



FIELD CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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*The Newsletter of the
Field Club Homeowners League*

From Your President

Tim Holland

Have you noticed how beautiful the boulevard looks this year? Obviously all the rain has helped, but more importantly there has been a significant effort this year by many of your neighbors to make it better than ever.

We took over the mowing, fertilization, weed control tree trimming and general cleanup activities from the city. Eleven year-old Keegan Smutz has volunteered his time to mow the two western blocks and Mike Bednarz and Laura Sparks have mowed the eastern block. Dave Fortina coordinated weekly neighborhood cleanup and maintenance (Monday evenings at 7:00). Trees have been trimmed for safety, resulting in drivers being able to see children who might follow a ball into the street, as well as providing a better line of sight to the stop signs. Stacy Penrod arranged for the city parks department to take over the flower gardens at each end of the boulevard. Neighborhood historical signs have finally been placed in each of the gardens. We worked with the city and neighbors to stop

Deffenbaugh from curb jumping at the intersection of 35th Avenue.

Future plans for the boulevard include the



installation of speed tables, additional landscaping and possibly lawn irrigation and accent historic lighting.

Thanks to all who have volunteered their time and talents for our community. We are always in need of additional help and assistance. Please consider volunteering – there's a lot more we can do to make our neighborhood even better.

Field Club Homeowners League

Biannual Meeting

Wednesday, September 15
at

Field Club of Omaha Ballroom
36 & Woolworth

6:30 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Meeting

Special Guest Speaker

**Omaha Police Chief
Tom Warren**

Refreshments & Door Prizes

BUSY NEIGHBORS

by Katie Kelly

Summer may be slowing down, but our Field Club neighbors are as active as ever:

ISABEL COHEN, a member of the Associated Artists of Omaha, will be represented in their group show at the Hillman Gallery, College of St. Mary's (72nd & Mercy Road). The show runs from Aug. 29 to Sept. 25 and five of Isabel's paintings will be included. You can meet Isabel and other artists on Sunday, Sept. 5 from 2-4 p.m. at the gallery. You can also view her work at her web site: <http://www.absolutearts.com/issyco>

LIBBY BARNETTE, a member of the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band will perform with their "Offutt Brass" quintet in Papillion's City Park on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. LIBBY and her husband MARK will also perform on Sept. 3 with Omaha's Analog Arts Ensemble. It's a free lunchtime concert (11:30-1:30) so bring a bag lunch: 1st Central Congregation Church, 421 S. 36th Street. Check the Ensemble's web site at <http://www.analogartsensemble.net> .

The Christie Heights Quilters will hold their annual Quilt Show Sept. 18, 10 a.m-4 p.m. at the Christie Hts. Community Center, 37th And "P" Streets. 32nd Avenue neighbors GUNN HENRIKSSON and ESTHER BARRY and former Field Club neighbor RUTH HARDER are members of the group. Some 45 quilts will be displayed at the show.

NOTE: If you have news of your Field Club neighbors, let us know. (New neighbors? New babies? Kids in college?) Contact Katie Kelly at kkelly22@cox.net or call 402-340-0288 or any Field Club board member.

OBSTRUCTIONS: As a safety measure, homeowners are required to keep trees, bushes and shrubs trimmed back from the corners of their property so as not to obstruct drivers' views. Property owners are also required to keep bushes and shrubs along their sidewalks trimmed back for the safety and comfort of people walking on our sidewalks.

Thanks Lynn!

After years of providing publicity for the Field Club neighborhood Lynn Taylor stepped down from the chair of the publicity committee.

Thanks Lynn, for sharing your creative efforts in designing and posting numerous signs and fliers for neighborhood social events. You are truly a valued and dedicated neighbor. Your help in keeping Field Club a vital community is appreciated.

HANSCOM PARK UPDATE

A representative from the Field Club Homeowners League board met recently with Parks Commission Larry Foster about conditions in the northeast corner of Hanscom Park. They did a walkthrough of the area at the corner of Woolworth and Park Avenue, scene of a recent suicide and many neighborhood complaints concerning prostitutes, vagrants, trash, litter, shattered sidewalks, dead trees and weeds.

Keep Omaha Beautiful and City Councilman Jim Vokal have also expressed concern over conditions in that section of the otherwise lovely Hanscom Park. Foster promised a report back after he meets with his design team. We'll keep you posted.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Remember, we have a neighborhood watch group on every block. YOU are part of that watch group. Keep in touch with your block captain. If you notice any suspicious activity, please call the police non-emergency number: 444-5902 and let your block captain know you called. If you witness a crime in progress call 911. Your watchful eyes help to keep this neighborhood safe!

The next meeting of the FCHL board will be on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mike Bednarz, 3322 Woolworth.