

The LEAVENWORTH EXCHANGE

Celebrating together as friends and neighbors

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NEWS FLASH: Sebastian "Subby" Anzaldo, Dead at 86 Years

Former City Councilman Subby Anzaldo passed away after a lengthy illness. Mr. Anzaldo also served as Acting Mayor in 1994.

Subby was a good friend of the Leavenworth Neighborhood Association, representing District 3 for over 11 years. He went on to work in Mayor Hal Daub's administration. During his term on the Council the LNA was still in our growing years. He was extremely helpful in helping us form action plans and doing what was necessary to work through the bureaucracy of City Hall. The foundation of the association continued to solidify with his direct input.

Anzaldo raised his family in the Columbus Park neighborhood and was recently recognized for his work with the Columbus Park Community Center being named for him. He later moved not too far away from the LNA into the North Field Club area.

Our condolences to all of the Anzaldo family.

Mark Your Calendars.....

Aug. 8 & 15 - Jazz On The Green
Starts, 6:30 PM

Aug. 15 - NO General
Membership Meeting

Aug. 9 - Deadline for Chalk
Contest

Aug. 18 - City Sprouts gala

Aug. 25 - 1st Unitarian Church
150 Year Celebration

Sept. 7 - World O' Water

Sept. 19 - General Membership
Meeting, 7:00 PM

Trees for Omaha (and LNA!) Program

By Elizabeth Chalen, Keep Omaha Beautiful

As part of KOB's Trees for Omaha program and in conjunction with the City of Omaha's Parks & Recreation Department, on **October 6th (Sunday early afternoon)** we will work with volunteers to plant **35 trees in Leavenworth Park, 15 trees in Dewey Park, and 30 trees along the Turner Boulevard Trail.**

The trees will be roughly 5 to 6 feet high when they are planted (optimal height for long-term growth/success). There should be no disruption to the park or the surrounding neighborhood as a result of this planting endeavor. A contractor (Great Plains Nursery) will also maintain and water the trees during the critical first year following the planting. After that, the City's Parks & Recreation Department will be responsible for the trees.

In addition, we would like to invite the Leavenworth Neighborhood Association & residents to help with the planting on October 6th. All holes will be pre-augered by our contractor and trees will be placed near the holes ahead of time. Using tools provided by KOB, volunteers will simply need to plant the trees using the excavated soil and add mulch around the trees.

It is estimated that we need 40 - 50 volunteers for this effort. Please put it on your calendar and sign up to help beautify our neighborhood!!

SONA Grant Received!!

The LNA is a recipient of a grant to assist us in our Membership Drive. Recognized at the annual banquet on August 1, our neighborhood will receive \$1200 to campaign and strive to increase awareness for our neighbors on what we do and how we can improve the neighborhood with more members involved.

A Membership Committee is prescribed in our by-laws and will welcome anyone to help in this endeavor. Please contact any of the Board (see last page) and contribute your thoughts and a couple of hours to help us meet our goals!

Community Composting is Here!

By Addie Gengenbach

We finally have our composting bins from Hillside Solutions set up! Thanks to our Midtown Neighborhood Alliance mini grant we are able to pilot-test this program for the next year.

The bins are located in the Hands-to-Harvest Community Garden (1113 S 31st St, off of Pacific) near the back (northeast side) of the property. The bins will be picked up and cleaned on Wednesdays. Composting is currently open to all Leavenworth Neighborhood residents. Depending on the popularity of the program this may change to just LNA members.



Do's and Don'ts of Composting

These bins can essentially include anything that was once alive: Food scraps (including meat and bones), paper products that can't be recycled, coffee filters, chopsticks, etc. For space capacity we don't want to take on yard waste at the moment. But if this is something you're interested in for future consideration, let us know!



Murals Here, Murals There -- Where?

By Jim Thompson

A recent vacation to Philadelphia revealed a most fascinating city, rich in history amongst many other things. Knowing I was about to witness some murals, hundreds as it turned out, I thought of my neighborhood and how we are slowly garnering a good inventory of public art.

In last month's Exchange I queried you folks for identifying the murals we have in our boundaries. I came up with 10, and those are just the external locations. How many have YOU come up with?

Once we get our website fixed, I would like to establish our inventory, along with pictures and the history of each mural. It is my hope that these continue to flourish as a testament to dressing up the quality of this neighborhood. I know others out there share this goal and I think it's time to make it happen.

If you or anyone in your family has an interest in art (Hello Kent Bellows Foundation!!) this would be a very worthwhile project to undertake. Over the years these murals were created from grant dollars to simply advertising to one's own creative love for public display. One mural was even created as a penalty for kids being caught vandalizing a property with graffiti!!

Please send an email to any of the officers listed on the back page of the newsletter to express your interest, or come to the next meeting in September to start this effort. There are not only a good number of artists out there who deserve the recognition, but it becomes an important facet of documenting our own rich and historical neighborhood.

World O! Water Event!!

What: World O! Water - event focusing on water conservation, recreation, and safety

When: September 7, 2019 (Saturday) from 12pm to 4pm (rain or shine)

Where: Wehrspann Lake 8901 South 154th Street (Omaha) – also known as the Chalco Hills Recreation Area

Info: <http://www.worldwater.org/>

Description: World O! Water is a fun, annual event for people of all ages to learn about the important role that water plays in our lives and community. Join us this year on September 7th to experience live demonstrations, science experiments, games, and canoe rides while talking to local experts about water quality, conservation, and recreational activities. In addition, there will be arts and crafts, educational materials, and discussions regarding water conservation, quality, and recreation. Free trees are available for the first 250 families. Lunch will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

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World O! Water

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Demonstrations ■ Science Experiments ■ Lunch
Games ■ Canoeing ■ Face Painting

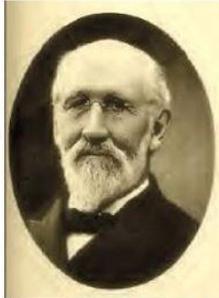
Bring a reusable Water Bottle to fill at the Water Truck

SAT. 7th SEPT.
Noon to 4 PM
Rain or Shine
Wehrspann Lake,
8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha

www.worldwater.org
Funded By Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
www.firstunitarian.org/anniversary

Over the past year, we've been celebrating the 150th anniversary of our denomination's presence in Omaha, NE. The Articles of Organization were signed August 22, 1869! **First Unitarian Church of Omaha is now 150 years old!** The Heritage Task Force invites you to the grand finale of our anniversary year...



Rev. Newton Mann

**The Revival of
 Newton Mann: Superstar!**

**Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
 in the Sanctuary**

A dessert reception & champagne toast will follow the show in the Common Room.

A satirical homage to the life of Rev. Newton Mann, settled minister at First Unitarian Church from 1889-1910. He was the first American preacher to advocate Darwin's Theory of Evolution. Written by Barb Ross in 1989, the show draws influence from *Jesus Christ: Superstar*. This event is free & open to all. Childcare will be provided.

Come celebrate 150 years with us!



1st Building: 17th and Cass, 1871



Sketch of current building on Hamery

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So THAT's His Name....

By Jim Thompson

I often stop at Alderman's for a refreshment, see some people, and maybe have a handful of popcorn. A lot of people in our neighborhood make it that direction, perhaps to Bud's and Down Under as well. And the time spent in these establishments generate a certain level of camaraderie. One will make the nod to the "regular", and receive the nod in return. Usually not much said except perhaps asking what the score is for the game.

Choo is one such person that could be found at Alderman's. Riding up on his Goldwing, before he sat down his Crown & 7, Tall, is ready for the first sip. Big guy. And liked by those whose paths crossed, either here or at the Candlelight Lounge.

Recently I saw Mike's T-shirt and inquired about the figure on the front. "Choo", he responded. "These were made in his memory. He passed away." What? NOW I remember him. Usually not much more than a nod as we settled into our respective seats.



This guy enjoyed karaoke, "Sweet Caroline" being his favorite, followed by "My Way", by Frankie. His voice is now silent but the folks at Alderman's can still hear his echo.

The fabric of the neighborhood is held together with this sort of people. Most of you have never met Choo. He didn't really do anything heroic that I know of. But he was a part of our collection. A collection of individuals whose paths cross multiply times, in one manner or another. A piece of that fabric broke when this guy, now emblazoned on a t-shirt, left this world. Peace to Mark Ciciulla.

Annual Greek Festival

By Christine Krin

Set your calendars to the great Greek Festival August 16 - 18, 2019. This event includes wonderful food, music and an opportunity to relax with your neighbors.

Use the ticket below and come on down!!

Presented by **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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Fri, August 16, 5 pm-10 pm
Sat, August 17, 11 am-10 pm
Sun, August 18, 11 am-7 pm

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 Kids 12 and Under FREE
 Students, Military Personnel, Firefighters, & Police Officers (with ID) FREE

Greek Music, Greek Food/Pastries, Dancing, Agora, & Taverna
 See GreekFestOmaha.com

GOOD FOR 1 ADULT ADMISSION—2019 **\$3 Value—RAIN OR SHINE**

Together A Greater Good

Hello!

Happy summer. Deposits were initiated to your account last week and should have arrived. Below is your report of those who are supporting you on TAGG. :) If you aren't the right person to be receiving these reports/emails anymore, can you please let me know who is best to send to?

We have added some great community minded businesses this quarter so be sure to support them and TAGG: [Inkwell](#), [Butterfish](#), [Stirrella](#), [Rosati's](#), [Red Lion Lounge](#), [Vivid Window & Door](#), [Sign Dreamers](#), [4 Seasons Awards](#), [Premier Party Rentals](#), [A-Parent Apparel](#), [Design4](#), [Rixstine Recognition](#) and [ProCare Collision Center!](#)

TAGG has been this summer a new feature (DINE OUT NIGHTS!) to help you raise more money and streamline your administrative time in coordinating dine out night events. - - - We are still working on a clever name since it won't be just food places...*let us know if you got one!*

Several of our partner businesses have agreed to increase their standard donation amount when you book a "Dine to Donate" or "Shop to Support" event on certain days. We are putting the final touches on the app to make this possible but starting in August, you are now able to coordinate with our participating business partners and get events scheduled with one simple email.

Best parts of this new program:

- 1) WE email all of your supporters on TAGG to increase reach and repetition of the event
- 2) WE create the flyer and images for you to share to your supporters!
- 3) YOU can book a year worth of events in one spot
- 4) You can get new donors at these events to start TAGGing for you not just that night, but ALL YEAR LONG.

How exciting is that!? Once the final testing is done, we will be sending out another email with full details on how to get your events scheduled.

Have a business you do these with that isn't on TAGG yet, help us get a meeting with them and *we will give you \$50* for every business location that comes on!

JOIN US NOW!!

**Family membership:
\$15**

**Business Membership:
\$25**

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

Mail to:

Leavenworth N.A.

3031 Leavenworth St, Omaha, NE 68105

PLEASE NOTE: You can also pay directly through PayPal, sending your transaction to:
Treasurer@LNAOmaha.org

We are making deposits from \$25 - \$3700 this quarter, and would love for all of our organizations to be on the higher end of that spectrum. If there is anything that I can help you get the word out please let me know. Three quick things to help:

Toolkit: www.togetheragreatergood.com/toolkit (loaded with everything you need to market TAGG quickly and easily)

A "user" video explaining

TAGG: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCUg5djdWYw>

A quick demo explaining our new

app: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOf1YX_avF4

Be blessed this summer!

Treasurer's Note: The LNA continues to receive quarterly proceeds from our members that designate the Leavenworth Neigh. Assn. as the recipient of the TAGG. Thank you for your ongoing support!!



City Sprouts is hosting their annual Grow With Us Gala. The theme of this year's Gala is *An Afternoon of Culinary Adventure*, featuring live culinary demonstrations by local gourmet chefs and signature dishes and cocktails using City Sprouts' fresh produce for a unique dining experience.

This year's guest chefs will demonstrate how they create their dishes and dessert using City Sprouts' August harvest of fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Guests are invited to join in the excitement by entering a raffle to be sous chef to the gourmets, as they prepare each special recipe for the audience. The culinary students of Metropolitan Community College replicate these dishes for the entire crowd to sample. The acclaimed guest chefs for this year's gala include:

- John Engler, Chef of Society 1854 located in the Capital District
- Jacob Newton, Executive Chef of V.Mertz located in the Old Market
- Kimbler Harrold, Chef of the Scott Conference Center
- Brian Langbehn, Founder, Chef, & Scoopologist of Coneflower Creamery in Blackstone
- Katie Arant, Chef & Ice Cream Artisan of Coneflower Creamery in Blackstone

Our featured cocktail will be an Elderberry Smash, with elderberry syrup and herbs from City Sprouts. Beer and spirits will also be provided by Lucky Bucket Brewing at the bar.

The Gala takes place on Sunday, August 18 from 1:30-4pm at the Institute for the Culinary Arts at Metropolitan Community College, located at the Fort Street Campus at 5300 N 30th Street.

City Sprouts invites community members to attend and participate in the Gala. Businesses and organizations can purchase a table for 10 or sponsor the Gala at one of four sponsorship levels, featuring a variety of benefits. Tickets and sponsorship information are available at www.omahasprouts.org/gala, or by emailing Roxanne Draper, Executive Director at director@omahasprouts.org. This fundraiser supports the City Sprouts Urban Farming Internship, which trains local, underserved youth in farming, culinary arts, practical life skills, education, and public health each summer.



Midtown Crossing is inviting local artists to join one of Omaha's most vibrant celebrations of community – the second annual **Omaha Chalk Art Festival**. Interested artists see below for application details, including the \$1,000 prize for the “Best of Show” artist. The deadline to submit is **August 9, 2019**.

The Chalk Art Festival's first year drew 5,000 attendees throughout the weekend and more than 20 participating artists. Year two is set for the weekend of Saturday, September 14, and Sunday, September 15.

Each participating artist will receive two free Alamo Midtown tickets. As an added bonus, the festival's Best of Show artist will receive a \$1,000 prize.

All skill levels welcome!

Questions / info:

Michael Rieger, Artist Director: michael@lapisarts.com / 720-331-6402; or

Amanda Lustgraaf, Midtown Crossing: Amanda.lustgraaf@mutualofomaha.com / 402-351-5954

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LNA Picnic & National Night Out

By Addie Gengenbach

The 2019 LNA Picnic and National Night Out was a success! About 35 neighbors got together on Tuesday, August 6, ate bbq, caught up with each other, and played some yard games. The annual picnic is in lieu of our August membership meeting.



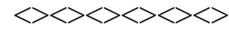
Katherine from InCOMMON came and set up a display with a Park Avenue vision board and discussed with neighbors what they want to see featured in the future of the Park Ave area. The Omaha Southeast Police Precinct sent several of their men: fire fighters, cops, and a surprise swat team stopped by throughout the night.

We want to thank InCOMMON for sharing some games, shade, and neighborhood plans with us, Wohlner's who gave us a discount on the BBQ sandwiches, Alderman's for letting us borrow some of their yard games, and the Southeast Police Precinct for stopping by!

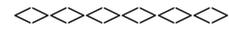


Quick Snips.....

Does your outside gate screech or squeal when you open or close it? As much as that sound might bother your ears, do not oil the hinges! In the middle of the night that bothersome little noise could signal you that someone is entering your property!



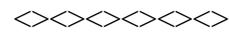
While waiting for a Waste Management truck to do their thing on a recent Tuesday, it was nice to witness the worker not dump the garbage can that was filled with various paint cans into their truck. The worker carefully extracted these "hidden" items and stacked them neatly on the property. Hopefully the owner took them to the proper disposal site: Under The Sink, 120th & I St.



I also witnessed a couple picking up litter on the way to the bar for trivia night. The device they used caught my eye:



This was a very inexpensive device, bought at the Family Dollar for about a buck. Thank you Eric and Laura for your investment in keeping our neighborhood clean!



Welcome to the neighborhood Ellis Guy Flater!!!! Yes, we have a new neighbor that joined the Flater family. Big sister Cora will undoubtedly enjoy her little brother as she bosses him around. Congratulations to Andrew and Ashley!!





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LEAVENWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
3031 Leavenworth St.
Omaha, NE 68105

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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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- President: Ashley Flater
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Join us for our monthly meetings -- the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Dewey Park Building on Turner Blvd.

Website: www.LNAOmaha.org

Become a Member of the LNA

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Family membership: \$15 annually
Business membership: \$25 annually

Name of Business: _____

New Member Renewal

Make checks payable to LNA. Dues are for Jan.-Dec.
 Mail to LNA, 3031 Leavenworth St, Omaha, NE 68105
 Or send via PayPal to: Treasurer@LNAOmaha.org
 Each adult 18 or older, 2 max. per family or business that pay dues and lives, owns property, or owns/operates a business in the LNA boundaries shall be eligible to vote on Association matters.
 LNA boundaries: East - 29th St., North - Dodge St.,
 South - Pacific St., West - 36th St.