

Spring Cleanup is Saturday, May 3rd

By Mike Kreikemeier

It's time for another Spring Cleanup. The annual WNA Cleanup is May 3rd, from 8 am-Noon. This is a great way to dispose and recycle unwanted items when cleaning up your garage, your yard and your home. The collection site will be along M Street directly North of Bryan Community School (48th and M Street).

The Goodwill collection is returning this year. You can drop off household and clothing items plus computer electronics for donation to Goodwill.

We are also asking for bicycles. If you have unused bicycles bring them to the collection site and they will be donated to Lincoln Bike Kitchen (LBK). Volunteers at the LBK refurbish the bicycles and give them to people in need of a bicycle for transportation and recreation. LBK is especially in need of childrens and small adult bikes.

Of course we are also accepting the usual items such as: mattresses, box springs and old furniture. In addition to safely disposing of items, recycling and reusing are also a big part of the cleanup. Tires are taken to Firestone Complete Auto Care at 300 N 66th St. to be recycled. No tires mounted on rims are accepted. Metal and household appliances (washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, grills, etc.) are delivered to Alter Trading for recycling. Appliances with freon are safely discharged before recycling. Construction material and items such as windows and doors from building/remodeling projects as well as leftover lawn and landscaping materials and furniture in good condition are collected and donated to Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 5601 S 59th St.



Brush coupons will be available by request. A brush coupon allows dumping of one load of brush (sticks, twigs, small branches - NO LEAVES or TRASH) at the 48th Street transfer station for free.

Yes there are items that CANNOT be accepted. These include: trash, leaves, grass clippings, liquids of any kind (including paint, thinners, stains) ammunition/explosives, LP gas cylinders and CRT televisions and CRT computer monitors.

If you need help hauling items to the collection site email president@witherbeena.org or call the WNA phone line at 402-413-0156 and make an appointment by leaving a message. The items must be easily accessible and placed near the curb for our volunteers to pickup on May 3rd.

Many volunteers are required to make this event a success. Please consider helping for a few hours to clean up the neighborhood by doing litter pick-up. Volunteers should arrive at the collection site (48th and M Street) to sign in. Gloves, safety vests and other equipment will be provided. Thanks to Mid-Town Hy-Vee for donating coffee, juice and donuts to fuel all of the volunteers.

Contact event organizer: Mike Kreikemeier, president@witherbeena.org if you have questions. The Cleanup committee is Bryan Hurst, Dan Wesolowski, Rick Flodman and Trevor Phillips.

This cleanup event is funded by a grant from "Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful". Refuse hauling is provided by Niederhaus Refuse Services.



**Witherbee
Neighborhood Association**

Boundaries:

33rd to 56th and 'O' to Randolph

Meetings:

Fourth Thursday of the month, 7pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church

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www.WitherbeeNA.org

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President's Message

Mike Kreikemeier



Spring in Witherbee neighborhood is a busy time! I enjoy being outdoors doing chores like cleaning up the yard and planting the garden. Riding my bike is so much more enjoyable when I don't have to worry about frostbite.

The WNA membership drive is winding down. Thanks to everyone that has registered as a WNA member. If you have not sent in your membership yet there is still time. Do it now! The Paypal/Venmo QR code below makes it very easy and quick. Mailing in the

membership form is also pretty easy and painless. Your membership is a vote of support for all of the WNA activities and advocacy that WNA members make happen. I would like to thank the membership committee for all of the work they did to increase membership this year. The committee came up with new ideas (membership drive, flyers in the Buzz, yard signs) to get the word out and make it easier to join WNA. The hard work has brought success! Our membership has increased. But we are not done yet. There is strength in numbers. Join Witherbee Neighborhood Association today!

Meet your neighbors on Sunday evening April 27th at Witherbee Park (46th and O Street). Enjoy the thousands of spring flowers, visit with your neighbors and play in the park. Drinks and light snacks will be provided. More details in this issue of the Buzz.

The Neighborhood Spring Cleanup is Saturday May 3rd. This is the longest running and most successful event that WNA sponsors. Keeping the neighborhood clean increases home values, increases safety and makes the neighborhood a nicer place to live. Join your neighbors on May 3rd for the Spring Cleanup and litter pickup event. Read the Cleanup article in this issue of the Buzz for more information.

On March 24th I testified in support of changes to the city code to help mitigate Dangerous Driving on Lincoln streets. The new ordinance will provide LPD with additional ways to deter cars and motorcycles from racing on O Street. The problem of racing and noise on O street has been a large source of comments and complaints from residents of Witherbee. Maybe with the passage of the dangerous driving ordinance we will have a safer and quieter summer.

Have a fun, safe summer. And I hope to see you at all of the WNA events.

Join Today!

- ☐ Regular Membership \$15
- ☐ Sponsor/Business Membership \$50

Membership runs January 2025 thru January 2026

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Mail to WNA Treasurer, PO Box 5431, Lincoln NE 68505
or scan the QR code to pay with PayPal or Venmo



Next Day Garage Doors

By Kathy Holland

A Witherbee neighbor recently reached out to one of our WNA Board members suggesting that Next Day Garage Doors be featured in our newsletter. She spoke of their excellent customer service and their kindness in working with a neighbor who needed work done but lived on a fixed income. And, she had learned, that the owner and office manager both live in the Witherbee neighborhood.

So... let me introduce you to Next Day Garage Doors. Owned by Danny Petersen, Next Day Garage Doors is a residential and commercial overhead door company providing full service and sales. Danny and his employees also provide a wide range of construction and remodeling services to Lincoln and the surrounding communities, which they have done for 30 years.

"In today's world, customer service has taken a back seat in every industry. At Next Day Garage Doors, we take pride in customer service and the personal touch we bring to every project. Our goal is provide high-quality service and affordable prices through our Low Price Guarantee."

"We have a very experienced team with backgrounds in the overhead door business, remodeling and new home and commercial construction." According to Danny, this experience makes his team better at installing doors in a wide range of applications and in troubleshooting problems. Jason, the lead door technician has over 20 years experience in the overhead door industry with a vast knowledge of what needs to be done when complicated repairs show up. Another team member, John, has worked with Danny for 30 years in all aspects of construction and remodeling. Camren, the office manager, is their friendly and knowledgeable point of contact and scheduler.

Danny encourages his Witherbee neighbors who need assistance with overhead doors, windows, bath and kitchen remodels, Onyx Collection orders and installations to give them a call at 402-814-0123 or check them out at www.nextdaygaragedoorsllc.com.



Danny, owner, left. Jason, lead door technician is on the right.

New Board Member

Trevor Phillips

Trevor moved to Lincoln in 2015 from Columbus, Nebraska, and has been a Lincoln resident ever since. He misses his hometown but has established roots in the capital city and plans to stay for the long term.

Trevor moved into the Witherbee neighborhood in 2022 and was delighted to find the community so welcoming and friendly. He knew this area in the heart of Lincoln was the place for him. After reading a few editions of the Witherbee Buzz newsletter and hearing about the neighborhood association, Trevor attended his first meeting in early 2024 and wanted to get more involved, volunteering time and effort to contribute to the community he calls home. By the end of 2024, he seized an opportunity to become a board member and is committed to supporting one of the most prestigious and organized neighborhood associations in the city.

Along with community involvement, Trevor has developed a love for growing vegetables and pollinator flowers, having success with tomatoes and carrots but struggling to get his blueberry plants up and running (hopefully this year is the year!) Additionally, he has developed a knack for raising and caring for chickens and does what he can to keep the flock happy and healthy.

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Neighbors and Boy Scouts take a break from planting to pose for a picture at Witherbee Park on November 23, 2024.

Enjoy Park in Bloom Party!

Join your neighbors on Sunday, April 27th at 6:30-8:00 pm at Witherbee Park (46th and O Streets). Visit with your neighbors, play games, chalk the walks and enjoy the thousands of Spring flowers that will be blooming all over the park. Beverages and light snacks will be provided. Seating in the park is limited, bring a lawn chair!

This event is a celebration of the work done by a group of dedicated volunteers that planted over 3,500 daffodils, tulips and other spring bulbs in the park last November. Funding to purchase the flower bulbs was provided by a Strong Neighborhoods grant and other private donations from WNA members.

Reporting a Crime

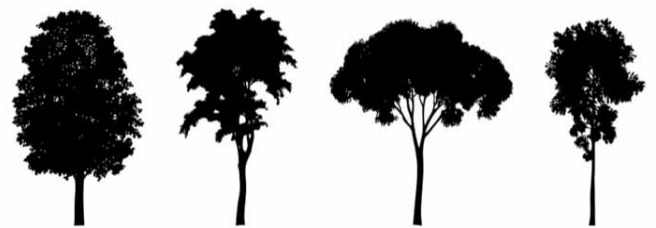
by Julie Floodman

Reporting to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Crime Stoppers is the only way to remain anonymous and/or be eligible for up to \$1,000 in rewards.

To make your report to Lincoln/Lancaster County Crime Stoppers choose any one of three methods:

- Call to speak with a Crime Stoppers call-taker at (402) 475-3600
- Leave an online tip at: <https://lincolncrimestoppers.com> or to give them a general tip about something not posted on the site.
- Download the App to report tips to Lincoln/Lancaster County Crime Stoppers. <https://www.p3tips.com/tipform.aspx?ID=596>

Remember to include the CASE NUMBER with your tip, so they know what crime-case you're talking about.



Witherbee Tree Walk May 31st

Have you ever walked around the neighborhood and asked, "I wonder what kind of tree that is?" or, "Should I call the city about that dead limb?" or, "How do I get a new tree planted in front of my home?" The answers to all these questions—and more—will be offered on the first Witherbee Tree Walk. Join local urban forester, certified arborist, and Lincoln Community Forestry Advisory Board member, Pete Smith, on a one-hour walk through the neighborhood on May 31.

Pete will explain the role of the city forestry team and Lincoln residents in the planting and tending of our street tree population—in that space between the sidewalk and the curb along most city streets. As a professional urban forester and arborist, Pete has more than 30 years experience assisting communities develop sound tree programs based on the latest research and practice. We will learn how to report a dead or damaged tree to keep our streets safe, as well as identify locations where a new tree can be planted; how to find funding for new trees; how to properly tend a young tree; and which species are best suited for planting along our streets.

Meet at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 510 S 33rd St. Saturday, May 31st at 9 am in the parking lot. The walk will begin and end there.

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Free Pantries Need Your Help!

by Julie Floodman

Little Free Pantries in our Witherbee neighborhood need your help. The pantries are often empty and more people than ever are in need.

Would you be willing to donate some non-perishable goods, such as cereal, rice, mac and cheese, canned goods, peanut butter? Hygiene items like Kleenex, toilet paper or bar soap are also needed.

You can leave your donations inside the pantry at the following locations in the Witherbee Neighborhood:

Coop's Pantry: 380 S 44th St.

Tegeler's Pantry: 612 S 42nd St.

Bill's Locker: 4115 Lenox Ave.

J Street Pantry: 3755 J St.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Blessings Box:

510 S 33rd St.

Care to Share Free Produce Garden: 601 S 42nd St.

Yard of the Month

Once again WNA will be highlighting a *Yard of the Month* in May, June, July and August. We depend on your nominations for this award. Margaret Indriksons is the chair and will consider all nominations. Please send your nomination to yardofthemonth@witherbee.org or call the WNA phone number, 402-413-0156, leave a message and we will get back to you!

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510 South 33rd Street

June 9-12, 9 am to Noon

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FitLot Classes Resume at Woods Park

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Fridays – 9-10am.

Jessie Krikac leads the informative, easy-to-follow **FREE** classes, courtesy of Lincoln Parks and Recreation, at the AARP Fitlot in Woods Park.

For more info, or finding out if a class is happening due to weather, email Jessie at: janielsen00@hotmail.com



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Salute to our Neighbor and Advertiser – West Gate Bank

Submitted by Jen Morand-Ackerman

Editors Note: West Gate Bank has been a long-time supporter of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association. They placed their first Ad in the Witherbee Buzz in the Fall of 2006 and have continued to advertise in every issue since! Our advertisers support the production of our newsletter. Without them we wouldn't be able to publish the "Buzz" four times a year. In addition, West Gate is OUR Bank—our checking account and CD are deposited there. Thank you West Gate Bank!



match our main location at 6003 Old Cheney Road. Corrine Sturdy is the manager at this location (and at our 17th and South Street location) and will be speaking at the May 22nd Witherbee Neighborhood Association meeting. She will be sharing details about our annual Festival of Free event that will occur on Friday, May 30.

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Our employees are proud to serve the Lincoln and Omaha communities on over 100 local non-profit boards, charities and other philanthropic activities. Our commitment to leadership and giving back to the community has earned West Gate Bank a number of awards - including the Federal Home Loan Bank Community Leader Award and the Better Business Bureau Integrity Award.

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As part of our commitment to deliver exceptional service, we upgraded our banking systems last year in order to improve the experience of our customers, especially in our Online and Mobile banking platforms. These now deliver enhanced digital banking, offering users the ability to customize the information they see on their accounts and new services, including Budget Insights (a budgeting tool to help customers see where they are spending their money and help them set up goals for spending) and Autobooks (offers small business owners a way to collect electronic payments and send invoices).

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WNA Calendar of Events

- April 24 Gardening in Your Backyard, WNA monthly meeting 7-8:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church, 510 S 33rd St.
- April 27 Witherbee Park in Bloom Event 6:30-8:00pm Witherbee Park, 46th and O St.
- May 3 WNA Spring Cleanup, 8a-Noon; 48th and M St.
- May 6 VOTE in City General Election**
- May 22 Consumer Banking, WNA meeting 7-8:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church, 510 S 33rd St.
- May 31 Tree Walk, 9:00am Meet in the parking lot of Redeemer Lutheran Church, 510 S 33rd St.
- June 5-8 WNA Annual Garage Sales
- June 26 WNA monthly meeting 7-8:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church, 510 S 33rd St.
- July 24 WNA monthly meeting 7-8:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church, 510 S 33rd St.
- Aug 3 WNA Pool Party and Ice Cream Social, 6-8pm Woods Pool, 3200 J Street



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2025 Annual Witherbee Neighborhood Garage Sales

Thursday, June 5 through Sunday, June 8

FREE to WNA members, \$15 for Non-members

**Please complete the registration form and mail
your registration fee and the form to**

**WNA Garage Sales
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Lincoln NE 68505**



**The \$15 fee covers WNA membership, online and Lincoln Journal Star advertising,
garage sale signs posted in the neighborhood and delivered to your address,
WNA Facebook mapping and item listings.**

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY MAY 29, 2025

Goodwill will pick up leftover items from a central Witherbee location.

Questions? Email garagesales@witherbeena.com OR call 402-413-0156 and leave a message.

2025 Garage Sale (June 5-8) Registration Form:

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Email Address: _____

Thursday, June 5 (List Open - Close Times) _____ a.m./p.m. TO _____ a.m./p.m.

Friday, June 6 (List Open - Close Times) _____ a.m./p.m. TO _____ a.m./p.m.

Saturday, June 7 (List Open - Close Times) _____ a.m./p.m. TO _____ a.m./p.m.

Sunday, June 8 (List Open - Close Times) _____ a.m./p.m. TO _____ a.m./p.m.

Note: Each Individual Participant/Address determines their own dates and times for their sale.

List Sale Items: (25 Words Or Less)