

# The LEAVENWORTH EXCHANGE

*Celebrating together as friends and neighbors*

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## President's Letter.....

February is the month of love. It's hard not to see roses, hearts, and pink at every turn.

Some think that Valentine's Day is only about significant others, spouses, and partners – but it's so much more than that.

- You can show your love for Mother Nature by picking up litter on your block.
- You can show love by being a good neighbor – go out of your way to make their day a little brighter.
- You can show love when you shop small, locally owned businesses and restaurants.
- You can show love for your neighborhood and city by volunteering your time and/or donating to the issues and causes you care about.

So, how will you celebrate this Valentine's Day? How will you continue to show your love and devotion all year long?

I hope this sparks ideas about how you can impact your community and others when you show love every day.

Also, don't forget to call your mom.

With love,

*Ashley Flater*

***Reminder!*** The LNA  
**Membership meeting will be  
February 21, 2019.**

7:00 PM

**We will be meeting at  
Watts Coworking,  
3502 Leavenworth**

## **Chili Cook-off Postponed**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the annual Chili Cook-off will not be held in February.

If you thought of making some of your concoction, go ahead. But have your neighbors in to eat it!!! Yum!!

## Grants for.....

The Leavenworth Neighborhood Association would like to apply for upcoming grant opportunities, but we need your help!

What changes or improvements would you like to see happen in the neighborhood? Send us a message for your idea to be considered.

Want to help with the grant writing process? We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with projects, committees, etc...

Thanks!

## Test your Carbon Monoxide Alarm

With the extreme cold we're experiencing, your home's heating system is working overtime and it's important to test the carbon monoxide alarms in your home.

Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental non-fire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and fireplaces. Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed.

To test a carbon monoxide detector, hold down the "test" button until you hear two beeps sound off. Once you hear these beeps, release your finger off of the test button.

The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include: Headache, Fatigue, Shortness of breath, Nausea, Dizziness.

High-level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including: Mental confusion, Vomiting, Loss of muscular coordination, Loss of consciousness, Ultimately death.

If you don't have a carbon monoxide monitor, we strongly urge you to get one for your home now! They can be purchased at local hardware and big box retailers (Target, Wal-Mart, Costco, etc...).

## LNA Budget 2019

By Janelle Domeyer

Here is last year's budget vs. actual and this year's proposed budget. We canceled payment on a check in our Marketing budget so we did end the year in the black. Last year I created a misc. budget line because we paid for things like stamps, MNA dues, and a table at a banquet. I broke out Dues and Office supplies and don't anticipate the SONA banquet table again.

### 2018 Budget vs Actual

Category	Budget	Spent	Remainder
Chili Feed	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Spring Clean Up	\$ 300.00	\$ 550.82	\$ (250.82)
August Picnic	\$ 150.00	\$ 48.87	\$ 101.13
Newsletter	\$ 800.00	798.26	\$ 1.74
Christmas Cheer	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Holiday Party	\$ 200.00	\$ 213.46	\$ (13.46)
Marketing	\$ 800.00	\$ 230.24	\$ 569.76
Misc	\$ -	\$ 397.05	\$ (397.05)
OCCP	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ (25.00)
	<b>\$ 2,480.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,263.70</b>	<b>\$ 216.30</b>

### 2019 Budget Proposal

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August Picnic	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
Newsletter	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
Christmas Cheer	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Holiday Party	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Marketing	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
Dues	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Office Supplies	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
	<b>\$ 2,600.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,600.00</b>

Please come to the meeting on February 21 to discuss and vote on the budget.

## Membership Dues are Due

It is that time of the year that we ask each and every one of you to renew or join this active neighborhood association. Here is what you can expect for your membership:

- Chili Supper in February
- Free bulk garbage pick-up in the spring
- Ice Cream Social
- Picnic in August
- Holiday Party in December
- Security of a Driving Patrol
- "Crime Alert" emails of burglaries, etc.
- Subscription to an informative and popular newsletter (this one!)
- Enforcement of graffiti violations
- Enforcement of code violations
- Enjoyment of four flower gardens
- Continued efforts to clean litter from your neighborhood
- Opportunity to use a plot in a community vegetable garden
- Opportunity to help the kids at Jackson School **Pride**

The food alone is worth your investment. And it takes more than a small, dedicated group of volunteers to continue to make this a great association. Please see the back page and renew or join now.

Thank you!!!!

## 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.

## Health Screenings at First Lutheran

By Melvin Blair

First Lutheran Church, 542 S. 31st St., is hosting the following event.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at the church on March 20. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129. Please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.**

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

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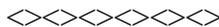
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### Quick Snips.....

For awhile the snow melted. Then the bundled ads from the Omaha World Herald, previously hiding, revealed their ugly head. **CALL 402-346-3363 and tell them to STOP!!!** They should be cited for littering!



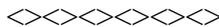
Speaking of littering, last summer when **Keep Omaha Beautiful** sponsored a clean-up on various streets in our neighborhood, the most common items our team picked up were empty "shooter" bottles and plastic straws. So when I recently drove down Center Street and spotted a guy downing a quick drink at a bus stop, guess what he did with the empty little bottle of liquor? Yes, I honked.



At a recent trade show I received a give-away consisting of a **metal straw** and tiny brush. Nice! There is a real movement to eliminate plastic straws in the restauranting business. Now, can we get all of our Midtown folks on board? Please ask for paper straws next time you visit.



More litter stuff.....  
While driving behind a Waste Management truck recently, three pieces of trash didn't quite make it into the hopper. Kindly, the operator picked up the largest piece. But perhaps of his hurried route (?), he left the other two. I guess he was only 1/3 commendable that day.



Last month it was reported that **A Taste of India** opened up on 36th and Leavenworth. I have not been able to partake, but am hoping some neighbor out there can let us know about the new place. Send me a review!



**IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.  
OR IF YOU HAVE NOT JOINED, JOIN US NOW!!**

**Family membership:  
\$15**

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\$25**

Make checks payable to "LNA". Bring to the meeting, give to a Board member, or

**Mail to:  
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Saturday, March 2 | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Daniel G. Carey  
President & CEO  
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**FRIDAY**

- 9AM - Noon: **Coffee with Contractors and Funders.** Sponsored by the Omaha Municipal Land Bank. Cost: Free
- 7PM - 10PM: **Friday Evening Reception** at the B Side in Benson with tour of the historic Benson Theatre. Hor d'oeuvres & cocktails. Cost: \$25

**SATURDAY**

- **Conference Tickets:** \$30 general admission & \$40 member admission
- **Keynote** by Daniel G. Carey of the Historic Savannah Foundation. For the past ten years, Carey has helped build Savannah's reputation as a leader in historic preservation
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## 84 Temporary Residents....

By Jim Thompson

What a coooool surprise waking up on a wonderful winter morning and seeing that eighty four residents spent the night in Leavenworth Park. They started showing up around 10:30 PM and were all gathered together when the sunrise came.

The snow was perfect for making snowmen and a fine arts student named Alec Paul Johnsen put some unspent energy to use on a massive scale. Alec, I have to assume you live nearby so thank you for enlightening the Leavenworth neighborhood.



*A portion of the crowd that visited on January 15*

Note that many of the guys are in a colorful wardrobe. The story made the news on multiple stations and the OWH. Of course the crowd has now been disbursed through the earth. What a fine display of art and in my mind, and incentive to reach a membership goal of 84 this year!!!

**Snowmen fall from Heaven un-assembled**

## Close Woolworth Avenue

By Jim Thompson

*The following is the opinion of the author and does not reflect the position of the LNA*

It is time to close Woolworth that runs through the Field Club Golf Course. This issue has been bantered about for decades and now is the time to take some positive action. This road is used on a relatively minimal basis. The fate of Field Club of Omaha balances on future growth and keeping this street open is an obstacle.

For the record, I am a golfer, but not a member of the club. I simply cannot afford it. Nor am I a social member (same reason). Furthermore I have played this course I believe three times in my 37 years while living in this neighborhood. They take very good care of the grounds and it was a pleasure to play there as a guest. And honestly, it was bit uncomfortable trying to hit and then miss while traversing the Woolworth obstacle.

Again, for the record, I walked Woolworth on my way to work at the VA Medical Center for almost two decades. There was a time when the bridge over the trail was replaced so I walked Pacific St. as the alternate route. Suffice it to say that I am very familiar with how this land fits into the neighborhood, or put another way, how we fit into the land.

For those of you who do not know me I have been very active with many issues within and around Midtown, for a long time. I was one of three neighborhood representatives on the Destination Midtown effort. When this effort was born, there was neither discussion nor final recommendation on what to do with Woolworth. There were 101 recommendations all focused on making Midtown better. Since the time of the study, 2004, one can easily recognize the success of transforming Midtown. Field Club of Omaha is a tremendous asset for Midtown. One of the factors of the Destination Study was the historical element of the area. With a Club that is over 100 years old, it is very important to weigh that into the analysis. Neither I nor my neighbors would ever want to see that disappear, especially since there is an easy fix to solidify that assurance.

As the chatter on social media continues, opponents stress the simplicity of walking Woolworth. Here are the facts: there *will be* a continuation of our trail system on the north side of the golf course, from 36th Street to

39th. The City has awarded a contract and because of certain delays, it was not finished last year but will be in 2019. Consequently the Turner Boulevard Trail and the Field Club Trail will finally be connected. This has been on the map since at least 2005 and will soon be a reality. Currently there is no sidewalk along Pacific Street so this dedicated path is long overdue. Furthermore, there has been a switchback on the southeast corner of Douglas County Hospital for a long time to allow access to the trail from the west side. And there is already access from Center Street at the southeast corner of the VA Medical Center on a very short switchback. Walking east or west from Morton Meadows or Field Club will not be blocked if Woolworth were to close.

Between 32nd and Twin Ridge along Woolworth should not be a commuting route. For those living on the narrow street in Field Club I'm sure vehicle damage is common practice. The addition of speed bumps has probably helped, but the tranquility of this street seems jeopardized.

The bigger picture is what Field Club of Omaha can offer to the thousands that live and work in this part of town. I have attended one meeting and hopefully will attend the one on the 20th to learn more about their ideas. The improvement of what they can offer in terms of golf, tennis, fitness, social functions, and aesthetics to the area are tremendous. Simply improving the ugly fence on Center Street will help. For the record, I will still be unable to join, but welcome these positive changes for the good of the neighborhood and Midtown. The competition amongst golfers for private clubs is high, but for the Midtown and downtown area to have such a quick playing, private course readily available is significant and will add and sustain the high qualities of living in Midtown Omaha.



**In case you were not aware,  
the LNA is on Facebook.  
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Neighborhood Association.  
Become a "friend" TODAY!**

## Alamo Draffhouse Cinema....OPENS SOON!!!

By Jack Henry

It's down to a matter of weeks. Yes, the long-awaited Alamo will be opening in the spot formerly occupied by Marcus Theaters in Midtown Crossing. I was fortunate to attend a pre-opening tour and the place looks fantastic!!!



Stay tuned for the Grand Opening. It will happen soon!

## Want to Advertise in The EXCHANGE?

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](mailto:Editor@LNAOmaha.org)

## Garden spots available

By Carol Haas

While the weather is frigid, it's a great time to start thinking about spring and gardening. Once again this year, Hands to Harvest Community Garden at 31<sup>st</sup> and Pacific will have rental plots available. The plots are perfect size for lettuces, several tomato plants, beans – not too large to be unmanageable but large enough to grow some great vegetables for your home use.

Big Garden is partnering in this project and there's the possibility that a children's program will be offered. Tools are available in the garden shed and there is water on site.

If you have an interest, please contact Sonya Gray 402.933.6672 I [sonya@inCOMMONcd.org](mailto:sonya@inCOMMONcd.org) to learn more and reserve a plot.



**Information for Contributors**  
**To contribute to *the EXCHANGE*,**  
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**Deadline for the March issue is**  
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Content submitted may be edited as needed.



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**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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