



FIELD CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*The Newsletter of the Field Club
Homeowners League*

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Omaha, Nebraska

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From the President...

Dear Neighbors,

At the last Board Meeting, we were fortunate to have City Councilman Jim Vokal and Scott McIntyre, Street Maintenance Engineer with the Omaha Public Works Department, present. Two main issues were addressed with our guests: concerns about graffiti and the condition of the alleys in our neighborhood. According to Mr. McIntyre, the last time the alleys in the Field Club area received any attention was 2003. The City is willing to patch the alleys again sometime later this Spring. This does not totally solve the problem but it will help. Patching is a temporary fix due to limited funding. There is another option. If homeowners, living along an alley, are interested in forming an "improvement district", a new concrete alley could be laid and the cost would be assessed back to the benefited property owners. The assessment can be paid over several years. If you are interested in this, I have additional information.

Grffiti needs to be taken care of immediately. The number to report any graffiti in the neighborhood is the Mayor's Hotline at 444-5555 or e-mail hotline@ci.omaha.ne.us. If you catch someone in the act, please call 911. Remember to also notify your Neighborhood Watch captain if you see any suspicious activity. Of interest, the chemical used to cover the spray-painted graffiti cannot be used during the cold weather so there is quite a backlog of complaints that need to be addressed due to the long winter we have had. Now that the temperature has started to warm up, it is expected that the graffiti van will be out in full force. In early February, a neighbor witnessed 3 young men vandalizing the electric box and the Destination Midtown Garden sign at Poppleton and Turner Blvd. She reported this to the police. I have been informed an arrest has been made.

The Spring General Meeting is April 16th at the Field Club. We will be honoring those who have made Phase I of the Historic Lighting Project a reality. The Board has recently learned that we have been awarded the Kiewit Grant for \$10,000. This is a matching funds grant so work is underway to find additional funding sources. **Ali Britt, Libby Barnette,** and **Nancy Gilliland** are to be congratulated for their accomplishment in writing a successful grant application. The Board's main fund raising event this year is the Golf Tournament on June 23rd. You may register for the golf tournament at the General Meeting. Money raised will be used for Phase II of the Historic Lighting Project. **Mike Bednarz, Jim Costello,** and **Eric Barntsen** are spearheading this event.

Elections for Board members will also be held at the April meeting. If you are interested in serving, please contact a current Board member so your name can be placed on the ballot. Your neighborhood needs you to become involved.

Those of you who have moved into the neighborhood since 2007, please contact me. I would like to recognize you at the April meeting. You are as important to the success of our neighborhood as those who have been long time residents.

Happy Spring. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the April meeting.

Liz

SAVE THESE DATES

April 12	Neighborhood Clean-up
April 16	General Meeting and dedication of the completion of Phase I of the Historic Lighting Project.
May 14	Board Meeting at Ali Britt's home
June 7	Annual Garage Sale
June 23	Field Club Golf Outing at Field Club of Omaha

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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.*

Field Club Golf Outing

The Homeowners League will sponsor a 4-person scramble golf outing on Monday, June 23 at Field Club of Omaha. The fee is \$50 per person and includes the green fees, cart and dinner after play. Tee-off time is 1 pm. Pin prizes will be awarded for every hole! Mulligans will be available for purchase for \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Outing organizers are seeking donations for pin prizes and the second chance drawings. At least 18 items are needed and donors will be given a donation letter for tax purposes.

Proceeds from the golf outing will be used to extend the historic lighting throughout the neighborhood.

For more information contact **Eric Barntsen** 341-6031, **Jim Costello** 345-4235, or **Mike Bednarz** 345-1827.

Spring Cleanup in Field Club

It's almost time for the 2008 Keep Omaha Beautiful Spring Clean Up. The date our neighborhood has been assigned is Saturday April 12 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The location again is the parking lot of the Field Club Elementary School. This is your opportunity to get rid of bulky or difficult to dispose of items such as couches or mattresses that can't be put out with your regular household garbage. Vouchers will also be available for disposal of large tree limbs and brush that would be difficult to dispose of during weekly yard waste collection. Separate sites will be designated for certain items - St. Vincent DePaul parking lot 22nd and Leavenworth for tires; South High parking lot 23rd and J for appliances. No concrete, rocks, liquids, batteries, paint or toxic materials please. Volunteers needed to help direct traffic and unload vehicles. Questions? Call **Mike Phillips** at 345-5438.

Board Members Needed

Field Club Homeowners League needs new board members! This job requires a few hours of your time each month, but pays off in the knowledge that you have helped maintain our wonderful neighborhood!

Neighborhood Safety What Can You Do?

The safety of our neighborhood is up to all of us. Paint your address on your curb, porch and the back of your house. Keep your doors locked, even when you are at home. If you get up at night, take a look out the windows and call the police if you see anything that looks suspicious. Know your neighborhood watch block captain. All the captains are listed in the latest phone directory.

Please consider joining the Citizen's Patrol. This dedicated group of people help our safety by being the "eyes and ears" of the police. More neighbors are needed to help. You will receive training before going out. If you are interested in joining, call Jeff Woolard at 342-7524.

Neighborhood Visitors

North High School Magnet engineering students will host a group of elementary students on a field trip to Field Club neighborhood on Wednesday, May 7. The students will study our historic architecture and then have lunch in the park. Please welcome the next generation of people who appreciate the historic significance of our neighborhood!

*Please join us as we celebrate the
Installation of the historic lighting
In the Field Club neighborhood
Wednesday, April 16, 2008
7:00pm
At the
Field Club of Omaha
36th and Woolworth Ave*