



# The Witherbee Buzz

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*The Witherbee Neighborhood Association includes the area bounded by 33rd to 56th and Randolph to "O" Streets*

## Annual Meeting Up in the Air!

*If the Covid-19 risk dial remains at High Orange or risk increases further, the WNA Annual meeting will be canceled. The WNA Board will send out an email, post on our website and WNA Facebook page by Monday, November 2nd if the annual meeting will be held this year.*

The WNA Annual meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5th beginning at 6:30pm at the Woods Tennis Center (401 S 33rd Street). Facemasks are required. Social distancing also encouraged.

### WNA Annual Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm Welcome --- WNA President Kathy Holland  
6:35 pm Pizza & Cookies (A jumbo slice of Godfather's Pizza served in individual boxes, cookies will be individually wrapped, bottled beverage)  
7:05 pm WNA Year in Review - What a year it's been! Kathy Holland and WNA Vice President Mike Kreikemeier  
7:15 pm Recognition of Ed Zimmer, City Historian & Friend of Witherbee Neighborhood  
7:20 pm Election of Board & Officers - Kathy Holland & Mike Kreikemeier  
7:30 pm WNA Bingo is back! The neighborhood game everyone loves to play!  
8:00 pm Meeting Adjourned

It has been a difficult year planning WNA events. We would like to celebrate our successes at the annual meeting but only if we can hold the meeting safely. The meeting will be held at the viewing level of the Woods Tennis Center to allow more room for social distancing. The food will be individually boxed or wrapped, not served buffet style as in previous years. Face coverings are required, except when eating of course. And of course, the meeting will be canceled if the Covid-19 health risk remains elevated. Please check your email, the WNA website or Facebook page on November 2nd for the WNA Annual Meeting announcement.

Thank you to Kevin Heim and the Woods Tennis Center for providing a large meeting space.

Thank you to all of the neighbors that support WNA.

## WNA Seeks Volunteers for Board of Directors

The Witherbee Neighborhood Association was formed 17 years ago thanks to individuals who stepped up to oppose a development that would have drastically changed the neighborhood. This same area is now being developed into single family housing units with input from WNA members to ensure the new homes fit with the neighborhood.

Are you ready to put your talents to use by working with neighbors to organize events that keep improving your neighborhood? No matter your talent, there is a place for you, whether helping with the Neighborhood Cleanup, organizing the annual garage sales or assisting with the newsletter and social media platforms. We are especially in need of volunteers to help produce and distribute the "Buzz" newsletter.

In a typical year (When will that happen again?), board members attend monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month. This year we had to get a bit creative due to the pandemic. Meetings were held outdoors in Woods Park and via Zoom. Board members keep in touch by email, texting and yes, even regular phone calls.

Does being on the Board of Directors sound a bit daunting? Don't worry, there are other ways you can get involved. Contact a current member of the Board and they will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Board member's contact information is listed on our website and on the second page of this newsletter. You may also call our WNA phone number, 402-413-0156, leave a message and someone will get back to you, or email us at [witherbeena@gmail.com](mailto:witherbeena@gmail.com).

You are needed! Please join your neighbors to make our space in central Lincoln a great place to live.



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## About Your Witherbee Neighborhood Association

### Boundaries:

33rd to 56th & 'O' to Randolph

### Meetings:

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

As we prepare for our annual meeting, looking back on the year 2020 brings much to mind, not in the least being the COVID-19 pandemic. With some adjustments, the WNA Board has tried to keep as many activities on the calendar, in some form, as possible. One example was the pandemic edition of our annual Pool Party and Ice Cream Social. We were pleased with the response as 124 neighbors took advantage the free swim offered at Woods Pool. Even more responded to free ice cream at Runza with 338 participating. We would like to thank staff at Woods Pool and Runza for working with us to make this possible.

Typically the fall president's message celebrates the accomplishments of WNA over the past year. However, I would like to recognize and celebrate the people who make these events happen. First of all, thank you to the Board members whose names are listed to the left of this column. I especially want to thank Mary Schwab and Lisa McNeel who will be completing two, 2 year terms of service on the Board. Lisa took on the job of newsletter editor four years ago when we really needed someone to step up and she did just that. Mary is much like an "energizer bunny" who has worked tirelessly on many projects. There are many others, besides board members, who work behind the scenes. These individuals help organize annual events such as our cleanup & garage sales, keep on top of city government issues, keep our Facebook page and our website up to date, write articles and solicit ads for our newsletter, and last but not least, deliver our newsletter to your doorstep. At the risk of leaving out a name, here goes: Dan & Cheryl Wesolowski, Bryan Hurst, Fred Freytag, Russell Miller, Mike Fitzgerald, Ryan Patrick, Jim Ihrie, John Dzerk, Susan Howell, James McCarville, Timothy Kovar, Margaret Ruff, Pete & Dawn Hopwood, Nina Anderson-Trumble. I also would like to thank those of you, while renewing your membership or becoming a new member, checked a box that indicated you would like to volunteer. If we didn't call upon you this year because of a canceled or postponed event, we'll contact you next year.

As you can see there are many who keep this organization running. We need your ideas; we need you to share your concerns to guide us so that we are running in the right direction. But more than that, we need you as a volunteer. There are many reasons why volunteering in the community is a positive move, but one of the best is meeting and working with really good people!

With gratitude to our Witherbee Community,  
*Kathy Holland, 2020 President*

### Neighbors Share On-Going Concerns about Racing & Noise on O Street

As a follow-up to the article published in the summer issue of the "Buzz" and due to the multiple complaints shared by neighbors regarding dangerous night time racing and noise on O Street, the WNA Board suggests neighbors with concerns follow the advice of Captain Fehringer, to utilize the non-emergency number, 402-441-6000, to report issues. If possible, adding any vehicle description, license plate number, or driver description would be helpful. There is also an on-line form that can be easily completed using this link: [www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/police/traffic/req\\_traf.htm](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/police/traffic/req_traf.htm)

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## “The Final Third” A Witherbee Walking Tour with Ed Zimmer

*by Mascha Miedaner & Ed Zimmer*

The rain held off and 13 people joined Ed Zimmer, local historian and former Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Lincoln, for a walking tour of the eastern third of the Witherbee Neighborhood on Sunday, September 27, 2020. While the entire area was platted between 1885 and 1920, this section of Lincoln did not see much development until the post-WWII era. The tour highlighted some of the earlier built houses, homes with interesting architecture and stories, and homes of people of note in their era.

We began at 300 S. 48th St. Currently home to Bryan Community Focus Program at Hawthorne, it previously housed Hawthorne Elementary School until 2009. The building sits on Lot 5, one of the original 10 acre lots of Lemings Subdivision that was subdivided by Elijah Leming in 1886. This 80 acre parcel ran from 48th to 56th Streets and between L and O Streets. Leming was a merchant of wallpaper, art and picture frames.

The school was designed by Davis & Wilson in 1927/1928. This firm was one of Lincoln's pre-eminent architectural firms in the early twentieth century and designed some memorable buildings in Lincoln such as Morrill Hall on the UNL campus, Westminster Presbyterian Church (Sheridan Boulevard at South Street), and many downtown buildings such as the Miller & Paine building and Gold's department store.

Viewing the school from the rear (east side), there are two wings. One is the library with large Palladian windows and the other is the gymnasium with decorative limestone plaques.

The area south of L Street to Randolph was platted in 1920 by Ray Hall, a real estate and insurance broker. This section is known as Randolph Acres. The lots varied in shape from nearly square to long, narrow 50'x300' rectangles. Many lots in Lincoln's older neighborhoods are 50 feet wide but roughly 150 feet is their typical depth. You can still see some of these long narrow lots today, such as in the block from L & J Street, between 48<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Street.

Walking east on L St, we came to 4949 L St which was built in 1960. Lumber yards would give homeowners free plans if they bought their lumber for the home from them. W. F. Hoppe Lumber Co. was one such business. This home was built for a cost of \$9,470.

Next, Ed described the brick home at 424 S. 50<sup>th</sup> St. which was built by the Pleskac family beginning in 1986 and is shielded from the road by many trees. You can just make out the tall, steep roof of the house. The garage sits in front of the house and has a beautiful window over the garage door. Ed also mentioned (but we did not visit) the Temple Baptist Church further south down 50<sup>th</sup> Street at 4940 Randolph St. This church was designed in the mid-century modern style in 1951 by Lincoln architect Ben Hemphill.

We continued south on L Street to Stuhr Park. The house next to Stuhr Park at 5030 L St was built in 1950 by Aldoph Hock, Jr., another well-known home builder in Lincoln. Ed told us about the history of this park and the people responsible for the name. Hellmuth & Rose Stuhr ran the Nebraska Nursery and owned 15 acres between 50<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. This was the nursery and also their tree farm. Nebraska Nursery moved many times and currently is doing business as Nebraska Nursery & Color Gardens at 4420 Lucile Dr. in Lincoln. The replatting of the acreage was highlighted in an article from the 9.15.1954 Lincoln Journal and Star for “Stuhr's Place, Parkview, from 50 to 52, between L and N, 51 lots” as part of a “massive building movement” during that time. If you look at the trees in and around the

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park, you will notice that some are quite large and planted in lines. While the signs for Stuhr Park are placed at L and M Streets, if you continue to N Street and walk east, there are about 4 oak trees growing in a straight line that probably were part of the original tree farm.

To look at some of the houses in “Randolph Acres,” we proceeded south on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. Some highlights:

- 435 S 52<sup>nd</sup> St. is a bungalow style home built in 1925.
- 640 S 52<sup>nd</sup> St. was built in 1959 by Sampson Builders for around \$20,000 and was owned by a Professor of Civil Engineering at UNL and his wife, Ralph and Marjorie Marlette.
- 720 and 727 S 52<sup>nd</sup> Street are some of the remaining earliest built homes in this part of Witherbee Neighborhood. They were built around 1920.
- 5230 Randolph St. is one of the older homes in the area. Notice the clipped ends of the gable roof. It was built around 1935 with additions built around 1947.

Continuing east on Randolph, we came to 5300 Randolph St. Ed told us that there was a building permit for this property in 1926--for a chicken coop. At that time, this property was considered the edge of town. The house itself was built in stages, with permits taken out in the late ‘30’s and ‘40’s. You can see the additions and wings that were added.

Returning northward via 53<sup>rd</sup> Street we noted:

- 701 S. 53<sup>rd</sup> St., which has a shed roof and originally probably had a tar & gravel built-up roof. Not many of those roofs are seen around Lincoln. Looking at the side profile, the roof has an unusual profile, again not common for the area. The second owner (1960) was UNL Architecture Professor Homer Puderbaugh.
- 622 S 53<sup>rd</sup> St. features another of the deep lots with the house set well back from the street. This home was built in 1929.
- We stopped in front of 612/614 S 53<sup>rd</sup> St. You might wonder whether this is a single-family home or a duplex. This double home was built in 1981 and illustrates a beautiful and ingenious way to integrate a duplex into an area of single-family homes.
- 600 S 53<sup>rd</sup> St. According to the building records this home was moved onto the lot in 1962. From the architecture, steep gables, ornamental sun ray, and cube shape, Ed surmised that the actual structure dates much earlier than that—perhaps the 1920’s. Alas, there was no information when it was built or where it was moved from. Anybody out there know?

We returned to the Stuhr Park vicinity to look at houses east of the Park:

- From the shape and architecture of the home at 350 S 52<sup>nd</sup> St., it was probably built around 1900, prior to the beginning of Lincoln’s building permit process.
- The large Colonial Revival at 340 S 52<sup>nd</sup> St. was built around 1926 by George Troendly, a trucker who owned ten acres in the area. His wife often entertained the Wimodausis Club there, a women’s group whose name honored the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters who made up the club.
- The house at 341 S 52<sup>nd</sup> St. with the delightful statuary of a young girl holding a bird out front was built in 1959 by Bartlett & Venner Co. Sherry Miller, WNA secretary, and her husband Russell bought the house in 1971. Among their improvements were replacing the siding and adding a geothermal heating system. You can also enjoy a book from the Little Free Library in front.

Lenox Circle ends at Stuhr Park with a lovely view of the park. There are a few black walnut trees lining the edge of the street, most likely from the tree farm. Most of the houses on this street were built in the mid-50’s.

- Carl Dietrich, a prominent builder at that time, built 5111 Lenox Circle, with innovative use of shed roofs.
- 5101 Lenox Circle was also built in the same time frame as its neighbor by David Leech, as a more conventional “raised ranch” house. It has a lovely deck overlooking Stuhr Park.
- 5100 Lenox Circle is another Carl Dietrich product, of 1954.
- Tucked away beside 5100, down a short gravel driveway, is 5110 Lenox Circle, the family home of Mary and C.

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Patrick Rowan. He is a widely recognized sculptor and Professor Emeritus at UNL. Enjoy the carved bear!

On the way to our final destination, we walked by 5400 L St., a 1953 brick home. Notice the retaining wall which was created when making a level pad for the house. It is a great example of how to integrate plantings into what would otherwise be just concrete blocks.

We came to the last house of the tour, the John G. Cordner Farmhouse. Walking north on 55<sup>th</sup> from L St, you will see a very large home. This was the home of John & Adella Cordner. For many years, it was painted pink. The home was built around 1911-1914. Even though the house has been remodeled, painted, and had a garage added, you can still see details of that era. Look for the leaded clear glass windows, the Roman Ionic capital on the column in the south east corner, and the decorative limestone frame around the front door.

The Cordner House is a designated Lincoln Landmark. The following information is taken from the landmark application: In 1898, Adella & John Cordner purchased a 5-acre parcel east of Lincoln, often described as 53<sup>rd</sup> & L Street. They doubled their acreage in 1901, owning all ten acres of "Lot 8 of Leming's Subdivision" bounded by present-day L and M Street, 54<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Streets." The 1900 census lists Cordner as a "farmer". He won prizes at the Nebraska State Fair for his rabbits, advertised apples & cherries for sale, and was also president of the local poultryman's association in 1897. In city directories and other censuses, his profession is listed as architect and carpenter. He partnered with various other architects in Lincoln. In 1906, John Cordner and A.W. Woods began designing buildings as Woods & Cordner. Some of the buildings which they designed and which are still in existence today are 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist in University Place, Tifereth Israel synagogue (18<sup>th</sup> and L), and the Star Van & Storage Building at 818 Q St. Cordner went solo in 1912 and designed the Mark Woods house (2501 South St.), and the College View Carnegie Library (48<sup>th</sup> and Prescott). John and Adella moved to Alta Dena, California in 1937.

And that concludes the tour of "The Final Third" of Witherbee Neighborhood. If you would like to explore the other sections of Witherbee, visit the newsletter archives on the Witherbee website, [www.witherbeena.org](http://www.witherbeena.org). Click on the newsletter link at the top of the home page and select the Fall 2018 issue for the September 2018 walk and the Winter 2020 issue for the September 2019 walk.

## Happy Walking!

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### LINCOLN ON THE MOVE REPORT - Update on 1/4 Cent Sales Tax for Street Repair

*By Russell Miller, Member of Advisory Committee on Transportation*

In order to answer the question as to what is happening with Lincoln's street sales tax money we need to understand some street funding history. BUT I cannot emphasize enough that the "squeaky wheel gets the grease."

As found in the Lincoln's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), we learn the State/Federal gas tax provides \$6 million, City Impact fee \$4.2 million, State highway allocation fund (money from state sales tax, Build Nebraska Act, plus other sources) \$7.7 million, Lincoln wheel tax-growth \$6.7 million, wheel tax-residential \$2.8 million, and Lincoln on the Move (LOTM or city sales tax) growth \$3.25 million and LOTM existing streets \$9.5 million. (All dollar amounts are approximate.)

The city has a very clever website (<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/ltu/streets/#s> OR go to City of Lincoln website and enter keyword " streets ") that displays the projects that LOTM is funding. Click on the above website then click "Projects & Timeline." Next click "Prioritized Projects " and click "Rehabilitation of Existing Streets."

After those steps are completed, you scroll down the list until you find Randolph, 40th - 56th, to be done in June 2021 plus a project the Street Department is calling Witherbee Neighborhood (streets around 38th - 47th and "J" to "O" Street) to be done during May through October 2021.

One of the handouts the ACT committee was given states that Lincoln has approximately 400 miles of residential streets to rebuild or rehab with an expected cost to be over \$500 million. Obviously the sales tax will not even come close to meeting that expense. Go to (<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/ltu/projects/pavement-mgmt/pdf/map.pdf?17>) for a map of Lincoln's pavement conditions. The Witherbee project I mentioned above is expected to cost \$1.03 million.

I am convinced that the squeaky wheel projects will be moved to the top of the list. Therefore I am advocating that Witherbee members contact our Council member and/or Thomas Shafer ([tshafer@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tshafer@lincoln.ne.gov), head of City's Project Delivery Department which determines which street projects are built.) Your squeaks for the repair of a certain street will count.



## Yard of the Month in Witherbee

### AUGUST, 2020 • 5113 M Street

Bill and Wendy Johnsen and their children Elly and Kain have lived at 5113 M Street since 1999. Wendy's mother, Karolene Smith, a past honoree, nominated the Johnsen's home for August Yard of Month. Wendy says they love living so close to schools and shopping. Eastridge Elementary, Lefler Middle School, and East High School are in easy commuting distance. Wendy works as a CMA at Lincoln Family Wellness and Bill works for Cornhusker Winn Nelson.



The landscape is notable for a front porch festooned with seasonal swags, most recently red, white and blue in honor of 4th of July. Christmas lighting brightens the porch every December.

A garden space dividing their driveway from the neighbors features blue hyssop, black eyed Susans, sedum, gold thread spirea and dwarf butterfly bushes. Asiatic lilies are their favorites, with at least 47 of these plants.

They collect rocks when traveling and rock dangles remind them of past journeys. Two large oak trees shade the front yard with hosta plants nestled below.

### SEPTEMBER 2020 • 634 South 40<sup>th</sup>

Eldon and Carol Henning moved into their house at 634 South 40<sup>th</sup> in 1964. It has become a multi-generational home for them as their daughter Julie and granddaughter Arianna live there as well. Gardening is a

pastime for all four and it shows in the beautiful bed of autumnal colors from Autumn Joy sedum, hostas, and coleus in the front yard. The back yard is an interesting mix of small waterfalls, a Fairy garden, knock-out roses, mums and zinnias.

The Hennings raised their four children in the house built in 1952, appreciating the close proximity to Randolph Elementary, Lefler Middle School, and Lincoln High School. Eldon was a Korean War era vet who was stationed in France for two years. He worked as a social worker for the VA for 34 years before retiring. The house was nominated by Kevin Ward, a neighbor who has long appreciated knowing them.



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# Witherbee Neighborhood Cleanup Day

by Mike Kreikemeier

It was a nice sunny day on Saturday, September 12th when over a dozen neighbors were joined by eight boy scouts from Troop 28 for the annual Witherbee Neighborhood Cleanup. The cleanup is typically held the first Saturday in May but this year it was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Everyone worked hard to collect old tires, scrap metal, household & electronic items as well as hard to dispose of items like old mattresses, rusty lawn mowers and burned out grills.

Due to the pandemic masks were worn by the volunteers and most of the neighbors that came to the drop off site. Thank you to everyone who cooperated in following the guidelines to make this a pandemic safe event.

The boy scouts from Troop 28 helped pick up litter in the neighborhood parks and rights of way along major neighborhood streets. Many of the boy scouts volunteered to fulfill Citizenship in the Community merit badge service hour requirements. Thank you to all of the boy scouts and the boy scout dads that helped out this year. You all did an awesome job and are welcome to help out at next year's cleanup event.

The volunteers picked up debris from over eight households that called for help transporting the stuff from their driveway to the collection area north of Bryan Community School. The pickup service is very much appreciated by residents of the neighborhood that would otherwise not be able to get the debris to the drop off site for collection. Thanks to the volunteers with the pickup trucks and the extra effort you put in to go out there and get the junk!

The cleanup effort has always promoted recycling as a better alternative to hauling debris to the landfill. We recycled tires with the help of Complete Car Care at 66th & P Street. Goodwill Industries helped us recycle household goods and electronics. Reusable building material was dropped off at Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 4630 Y Street. Scrap metal and appliances were taken to Alter Metal Recycling. Alter Metal Recycling also safely evacuated freon from several humidifiers and refrigerators.

No volunteer went away hungry thanks to Mid Town Hy-Vee donating coffee, orange juice and donuts. A boy scout will pick up a lot of trash if he is promised a donut when



he gets finished.

The Witherbee cleanup would not happen without the dedication of the volunteer coordinators. I would like to thank my co-chairs Dan Weslowski, Bryan Hurst & Jay Ridenour. I am proud to say that even during a pandemic we went to work and the neighborhood looks fantastic!

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Your voting polling place is based on your current address. If you have moved since the last election, do not go to your old polling place; go to the polling place that is designated for your new address.

There are four precincts in the Witherbee neighborhood. If you have a question as to where your polling place is located, this information can be found on the Election Commissioner website or call (402) 441-7311.

### **EARLY VOTING**

Deadlines to Request an Early Ballot (also referred to as an Absentee Ballot):

By mail, fax, email or hand delivery to the Election Office: 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2020

In person at the Election Office: 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2020

For your vote to count, completed absentee ballots (or early ballots) must be returned to the Election Office by November 3, 8:00 pm. On Election Day, do not take your completed ballot to your polling place, take it to the Election Office.

If you are mailing your ballot, the Election Office & the Post Office suggest that you mail your ballot one week prior to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election to ensure that the Election Office will receive it in time.

### **Ballot Drop Box Options:**

Early Vote Drop Box Location: Office of the County Election Commissioner, 601 N 46th St. The drop box is located on the north side of the building and is available 24 hours a day through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020.

New this election, you may return your voted ballot to eight City of Lincoln Public Libraries during normal business hours. The ballot must be taken inside and deposited into an Official Lancaster County Ballot Box. This can be done through the close of business on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. For a list of public libraries, their address and hours they are open check the Election Commissioner website.

On Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, ballots must be returned to the Lancaster County Election Office at 601 N 46th St.

### **Early Voting - In Person**

In person early voting began at the Lancaster County Election Commissioner's Office on Monday, October 5, 2020 and continues through Monday, November 2, 2020. The Election Office is open week-days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Social Distancing will be observed and a limited number of voters will be allowed in the office at any one time.

Lancaster County Election Commission

601 N. 46<sup>th</sup> St.

Lincoln, NE 68503

402-441-7311

<https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/314/Election-Commissioner>

## Holiday Lighting Contest 2020

This year, the Witherbee Neighborhood Association has had to cancel some of our events and come up with innovative ways to hold our other annual events. But, the Holiday Lighting Contest is one event that can go on in its usual way. So, start untangling those lights, repainting the displays, and imagining all the joy that you can bring to others when you decorate your home for the holidays.

Nominate yourself, your neighbor, or any other house in the Witherbee Neighborhood that catches your eye with a great light display. Judging will occur the third weekend in December (19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>). Winners will be notified the following week. And don't forget there are prizes, too!!

The categories are

- Traditional/Simple Elegance Award
- Lincoln Electric System Superior Customer Award (most lights)
- Visions of Sugar Plums Award (kid favorite)
- Reason for the Season Award

We will be posting the winners on our Facebook page and website so that everyone can enjoy them before they get taken down. Email your nominations to [witherbeena@gmail.com](mailto:witherbeena@gmail.com) or leave message at WNA phone 402-413-0156. (Would you like to help judge the nominations? Let us know.)

