

Chief of Police to Speak - Answer Questions Nov. 3rd.

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Our Southeast Team claims a long-standing tradition of leading the department in the number of problem-oriented policing projects completed each year. These projects are specifically designed to impact long-term, repetitive problems by using non-traditional policing methods and involving the community in the final solution.

Chief Casady will highlight how residents and the WNA can partner with the team. For example, the Southeast Team established a Citizen's Advisory Council in 1996. The council meets five times a year and is comprised of citizens who live and work within the boundaries of the Southeast Team. The purpose of the council is to provide citizen input on Southeast Team issues and serve as a communication link with the various interest groups they represent. This type of forum provides citizens of Lincoln with a direct voice to their police department and is used to help identify and resolve community issues.

The department also has a long-standing program called the Citizen Academy. It is designed to build a better understanding between citizens and the police through hands-on education. By participating in the Academy WNA residents can become more familiar with the operations of the Lincoln Police Department and gain a deeper understanding of the policies and laws guiding officer's decisions. Academy participants meet once a week for nine weeks. Information-packed classes include criminal law, domestic violence, criminal investigation, traffic enforcement, lethal force, K-9 demonstrations, narcotics, gangs, DWI and a popular ride along with an on-duty officer.

Don't miss this chance to hear from and ask question of Lincoln's Chief of Police.

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Woods Park Land Exchange Update Sort of a Deja vu Situation

By Mike Fitzgerald

For those who are familiar with the issue of WNA efforts to have the city place a park at 41st and J, the good news is that there has been activity since the update in our spring newsletter. The unfortunate news is that not much progress has been made. Then again, the good news is that a couple options with potential still are viable.

For everyone's benefit, here's the background on issue: The expansion of Health Dept. facilities in Woods Park requires lost park space to be replaced elsewhere in the city on a dollar value basis (approx. \$320,000). Representatives from WNA, Woods Park Neighborhood Association and 40th & A Neighborhood Association have visited with city officials during the past year in an effort to have a park developed in the center part of the city (we called it Witherbee Gardens).

The Parks and Recreation Dept. developed a proposal that would place a mini park at 4105 J and the city and WNA residents then toured the property to discuss the potential for increasing the size of a park and the city soon thereafter did propose enlarging the park at 41st and J. The city commissioned an appraisal of the property. Those activities are the good news. The unfortunate news is that the appraised value is reportedly lower than the \$160,000 estimate the city, property owner and WNA discussed before the appraisal. In addition, the city and the owner of the 41st & J lots have yet to get together to see if a deal can be worked out.

Anyone with questions or comments about this project can contact WNA past president Mike Fitzgerald at 486-4073 or via e-mail at seven_f_ranch@juno.com.

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