

## Procuring Perfect Produce Topic of February 2nd Meeting

By Mike Kriekemeier

Attend the February 2<sup>nd</sup> WNA meeting to learn all about fruits & vegetables. Brian Hayes, Store Manager at Super Saver and Lynn Friesen, Wellness Coordinator at B&R Stores, will present useful information on purchasing fresh produce and the importance of incorporating fruits & vegetables in a healthy diet.



Brian Hayes

Brian Hayes has been with B&R Stores Inc. since 1987 where he started as a cashier and has worked his way up through the years. Brian will give an overview of store operations and discuss the best season to buy different fruits and vegetables and when the prices are most affordable. He will tell us about where the produce comes from starting with the local farms of Nebraska to international shipments. Brian will provide hints on how to save money when purchasing fruits & vegetables and Lynn will present helpful information on the many nutrition benefits of produce. Come to the meeting and get your questions about fruits and vegetables answered by the experts.



Lynn Friesen

Brian and Lynn are proud that Super Saver is a Witherbee neighborhood store, so don't miss out on their expertise in providing us information on staying healthy while eating delicious foods.

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In this issue are located on  
**Pages 5, 6, 7, and 11**

## Woods Park Tennis Update Also On Tap at February 2nd Meeting

Woods Tennis Center Manager Kevin Heim will be presenting again this year at the February Witherbee Neighborhood Association meeting. Heim has presented once a year at WNA meetings since becoming the manager in 2009. His presentations have kept residents in the loop with programming and events at the facility, last year's transition to a non-profit operation and the future goal of replacing the aging bubbles with a permanent structure.

This year Kevin will be presenting more specifically on what has transpired in the last year since the non-profit group "Friends of Woods Tennis, Inc" officially took over the operation of Woods Tennis Center, the facility's role of being a steward of the city, park and nearby neighborhoods, programming opportunities for juniors and adults of all

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## Master Gardener To Speak At March 1st Meeting

Just in time for Spring! Master Gardener George Edgar will be the featured speaker at the March 1<sup>st</sup> WNA meeting. Mr. Edgar will present information on integrated pest management in the garden. Come to the meeting and learn how to identify garden pests and the best way to control them. You can also bring your gardening questions and get them answered by the expert. Mr. Edgar has been a master gardener for 15 years. He is well known for his Neighborhood Garden column in the Neighborhood Extra and co-hosts "In the Garden" radio program every other Saturday on KFOR 1240. He is also one of the gardeners that answers phones for "Backyard Farmer" on Nebraska Public Television. He works part time at Earl May Garden Center. At home he and his wife tend to an expanse of flowers, shrubs & their own vegetable garden.



George Edgar

## About Your Witherbee Neighborhood Association

### Boundaries:

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'O' to Randolph Streets

### Meetings:

7:00 p.m. first Thursday of each month at Tabitha Lifequest Center, 48th and J.

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## President's Message



Fred Freytag

Happy New Year to all. A new year, a time to reflect and plan. We live in a great neighborhood and the Witherbee Neighborhood Association is doing their best to help keep it that way. We are a volunteer organization working for a better neighborhood and we invite all residents, homeowners and tenants alike to join us in making Witherbee the best neighborhood in town. Please join us at our monthly meetings or any of our activities throughout the year. Your involvement is needed and valued to keep this the great neighborhood it is. The next time you plan to attend an event or meeting, bring a neighbor with you. Strength comes in numbers; together we make a difference.

We will be mailing a membership request statement in early February and count on your response. The small membership fee is a yearly contribution that helps us run the organization. It helps pay for organizational fees and programs as we give back to the community. No salaries are paid with these monies since volunteers fill all positions. You may use the membership application in this issue or pay online at our web site.

Your membership and contact information is needed so we can be in touch to keep you informed between issues of this great newsletter. Please consider joining us on Facebook to stay up-to-date and see pictures of our activities. You do not need a Facebook account to view our page. A link to it is on our web site.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to outgoing board members for their past contributions and commitment to stay involved. We had great activities and programs over the past year and plan on doing many again. If you would like to chair or help with an activity please contact me or any board member.

This year will have some exciting changes. Look for some of them in the Buzz as a new newsletter team takes over allowing Larry Frisch, who has been editor for the past 25 newsletters, to retire. I thank Larry for his dedication and hard work over the past years. Please patronize the businesses that advertise in our newsletter. Without them we would not be able to produce it. Look for information on the grand opening of Witherbee Park, in our next issue.

In closing, I'd like to welcome Bryan Hurst and Mike Kreikemeier to the board. I look forward to working with them this year. We have a great team but still have three openings on the board. If you'd like to join the board please contact us.

## Need help and don't know where to turn?

Our goal is to provide a safety net for the Witherbee Neighborhood, as well as provide possibilities to use all available resources.



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## Entertainment and Food at 2011 Witherbee Annual Meeting Enjoyed by Many Witherbee Residents

By Bryan Hurst

Well, another rabbit was pulled out of a hat this year with a successful meeting and elections. This year's meeting was held on November 3rd at Bryan Community School gymnasium at the newly remodeled Hawthorne Building. The new school looks fantastic.

Rick Bagby opened the meeting. Rick thanked those in attendance for coming and encouraged the attendees to support the businesses that advertise in the Witherbee Buzz newsletter. Rick also extended much gratitude to Buzz editor Larry Frisch who is retiring from the position after 25 successful issues. Larry's shoes will be hard to fill as his dedication and professionalism have produced excellent publications.

Board members Karen Vogeley, Tony Marquez, Mike Kreikemeier, Fred Freytag, and Bryan Hurst were elected to a two-year term by acclamation. Also by acclamation, Board officers elected were Fred Freytag (president), Mike Kreikemeier (vice president), Karen Vogeley (treasurer), and Jackie Varicak (secretary).

The Pizza meal was donated by Hy-Vee and was delicious and much appreciated. Meeting attendees provided many delightful desserts.

Various city officials attended the meeting: Mayor Chris Beutler expressed appreciation for the hard work done on behalf of WNA. Council person Doug Emery expressed appreciation to Richard Bagby for his role as WNA president. And LPD officer Chris Schamber exclaimed that property owners were "the backbone of the neighborhood" and one of the most important safety measures neighbors could provide was good outdoor lighting.

Several board members were thanked and given certificates of appreciation for their leadership on the various wonderful activities that took place this year. Roger Burris was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his role as leader of the Bryan Community Volunteers and the hard work they put forth in support of Witherbee Connect.

The evening was capped off by the wonderful antics of magician Adam White. Adam delighted the audience with card tricks, rope tricks, and other slight of hand tricks

utilizing audience participation. In his final performance, Adam asked an audience member for a five dollar bill, upon which an identifying mark was made. He then made the bill disappear. He pulled a lemon from his bag and an audience member inspected it. Adam cut open the lemon and the marked bill was inside, thrilling and mystifying the audience.

A big thank you goes out to all the following businesses and individuals who donated 29 door prizes: Perkins Restaurant, Streets Alive, Hy-Vee, Sips & Suds, Super Saver, Runza, National Pharmacy, St. Teresa's Thrift Shop, West Gate Bank, Down Under Pottery, TMCO, Rick Bagby and other anonymous donors.

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First Place winner was 4105 J St.

## Holiday Lighting Contest Is Success

By Jeff Worrall

The Annual Witherbee Holiday Lights contest was once again a success. With so many houses decked out in lights the judges had a hard time choosing just who would win.

The home of Dan Rice and William Andrew, 4105 J St., was named this year's first-place winner in the annual Witherbee Holiday Lights contest. They won a \$25 gift certificate from Norm's Car Care. The home's yard was filled with lights galore, Charlie Brown characters, a blow-up carousel, and much more.

One of the judges gave the yard the name of "Santa's Circus" because it was filled with surprises everywhere.

### Other contest winners:

2nd place- "Candy Cane Lane," 5101 M St., winning a \$25 gift certificate to A Street Market;

3rd place- "A Griswold Christmas," 5041 L St., winning a \$20 gift certificate to Super Saver;

4th place- "A Country Christmas," 4241 M St., winning a \$10 gift certificate to DaVinci's Restaurant

5th place- "Santa's Rendezvous," 380 S. 44th St., also winning a \$10 gift certificate to daVinci's Restaurant.

To see photos of homes in the neighborhood, check out the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WitherbeeNA](http://www.facebook.com/WitherbeeNA). Each of those homes also received a box of holiday lights or a \$5 gift certificate to Hy-Vee, Starbucks, or Perkins.

## Volunteers needed ...

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## Housing Rehabilitation Programs Topic of WNA April meeting

Well built, safe & affordable housing is an important resource of the community. In the Witherbee neighborhood most of the homes are older moderately sized homes that require periodic maintenance and updates to remain a vital part of the housing mix. WNA will host Olga Kanne from the Lincoln Urban Development Department at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Kanne will present information on the programs available to help low and moderate income homeowners maintain and improve their homes.



Olga Kanne

Olga R. Kanne, born and raised in the Republic of Panama, has worked since 1989 with the Housing Division of the City of Lincoln's Urban Development Department. She assists clients with their housing projects by aiding them through the process of identifying their housing deficiencies, applying and obtaining interest free loans, obtaining contractors' bids, selecting contractors, managing the construction process and making sure that their homes meet housing quality standards.

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## Can Stuhr Park Grow?

By Cheryl Hejl

Last summer I was visiting with a nice couple of three young children who happen to be my neighbors. They were on a walk and stopped to chat. We talked about the fine potluck that had just finished in the park and the mom asked me, "why aren't there swings in Stuhr Park for the children?" My answer was "I don't know, but I'll find out."

So, now I've started hunting for the answer and to see if we have enough interest to put some swings in the park. The neighborhood used to have swings available at Hawthorne School, however, with the remodeling and Bryan Community moving into the building, the swings have not been replaced.

Stuhr Park is used and appreciated by many neighbors. I see the day care bringing children to the park, watch families as they enjoy birthday parties, see folks just eating their lunches in the park, and hear the basketballs bounce when the hoops are being used. The current slide set-up produces lots of squeals and shouts and the rocking spring animals are enjoyed by many small folks. Yes, the neighbors do enjoy the park and the excellent upkeep by the City Parks and Recreation Department. The picnic tables are refurbished annually – and this is truly a blessing.

New trees have been planted in the park. The neighbors watered them really good, especially the first year, to ensure survival. Now the annual spring mulching has become a neighborhood activity. The neighborhood does care about Stuhr Park.

It appears that the area in Stuhr Park would offer enough ground space to accommodate a swing set. Please let the Witherbee Neighborhood association know if this is of interest to you. With your help and the help of the City Parks and Recreation Department and Witherbee Neighborhood Association, perhaps we can see Stuhr Park grow!

To support getting swings in Stuhr Park please contact Cheryl Hejl at [stuhrpark@witherbeena.org](mailto:stuhrpark@witherbeena.org) or any board member listed on page 2. Your feedback is vital.



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## Letters to the Editor:

Sophie Wants Swings

*Hello, I am Sophie Duggan, and I am ten years old. I live in a family of five. I have a sister named Lilly who's 7 and Adee 2. We used to live in a house where we could walk to the park. Stuhr Park was amazing first it has a great jungle gym, I would play there for hours. But it was missing one thing...swings. To a kid swings are magical, it's just the way that you can be in the air but on the ground at the same time.*

*And for an older kid like me it's a stress reliever. Like if you were bullied at school or just feel plain sad, swings calm you down and relax you. I love swings myself, and that's why I bet a ton of other kids who go to the park think it needs swings.*

*Sophie Duggan*



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## Witherbee Park Will Bloom After November Bulb Planting

The Witherbee Neighborhood Association with the direction of Fred Freytag were recent recipients of a mini grant provided by the Lincoln Parks Foundation. The mini grant enabled the association to purchase and install 5000 bulbs. The Bulbs were planted over three separate dates.

The first event took place on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> between 10 a.m. and mid afternoon. The weather was great and 20 volunteers, young and old including neighbors, Witherbee Neighborhood Association members, Parks and Recreation staff and employees of FM Lawn Care spent their morning excavating, placing bulbs, backfilling and mulching. A total of 3400 bulbs were planted with only 1600 hyacinths remaining. Perkins Restaurant & Bakery donated coffee and muffins for this event.

The second planting took place on a chilly Saturday morning, November 26<sup>th</sup>, when FM Lawn Care employees spent a few hours installing 900 hyacinths. The third and final planting event took place on a great winter Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Seven volunteers, neighbors and a crew from FM Lawn Care made short work of getting the last 700 hyacinths in the ground.

The spring display includes more than 1,000 yellow daffodils, 1,000 pink and yellow Darwin tulips and 5000 purple hyacinths. According to Fred Freytag, the spring bulb layout was designed to provide both interest inside

the park for those visiting and also provide a colorful show for the vehicular traffic on "O" street. "We want to keep people interested in this gem of a park."

A big "Thank You" to all volunteers. Without you projects like this are not possible. Please check out the Witherbee Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/WitherbeeNA](http://www.facebook.com/WitherbeeNA) for more pictures and detail. (Don't need to join Facebook to view).

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## Witherbee Connect Update

By Kathy Stastny

Due to two small snow storms Witherbee Connect received a call requesting help with snow removal. A resident needed to go to a doctor appointment during this time in the afternoon and it became an absolute necessity to clear the snow right away. A call went out to our strongest volunteer partner, Bryan Community. Two students went to her home and dug her out. The Bryan Students at Hawthorne are amazing. By the next snow storm they enthusiastically headed back to the nearby home to shovel. A budding relationship with the resident and students has begun and this is just what school officials had hoped for.



Please call Witherbee Connect when you have needs. The Bryan Students at Hawthorne have a one hour class each day when they are available and look forward to help out where needed in the neighborhood. There can be up to fifteen students to help with the needs. They can do snow removal, lawn work, window washing, general cleaning, and painting, and they can move furniture and appliances. The students are open to most any task they are capable of. This works as their volunteer hours program.

The Bryan Students at Hawthorne are working on several ideas to benefit Witherbee Neighborhood.

They plan to develop a program to deliver welcome wagon baskets to new residents by this spring. They also plan to collect old electronic devices such as cell phones, old laptops, portable DVD players and ink jet toner cartridges. These items will be sent to be recycled and the money received will work as a fundraiser for Bryan. The school also provides a food distribution center. Please keep these programs in mind when you are in need of them.

Witherbee Connect continues to meet with Tabitha to explore opportunities to use their resources. Tabitha is supportive of the Witherbee Neighborhood and that is very much appreciated.

Our goal is to provide a safety net for the Witherbee Neighborhood, as well as provide possibilities to use the resources available to us. So please call Witherbee Connect at 402-488-3314 for help with your needs.

## Stay Comfortable, Save Money

As you may have heard, the Lincoln Energy Challenge came to a close last fall and was a great success. Now, Lincoln Electric System and the City of Lincoln introduce two new efforts: kilowattchangers.com and reEnergize Lincoln.

The website kilowattchangers.com will provide a one-stop shop for information and resources about home energy efficiency by constantly updating the site to provide Lincolnites with the best information.

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## Scouts Entertain Tabitha Residents with Caroling

By Mike Kreikemeier

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! On Wednesday evening, December 7th the cub scouts of pack 128 from St. Teresa's Parish went Christmas caroling through the halls of GracePointe Assisted Living & Memory Care Center at Tabitha. The snow from the week before was melting and the weather was entering an unusual December warm spell but the spirit of Christmas was evident in the voices of the cub scouts, their parents & siblings. They wished the residents a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year as they strolled the halls singing "Joy to the World," "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night" and several other traditional Christmas carols. Some of the residents & assistants even joined in the singing. After the caroling the cub scouts returned to St. Teresa's school cafeteria to enjoy Christmas cookies & hot cocoa. Cubmaster Ron Kruml remarked that this was one time he was very impressed with the volume of the cub scouts.

Not to be outdone, on Tuesday, December 13th, the boy scouts from St. Teresa's Troop 28 spread more holiday cheer by singing Christmas carols to the residents of the four Greenhouses at Tabitha. The boy scouts organized & rehearsed several songs the week before so they sounded especially delightful as they sang "Oh Tannenbaum", "Up on the House Top", "Deck the Halls" and many others. Many residents smiled and sang along with the boy scouts. Scoutmaster Randy Polack commented that the boys do a wonderful job sharing the excitement of Christmas. After caroling the boy scouts gathered at Valentino's restaurant for a holiday pizza party.

## CERT Training To Be Feb. 10-11-12

Doug Ahlberg, Director of Emergency Management for Lancaster County, has announced that a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training session will be held during the second weekend of February (10th thru 12th). Classes will be Friday evening, all day Saturday (lunch included), and Sunday afternoon. Place to be determined.

Lessons learned in the course can be easily applied by Witherbee residents to everyday emergencies such as traffic accidents, children choking, or how to fight that kitchen grease fire.

The course teaches preparation for disasters, assessing structure damage, using basic fire suppression techniques and resources, assisting emergency responders, conducting light search and rescue, setting up triage areas, applying basic medical techniques, and helping reduce survivor stress among other things. The emphasis is always on safety, with the students learning how to avoid putting themselves in dangerous situations.

Graduates of CERT training are under no obligation to respond to emergencies, and will not be "ordered" to report to any event. Involvement in CERT activities is always voluntary.

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## Meet Your WNA Board

### Mike Kreikemeier

I moved to Lincoln while attending UN-L and except for a few interruptions for graduate school and other things I have lived in Lincoln for most of my life. My wife, Mary Kay, and I purchased a house on Woods Ave in 1994. We started a family shortly after and now have four children. Alec is a junior at Pius X HS, Chloe also attends Pius X as a freshman. Elise is a 7th grader at St. Teresa's school and Liam is in the 5th grade at St. Teresa's school.

I work as a network engineer at Kidwell. I have worked at Kidwell for four years. It is always interesting and challenging to help customers set up and maintain data networks.

Soon after we moved into the home that we thought was perfect we started making upgrades & changes. Our latest project was redoing the basement bathroom. It turned out great and was not near as stressful to our marriage as the kitchen remodel project that we undertook several years ago.

Woods Avenue and Witherbee neighborhood is a great place to live and raise a family. We consider ourselves lucky to live in a wonderful neighborhood in the center of Lincoln where the younger kids can still walk to school and downtown is just a short bike ride away. We have many good friends up and down our street and around the neighborhood.

I joined Witherbee Neighborhood Association and volunteered to serve as Vice President so I can help out with the many worthy projects WNA is involved in. A great neighborhood takes effort by everyone living in it, I hope to meet and work side by side with even more neighbors as we all work to improve the place we call home.



Mike Kreikemeier

## Sweeping Campus Growth Marks Tabitha's 125th Anniversary Year

Witherbee-area neighbors of Tabitha Elder Care Services couldn't help but notice all the changes last year on Tabitha's Lincoln campus. Tabitha rang in 2012 on the heels of one of the most action-packed 12 months in the organization's history. With newly-installed CEO Christie Hinrichs at the helm, spring 2011 brought new life, new buildings and a transformation at the corner of 46<sup>th</sup> and Randolph Streets with the construction of a beautiful new living community, GracePointe Assisted Living & Memory Care Suites. Perhaps less obvious to passing motorists but just as significant to Tabitha's growth was the opening of two, brand-new Green House® Homes—Martha House and Elizabeth House—tucked away in the residential area off 47<sup>th</sup> and J Streets. Tabitha's Green House project, now totaling four residences with skilled nursing care for up to 45 Elders, challenges the traditional nursing home model by providing residents a home-like atmosphere with common living areas, community dining and flexible schedules based on each individual's unique needs and preferences.

As summer heated up, so did the presses as Tabitha earned ink for its 5-star quality of care rating at its nursing and rehabilitation center in Lincoln along with Tabitha Nursing Center Crete and its Lakeview Care Center in Firth, where in June it introduced Meals on Wheels to the Firth community. Back in Lincoln, Mayor Chris Beutler helped Tabitha mark another Meals on Wheels milestone by delivering its 3.5-millionth meal in July.

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## Growing Witherbee Park

Over the last several years many people all over Lincoln contributed to making Witherbee Park a reality. As plans were made to widen O Street near 46<sup>th</sup> & O there was an option of doing away with that green space we now call Witherbee Park. Neighbors Rick Bagby and Fred Freytag attended an open house and discovered these plans and set the wheels into action to save the green space and make it into a real park. Working with the Lincoln Parks Department a plan for improvements was developed and put on the waiting list for park improvements.

In February 2009, Mayor Chris Beutler announced Lincoln Cares was providing \$20,000 for the development of Witherbee Park. Since that was not enough to complete the proposed playground plan and park improvement the Witherbee Neighborhood Association started a fundraiser to make up the difference. Cash donations, a bake sale fundraiser, donated materials, cost savings by using vendors that did work at cost and a large volunteer group helped make the playground and park a reality in late summer and early fall of 2010.

Ongoing lawn and landscape maintenance is being provided free of charge by FM Lawn Care, Inc. Hofeling Enterprises (The Tree Guys) donated shredded wood mulch and FM Lawn Care employees installed the fresh layer of mulch in early summer. Other neighbors helped by picking up brush and litter after storms and planting some flowers. A neighborhood 4-H group crocheted and installed beautiful flowers on the chain link fence.

A few more amenities are planned for 2012. A piece of art has been created for the park and will be installed this spring along with a permanent picnic table. To bring early spring color into Witherbee Park, 5000 spring flowering bulbs were planted last fall.

Witherbee wants to say "THANK YOU" to all that contribute to Lincoln Cares by adding that dollar to their LES payment. Thank you to Lincoln Parks & Recreation northeast parks team for watering shrubs and trees and general maintenance. Thank you to all that donated cash, materials and volunteer time to make this small park in our neighborhood a reality.

WNA wishes to thank Tabitha  
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## Jackie Varicak Named New Editor Of Witherbee Buzz

This issue turns another page, (no pun intended), in the life of the *Witherbee Buzz*. Jackie Varicak, WNA Secretary, has volunteered to be new *Buzz* editor. This is her first issue, and it looks like she, and her committee, have done a fantastic job.



Jackie Varicak

While I have been credited with the successful publication of the *Buzz* for the last 25 issues, the real heroes are all the writers and photographers who provided truly great content for *Buzz* readers. Over the last few years, more than 50 authors, mostly amateurs, have labored for hours and even days to write a single article. Writing can be a difficult task for most untrained people, and WNA has been fortunate that so many residents step forward with keyboard in hand. Additionally, dozens of WNA residents have volunteered to walk thru rain, snow, and ice storms, (and even sometimes sunshine), to share the *Buzz* with their neighbors.


Jackie will be adding volunteers to her committee, so don't hesitate to contact her if you have an occasional hour or two to dedicate to a worthy cause. (See pg 2).

Thanks to everybody for your past support and help.

Larry Frisch, retiring editor.

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# UNL Big Event - Mulching Trees in Woods & Stuhr Park

Witherbee is teaming up with students volunteering for the Big Event and the Lincoln Parks Department to stretch our tax dollars caring for our city parks. We will be re-mulch trees at Woods and Stuhr Parks. The Parks Dept. will provide mulch and all tools. It is a fun cooperative activity that has been enjoyed by many in past years. Mark your calendar and come join us on Saturday, April 21st. We'll be starting at Woods Park at 9 a.m.

## What is the Big Event?

The Big Event, started at Texas A&M in 1982, to give back to local communities through one large day of service. UNL expects more than 2500 students, faculty, and staff to volunteer and give thanks to Lincoln this spring. The organization is entirely student-run and funded by donations from the community. "One Big Day, One Big Thanks" guides the Big Event in showing its gratitude to the surrounding community through completing one day of service-oriented activities for neighbors and the community. The Big Event wants to help you. Register by March 9th for volunteers.

**Volunteers are available to work at private residences and for community organizations.** Private

## Meet Your WNA Board

### Bryan Hurst

Bryan Hurst joined the board in December 2011. He moved to the neighborhood with his companion Julie Kermmoade in Dec. 2008 near 50th and M st in the house that Paul and Virginia Stolz used to live. Bryan works full time as an inspector at the Health Department. He has two children Emily 24 and Lewis 15. He enjoys outdoor activities and wildlife. He volunteers with the Sierra club and is also on the board of the Lincoln City Employees Association. His goals on the Witherbee board are to help with production and distribution of the Buzz and with cleanup and litter prevention projects.



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residences have had volunteers rake their yard, clean garages and basements, paint fences, and plant trees and flowers. The scope of the work or use of certain tools is limited so please check what they are able to do for you. Go to <http://bigevent.unl.edu> to request volunteers. For questions or concerns, please call 402-472-8291.

The Big Event will be held on April 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The Witherbee Chairperson is Jeff Worrall, Contact him at 402-601-5269 or [jworrall05@neb.rr.com](mailto:jworrall05@neb.rr.com) for more information or to volunteer for the event.

## February 2nd WNA Meeting

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ages and future plans for the facility based on discussion that took place at last year's meeting with Witherbee and Woods Park Neighborhood Associations.

Sandy Meyers from the City Parks and Recreation Department who oversees the leases to organizations like Woods Tennis has shared that there is a plan in place to have public meetings this year in regard to replacing the bubbles with a permanent structure in the future. She has a detail of all the steps it will take from planning to fundraising and City Council approval. The process of replacing the bubbles is starting now. If you are interested In this issue be sure to attend this meeting to get on a notification list.

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# WNA Calendar

*Membership not required for any meeting.*

Check Witherbeena.org websie Calendar for updates

**Thursday, Feb 2nd** — 7 to 9 p.m., WNA monthly meeting, Brian Hayes, Lynn Friesen, Kevin Heim, (see page 1). Tabitha LifeQuest Center conference room, 48th and J Sts.

**Monday, Feb 6th** — 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. "Our Street" on KZUM 89.3. Shawn Ryba and Lynn Fisher focus on issues facing Lincoln neighborhoods. *New program will air each Monday.*

**Thursday, Feb 16th** — 5:30 p.m. Councilman Doug Emery's Citizen information meeting. Anderson Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue.

**Thursday, March 1st** — 7 to 9 p.m. Master Gardner George Edgar will talk about garden pests, and answer all gardening questions (see page 1). Tabitha LifeQuest Center conference room, 48th and J Sts.

**Saturday, March 3rd**—Hazardous waste collection by appointment only. Call Dan King 402-441-8084.

**Thursday, March 15th** — 5:30 p.m. Councilman Doug Emery's Citizen information meeting. Anderson Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue.

**Thursday, April 5th** — 7 to 9 p.m. Olga Kanne from the Lincoln Urban Development Department, will present information on the programs available to help low- and moderate-income homeowners maintain and improve their homes (see page 4). Tabitha LifeQuest Center conference room, 48th and J Sts.

**Saturday, April 21**— 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Big Event, Mulching at Woods & Stuhr Parks.

## It's That Time of Year to Renew Your WNA Membership!!!

Please take the time to fill out the form below and mail it in with your membership dues or go to [www.WitherbeeNA.org](http://www.WitherbeeNA.org) and renew online.

There is always something new to learn or something to do with the Witherbee Neighborhood Association. Each month a new speaker educates us on topics of interest from gardening to home improvements to safety topics along with hot topics such as our recent mail box meeting with the Lincoln Post Master.

The Witherbee Neighborhood Association has been a good steward of your dues by providing many activities for all ages such as the summer ice cream social and the annual meeting which has always included food and entertainment for the entire family at no additional cost to you. These are but a few highlights of what your dues have provided in the past year.

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