



# FIELD CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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*The Newsletter of the  
Field Club Homeowners League*

## Neighborhood Directory Update Underway

by Cynde McCall

Field Club neighbors: Please help! We need a final list of neighbors with addresses and phone numbers by Feb. 15 in order to update the neighborhood directory so the citizen patrol can contact neighbors if they notice anything unusual. It will be warmer soon (I hope) and we would like this project to be completed before the summer night activity in the neighborhood increases. If you do not want your name included in the neighborhood directory please notify your block captain, or Cynde McCall 345-1881. This directory is not distributed outside of our neighborhood.

## Georgia Clark Takes Over As Neighborhood Watch Chair

Georgia Clark is taking over as the Neighborhood Watch chairperson. Georgia's phone number is 345-2596.

**Block Captains:** You should touch base with her so she knows you are still active for your block. Make sure your neighbors have your contact number and are aware of the Neighborhood Watch Program and how to notify you.

**Neighbors:** Do you know who your block captain is? The list is sent out with the historic newsletter. If you do not have a copy, please contact Georgia and she will get you in touch with the right person.

When you, or your neighbors notice anything unusual please phone Georgia so she can get the word out to your neighbors. This type of communication is what keeps our neighborhood strong and safe. Remind your neighbors however, that all crimes should be reported immediately to the Omaha Police Department prior to calling Georgia or the block captain.

## Hanscom Park Update

by Katie Kelly

Check it out: Work on the northeast corner of Hanscom Park has zoomed ahead. The brush has been cleared, dead and dying trees cut out to provide better sight lines in and out of that corner. The Jersey barriers have been removed and two sets of historic steps have been jacked up and preserved. Old crumbling sidewalks are gone and new ones are in place. The old roadway is intact, providing a wide and gracious walkway on the east side of the Park. A rustic fence now wraps around the corner at Woolworth and Park Ave.

Our thanks to Larry Foster of the Parks Department and his designer, Pat Slavin for moving so quickly on this project, and for listening to the safety and aesthetic concerns of this group, the Ford Birth Site Assoc. and the Hanscom Park Assoc. A dramatic example of all the work that has been done: this winter, you can actually look across the park from 32nd Avenue and see traffic moving on Park Avenue.

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# BUSY NEIGHBORS

by Katie Kelly

**FIELD CLUB BREAK-INS:** The two perps ran up the steps, jangled the doorbell and when the startled homeowner opened the door, they broke into--song. Seems Sophie Hug and Emelia Phillips decided to go around the neighborhood spreading a little holiday cheer. The first house they hit had 12 old ladies (well, ok: mature women) having lunch before their own tap dance gig at the Florence Home. Sophie and Emelia treated them to a lively version of "Jingle Bells" and were in turn treated to a standing ovation. Before continuing their rounds, Emelia snagged a chocolate chip cookie while Sophie passed on the peanut brittle because of her new braces. And off they went to Carl and Isabel Cohen's house. And so it continued...

**WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN?** Well, ok. Maybe it wasn't a mask. Maybe it was just a scarf and mittens. But there he was, bravely pushing a snow blower and cleaning the sidewalks on 32nd Avenue between Woolworth and Hickory. Hmm. Methinks I heard a symphonic trumpet accompanying him 'ere he blew out of sight. Thanks, Masked Man.

**DANCING FEET:** There she was, 9-year-old Leanna Ortman, clogging at the Mid-America Center last month. Leanna and her group, the Loess Hills Country Cloggers, perform about a dozen times a year. They have danced at Lancer hockey games, 4th of July parades and for the Iowa Blackhawks. As usual, the Mid-America crowd loved them. Leanna is the daughter of Field Club neighbors Charles and Laurie Ortman.

**HE'S BA-A-CK!** In 2004 Eric Anderson got his Ph.D. in Neuropathology/Neuroelectrophysiology from the Nebraska Med. Center--and almost immediately took off for Puerto Rico to work on a Neuro AIDS program. Eric is now back home in Field Club and back at the Med. Center, this time to work on his MD. Eric says he'd like to try his hand at tissue regeneration research. Or maybe start a biotech. But he admits he's also open to the idea of practicing medicine. With all that, he is still an adjunct professor with the U. of Puerto Rico. What can we say--except: welcome home, Eric!

## Destination Midtown • • • Now On The Web

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In an effort to connect with Midtowners and the community more effectively and efficiently, Destination Midtown is changing the way it communicates. A new electronic focus will reach more people than ever before, bringing them the latest on the Destination Midtown's programs, activities and resources, as well as current events in Midtown Omaha.

The backbone of this innovative move toward technology will be Destination Midtown's updated web site, which was launched in August of 2005. The new site serves as the ultimate resource for those wanting to be engaged in the revitalization and active transformation of our historic neighborhoods.

As an extension of the new site, the Destination Midtown newsletter and events calendar will be converted into electronic formats beginning in December. Destination Midtown will issue e-broadcasts on the first and third Monday of each month. The publications, which previously reached 700-1000 individuals, will now have unlimited potential for reaching the community, and those watching our progress from afar.

In order for Destination Midtown to communicate all of the incredible opportunities for business growth, neighborhood revitalization and community development, we need to update and increase e-mail addresses on file to reach as many people as possible. We encourage you to get connected by signing up for our electronic communication at <http://www.destinationmidtown.org/broadcast/index.asp>. Viewers may also submit story ideas for the newsletters by visiting the site at <http://www.destinationmidtown.org/contact-us.asp>. "We are excited about taking Destination Midtown in this new direction, providing the community with a premier web site for not only Midtowners, but for the entire community and those who support this premier community development effort across the country," said Executive Director Tawanna Black.

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