



FIELD CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*The Newsletter of the Field Club
Homeowners League*

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From the President...

Dear Neighbors,

The 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Field Club Homeowners League was a huge success. Our invited speakers, **Jim Vokal**, city councilman and **Jamie Grayson**, executive director of Destination Midtown spoke about issues affecting our neighborhood and the city of Omaha in general. Many of our neighbors were honored for their commitment to Field Club. In preparing for the meeting, I found 65 neighbors and their families who have been in the neighborhood for 25 or more consecutive years. Our longest neighbor has lived in the area since 1932. The Omaha North High School Honors Orchestra provided the attendees with beautiful sounds of classical music. Here's to 60 more years!

I have received 18 Neighborhood Assessment surveys to date. It is not too late to get them to me. This is your opportunity to let the Board know how we can better serve you. Your comments are greatly appreciated. Look for more on the survey in an upcoming newsletter.

The bi-annual Historic Newsletter was started in 1997. By all accounts, this has been a well received and informative publication. **Cynde McCall** has been the driving force behind the newsletter for the past ten years but is no longer able to do so. The Board is looking for someone to take on the task of continuing the coordination of this project. If you are interested, please contact me or one of the Board members. Notify **Peggy Pavlik** with articles for this monthly newsletter.

Citizen's Patrol is looking for more volunteers to patrol our neighborhood. **Jeff Woolard** is the chairperson for this worthwhile activity. Please contact him if you are willing to participate in keeping the neighborhood safe. He can be reached at 342-7524.

Destination Midtown hosted information gathering sessions October 16th and 17th on the Park Avenue restoration project. I hope many of you were able to attend. If not, there are sessions planned in November. For dates, times, and locations, please contact **Jamie Grayson** at 233-7142. She can also be reached via e-mail at jgrayson@destinationmidtown.org. As a neighborhood, we need to stay aware of and involved in what is happening with our bordering communities.

I hope to see many of you at the Chili Tasting on Sunday, October 28th from 2-5pm. This year it will be held on the north side of Woolworth between Turner Blvd. and 35th St. Look for more information in an upcoming flier.

Liz Hanlon

SAVE THESE DATES

October 28	Chili Cook Off from 2-5 pm
November 8	Assistance League of Omaha Christmas Caravan Home Tour 10 am-8 pm \$12.00 (presale)
November 14	Field Club Homeowners League Board meeting 7:30 at Bob Perrin's home
December 8	Christmas Party at 10 AM
December 23	Luminary Night

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*The Homeowners League Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.
Call Liz Hanlon with agenda items. Send newsletter articles to Peggy Pavlik.*

Ornamental Lighting Update

As you may have noticed, the first phase of the Ornamental Lighting is just about complete along the Woolworth Ave. boulevard. This process started with some dreaming back in May of 2000 and has taken a lot of perseverance and patience.

Actual planning started in the fall of 2002 with a concept to have ornamental lighting located along 36th street, Woolworth Avenue and 32nd Avenue (see image below). As reported in the fall, 2003 FCHL Historic Newsletter, your Board started grant fundraising and coordination with Councilman Jim Vokal, OPPD and Public works. The entire project was estimated to cost around \$150,000. The board decided to approach the project in a phased format so that some impact could be accomplished as soon as possible.

The board considered many different options for phasing including neighborhood entrance points or a single street. It was decided that the most impact would be achieved placing them along the Boulevard because of its unique character and its location at the center of the neighborhood.



Phase One – the Woolworth Boulevard - was presented at a special neighborhood meeting on January 10, 2007. The layout presented included 14 new ornamental fixtures. At that point the Board had raised around \$30,000 which included grants from Mutual of Omaha, Kiewit Foundation, Mayor's neighborhood grant and the 2004 & 2005 Historic Home Tours. The Field Club of Omaha also assisted in the fundraising by allowing us to host 2 FCHL golf outings at no cost for the use of the course. With this year's historic home tour proceeds, we will have raised \$33,000 which is the cost of phase one of the project.

As we worked out the final details with OPPD and Public Works, we were able to reduce some of the cost and add a few more ornamental fixtures. The city has agreed to pay for some of the underground wiring, the ongoing maintenance and power for the extra lights.

Soon the new underground wiring will be complete, the old fixtures removed and the new ornamental lights will be glowing. The intersection lighting will retain the taller, new cobras (and our historic street signs). This will provide additional lighting at the pedestrian and vehicular interface.

The next step is to determine phase two location and begin the fundraising. We are looking for your leadership and input for this next phase.