

HANSCOM PARK



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Meetings:

February 9, 2012
April 12, 2012
June 14, 2012
August 9, 2012
October 11, 2012

It is time again for us to ask for you to continue your membership in Hanscom Park Neighborhood. In this issue you will find many reasons for renewing your membership. Your \$10 (or more) contribution allow us to reach out to neighbors and communicate opportunities and concerns. We spend much of the money on mailing the newsletter to more than 300 homes in our neighborhood. We email it to an additional 400 interested persons.

We hope you will help us by renewing but also by passing this newsletter to your neighbor. Give it to the neighbor immediately next door. That small act will strengthen our efforts and help ensure our continued vibrancy and ability to be diligent in our efforts.

Thanks for your support of Hanscom Park Neighborhood Association!

7:00pm
Southeast Police Precinct
(24th & Vinton Streets)
All Are Welcome
Guest Speakers listed at
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

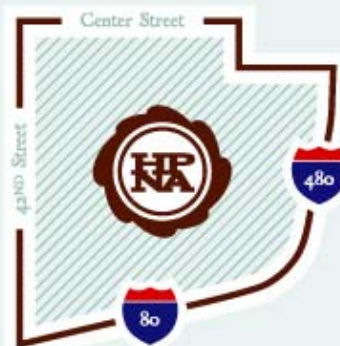
Streets Maintenance: 402-444-4919

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

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Wherever you're headed, it's on your way!

Crime Prevention

In light of recent criminal activity and concerns, Councilman Chris Jerram will be hosting a neighborhood crime update and crime prevention informational meeting at Field Club, Wednesday Feb 8, 7 p.m. 36th & Woolworth in the ballroom. The police chief, precinct captains, crime prevention and citizen patrol folks are scheduled. Please come on out and stand up for our neighborhoods and against crime. Your input and participation is the best deterrent.

Baseball, Softball & T-Ball Share and Swap Program

Is your sports closet overflowing?

You can put your "experienced" unused baseball equipment to good use and donate it. OLL 4th Graders Brock Lakin & Max Baber are organizing a Share & Swap for players to come in and pick up equipment for free before the season begins.

If you have some baseball equipment in good condition (gloves, cleats, bats, pants, etc) and would like to donate for our Baseball & Softball Share and Swap, you can drop off your equipment at Brock Lakin's home at 2820 S. 33rd St. or Call Brock at (402) 991-1966 or Max at (402) 342-7231.

Kickball

Details are being worked on now but started putting together you best team. We will be having a kickball tournament this summer in Hanscom Park. Members from Morton Meadows, Ford Birthsite, Field Club and others will be training for domination. Consider this your challenge!

Graffiti Policy Changes

Public Works has introduced some significant policy changes to how the city handles graffiti. We are involved in discussions through the South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance and the Midtown Neighborhood Alliance to ensure these changes strengthen efforts in our city to abate graffiti without further burdening property owners. If you are interested in learning more, we encourage you to attend the Midtown Neighborhood Alliance meeting on Wednesday February 15th at 6:30pm. MNA meets at the Neighborhood Center (115 South 49th Ave). In advance you can read about the changes and documents by visiting SONAOmaha.org

Dear Neighbors,

I continue to be amazed at the things being accomplished by people who are committed to strengthening the fabric of our community. We enter 2012 as a stronger neighborhood because of them and I am honored to be the President of the Hanscom Park Neighborhood Association. As neighbors, we look forward to continuing the trend set in 2011.

Let this be a reminder to you that your neighborhood association is a conduit for your vision of your block and your neighborhood. We are able to connect you to city resources and other liked-minded neighbors. You have the power to change your block and this neighborhood as a whole. I have several quick examples of ways HPNA aided in connecting neighbors this year.

John came to HPNA in 2010 and wanted to build a dog park; less than 2 years later we have one of the top dog parks in the country right in our neighborhood. It was featured in USA Today, lauded by Landscape Architects as “beautifully designed,” and built by a true public/private partnership, all owing to a neighbor and a dream.

Don and Jeff live on the same block and they brew beer together on the weekends. They asked another neighbor to join them to be part of the experience. Indirectly, they have made their block stronger, resistant to negative elements because of their communication and familiarity with neighbors.

Doug and his wife, Whitney, hosted a block Thanksgiving dinner. Opening their doors to neighbors that live close but with whom the only connection they have is proximity. They built the strength of their block by actions like this throughout the year.

Kelly, concerned about graffiti, called on HPNA to help her communicate with a property owner who wasn't keeping up his end of the covenant of being a good neighbor. Together, with the city, we started a conversation and ended up building a bridge.

Casey discovered an exposed culvert and drainage tube near her backyard. Working with State Senator Heath Mello, Councilman Gernandt and many agencies, we were able to help repair the safety concern for all of us.

We are fortunate to have a strong Omaha Coalition of Citizen's Patrol member in Dave Holmes. He monitors our neighborhood with diligence and ensures we have an extra set of eyes throughout.

These are just a few examples of what our neighborhood community does – some directly with the help of HPNA and some through direct action of neighbors.

Where are we going? What's in store for us as a neighborhood in 2012?

Mike Battershell, President

Field Club Connector

City Council recently approved the final phase of the Field Club Connector Trail. This trail will connect our Field Club Trail to the Keystone Trail. NRD and the City expect the construction to be completed this fall. It is a long time coming and we appreciate it!

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



Thanks to the Snow Removal Efforts of HPNA

We worked hard this year to make sure the snow was removed promptly from our streets. Thanks to Kelly and the team for working with Mother Nature in keeping our streets clean! As we move into Spring, we hope for a great continued partnership and hope that we can count on Mother Nature's continued commitment to keeping the streets of Hanscom Park Neighborhood free from snow. If that isn't the case, HPNA is ready and in communication with Public Works.

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.RestoreOmaha.com

Saturday, March 3, 2012
8 to 4:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Community College
South Campus
27th and Q Street – Omaha, NE
Spend the day gathering ideas, solutions and inspiration to restore and preserve older Properties.
Visit their website for information on keynote speaker and events.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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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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