

THE BENA BULLETIN

A quarterly newsletter from the Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association

Fall 2018



Commons Clean-Up

Please join us **Saturday, November 3rd** to help clean up our commons area; flow liner, low tree branches, pick up trash, and remove volunteer trees. Over the past few years, we have saved several thousand dollars in tree maintenance by having commons area clean-ups! Please bring tree trimming tools, shovels, etc. and we welcome trucks and trailers. We meet at 9:00 a.m. at the corner of Boston Drive and Valley Forge. Lunch will be provided to volunteers.

Street Trees

If you have a tree planted between the street and sidewalk, you have a street tree. Street trees are the property of the City of Lincoln, and they are responsible for pruning street trees, removing storm damage, and cutting them down when they die. The City has a lot of public trees so their rotation means several years may pass between scheduled pruning events. If your tree needs pruning before its scheduled time, you can prune trees yourself if you know proper techniques. Otherwise, contact the City Forestry Dept. via email: forestry@lincoln.ne.gov or by phone: (402) 441-7847, option "0". You may also report storm damage or tree death by this means, too. Another great way to report street tree issues to the City is via **UPLNK** on your computer or smartphone app.

If you don't have a street tree but would like to have one, you must obtain a no-cost permit from the Forestry Department. The City has a Street

Tree Voucher Program that will pay a portion of the cost of a new street tree. Contact the City Forestry Department for additional information.

The Board would also like to remind you that tree limbs should be maintained at **9 feet** above sidewalks.

If you have an ash tree, whether a street tree or a private tree, you can find out more information on the **Emerald Ash Borer** at www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/communityforestry.

Please note that if your existing street tree is an ash, the City is replacing most ash trees as they are removed under the emerald ash borer plan.

Bookkeeping Update

BENA Bookkeeper Marilynne Bergman announced her retirement at the September board meeting. The BENA Board of Directors would like to thank Marilynne for her five years as BENA Bookkeeper, and wish her a long and joyous retirement.

BENA is actively searching for a new bookkeeper and we are currently accepting bids. More information on bookkeeping changes will be included in your 2019 statement.

Holiday Lights Contest

Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association will once again be sponsoring the annual Holiday Lights Contest in December. Three participants are awarded prizes for having the most festive holiday lights. We hope you'll join in the holiday spirit and decorate your house. Judging will take place the week before Christmas. Watch for more information online.

Board Meetings

Through the remainder of 2018, Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association board meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.. The meetings will be at Goodrich Middle School in the media center (4600 Lewis Avenue, door #18). Attending meetings is a great way to share your concerns or offer your involvement. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Keep In Touch

Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association board can be reached anytime with questions, comments, or concerns at our **NEW** email address: BicentennialEstates.board@gmail.com.

Stay up to date on our neighborhood on our website at www.BicentennialEstates.info.

Like us on Facebook to watch for announcements and event information at [Facebook.com/BicentennialEstatesNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/BicentennialEstatesNeighborhoodAssociation).

Meet the Board...

- Current President Cory Williamson has lived on North 25th Street with his wife, Anna, for nine years. He has served on the Board for three years and was elected President in April of this year. He works for Orkin Pest Control as the Service Manager. Cory is passionate about the upkeep of our commons and believes we live in the best neighborhood in Lincoln. Cory enjoys trimming trees in the commons, woodworking, and working with his hands.

- Treasurer Brian Jung, and his wife Stacie, have lived on Minuteman Drive for four years. Brian joined the Board his first year in the neighborhood and has served as Treasurer for two of those years. Brian works as a Service Technician at ABC Electric. He and Stacie have a dog, Libbie, and three indoor cats. Brian's favorite thing about the neighborhood is the friendly people that remind him of the small town he grew up in.

Treasurer's Report

Date	Description	Check	Deposit	Balance
7/01/18	Balance Forward			40,835.48
7/4/18	HyVee (4 th of July supplies)	7.28		
7/17/18	LES	30.05		
7/17/18	Cory Williamson (Website domain)	63.95		
7/17/18	T & D Mowing	920.00		
7/17/18	Marilynne Bergman (Bookkeeping)	297.50		
7/17/18	Janet Emery (4 th of July supplies)	57.49		
7/25/18	Menards (Commons maintenance)	15.53		
7/31/18	Dues Deposits		731.75	
7/31/18	Interest		3.57	
8/21/18	Bryan Seck (Commons upkeep)	277.77		
8/21/18	Anne Pamperl (BENA external hard drive)	91.15		
8/21/18	Ace Hardware (Storage Unit lock/keys)	24.94		
8/21/18	T & D Mowing	1260.00		
8/21/18	LES	29.76		
8/21/18	Marilynne Bergman (Bookkeeping)	297.50		
8/31/18	Dues Deposits		459.00	
8/31/18	Interest		3.39	
9/18/18	U.S. Post Office	82.00		
9/18/18	T & D Mowing	920.00		
9/18/18	LES	31.04		
9/18/18	Marilynne Bergman (Bookkeeping)	612.50		
9/30/18	Interest		2.94	
9/30/18	Ending Balance			37,017.67

Board of Directors

Cory Williamson <i>President</i>	5042 N. 25 th St (308) 529-2627
Matt Garner <i>Vice President</i>	5025 Valley Forge Rd
Anne Pamperl <i>Secretary</i>	2333 Liberty Bell Ln
Brian Jung <i>Treasurer</i>	2331 Minuteman Dr
Gloria Kuebler	2406 Independence Dr
Janet Emery	2301 Old Glory Rd
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