## About the Witherbee Neighborhood Association

#### **Boundaries:**

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

#### **Web Site:**

www.WitherbeeNA.org Meetings: first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Place to be announced at web site.

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# President's Message

All of our lives are so busy with so many activities. This is what makes seeing neighbors taking time to work together on issues and concerns to make a difference in their neighborhood so great.



Fred Freytag

I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered in WNA activities over the last year. This includes delivering newsletters, coming to monthly meetings, taking part in the spring cleanup, the garage sales, the Salt Dogs outing, working on special committees serving on the Board, helping with the new master plan for Woods Park and more. Together we make a difference and maintain the character of our neighborhood.

It is exiting to see progress at 48<sup>th</sup> and O street. And even though the construction will be an inconvenience for a year we hope that the revitalization of the area will have a positive effect on our neighborhood. On Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> I was asked to speak and represent the WNA at a press conference Mayor Seng held to announce the latest for the widen-

ing of O street project. We have worked hard to be involved and stay on top of projects in or near our neighborhood. In addition to the O Street widening and redevelopment in the area, with some luck we will get a new park at 41<sup>st</sup> & J street.

On behalf of the volunteers from throughout our neighborhood who have come together to protect and enhance the area, I would like to ask you to either join or renew your membership in the WNA. Doing so will show that you care and in return we will do out best to keep you informed. The small membership fee (see the form on page 8) will help with our projects and communication. You also may make your tax-deductible donations to the WNA. If you have funds you can give to a charitable cause, making a donation to your Witherbee Neighborhood Association would be a good way to leave your mark in the neighborhood.

For the next year I am looking forward to growing our membership list and taking on new projects such as looking at requesting the city to down zone a part of our neighborhood to help protect it from improper developments. I herby invite you to reach out to your neighbors, come to a meeting or take part in a neighborhood activity. You will not regret it. See you soon.

# O Street Closing Update:

**O Street widening**: The Mayor announced on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at a press conference at Perkins restaurant that the city selected a one year option on the O street widening project from 52<sup>nd</sup> to 45<sup>th</sup> with a total closure of O Street and a de-

tour down R Street. The project is set to begin in March 2006. The reconstruction of 48<sup>th</sup> Street from M Street to R Street will be a two year project with one side being closed at a time for construction. You can find

more details on line at <a href="www.ostreetlincoln.com">www.ostreetlincoln.com</a> It is great to see some common sense used and the street project getting done before the blighted area is redeveloped and new businesses suffer needlessly.

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