

The LEAVENWORTH EXCHANGE

Celebrating together as friends and neighbors

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President's Letter.....

Goodbye November and welcome December.

This year has been good to us as a neighborhood and an organization. We saw Farine+Four open in the Triangle, Mother India closed but will reopen as Taste of India and our headquarters will soon be fully renovated with new bathrooms. As we just celebrated Thanksgiving I realized how grateful I am for a community that is close, team oriented and supportive.

It's been a pleasure to serve as Vice President, and then President, over the past 3 years. We've seen membership grow, engagement increase and now are comfortably in our new LNAHQ in Dewey Park. I am proud of those accomplishments. I'm just as proud to welcome Ashley Flater as our new President! Her term begins in January. While this is Ashley's first term on the Board, she has been involved with LNA for years. She brings experience with nonprofits, social media and a vision that will make us a stronger, more viable organization in the community.

We need everyone to be involved and take an active role. Please feel free to contact me directly to see how you can become more involved.

Jack Henry

New Board for 2019!!!!

Congratulations to Ashley Flater and Laura Green on the election to the LNA Board!! These two ladies replace outgoing Board Members John Costanzo and Andrew Flater whose terms expired.

Ashley is new to the LNA Board but Laura Green has served in the past. After the election the Board caucused for the various officers and here are the results:

President - Ashley Flater
Vice President - Jack Henry
Secretary - Laura Green
Treasurer - Janelle Domeyer
At-Large - Ben White

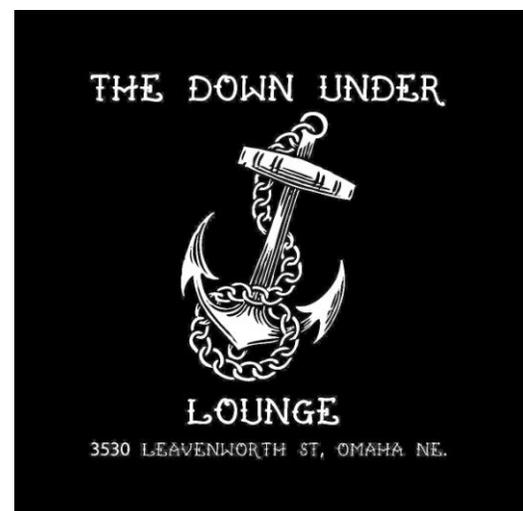
As with any volunteer organization, they will need the support of all the members to continue to make this association successful.

Reminder! The LNA Annual Membership meeting will be January 17, 2019.

7:00 PM

Unless the Dewey Park Building miraculously gets finished by then, we will be meeting at First Central Congregational Church, 36th & Dewey

Come to the south patio doors on the west side of the church. The parlor is to your left.



Snow!!! :)

By Carol Haas

I woke up Sunday morning, December 2, to a winter wonderland!! Beautiful, but not so much fun when you live next to a sloping alley, with your garage on that alley, and the city doesn't plow that alley. Well, at least very infrequently that happens. And – you're old!!! The shoveling of the garage drive and some of the alley to the street got done in increments. A great neighbor used his snow blower for the rest of it (thank you so much!).

No problems getting out to the street on Monday morning. But Monday evening a young couple got stuck trying to get up the alley to park behind their home. While they were trying to figure out what to do, another car was attempting to come up the alley. Finally, there were five of us out there – scooping, pushing, sanding – everything we could think of, and finally, success! We got them out of their wedged in predicament with no damage to their vehicle and only a bit of frustration and inconvenience.

But the purpose of this jabbering is to comment on the fact that while it was sort of a difficult situation, we had fun. It was a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and visit a bit with those I already knew. The high school age son of one woman was great help (young guys are strong) and I learned all about what he's doing his senior year at Burke. Not only academics but about his job in the kitchen at an assisted living facility and his plans for college next year. It was great talking with his Mom, usually we just wave and say hi as she drives by. And the young couple and their dog, KOA, were so charming. They have only lived in the neighborhood since summer so I was glad to finally get to meet them.

Unfortunately, it is too bad that people seem to be not nearly as neighborly as this all the time.



It's that time of year again for Holiday Cheer! The Annual LNA Christmas Party is at Marylebone Tavern on Thursday, December 20, from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM! Food, Beer, and Door Prizes will be provided. Wear your best Ugly Sweater! You don't want to miss this evening of fun with neighbors new and old. Marylebone is located at 3710 Leavenworth Street.



Language Puzzle

What words are pronounced differently when you capitalize the first letter? (Yes, they will become proper nouns.)

Here are a few... job, Job; herb, Herb; polish, Polish.

Can you think of some more??

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Quick Snips.....

We stopped at **Farine + 4** the other day to pick up our usual, awesome baguette. They now serve ice cream!! And yes, it is made right there. It might be cold outside, but the weather is always right for ice cream.



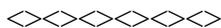
Pet peeve No. 28: tobacco spitting into plastic cups, in public. Ewww! Driving down the road I spotted a decal on a vehicle "Mugjug.com". When I got home (of course I was not going to search while driving), I discovered there are numerous products for the smokeless tobacco user to help in their habit. Stop by **S.G. Roi** in the Old Market and see what they have on hand. If you, a family member or friend use smokeless tobacco, there is a gift idea nearby.



The building on the southwest corner, next to Kent Bellows Studio, has been sold. Does anyone have an idea of what might be going in that space??



I stopped by **A & R Salvage**, 28th & Vinton, to get something I knew they would have and saw some awesome reclaimed wood available. This is not just ordinary wood, but good, solid "old harvest", waiting for that re-use craft project. In particular, remnants of the beams from M's Pub were available. A bit charred as you would expect, but beautiful. I think it's wonderful that these types of items are salvaged and ready for their next life.



Dear Former Candidates,
Please pick up and dispose of your campaign signs! Whether you lost or won, we do not want to see this type of litter. Check out the corner of Turner Boulevard and Harney, next to the LNA Identity Garden. Because this was near a polling place, there were numerous signs placed next to the curb. By now, the plastic covers have either blown away or someone removed them all, but whose job is it to extract the metal frames?? There must be six of them rusted things lined up. And no, it is not an art project so they need to be removed.

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Misdirected Mail

By Jim Thompson

How many times do you get your neighbor's mail? Of course, you don't know how many times YOUR mail ends up in someone else's mailbox. What perturbed me was when I discovered I had late charges on two items that I routinely get in the mail, and always pay on time. No, don't tell me I should get everything on line because I do enjoy having hard copies of certain information. And one was a yearly notice that doesn't have online notification. Whatever happened to at least *these* two items I will never know.

Yesterday I received a piece of mail addressed to someone in west Omaha. The first four numbers matched, but the fifth number doesn't exist at my location nor does the zip code. And the name didn't even come close. By the way I want to thank the good neighbor on 35th STREET who finally contacted us about the VISA gift card, addressed to us on 35th AVENUE. We appreciate your honesty.

In the past we would annotate "not here" and put it back into our mailbox, sticking halfway out so the carrier would know to grab it. But I got to wondering, does it then go back to the sender if the Post Office thinks that person does not live at *our* address, or the correct recipients address? I don't want to get into the habit of writing on the envelope "this was delivered to the wrong address, please re-route". Must be a better way, especially since I cannot catch the carrier, even if I might be home.

Recently when I went to the window at Elmwood Station and asked about misdirected mail, I was told "the machine" sorts the mail, as if it was the damn machine's fault. That didn't quite settle for me but I had to move on.

I got the number of the Customer Relations Office which I assume is located at the downtown Post Office and talked to a guy named Steve. He said I need to notify the local supervisor when this happens and they will come, pick up the misdirected mail, and re-route it. I should have asked when that supervisor is going to show up and where should I put that piece of mail until that happens.

Steve went on to say that "the machine" does put the mail in route order, not all mail gets machine sorted.

(That explains why it costs more to send a lumpy envelope, I think). I told Steve that sometimes I get my next-door neighbor's mail and I simply walk it over. Good opportunity to say hi. However in one case when the neighbor lived at the end of the block, they didn't answer the door. Clearly, they either did not recognize me or they just don't answer the door when strangers knock. Understandable.

In spite of me wanting to say hi to my neighbor, Steve said the only way to resolve this issue is to call the local post office branch for your zip code.

Because us neighbors always discuss such important issues over a libation or a fence, the question arises on whether the carrier can read the numbers on the envelopes. And then the conversation evolves to what happened to OUR carrier, the one who knew all the names in the household too. Steve informed me that every route is bid on by the carriers, IF it becomes vacant. Obviously there are times when subs are used for vacation or sickness. He added that the final check for mail deposit is always the responsibility of the carrier. I miss old Larry.

That brings up a two-horned dilemma. Again, if I can catch the carrier, I might kindly remind him he's got to read that number, take the envelope away, and in return make sure all my future mail is delivered without incident. Since Steve advised me accordingly, I must call Elmwood Station in the future. And Steve said this applies to all mail, regardless of classification. In other words, we are not to judge what "junk mail" is. Right.

Since our neighborhood involves two different zip codes:

68105, Elmwood Station: 402-553-6576
68131, Saddle Creek Station: 402-551-5158

And I hope you all get the Christmas card I sent. If not, call Steve.





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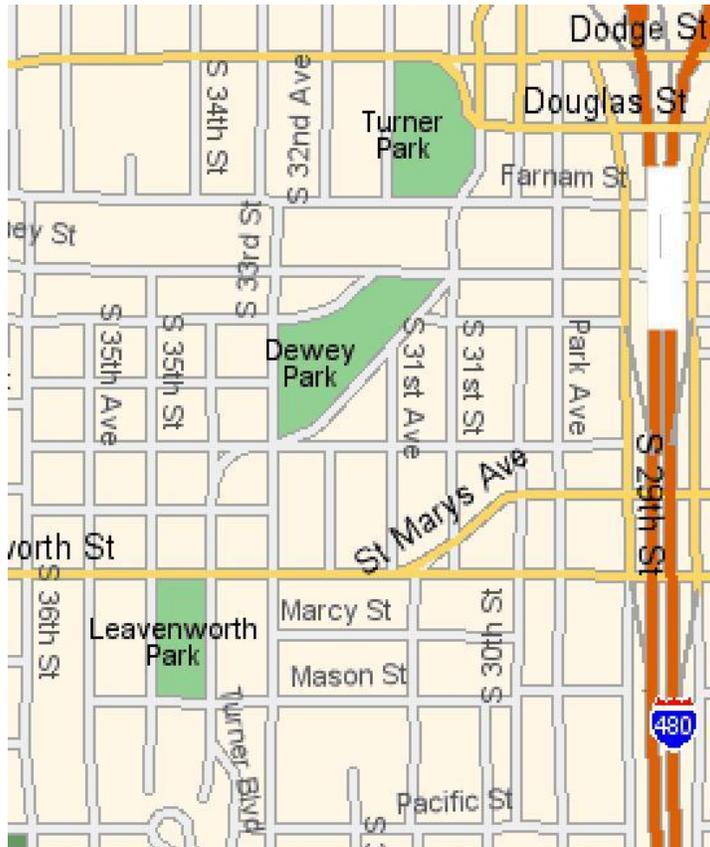
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This newsletter is the primary means to communicate the issues of our neighborhood and your assistance is needed:

Information for Contributors
To contribute to *the EXCHANGE*,
please contact **Jim Thompson**,
editor@LNAOmaha.org.
Deadline for the January issue is
January 3, 2019.

Content submitted may be edited as needed.

The EXCHANGE by e-mail?

If you picked up this newsletter at one of our drop off points and want to receive it electronically, simply send an email to: Editor@LNAOmaha.org and request that you'd like to start receiving the LNA newsletter. We can also send out a printed copy to your home or business if you desire that instead.

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The expenses of The EXCHANGE have diminished significantly since we converted mostly to an email version. We do, however, print copies for bulk distribution to local businesses and mailing to those who prefer a hard copy. Advertisements not only help us defray these costs, but definitely reflect your support of this organization.

The current format is one price for an ad to cover the full year vs. creating/invoicing for each month or quarter. The rates would not change: \$99/year for a business card size. Additional sizes (quarter page, half page, etc) are also available. And if you have a one-time event, we can accommodate those situations.

Let Jim T. know: Editor@LNAOmaha.org

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3031 Leavenworth St.
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Who We Are

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LNA boundaries: East - 29th St., North - Dodge St.,
South - Pacific St., West - 36th St.