



# FIELD CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*The Newsletter of the Field Club  
Homeowners League*

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## From the President...

Dear Neighbors,

As I write this letter, Christmas is only 62 days away. Where did our summer go? I am looking forward to all of the ghosts and goblins who will be visiting our neighborhood soon. Get your supply of candy ready!

Many of you may have heard that Pat and Cynde McCall will be moving to Colorado in the next few months. What a loss to the neighborhood but what a great opportunity for them. The McCalls have been actively involved in our neighborhood throughout their many years as Field Club members and their departure will leave a huge void.

Cynde has headed up Neighborhood Watch for a number of years. This is a very worthwhile program for the safety of our neighbors and the FCHL Board is looking for someone to take on this project. If you are interested, please contact Cynde before December 1<sup>st</sup> or Liz Hanlon.

Hope to see many of you at the FCHL sponsored events coming up this Fall and Winter

Liz Hanlon

## Grateful Thanks to Good Neighbors

June 27 showed all of us in the Field Club neighborhood just what mother nature can do. A mighty wind storm breezed through our city and in seconds knocked down trees and power lines and left a trail of destruction. But the storm could not destroy the sense of community here in our neighborhood. None were more grateful than Claudia and Tony Deeb, who expressed their gratitude in this letter to Liz Hanlon:

Liz,

Please pass on this donation to the Field Club Homeowners League historic light project as an expression of our appreciation for all of the neighbors who pitched in to help clean up the neighborhood after this summer's wind storm.

Claudia and I were out of town when the storm hit and came home to find that our downed trees had already been cut up and piled on the curb. As you know, a few days later neighbors showed up again to load the branches and haul them away.

Thank you.

Tony and Claudia Deeb

## SAVE THESE DATES

<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>Holiday Party 10:30 at Ford Conservancy</b>
<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>Luminaria Night in Field Club</b>

## 2008 Board Members

President:	Liz Hanlon	346-0867
Vice President:	Jill Nienaber	556-1187
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Treasurer:	Ali Britt	345-1855
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	Val Himes	345-1339
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	Karen McGrane	346-3324
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Cindy Brown, Bernie Post Alternates

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*The Homeowners League Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm.  
Call Liz Hanlon with agenda items. Send newsletter articles to Peggy Pavlik.*

## Adopt a Pie at Field Club School

By Katie Kelly

Thanksgiving is just about here and Field Club Elementary, our neighborhood school, is already getting ready to celebrate. The plan: learn all about Thanksgiving and what it means. The goal: send every child who needs it home with all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Everything from the turkey to the pumpkin pie and all the fixings in between. Once again, our own neighbor, Katie Kelly is heading up the "Adopt a Pie" portion of the dinner. Through her efforts, dinner donations will include pie and a gallon of milk. If you are interested in donating to Field Club's Thanksgiving Dinner program (\$10 or more is suggested) just contact Katie at [kkelly22@cox.net](mailto:kkelly22@cox.net) or call her at 402-340-0288 (must dial the area code.)

## Self Defense Course for Women

The Field Club Neighborhood Association Board has been approached by self defense instructor Claudia Brown Mackman. She is willing to teach a self defense course for women in the neighborhood area. The course lasts 2.5 hours and includes basic self defense techniques as well as information and practice on avoiding assaults targeted towards women. The class costs \$10. If you would be interested in a course of this type, please contact Field Club president Liz Hanlon at 346-0867. If enough women are interested, we will schedule this class. The skills taught in this course can be a definite advantage, especially given the recent assaults in the mid-town area.

## FCHL Membership

Membership in the Field Club Homeowners League is available to resident owners of real property in the area bounded by Pacific Street, south to Center Street, and 36<sup>th</sup> Street east to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street & 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. If you receive this newsletter, you are in the area described and are eligible for membership. Annual dues are \$ 10.00 and are being collected for the 2008 - 2009; our year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Membership monies are used by the Board of Directors to fund various activities and programs for the good of the neighborhood: Neighborhood Watch, Citizen Patrol, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Pool Party, Chili Tasting, Children's Christmas Party and more. Membership also allows you to vote for Board Members and issues, as they arise, at the General Meetings which are held at least once a year. Please submit your dues payment to Jim Costello, Membership Chairman, at [3517 Pine Street, Omaha, NE 68105](mailto:3517 Pine Street, Omaha, NE 68105). Make checks payable to FCHL. If you have a question, as to whether or not your dues are current, please call Jim Costello at 734-2700 (daytime) or 345-4235 (evening). You may also inquire via e-mail to Jim at [steelmen@cox.net](mailto:steelmen@cox.net). Please be involved, it's your neighborhood.

## Home Tour 2009

The board is planning another home tour for the 2009 to continue to raise funds for the historic lighting. The neighborhood has so many beautiful homes that have never been on the tour. Would you consider putting your home on the tour? Please call Liz Hanlon if you want your home on the tour.

## Luminaria Night in the Field Club Neighborhood

Sunday, December 21, 2008 the neighborhood will light up with the traditional luminarias up and down the streets. Buy your supplies at the Holiday Party on December 6. You can get the bags and candles for \$3.00 per dozen. If you are not able to attend the Holiday Party, you can call Susie Westerholm-Westlund at 341-1360.

Traditionally, luminarias are made of votive candles set in weighted paper bags and placed in rows along walkways and driveways. Most people set the luminarias from 2-3 feet apart (to help you know how many you need) on both sides of the sidewalk.

Place one to two inches of sand, kitty litter or bird seed in the bottom of each paper bag. Nestle a votive candle into the center of the weighting material. When you're ready to use your luminaria, just light the wick of the candle. The luminarias will burn long into the night, creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere.

Need more information? Talk to your neighbors for tricks to make it easier or go to these websites:

<http://www.dummies.com/WileyCDA/DummiesArticle/id-2141.subcat-HOME.html?print=true>

<http://www.monkeysee.com/play/4155-christmas-making-luminaries> (this site includes a video!)



If you have lived in the neighborhood for at least a year or if you have recently moved into the neighborhood, you will soon find out, Halloween is a big event here. With all the neighborhood children and those coming from other areas looking for a safe place to trick or treat, there will be lots of candy seeking youngsters filling the sidewalks. Help make the neighborhood look festive by decorating your house and/or yard for Halloween. We will recognize houses in several different categories in the next newsletter and will have pictures on the Field Club website. Maybe your house will be one of them!

