownership is essential to sustaining livable and safe neighborhoods. With the recent drop in home prices, and the lowering of interest rates, tenants have a new opportunity to become first-time home buyers. Currently, there are very affordable homes for sale in Lincoln's Core Neighborhoods.

Lincoln's neighborhoods are very fortunate to have many fine renters, and now is the time for those tenants to have the opportunity to look into home ownership.

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Michael Snodgrass



If you think fulfilling your home ownership dreams are years away, or even impossible, you will want to attend this informational meeting.

Meeting open to all Lincoln residents and interested parties.

For more information visit www.witherbeena.org and www.NWLincoln.org.