



FIELD CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*The Newsletter of the Field Club
Homeowners League*

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www.fieldclubneighborhood.homestead.com

From the President...

Dear Neighbors,

Happy 2009!

Woolworth Avenue received special holiday attention from some arctic-weather loving neighbors. Dennis Taylor, MaryRae Wolf, and Sylvia Phillips provided the wreaths and bows for the historic lights along the Blvd. The wind chill was below zero yet these rugged individuals spent over 2 hours hanging wreaths on each light pole. They looked beautiful!

Our General Meeting will be held April 22nd. Elections for FCHL Board Members will take place at that time. If you are interested in serving your neighborhood, please contact a current Board member so your name may be added to the ballot. There will also be an update on Phase II of the Historic Lighting Project. We hope to invite the candidates for Mayor as well as City Council.

A number of garages in the neighborhood have recently been defaced with graffiti. This must be reported to the Mayor's Hotline at 444-5555. I would like to remind everyone to call 911 for any suspicious activity. Please be vigilant. If you are interested in becoming a member of Citizen's Patrol, please contact Jeff Woolard at Jeff.Woolard@kiewit.com or 342-7524. We have a wonderful neighborhood. We need to protect it!

Liz

Field Club Historic District Gear Is Here!

Show your true neighborhood spirit *and* support the Homeowners League at the same time. Purchase logo clothing items including short or long sleeve t-shirts, ringer t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts with three different designs. Prices range from \$11.99 to \$35.99. This is a fundraiser for the Field Club Homeowners League. Just visit <http://www.cafepress.com/FieldClubHome> to view and purchase these items. Profits from the sales comes directly to the Homeowners League! Such a deal!

KOB Needs Help

Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc has lost its storage facility at 2101 Cuming Street and needs to find a location east of 72nd Street to store bags, gloves, rakes and brooms for volunteer pick up on Monday and Friday at noon. Even a space as small as 10X10 would work. Anyone willing to provide a location should contact **Cindy Smilley** 444-7774 csmilley@ci.omaha.ne.us

SAVE THESE DATES

February 27/28	Restore Omaha
April 22	Annual Meeting(date TBA)
June	Garage Sale; Golf Day; Home Tour
July 4	Field Club Parade

Don't forget to pay your membership dues-a bargain at only \$10 per year!

2008 Board Members

President:	Liz Hanlon	346-0867
Vice President:	Jill Nienaber	556-1187
Secretary:	Jim Costello	345-4235
Treasurer:	Ali Britt	345-1855
	Mike Bednarz	345-1827
	Brad Brommer	551-3837
	Pam Greer	342-7773
	Tim Higgins	344-0162
	Val Himes	345-1339
	Tim Holland	346-5116
	Sarah Jensen	933-9609
	Megan King	871-6728
	Karen McGrane	346-3324
	Peggy Pavlik	344-7963
	Bob Perrin	341-4738
	Kris Porter	933-0177
	Ed Quinn	345-6392

Cindy Brown, Bernie Post Alternates

Copies of this newsletter provided by:
THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER FOR GREATER OMAHA
"Your One-Stop Neighborhood Resource" 115 South 49th Ave.
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www.neighborhood-center.org

*The Homeowners League Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm.
Call Liz Hanlon with agenda items. Send newsletter articles to Peggy Pavlik.*

Annual Restore Omaha Conference

- **Need inspiration to tackle some of your old-home projects?**
- **Have questions on the best products to use in restoring and preserving your older property?**
- **Looking to meet and learn from other owners of historic buildings?**

Come to Restore Omaha. Through networking and educational sessions, the annual Restore Omaha Conference offers professionals and enthusiasts information on restoring, renovating and preserving older properties.

In partnership with Metropolitan Community College Foundation, the conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 28 at Metro's South Campus at 27th and Q Streets.

This year participants can select from 16 sessions to attend. Topics include porch restoration, repairing plaster, painting exterior woodwork and window and weather stripping along with sessions on landscaping, preservation basics, small commercial projects and a panel discussing the effects of development on historic neighborhoods. Morning and afternoon breaks along with a Restoration JAM! at the end of the day will allow opportunities to network and to gather ideas and solutions with other restoration-minded property owners.

Keynote speaker is Kelly Sutherlin McLeod, AIA. Kelly served as project architect for the nationally-recognized conservation of one of the country's most notable Arts & Crafts homes, the Gamble House in Pasadena, California.

An opening reception at Prouty Place Dos, a renovated mixed-use building at 4825 S. 25th St., will take place Friday, February 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. A pre-renovation reception in the building was the highlight of the 2008 Restore Omaha. This year, attendees will have the opportunity to see the progress made. Reception cost is \$15.

Cost to attend the February 28th conference is \$35. Admission includes the keynote lecture, three educational sessions, lunch and the Restoration JAM! reception. Save \$10 by registering before February 13. Visit www.restoreomaha.com for full details and registration information. For questions call 402-457-2241 or e-mail Hanne Kruse at hkruse@mccneb.edu.

The conference is made possible with support from Metropolitan Community College Foundation, the Omaha Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, B.G. Peterson Co., Omaha Main Streets and funding from the Douglas County Historical Grant and The National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Historic Lighting Update

Wonder what's happening next with the historic lights in the Field Club neighborhood? Well, the plan is still in the works. It does take time to work out all the details of putting in historic lights. Remember how long it took to get the first ones in? Field Club Homeowners League board members continue to work with the Public Works Department to implement the next phase of the project. Interested in more detail or want to find out how you can help? Come to the April general meeting of the Field Club homeowners League on Wednesday, April 22.

New Board Members Needed

Every year the membership of The Field Club Homeowners League elects half the members of the board of directors. Any paid member of the Homeowners League is eligible to run for office. Please consider making that contribution to our neighborhood. Call Liz Hanlon if you are interested in running for the board.

Graffiti Wars

As part of the fight against graffiti, we need to continue reporting graffiti to the mayor's hotline (444-5555) and removing it as soon as possible. The Southeast precinct has some paint and painting supplies. The paint will obviously not match but can be used to cover the graffiti until the graffiti van can come by and match the paint.

Willa Cather Branch Omaha Public Library

Willa Cather Branch of the Omaha Public Library has a number of programs for patrons of all ages! Find one that you enjoy and enjoy the public library.

Thursdays, 10:30 Baby and Me Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 Preschool/Toddler Storytime

Homework HotSpot. Wednesday and Thursday

3:00 - 6:00. Students enjoy a nutritious snack, do homework, or have fun taking part in educational games and activities. Tutor.com will also be available during this time for homework help. It is FREE!

Coffee, Crafts, and Keys to Early Literacy.

Tuesday, February 17, 10:30 – 11:15.

Learn important aspects of teaching literacy to your young one while they participate in a craft.

Fun Fridays: February's Fabulous Food!

Please register for the following programs at omahapubliclibrary.org or call 444-4851

Cookie Decorating. February 6, 4:00-5:00

Jell-O Building!?! February 13, 4:00-5:00.

Smiling Smoothies February 20, 4:00-5:00

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate! Feb 27, 4-5pm