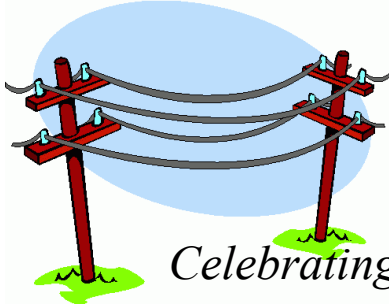


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*Celebrating together as friends and neighbors*

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## Guest Speaker – Mayor Jim Suttle

The Mayor is scheduled to join us for our monthly meeting on **Thursday, July 15, starting at 7:00 PM.** Please come and see what he has to tell us. No particular agenda has been prepared so it is expected that there will be time for some questions and answers. This is a time for all of us to hear what can be expected for our neighborhood and perhaps let him know of some concerns.

Last month's speaker, Melinda Pearson, Omaha Parks and Recreation Director, had a conflict so will be rescheduled in October. This turned out fine because of the extremely poor attendance at the meeting.

With the Mayor coming this month, do your best to show up and let him know what a great neighborhood association we have. Bring your neighbors, bring your friends.

### Letter from the President....

I received a call from my neighbor the other night to come outside and see the great horned owl that was perched in the tree across their alley. It was huge!!! And the large eyes seemed to follow us as we walked a little closer with the binoculars. Their kids were amazed that one could see such a creature and not have to visit the zoo. And the evening wasn't over. Later on I looked outside and there appeared to be two small owls sitting on my fence. I went outside and in fact there turned out to be three of the cute little things, sharing time with my neighbor's wall, the street sign, and my fence. I believe these were screech owls. It was not the first time I had seen one in the neighborhood, but never three of them! We wondered if these birds were watching the bunny rabbit that kept running around the yards.

Two nights later I was outside on the steps and a raccoon poked its head out of the sewer. This is not new and usually there are multiple raccoons that emerge. Fifteen minutes later an opossum wanders between my yard and the next door neighbors and went up the steps across the street. And a couple of days later I see the neighborhood groundhog poking around the alley.

Keep in mind that I live in midtown Omaha. We have thousands of people, thousands of motor vehicles, lots of asphalt roofs and concrete. The diversity of this wildlife adds tremendously the value of our neighborhood. Ironically I have not seen too many stray cats. And only occasionally a wayward dog gets loose. These summer nights have been quiet and lately full of nature's gifts. Enjoy *your* space in this place.

**Jim Thompson**

**Reminder!** The next LNA meeting will be **July 15, 2010, 7pm, at the V.F.W., located at 3302 Leavenworth St** (in the meeting hall on the lower level). Enter on the south side main entrance facing Leavenworth OR on the north side to avoid using stairs.

## From The Neighborhood Center.....

Ronald G. Abdouch  
Executive Director

With the warm weather comes increased costs associated with cooling your home, so when you open your OPPD statement and you ask yourself, what can we do to cut these costs, we have the answer.

The Neighborhood Center and OPPD have partnered to present a series of workshops on Home Energy Efficiency. This series of 5 workshops will present useful information to help you, your neighbors and friends conserve energy and cut costs. You may attend any one of the presentations, all of them or any combination. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. All are welcome.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. I assure you it will be well worth the time. As always, there is no cost.

### The 2010 schedule:

July 12, 2010 Building Science Made Simple

August 9, 2010 Home Energy Audits for Existing Homes & ENERGY STAR for New Homes

September 13, 2010 OPPD Products: High Efficiency Heat Pump and Air Conditioner Program, Residential Surge Guard, In-Home Electrical Protection Plan and Green Power

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November 8, 2010 LIGHTING for Efficiency and Function

Workshops and dinner will be held at the Neighborhood Center, 115 S 49 Avenue 5:30 PM. to 7:00 PM.

To register for one or all of the workshops, call the Neighborhood Center, 561-7569 and for questions contact Renee Jacobsen at 636-3541 or email [rmjacobsen@oppd.com](mailto:rmjacobsen@oppd.com)

## Community Garden Update

By Carol Haas

All plots have been rented! If you missed it, the garden celebrated on Saturday, June 26, from 5:00 - 7:00 with a visit from Mayor Suttle. Cake, ice cream, and camaraderie were the order of business.

While the heat index hovered around 105 degrees, the event was enjoyed by all.

Recently, benches have been added along the walkway through the garden, a shed has been erected, and picnic tables added.

The garden also now has its own website - check it out: [Handstoharvest.com](http://Handstoharvest.com). Thanks to Randy Roy of FBNA for developing our site. Stop by the garden to see how things are progressing. The Kent Bellows students are creating a sign for the garden and will soon begin artwork on the fence.

Just last week, cucumbers and zucchini were harvested from the garden! YUM!

### Information for Contributors

To contribute to *the Exchange*, please contact

**Jim Thompson** [zippijd@aol.com](mailto:zippijd@aol.com).

Deadline for the May issue is

**Aug 5, 2010.**

Content submitted may be edited as needed.

**"Americans of all ages, all stations of life, and all types of disposition are forever forming associations...In democratic countries knowledge of how to combine is the mother of all other forms of knowledge; on its progress depends that of all the others."**

***Alexis de Tocqueville***

### Want to receive The Exchange by e-mail?

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From the folks at Midtown Crossing.....

**NEW STARS AND FAVORITES FEATURED  
AT JAZZ ON THE GREEN AT MIDTOWN  
CROSSING**

*Jazz for Summer Evenings Coming to Turner Park*

The inaugural season of Omaha Performing Arts Presents *Jazz on the Green* at Midtown Crossing will open with a nationally renowned, Grammy-winning artist and will close with a heartfelt tribute to an Omaha icon. Omaha Performing Arts has announced a line-up that will appeal to every type of jazz fan, as the popular outdoor concert series moves to Turner Park.

The Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band kicks off the season Thursday, July 8. One of the nation's top percussionists, Sanchez won a Grammy for his *Latin Soul* album. His music weaves spirited tales that pay homage to a tradition born when Afro-Cuban rhythms merge with bebop. The Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band played the Kiewit Concert Hall at the Holland Performing Arts Center in 2008.

Thursday, July 15 Lao Tizer, noted keyboardist and recording artist, will bring his contemporary jazz to Turner Park. This talented "Best New Jazz Artist" nominee, who last played in Omaha in 2007, self-produced and released his first three solo keyboard recordings by the age of seventeen. Since then he's appeared at premier venues across the country and has sold more than 90,000 recordings, receiving acclaim in the industry's most respected publications. His music also has been heard on radio and television.

The high energy Sugar Thieves will steal the sweetness right out of your bowl when they play their sultry blues and danceable grooves at Midtown Crossing at Turner Park Thursday, July 22. One of Phoenix Valley's brightest up and coming bands, they won the Arizona Blues Competition two years in a row and were finalists in last year's International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee.

Thursday, July 29, is a double bill with the pop-swing, jump-blues of the Prairie Cats and Kansas City-based big band Grand Marquis. The Cats played *Jazz on the Green* in 2001, 2003 and 2005, breaking attendance records. Lead Cat, Jeff Koterba, political cartoonist with the *Omaha World-*

## LNA Events Calendar

**Every Thursday:** Yoga Classes

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**First Saturday of each Month:**

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*Herald*, describes their work as "original music with a rock approach to jazz." The five-member Grand Marquis Band, selected as Kansas City's best jazz group for several years, delivers its own brand of music the band describes as "old-school jump blues, rockabilly and fiery jazz balled up into one big hit of red hot rhythm 'n' roll."

Eleven-piece Latin-jazz-dance band Orquesta Alto Maiz is featured on Thursday, August 5. Living in America's heartland, these musicians have made several trips to Cuba to study the masters of Cuban folkloric music. The result is a sound usually found in the clubs of New York City or Miami, earning them a reputation as one of the hottest bands in the Midwest. *Jazz on the Green* audiences will find their combination of Latin Jazz and Afro-Caribbean music tied up in a sweet salsa package just right for dancing.

The Thursday, August 12 finale will be a fitting tribute to Luigi Waites and his impact on the local jazz scene. The band, Luigi, Inc. will be joined for the second set and grand finale by several special guests who will pay homage to the talents of the late, great Luigi Waites. Concerts for Omaha Performing Arts presents *Jazz on the Green* at Midtown Crossing are free to the public. No reservations or tickets are needed. Performances start at 7:00 p.m. Further details about the artists, amenities, and parking at Midtown Crossing at Turner Park will be announced at a later date.

**Sponsors for the series are Mutual of Omaha, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Omaha Steaks. To learn more about the artists and to sample their music, go to [www.OmahaPerformingArts.org](http://www.OmahaPerformingArts.org).**

## More from Midtown Crossing..... Ingredient Restaurant Opens at Midtown Crossing

Ingredient, a chef-driven gourmet fast casual establishment specializing in breakfast, salads, sandwiches and pizzas made from the freshest ingredients from scratch, officially opened its doors at Midtown Crossing at Turner Park.

Ingredient occupies 4,063 square feet on the southeast corner of 33rd and Farnam streets. Ingredient allows its customers to create their own meal with the highest quality ingredients including omelets, oatmeal, salads, pizzas, and desserts. Customers can dine in, carry out, order online in advance, and even have an event or box lunch catered to them. The patio is due to open in a couple weeks, which will add an additional atmosphere day or night.

Founded in Lawrence, Kansas, Ingredient features a huge variety of fresh ingredients that can be combined in breakfast items, salads, pizzas and sandwiches. The Omaha Midtown Crossing location is the restaurant's sixth, with other locations in Leawood and Lawrence, Kansas, Columbia and Kansas City, Missouri, including its newest location in the Country Club Plaza.

"We looked at a lot of locations when developing expansion plans outside of the Kansas City marketplace," said Leap Hospitality President and Ingredient Licensor Patrick Phelan. "Midtown Crossing was an obvious choice due to its unique mix of business, residential, and entertainment components," Phelan said. "Omaha will find that Ingredient is a one of a kind fresh option for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We offer unmatched menu customization in a hip contemporary fast casual environment."



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\*Note to readers: This is a retraction of a short article that ran last month. The allegation that the author's name was not to be used for a *written* statement was misconstrued from normal, useful *conversation* between neighbors. [It is not known just how many bottle bass were caught on this fishing discussion]. So, I take it back! The original *discussion* concerned the use of a popular website used for joggers. Without a direct contribution from this corporation for some free advertising, they will, of course, go nameless. Consequently, if you had any thoughts of establishing a group of joggers to do sweaty healthy stuff in the 'hood and form some sort of club in this regard, go for it! But jog down to the neighborhood meeting on July 15 at 7:00 PM and hear the Mayor. Editor

**"The more people on the trail, the better it is."  
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## Opening Soon in LNA: the Side Door Lounge

Story and Photos by Molly Zimmer

Located at 3531 Leavenworth St., owners Steve and Kathleen Jamrozy are excited to expand to a new Omaha neighborhood. People may be familiar with some other well-known Jamrozy sites, including the Flatiron Café in downtown Omaha, the building in Benson which houses Espana, and the former Bomba Dia! restaurant in Dundee. When asked why he looks in older neighborhoods, like LNA, Steve replied that he liked the charm of the buildings and that “old buildings and I find each other.”

The Jamrozys find these old buildings and reveal the diamond inside by using numerous reclaimed items—from both the current building site as well as other sites. In the Side Door, the polished and gleaming wood floor is from wood taken out during the Orpheum Theater renovation. The bar comes from Bomba Dia! The wainscoting outside the bathrooms are halved old walnut doors while the main lounge area showcases black slate tiles, both of which Steve says, he “came across and held prisoner” until finding the perfect place for them in the Side Door.

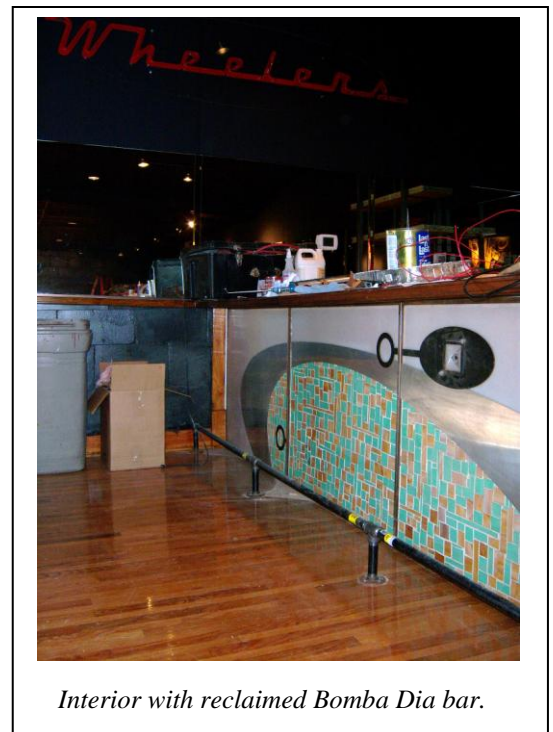
As he talks about the entire project, Jamrozy exudes energy and excitement. He envisions the Side Door as being “open to anyone who has an idea that is healthy and creative.” To help promote creativity, the lounge includes acoustical paneling and ceiling, house soundboard, and house speakers so that musicians “only have to plug in and play.”

From inside the building to the outside, Jamrozy focuses on recycling, reclaiming, and re-invigorating. Newly landscaped plants and trees border the west and north sides on the outside of the building. Bill Hoover, a local artist, continues to paint a Garden of Eden-like mural on the west wall. Eventually, tall maiden grass will separate the sidewalk by the mural from 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. and outdoor seating will be a possibility for patrons. When finished, parking stalls will be on the east side for cars with ample parking in place for bicyclists.

Jamrozy would like the surrounding neighborhoods to “make this little corner their home” and to eventually see the neighborhood as “one big urban park.” Though he will have alcohol for sale, he assures the neighborhood that he runs a tight operation. The hope is to have the Side Door Lounge open by the end of July, but check back to *The Exchange* for updates. In the meantime, support our other local, neighborhood businesses!



Artist Bill Hoover working on Side Door mural.



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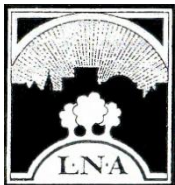
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