



# FIELD CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Omaha, Nebraska

The Newsletter of the  
Field Club Homeowners League

## Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up May 6

Field Club neighbors will once again be given an opportunity to participate in Clean-Up Omaha. The activity is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Field Club School.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of those space eating items being stored in basements, alleys, and garages. As in the past, rock, concrete, paint, oil, batteries, pesticides, and yard waste will not be accepted.

Come and spend an hour or two helping neighbors unload their vehicles. If you would like assistance with getting items to the collection site, have a pickup truck available, or would like to volunteer, please call Mike Phillips at 345-5438.

## Attention Seniors! Reduce Your Property Taxes

What is Homestead Exemption? Homestead Exemption provides property tax relief for those who meet the following eligibility criteria: you must own your own home, be 65 and older and meet income guidelines (married and make less than \$33,250.99 per year or single and make less than \$28,200.99 per year).

Free application assistance is being offered through a partnership with Volunteers Intervening for Equity and the University of Nebraska-Omaha School for Social Work. Locations and times are:

March 14 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Holy Name Church 2909 Fontenelle Blvd.

March 25 10:00 - 2:00 pm  
Willa Cather Library 1905 S. 44th Street

March 28 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Kountze Memorial Church 2650 Farnam Street

April 5 10:00 - 12:00 pm  
AARP Information Center Center Mall

April 11 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
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Please bring the following: Completed 2005 Income Tax forms; Homestead Exemption application (call County Assessor at 444-6459); deductible out of pocket medical expenses. For questions regarding site locations contact VIE at 444-6604.

SAVE THIS DATE

Field Club Homeowners League

## Bi-Annual Meeting

### Thursday, April 20

at the Field Club of Omaha

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Meeting & Election of  
Board Members

Any Field Club resident interested in running for a board position should contact Laurie Ortman, board president, at 561-9764.

2006 membership dues will be accepted at the meeting.

### 2006 Board Members

President:	Laurie Ortman	561-9764
Vice President:	Tim Holland	346-5116
Secretary:	Val Himes	345-1339
Treasurer:	Donavon Beals	884-0339
	Libby Barnette	341-6195
	Mike Bednarz	345-1827
	Tony Deeb	345-1527
	Pam Greer	342-7773
	Joe Grier	346-3639
	Tim Higgins	344-0162
	Katie Kelly	340-0288
	Trish Lanphier	341-0248
	Cynde McCall	345-1881
	Peggy Pavlik	344-7963
	Bob Perrin	341-4738
	Ed Quinn	345-6392
	Susy Westerholm	341-1360
Alternates:	Dave Fortina	346-1638
	Tom Hart	341-7456

The Homeowners League Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.  
Call Laurie Ortman with agenda items r Tony Deeb with newsletter items.

# BUSY NEIGHBORS

by Katie Kelly

**WATCH OUT:** Esther Barry, who has been our good neighbor in Field Club for over 50 years, has a big one coming up: on March 19 Esther turns 99! Esther was born on a farm in Colfax County and, as was usual back then, worked out as a hired girl for a time. She came to Omaha in the mid-30s and has lived in Field Club since the 1950s when she and her husband bought their home on 32nd Avenue and sent their daughter Sandy (Bianchi) off to Field Club Elementary. In the 50s Esther also started working for Brandeis in their famed Bridal Salon. During her 20 year career at Brandeis, Esther sent many beautiful Nebraska area brides down the aisle. And she hasn't slacked off one bit from those heady times: once a week she heads down to the Christie Heights Center in South Omaha where she quilts with her gal pals. And every other week she's back down there, helping tie quilts for the homeless. Esther has been a good and loyal neighbor here in Field Club for over 50 years. And we have just one thing to say to her: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** And we all look forward to next year.

**NEW TITLE for Isabel Cohen: Grandmother.** (Which of course shares space with wife, mother, neighbor, political activist, pal and artist). The Grandmother thing happened when Howard arrived on the scene January 6, 2006. And of course young Howard's birth stats are impressive: he weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 20". Proud parents are Isabel's son Whit and wife Andrea who live in Tennessee. **AND EQUALLY BLISSSED OUT: NEW STEP-GRANDFATHER, CARL COHEN.** ISABEL AND CARL will have to settle for lots of photographs in between visits with Howard who is, of course, the cutest, sweetest, smartest baby in the whole world. **Congrats, YOU TWO!**

**ATTENTION:** There's been another Jill Anderson sighting: this former Field Club talent just opened in **HONK TONK LAUNDRY** at the Oregon Cabaret Theatre in Ashland, OR. Mom and Dad (a/k/a Bill and Barb Anderson of the 32nd Street Andersons) headed straight for Oregon to check things out. And without bias, they report that not only is this a two-woman show "great" with 25 songs to be belted out by the two co-stars--but Jill directed it, too! **OK: I'm exhausted!** You have until April 2 to zip right out to Oregon and scope things out for yourself. Meanwhile, you can check the reviews on Jill's website: [www.redchairrecords.com](http://www.redchairrecords.com)

Note: If you have news of your Field Club neighbors, let us know. (New babies? Kids in college? Awards? Activities? Contact Katie Kelly at (402) 340-0288 or [kkelly22 @ cox.net](mailto:kkelly22@cox.net).

# Crime Prevention In Field Club

There is a negative side to warming temperatures. The neighborhood has been buzzing the past few weeks with reports of thefts of down spouts from alleys, attempted break-ins, and vandalized autos. These crimes are occurring during daytime hours as well as late at night. Most recently word has been circulated that a couple of young people, who may have been responsible for some of the crimes, have been arrested. Thanks go out to all of alert neighbors, our Neighborhood Watch volunteers, and Citizen Patrollers for their continued vigilance.

Ofelia Robles, Omaha Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist at the Southeast Precinct recently provided the following safety tips from the wealth of crime prevention materials at her office:

- Use adequate lighting around the entrances of your home.
- Make certain that doors have sturdy hinges, a peep hole, chain latch, and cylinder locks.
- Windows should have locks that require keys. Consider grille work, metal bars, or burglar proof glass for ground floor and basement windows.
- Keep your doors locked at all times, even when you are at home.
- Keep garage doors down and locked.
- To discourage burglars, your residence should appear to be occupied at all times. It should never be apparent to anyone walking or driving by that you are not at home.
- Get to know your neighbors. Learn the name and phone number of your Neighbor Watch Block Captain. (a listing of block captains will be in the April issue of the Field Club Historic Newsletter)
- If your residence appears to have been burglarized, do not enter. Call 911 immediately from a neighbor's house.

## Welcoming New Neighbors

New to the neighborhood? Did someone just move in next door? Don't keep it a secret. The Field Club Homeowners League Welcoming Committee would like to know.

New neighbors are greeted with packet that includes a welcome letter outlining our major annual events, information on trash collection, neighborhood code of ethics, and a free membership to the FCHL for the balance of the year. They will also receive a refrigerator magnet with emergency numbers, a Field Club walking tour brochure, and a plate of fresh baked cookies.

If you have a new neighbor please contact the Welcoming Committee chairman, Joe Grier at 346-3639, or any Field Club Homeowners League board member.

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