

The LEAVENWORTH EXCHANGE

Celebrating together as friends and neighbors

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President's Letter

Welcome to the September issue of the LNA Exchange! With that, I hope you all enjoyed Labor Day - it's the last holiday with time off work until November. September also means we're looking at the first day of autumn and only 15 weeks 'til Christmas!

2018 LNA Picnic

I want to thank our Board for planning the 2018 Picnic! It was a hard undertaking considering our building was out of commission in Dewey Park! However, we had more than 30 neighbors show up and everyone enjoyed great food and the kids enjoyed music, games and hula-hoops! As our neighborhood association continues to grow, we would love your feedback and ideas. If you'd like to volunteer with a social event, have an idea for a new gathering, or have any feedback on our events, please email us at president@lnaomaha.org.

LNA Social Media

Social media has changed our world, and neighborhood, forever. Its presence has impacted our businesses, entertainment, politics, relationships and overall view of ourselves and the world. Social media has eliminated communication barriers and has paved the way for people to connect, collaborate and share opinions. LNA is active on the 'big three': Facebook, Instagram,

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Reminder! The next LNA
Membership meeting will be
September 20, 2018.

7:00 PM

**NOTE THE CHANGE
IN LOCATION:**

**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.**

Family Night Life, First Baptist Church

By Mary Stenzel

Greetings neighbors! I am the Children's Ministry leader for First Baptist Church Omaha. We are located at 421 Park Avenue. We are starting a Family Night Life (FNL) beginning Sept 12th. We offer a dinner for only \$2/person (16 & up) or \$5/family (max), Adult Bible Study, Youth group, children's activities, Choir, and Bell rehearsal. We welcome all ages!

Below is the schedule for the FNL activities. We would love to encourage the readers of your newsletter and the extended neighborhood community to join us for this series of events.

Beginning September 12, 2018:

5:30pm - 6:00pm -> Dinner
 5:45pm - 6:15pm -> Youth Student Leadership Team
 6:00pm - 6:10pm -> Prayer Meeting with Pastor Bill
 6:00pm - 6:15pm -> Clean Up
 6:15pm - 7:30pm -> Children Activities
 6:15pm - 7:45pm -> Youth Group
 6:15pm - 7:30pm -> Adult Bible Study
 6:30pm - 7:15pm -> Bells Rehearsal
 7:30pm - 8:15pm -> Choir Rehearsal

If you have any questions, please call 402-345-5009.

First Baptist Church Omaha, 421 Park Ave., Omaha, NE 68131.

We hope to see you there!

TAGG - Get Serious About It....

By Jim Thompson

"Together A Greater Good" (TAGG) is a free app you can download to your phone. TAGG allows organizations to raise money in a way that is easy, fun, routine, and socially influential. When used at the various participating businesses, that business will donate 5% of the TAGGED purchase to the organization of the user's choice. Of course we want you to select the Leavenworth Neighborhood Association.

It is extremely easy to use by either scanning a QR code at the business or simply uploading a photo of the receipt. This latter technique works best for me because I can process it while sitting at the table.

There are multiple categories of businesses ranging from food/drink, dental, sports, home improvement, etc. Although I can only find one in the LNA boundaries (Cold Stone Creamery), there are more in Midtown. A good example I use is the after golf burgers at D.J.'s Dugout where I not only TAGG my purchase but the receipts of my golfing buddies as well.

Please review their website:
www.togetheragreatergood.com.

This is such an easy way to support the LNA. Although I do not have any report of past transactions, last quarter the LNA received \$60!!! It's almost like free money!!

**Family
 membership: \$15**

**Business
 Membership: \$25**

**Please support the
 LNA!!**

**DOOR PRIZE TO BE
 GIVEN AT NEXT
 MEETING**

**Come to the meeting on
 September 20 and you will
 have the chance to win a
 nice door prize, courtesy of
 Midtown Crossing.**

Who do you call???

- Garbage/Litter violations 444-5910
- Handicap Parking Stickers 444-6080
- Neighborhood Watch Program 444-5772
- Rats, raw garbage, etc. 444-7481
- Street Construction problems 444-5220)
- Tenant/landlord discrimination issues 444-5055
- Zoning Enforcement 444-5364
- Animal Bites 444-7578
- Barking Dogs 444-7800
- Cars (abandoned or junked) 444-5782
- Cars/Trailers parked on front lawn 444-5350
- City Services (complaints or information) 444-5555
- Crime or Vandalism 444-5600
- Empty buildings, Houses 444-5371
- Gang Hotline (Youth intervention) 444-6920
- Garbage not picked up 444-5238
- Anything else, Mayor's Hotline: 444-5555

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NIGHTS ON FRIDAYS
6 PM TO 10 PM

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Myrtle & Cypress Coffee House

Now open in our neighborhood to the north, Gifford Park, is Myrtle & Cypress, 517 N. 33rd St. Along with house-made almond and cashew milks, they are serving Hardy Coffee, Artemis Tea, Grainolia Baked Goods and Ted & Wally's Ice Cream! There's a little something for everyone! Currently, hours are 7am-5pm Tuesday-Friday and 8am-4pm Saturday-Sunday.

THE DOWN UNDER

LOUNGE

3530 LEAVENWORTH ST, OMAHA NE.

A highly dangerous virus called " Weekly Overload Recreational Killer" (WORK) is currently going around. If u come in contact with this WORK virus, you should immediately go to the nearest " Biological Anxiety Relief " (BAR) centre to take antidotes known as "Work Isolating Neutralizer Extract" (WINE), "Radioactive UNWORK Medicine" (RUM), "Bothersome Employer Elimination Rebooter" (BEER) or "Vaccine Official Depression Killing Antigen" (VODKA). Please pass this onto your neighbors to raise awareness!!!

Quick Snips.....

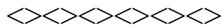
Chalk Art Festival. A weekend-long live art celebration is coming to Midtown Crossing has been postponed from July to **September 15 & 16**. Stroll Farnam Street in Midtown Crossing and enjoy the work of talented local/regional artists and Madonnaris.



It's that time of year to walk around your yard with a yardstick or any other type of "wand" to clean out the **spider webs** in your path. Especially when it is dark and your face gets covered with the silk, one always wonders if the spider is on your body, scrawling down your shirt, or if it made it to a neutral corner. Keep in mind they do eat the flying insects.



On a recent Saturday afternoon there were dozens of young folks with bags **cleaning up Leavenworth Park**. I stopped and asked who they were and the response was a sorority and fraternity from Creighton University. I did not get the particular names, but appreciated their volunteer efforts!



Footnote to the above: On Sunday, the next day, there was a huge party at Leavenworth Park with lots of people, cars and activity. Monday morning the only garbage can was overflowing with **LOTS of litter**. UGH!! Of course we would love to have the Parks Department be right on every Monday to empty the trash, but that is highly unlikely. If you or your neighbors are involved with these events, **PLEASE** bring some plastic bags to fill and set by the trash can. How can people not see that the trash is going on the ground??



Mother India is closing. The popular restaurant on 36th & Leavenworth will serve its last delicious meal on September 15. Rumor on the street is that health issues have forced the current owners to move back to their home country. It is unknown at time of printing any more details. Stay tuned.



Culprit Cafe is now open in Midtown Crossing. Located at 3201 Farnam, they serve wonderful, delicious food. Welcome to the neighborhood!!!

 <p>V.F.W. St. Mihiel Post #247 3302 Leavenworth (402) 344-0714 http://www.vfw247.com/ <i>Your neighborhood Veterans and Community Service Organization</i> Good Food – Great Prices – Family Friendly</p>	
<p>Every Friday Sandy's Karaoke Country Style Music 8:00 PM to Close</p>	<p>Every Saturday Texas Hold'em Poker Free, No Buy-in Start Time 6:00 and 9:00</p>
<p>1st & 3rd Sundays Spaghetti On Sunday 2pm to 6pm Spaghetti & Meat Balls Dinner All the Spaghetti you can Eat No One Leaves Hungry \$7.00 Donation \$5.00 Children</p>	<p>Pancake Breakfast is back 2nd Sunday of the Month. Amvets will serve a Pancake Feed the 4th Sunday All the Pancake's you can eat. And when there is a 5th Sunday The VFW Auxiliary will be serving Goulash Sept 30, 2018.</p>

Welcome to the Neighborhood!
 Congratulations to Zack and Melissa Carlberg on the birth of son Nathan. No details on height and weight are available. He joins big sister Zoey in filling up that house.

FRED'S
FRIENDLY SERVICE

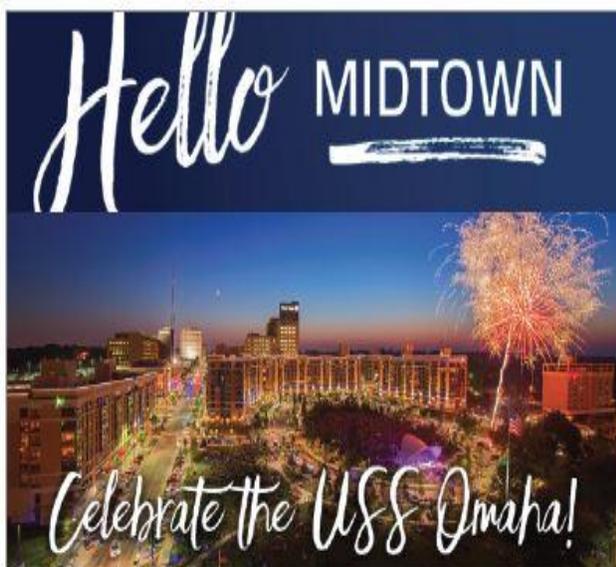
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Turner Park

Celebrate the USS Omaha on Sept. 16 with a free concert and the largest fireworks display ever in Turner Park! [You're invited>>](#)

Leadbelly

Join Leadbelly in raising money for local charities supporting pediatric cancer in Nebraska all September >> Look for food and drink specials where a large portion of the special profit will benefit these organizations! [Eat, drink and cure>>](#)

Long Dog Fat Cat

New in store is our homemade beef jerky and trail mix made only with the best ingredients >> Also, Midtown Crossing preferred members get 10% off dog and cat food! [Shop around>>](#)

Sweeten up the school year with \$1 single scoop cones on Mondays all year long >> Show your student/teacher ID any day of the week and get \$1 off your purchase! [Indulge>>](#)



The Afternoon

Try something new in September >> Chile Crunch! – The Wall Street Journal pegged it as somewhere between a tapenade and "crunchy sauce" – great on everything! Now available! [Take a bite>>](#)

Ray's Wings Midtown Crossing's only sports bar is READY for football season >> Check our Facebook for Kids Eat Free nights and 10% off chicken fingers days! [Get excited>>](#)



FALL in love with our new paintings >> Nothing makes a house a home with our brand more than a personal touch! [Register now>>](#)



Cantina Laredo

Sip our newest Cantina Reposado Margarita featuring Herradura Reposado tequila, Aperol, Grand Marnier, fresh lime juice and agave nectar >> Here for a limited time! [Take a break>>](#)

Black Oak Grill

Dine with us during restaurant week and enjoy our 3-course featured menu for \$20! >> See you this weekend! [You're invited>>](#)

Omaha's first ever Chalk Art Festival on Sept. 15-16 will feature local and regional artists over a weekend-long live art celebration! [Join us>>](#)



Spielbound

While we all patiently await fall (a.k.a. pumpkin season), stop by Spielbound for a healthy smoothie and the best board game to pair with it! [Play around>>](#)

Corky Boards

Wine & Sign Studio

Fall is calling >> Beat the cold by adding warmth to your homes with our brand new wooden fall designs! Come and design yours today! [Design yours today>>](#)



Prairie Life Fitness

Join PLF for only \$1 down with no enrollment or initiation fees in September >> Hangout for PLF Fit Fest on Sept. 15 with fun classes all day, guests are also welcome! [Get fit>>](#)

Night Market at Turner Park

Explore everything the final Night Market has to offer on September 28 – Find live music, local vendors, game tent and new cocktail patio! [Unwind>>](#)

Yoga Rocks THE PARK

Elevate your Sunday once again for a special one-day return of Yoga Rocks the Park on Sept. 9! Strike a pose>>

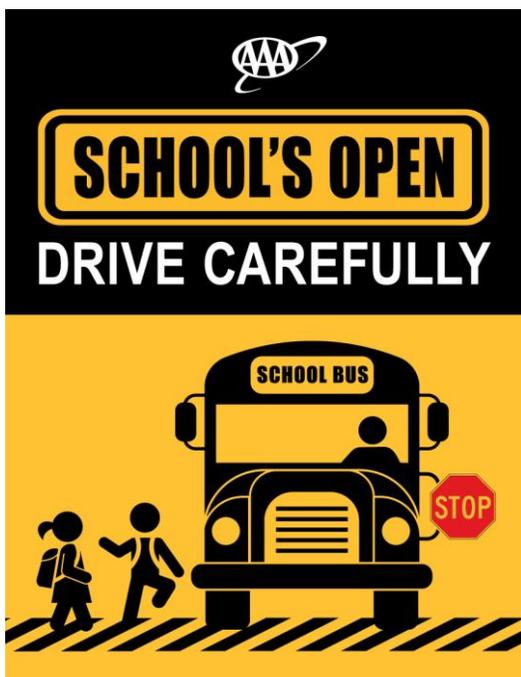




Enjoying the annual LNA Picnic at Dewey Park



Hula hoop fun
Photo credits: Matt Wetengal



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and Twitter. There is also a strong community on Nextdoor. Because of social media, I met more than a hand-full of new neighbors because they saw the invite online. Each of these new interactions brings ideas and growth to the organization. The power of social media was made real again after an 11-year old boy was declared to be missing on 9/10. Myself and our OCCP contact went out to search for the youngster. The sheer number of neighbors who were either engaged online or out walking the streets with flashlights was staggering. We're glad the kid was found safe-and-sound but I also left with a renewed respect for social media. It doesn't matter where you live, you should consider signing up for Nextdoor and following LNA on Facebook.

Update: Dewey Park Building

I spoke with Dennis Breyers in the City's Park Planning Department and got a great update on the progress of the LNAHQ in Dewey Park. As you remember, we were moved out of it in late spring as the City was moving to upgrade the bathroom facilities in conjunction with the Clay Tennis Courts Association. We were told the remodel would be completed about this time of year. However, there was a delay in obtaining a Building Permit (I find it funny, even the City is impacted with this!) and once a Permit was issued we had several weeks of rain. This further complicated the outdoor work that had to be completed first. The floor was poured on the 11th and brick work will start shortly after. Crews are working 6 days a week. Once the walls take shape, progress will be noticeable on a daily basis. The new completion date is the end of next month or early November.

I look forward to meeting you at our next meeting: First Central Congregational Church at 421 S 36th Street on 9/20 at 7PM.

Jack Henry



Do YOU Have Writing Talent?

By Jim Thompson

The Leavenworth Exchange has been plugging along for about 34 years. The words that have been shared with the world during that time are countless. Also unknown is the number of writing careers that have had their start in this little old neighborhood newsletter. (Seriously, probably not too many). What we have tried to assemble is a composite of material that celebrates and enhances the quality of life in the neighborhood, covering a variety of topics and information.

Most definitely there is news that one will not find in the Omaha World Herald. Nor will you find it as you quickly flip through Nextdoor messages or facebook. The neighborhood news that we share is an important element as we live, work and play within the LNA area.

Your effort is needed to sustain The Exchange. As Editor, I have taken on the responsibility to create this document and have achieved a great deal of pride in doing so. But I cannot continue to make it only MY document. It is not fair for a number of reasons. One of the most important is I cannot make up what might be on the minds of our thousands of neighbors, both young and old. I do not know what is going on in all corners of this neighborhood although I try to keep my feelers out. For example it was nice to receive some news about First Baptist Church (see page 2).

When I do receive articles it helps to widen ideas and/or concerns. Two or three paragraphs, a couple of hundred words are all it takes. I could fill the eight pages (sometimes only 6) with a lot of filler extracted from the internet, or the poem book my mother wrote. Or jokes that *I* think are funny. But then it might lose its' appeal as a true neighborhood newsletter.

I especially enjoy past contributions from the kids in the neighborhood. At one time we started a series of articles from some of the youngsters. That faded because they grew up! In the meantime, if you now have a youngster who wants to create some words, please share. It is quite painless.

And it is also painless to submit something to The Exchange a couple of times a year. Every month would be ideal, but if enough of you out there share a little bit, we can all have quite a bit.

Send to: Editor@LNAOmaha.org. The first Thursday of each month would be appreciated.

Neighborhood Patrol: Who, ME!?!?

By Jim Thompson

There seems to be an uptick in the amount of vehicles in the area that have been broken into for spare change, tools, etc. Sometimes I hear that car windows are broken or people forget to lock their car. Or do they NOT lock it to save the expense of replacing the window? And I am now seeing some metal scrappers with their overloaded pick-up trucks canvassing the neighborhood. And don't forget the packages that are being stolen from the front steps.

So how do we, as a concerned neighborhood association, help to curtail this behavior? Or has this behavior always been a problem but because of social media, we all know about it quicker?

As a concerned neighbor I would be interested in what thoughts and ideas you might have and discuss some solutions at the next membership meeting. I think it is important to try and find "them".

I know everyone has seen the "Neighborhood Watch" signs around various parts of the 'hood. I really do not think they are a deterrent, but they can't hurt. It takes a bit of organization to get one of those and this can be discovered by calling the Southeast Precinct. What I have found through the years however is simply driving around with your neighbor and a phone can accomplish a lot. Anytime of the day or night. I used to do it until 2:00 AM but was much younger then. Calling 911 while discovering some illicit activity was actually a rush. And rewarding that it contributed to the safety of all.

Last week a neighbor witnessed some coin thieves, got into their car, followed the culprits until the police finally showed up. Unfortunately the police response was not as favorable as the neighbors desired but I commend their actions on patrolling. And you can do it too.

No, you do not have to go to formal training and get an I.D. badge. But that training is valuable in a lot of respects and provides good insight into spotting crime. But if you do not want to go through that formal training, do get a partner and spend a couple of hours throughout our border and help to patrol. Of course do NOT interfere with anybody but rely on the action of Omaha Police to do their duty when you call 911.



September
2018



LEAVENWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
3031 Leavenworth St.
Omaha, NE 68105

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**IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING**

THE LEAVENWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Who We Are

A neighborhood association advocating growth and pride for families and business in the heart of the city -- working to provide a safe, attractive, and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play. The LNA is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.

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Join us for our monthly meetings -- the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Dewey Park Building on Turner Blvd.

Website: www.LNAOmaha.org

Become a Member of the LNA

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Family membership: \$15 annually
Business membership: \$25 annually

Name of Business: _____

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Make checks payable to LNA. Dues are for Jan.-Dec.
Mail to LNA, 3031 Leavenworth St, Omaha, NE 68105
Or send via PayPal to: Treasurer@LNAOmaha.org

Each adult 18 or older, 2 max. per family or business that pay dues and lives, owns property, or owns/operates a business in the LNA boundaries shall be eligible to vote on Association matters.

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