

HANSCOM PARK



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**Meetings:**

- December 8th**
- February 9, 2012**
- April 12, 2012**
- June 14, 2012**
- August 9, 2012**
- October 11, 2012**

“It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped.” -Robert Kennedy

As we look towards the end of 2011 our neighborhood is stronger and safer because of people and their actions. Our neighborhood is more friendly, prettier with less graffiti and ripe with more opportunity. This is not by accident. In fact, quite the opposite. We have worked at building it and when we have stumbled or not moved as quick as we would like we have forgiven, apologized and tried again. In this issue you will see many of the things we will be focusing on in 2012 and summaries of a portion of the accomplishments of 2011. There is celebration, request for feedback and call to action. Your neighborhood association is made better by your action. How can we help you enhance your block? Make your street safer? We are here to assist you and look forward to continuing that work going forward. Thanks for being a great neighbor. -mike battershell

**7:00pm**

**Southeast Police Precinct  
(24th & Vinton Streets)  
All Are Welcome  
Guest Speakers listed at  
[hpnaomaha.org](http://hpnaomaha.org)**

**Important Numbers for City Offices:**

**Mayor’s Hotline: 402-444-5555**

*Use this number for: Graffiti, Nuisance Vehicles, Junk, or other general complaints*

**Streets Maintenance: 402-444-4919**

*Use this number for potholes, snow removal or street issues.*

**OFFICERS**

- PRESIDENT** Mike Battershell  
402-933-5855
- VICE PRESIDENT** Doug Stevens
- TREASURER** Sharon Littrell
- SECRETARY** Alicia Battershell
- MEMBERSHIP** Kelley Rosburg

**BOUNDARIES**



**BECOME A FAN**



Keep up with what's going on in the neighborhood.

Become a fan of Hanscom Park Neighborhood Association on Facebook.

## New Street Banner Design

Below you will see the new street banner that has been designed and approved. We have worked for months and taken the feedback from multiple versions to combine and give our neighborhood a fresh look that harkens the history of the park and the prestige of our neighborhood.

In the near future we will be developing a budget for printing, placing and maintaining the banners along 32nd Avenue and other locations as able.

We appreciate Rachel Boshart for her time and dedication to this project. These banners are the main reason that Rachel joined and has become active in HPNA. Which then begs the question:

What is your passion? How can the neighborhood help? Let's strengthen our community together!



## Sand Barrels for Streets

This beautiful Fall weather won't last forever, so let's prepare our neighborhood for the next season... if you live halfway up a hill or at the bottom, please consider requesting a sand barrel to help out yourself and your neighbors this Winter, so cars don't get stuck in the neighborhood intersections. Below is the process for requesting that a SAND BARREL be placed on your property:

Contact the City of Omaha – Street Maintenance Dept. @ 402-444-4919 and request a sand barrel be placed on your curbside/property. They will send someone out to review the location to see if it is appropriate (not an automatic approval process). Last year they required property owners to fill out a form as well.

Some stipulations apply:

1. Barrel must be placed on private property.
2. The City is not responsible for any damage caused by the sand barrel (ie: dead grass, etc.).
3. The sand can only be used for City Streets & Alleys, not private drive-ways & sidewalks.

The City's Snow Removal Plan was undergoing evaluation since last year, but no new information has been made available to Neighborhood Associations yet. As information becomes available, we will post on the HPNA website.

If you have any questions please email Kelly Rosburg at [krosburg2@cox.net](mailto:krosburg2@cox.net)

## Trees

We were fortunate in our neighborhood this year to not lose many trees. We did lose some and in 2012 we will be creating an opportunity for neighbors to receive discounted trees to replant on their property or in public spaces. Interested? Let us know and we will add you to the list.

## City Council Districts

As this is being written the City Council of Omaha has released the new boundaries of their districts. Currently our neighborhood is represented by both District 3 Councilman Chris Jerram & District 4 Councilman Garry Gernandt. We don't anticipate that changing very much but in the preliminary maps it does appear that District 3 & 4 do swap a couple of blocks in our neighborhood. Please watch for those changes in the month of November. We are fortunate to have double representation and look forward to our continued good working relationship with both Councilman.

## Healthy Blocks Start with Healthy Homes

HPNA has partnered with Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, The Neighborhood Center, InCommon Community Development, Metro Community College and many other agencies to create a healthy homes program. This program will be piloted early in 2012.

Included will be in inside and an outside assessment of homes on one block. From this baseline assessment the team will identify and educate neighbors about resources to improve those environments. Several factors will be measured from safety, health and energy efficiency. Lead Paint, cracking concrete, windows, electrical, and many other factors will be investigated. Simultaneously, a block will receive the same assessment in the Ford Birthsite Neighborhood just to the north of Hanscom Park. These two areas will help to create a discussion about the different factors related to older neighborhoods and develop future programming.

We are honored to have been selected for this program and look forward to reporting the outcomes.

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### **MAYOR SUTTLE JOINS OMAHA DOG PARK ADVOCATES AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS FOR GRAND OPENING OF HANSCOM BARK PARK NOVEMBER 19**

Omaha Dog Park Advocates announced the Hanscom Bark Park, the city's newest off-leash dog park, will officially open on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 in Hanscom Park at 32nd Avenue and Woolworth Ave. in Midtown Omaha. At noon on Saturday, Nov. 19, Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle, members of Omaha Parks & Recreation, Hanscom Park Neighborhood Association and Ford Birthsite Neighborhood Association members, along with other distinguished guests will be in attendance to cut the ribbon on the entrance to Hanscom Bark Park. Other neighboring communities are also encouraged to attend.

In addition to the ribbon cutting ceremony held at noon on Saturday, Nov. 19, the surrounding neighborhoods will also host a Chili Feed fund raiser at the Hanscom Park Pavilion immediately following the ceremony. Further, various supporters of Omaha Dog Park Advocates will be on hand offering free giveaways and information on pet and dog services in and around midtown Omaha. Proceeds raised from the Chili Feed will directly contribute to the maintenance and upkeep for Hanscom Bark Park.

#### **Watch your speed**

Thanks to Councilman Garry Gernandt we had increased patrols on 32nd Ave in late September. It Resulted in 66 speeding tickets and 1 no license ticket. We appreciate Garry's commitment to HPNA and making our neighborhood streets safer.

#### **Big thanks to Vaughn Electric**

**For helping to remove the Banners from the 32nd Avenue as they become old. There is still one we need to get but with Tim we wouldn't have gotten any! Call him for your electrician needs. 402-345-8938**

#### **Volunteer**

Your neighborhood association needs your help. We need people who are able to volunteer as little as two hours/month to help us achieve our objectives. It is only through our own efforts that our neighborhood is made stronger. Please consider given your time/talent or treasure to your neighborhood.

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#### **Smoke Detectors**

Smoke detectors are very important for the safety of your family.

For homeowners in the City of Omaha the Omaha Fire Department will install for **free a combination smoke/carbon monoxide detector**. Call them today to have them come install it 402-444-5700

#### **Graffiti Kit**

We have free kits available for any neighbors to help with abatement of graffiti. The kit contains chemical, gloves, mask, eye protection, sponge and rags to remove tags and other marks from concrete, signs and other surfaces. [mike@bergmanincentives.com](mailto:mike@bergmanincentives.com)



# Let Your Voice be Heard!

## Neighborhood Business District Feedback sought.

The NBD Project will analyze current conditions and opportunities, and create redevelopment strategies and implementation plans for four neighborhood business districts. Building on significant information from past studies and community outreach and input, the goal of the project is to promote physical and economic redevelopment in each of the areas.

Please provide your feedback

[nbdfedback.wordpress.com/](http://nbdfedback.wordpress.com/)

## EngageOmaha.com

Have you checked out the latest ideas to improve our city submitted by citizens? Did you know that you can suggest ideas and have them read by City Department Heads and more? As a resident you can submit and read ideas to improve our local government. This innovative platform gives you a chance to be heard!

## www.LeeListens.com

US Representative Lee Terry Announced a new website in July. The platform is the same one the City of Omaha has been using and gives you the chance to provide Rep. Terry with your thoughts and opinions right from your computer. Please log on today and help strengthen our community!



### HANSCOM PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*name* \_\_\_\_\_

*address* \_\_\_\_\_

*phone* \_\_\_\_\_

*e-mail* \_\_\_\_\_

*Renew your membership to maintain voting rights and continue receiving the newsletter. Dues are \$30 per household. Please make checks payable to HPNA.*

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