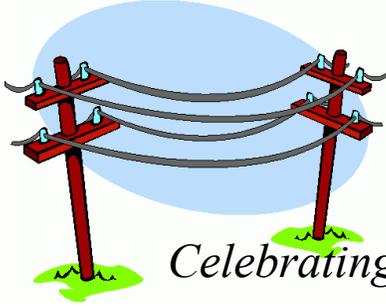


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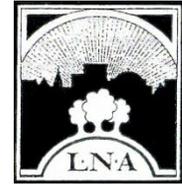
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Presidents Letter....

Who is the LNA? Why does the LNA exist? Can anyone be a part of the LNA?

For a few of us, mostly those reading this newsletter, the above questions can be answered fairly clearly, but for many others these questions leave a foggy and murky thought in effort of just trying to figure out what the LNA stands for let alone answer the questions stated.

The Leavenworth Neighborhood Association started in 1984 with a few area residents banding together to keep a chemical plant from building on Leavenworth. Over the past three decades the LNA has seen its membership list consist of as many as a hundred and as few as twenty. Through hard work and countless volunteer hours those members built gardens, hosted public debate forums, improved public parks, hosted a mobile nursing station, funded murals, and completed countless other projects in effort of making the Leavenworth Neighborhood a better place to live, work, and play.

Today the LNA finds itself at the lower end of the spectrum of its past membership history. Existing in a culture inundated with digital media, where the average person spends close to a half hour a day on social media, the LNA is searching for ways to stay relevant and continue to make a difference in the area we live.

Which is why I encourage you to come to this month's meeting at Cantina Laredo to continue to discuss branding of the LNA and vote on the future of the community that you and your family will continue to live, work, and play in.

Nick Mayo

Color It Clean - Another Huge Success!

By Jim Thompson

April 12 started as a chilly day and with our clean-up campaigns in the past we were going to proceed no matter what the weather. Well it turned out to be a wonderful day in the neighborhood to clean it up! The trucks were set, the scrap metal dumpster in place, and two new organizations, Paralyzed Veterans of America Thrift Shop and Cross Training, had their vehicles and manpower ready to collect reusable household goods and electronics for recycling.

What was *really* cool about the day was the fantastic number of volunteers that showed up!! I don't think we have ever had such a great number of folks on hand to pitch in for the day. The turnout was a great indication of taking pride in our neighborhood. I will attempt to list everyone but forgive me if I left someone off the list - it was a busy day.

First of all we need to thank Laura Green for running around picking up all the food and refreshments. I believe that these clean-up events could not be such a success without the assistance from our businesses. THANK YOU to Bud Olson's, Alderman's Sam's Food and Liquor, Kwik Shop, Burger King, Runza, Nuestra Familia Supermercado, and Domino's Pizza for keeping us refreshed all day. We all needed the treats.

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Reminder! The next LNA meeting will be **May 15, 2014, 7:00 PM.**
PLEASE NOTE: the meeting location has been changed to Cantina Laredo at Midtown Crossing. They are located at the northwest side of the "horseshoe".

Join us on Facebook!

The LNA's Facebook page is a great way to meet neighbors, get LNA news, discuss current events, and get an insider's scoop on what is happening in Midtown!

We also have give-a-ways and fun facts about our neighborhood. Please join us today!

We are always looking for new friends!

Join us

at: <https://www.facebook.com/LeavenworthOmaha>

Open House: Greengo Coffee and Deli

By Kassie Mayo

The membership committee invites you....to an open house at Greengo Coffee and Deli Saturday, May 10th, 8-10! Come grab a cup of coffee and meet some neighbors! In April, LNA was invited to check out our newest neighbors - Tin Box Pictures, Jordan Green Productions, and Noble Legacy Film Co., on the corner of 35th Street. They've done an amazing job renovating the business and look forward to working with the neighborhood!

We hope to see you at Greengo this month!

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Bill Kline and Kat Vinton were very helpful with the use of their pick-up trucks. Assisting in those alley runs were John Costanzo, Brian Eaton, Dana Rose, Andrew Flater, and Nick Mayo. The man with the magnet, John McCaul did a great job, as usual, to protect those precious metals from being thrown away. Reggie Welles did a great job on traffic control, and even Lois Welles stopped by to provide her supervisory skills to keep Reggie out of trouble.

Thank you to newcomers Ashley Flater, who talked her monster brother Chris Morrison to join the day to pick up all the heavy stuff. Nice! Evan and Katie Freemeyer, Aaron Onufrock, Kassie Mayo, Carol Haas, Steve Held, John Nordmeyer helped throughout the day. Our effort to pass out membership information to the people dropping off trash was taken on by Linda Brown and Melanie Sullivan. I do not know how many neighbors joined that day but the attempt is appreciated.

The Pacific-Leavenworth Neighborhood Association partnered with the LNA and provided some good manpower. Kudos to Brian Hanson, Dan Bernard, and Craig Nashleanas for pitching in. It's nice to see that area coming alive again.

We recycled just over 6000 pounds, half of which was provided by Pat McCall at McCall Press. For the sake of my back and potentially others, we found an alternate way to grab an old printing press from Pat. There were quite a few tires collected and hauled to the designated site but I do not have an exact count. From what I saw of Kat, Dana, and Bill's multiple loads, plus one that I brought down I figured we gathered about 40 old tires. And Cross Training was very cooperative in gathering electronics for recycling. Computers, monitors, TV's, anything with a plug on it was saved from the garbage trucks. The PVA Thrift Shop folks had a good load of potential marketables gleaned from our visitors. It's surprising what some people just want to throw away but can be put to good use elsewhere.

And the Community Garden got a fantastic makeover with the help of Isai Peralta-Gandarilla, Program Coordinator Completely KIDS. The adults on hand were Zarina Mejia, Omar Bernal, Orquidia Calleja, Heriberta Mayo, Yesenia Pastrana, Octavio Castro, Clara Ramirez, Janeth Cano, and Tyler Erb. The kids that helped were Analidia Bernal, Yockza

Bernal, Ashley Bernal, Esperanza Castro, Jordy Genchi, and Jennier Mejia. Together they must have filled 25 yard waste bags!

Community service individuals Adam, Jose, and Shawn did a tremendous job of picking up loose litter along 29th St., Park Ave., Leavenworth St., and Turner Boulevard. Although you will never read this, thank you for participating.

As always, special thanks to Kermit Engh of Fashion Cleaners for once again providing a great place to hold the event.

Thank you to Mayor Stothert and the folks at Public Works who recognize the value of this city sponsored event by continuing to put dollars in the budget to assist us neighbors in keeping our area clean - as best we can. There will always be the bad people who think nothing of dumping trash in our alleys, like the ditwad who dumped four tires behind my neighbor Joann's garage. Fortunately there was another nearby clean-up on the calendar and I was able to properly dispose of the tires. The money invested by the city, combined with the thousands of volunteer hours from associations like ours make the clean-up campaign huge success.

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Leavenworth Kid's Corner

By Cassandra Mayo at agapemayo@gmail.com

Calling All Kids of the Leavenworth Neighborhood Association!!! We will be collecting cards and pictures to send to active Military through our friends at the VFW. Have your Mom or Dad, Grandma or Grandpa, drop them off at our May and June meetings! Also, have a wonderful last month of school, summer's almost here!



Who do you call???

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- Handicap Parking Stickers 444-6080**
- Neighborhood Watch Program 444-5772**
- Rats, raw garbage, etc. 444-7481**
- Street Construction (problems 444-5220 or complaints)**
- Tenant/landlord discrimination issues 444-5055**
- Zoning Enforcement 444-5364**
- Animal Bites 444-7578**
- Barking Dogs (sick, injured or stray animals) 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**
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Please enter through the Evergreen Thrift Shop entrance, at the northeast corner of the building.

The sale will again include the usual fabulous thrift shop merchandise, a large book sale, and a plant sale. Plants will include many perennials from the gardens of church members, and some annuals grown from seed. Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions about the plants.

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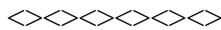


QUICK SNIPS.....

Zach Johnson had a good excuse for missing the last membership meeting. Lars Benjamin Johnson came into the neighborhood on April 18 to join his siblings. Congratulations to Nicky and Zach!!



Need a green **recycling bin**? We have some extra on hand, left over from the clean-up in April. Please let Jim Thompson know if you need one: zippijd@aol.com or call him at 402-672-0603.



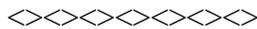
In case you hear about a new neighborhood association known as "Field Club North", it represents the area bounded by Pacific Street on the south, Leavenworth on the North, 36th St. on the east and the Field Club Trail on the west. If this location sounds familiar, the Pacific Leavenworth group has changed their name!! Good luck neighbor and we are glad to see you become active again.



Spielbound is a new board game cafe opening up at 33rd and Harney (formerly the Attic Bar) sometime this summer. Interesting. VERY interesting. Stay tuned for details!



Please note the change in location of our **General Membership Meeting on May 15. Cantina Loreda at Midtown Crossing** has a room in back for our gathering. They also have great food and drink items on the menu. See you there! We apologize to those who may have showed up for our April meeting as was erroneously in last month's issue.



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