

# NSNA 2011 Annual Report

A publication of the Near South Neighborhood Association

## 2011 President's Award Winners

The following were selected for this year's NSNA President's Awards presented at the Annual Potluck on October 16th. These awards recognize property owners, business owners, renters, landlords and organizations who contribute to the Near South. These contributions may include exterior improvements, upkeep and maintenance, the expansion of a business or community service. Congratulations to this year's winners!

### Appropriate Addition



Bryant/Bauman 2035 B St

### Excellent Landscaping



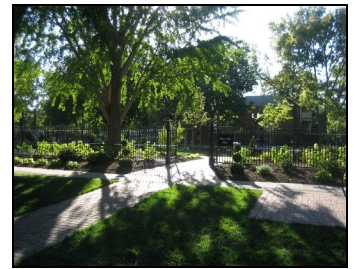
Phelps 2648 Washington St

### Rebuilding



Shriner 2607 Garfield St

### Excellent Landscaping



Hazel Abel Park 18th & E Sts

## Best Maintained Homes



Wamsley 1721 Garfield St



Brammeier 1937 F St



Knight 1917 Prospect St

## Community Service



St Paul UCC Farmers' Market  
1302 F St



Bike Kitchen-Pepe Fierro  
1720 South 15th St

## Outstanding Landlord



Lynn Fisher  
2145 A St

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## From the President....



**William Carver and Jon Carlson with Mayor Beutler  
at Graffiti Eradication Press Conference**

It's that time of the year where the leaves start changing colors and we begin to prepare for the winter ahead, but not before our annual neighborhood potluck meeting. And, it's a perfect time to give you some insight into what the Near South Neighborhood Association is all about. Thirty nine years ago, concerned citizens in the near south neighborhood formed an association (NSNA) to promote historic preservation, revitalize older properties and maintain low density residential land use. Today, we continue to have a strong voice in City government and neighborhood zoning issues.

All of our board members are dedicated, hard working volunteers, giving their time to protect and keep the neighborhood a vibrant, safe place to raise a family. Many of our board members serve on other boards to keep a finger on the pulse of the City, build relationships and protect our interests. We are fostering relationships with neighboring neighborhoods to create a stronger voice in neighborhood issues. We have an excellent relationship with Sgt James of the LPD Southwest District and his team. We have a very strong voice in Mayor Chris Beutler's Stronger Safer Neighborhoods Initiative. I am thankful and proud to have such a wonderful team helping to preserve our quality of life.

The NSNA sponsors many neighborhood events and a few fundraisers throughout the year, such as, the Spring Clean-Up, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Tour of Homes, Plant Sale, Biketacular and Ice Cream Social. All of these events take many volunteers. That's where you the NSNA member becomes a great help. It takes lots of volunteers to make these events happen. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving some of your precious time to our causes. I extend a welcoming hand to those of you who want to join us to make a difference.

I wish all of you the best in health and life.

William Carver  
President

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## Volunteer of the Year 2010-2011

NSNA Board Member Avery Klein has been named the 2010-2011 NSNA Volunteer of the year. Avery has been active on the NSNA board for nearly three years. In 2009, Avery and his wife, Sara, opened their home for the NSNA Home Tour. Shortly after that they welcomed their daughter, London. Avery is a Business Developer at ICORA, which specializes in software for the Microsoft Dynamics Market.

This past summer, Avery spear-headed an effort to design, manufacture and install a Near South boundary sign at the corner of South and 27th Streets. This involved working with the Urban Design Committee, Parks and Recreation, TMCO, who is manufacturing the sign and Windstream, who is landscaping the site. Previously this area was underutilized and largely barren. This project was made possible by a \$1,500 Mini-grant from the City and NSNA's contribution of approximately \$3,000 in additional funds raised largely from proceeds of the NSNA Tour of Homes.

Avery also played a major role in the Spring Clean-Up and has been active in helping clear debris from several vacant properties. NSNA would like to thank Avery for his hard work and on-going commitment to the Near South Neighborhood. Congratulations Avery!



**Volunteer of the Year Avery Klein and  
daughter, London**

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# Year in Review: 2010-2011

## Spring Clean-Up is Picking Up



On April 9th, NSNA held our annual Spring Clean-Up. This is always a great time to clear out those items around your home that are no longer needed.

This year with the assistance and support of the Bioneers and T.O Haas we were able to recycle many tires, as well as wood, and metal items.

For next year's event we are hoping to increase our resources to involve even more recycling. This year we combined our efforts with the University of Nebraska and The Big Event. Together volunteers were able to collect enough trash to fill 7 roll-ups as well to collect many appliances and 300 tires. A Mini-Grant from the City covered all disposal costs.

Thanks to Jim Friedman for his leadership of this event and thanks to the many volunteers.



## 3rd Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale Saw Great Turnout



NSNA had a great turn-out for the 3rd Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale on June 4th. 46 homes participated in the sale and the neighborhood was busy with shoppers!

With more participants than last year's event, this is quickly becoming a very popular neighborhood activity. Look for the 4th Annual NSNA Garage sale to take place in June 2012. There is no charge to participate. NSNA will run a newspaper ad and include your address in our Garage Sale Map. Or just join us to shop! Next summer NSNA will also hold their biannual Plant Sale. Many thanks to Rebecca Hasty for organizing this event!

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## 3rd Annual Biketacular and Capital Criterium



2011 marked the return of the 3rd annual Biketacular to the Near South. This May event is a collaboration of many volunteers from the neighborhood, several city departments, the Everett Neighborhood, a local cycling association, and many businesses. Together we created an all

day event that included bike races, bicycle safety sessions and a bike parade for children, and overall fun and community mingling. The host site for the event was McPhee Elementary School, and with the Capitol as a backdrop and perfect weather, this year's event was a huge success!

More than 500 area residents attended the City's 3rd annual Biketacular in the area south of the State Capitol along Goodhue Blvd. Biketacular organizers see the event as a way to showcase two of Lincoln's great assets – strong neighborhoods and an energized bicycling community

Nearly 150 adult racers from across the region competed in the Capital Criterium races. The races, sanctioned by USA Cycling, had six divisions. Medals were awarded in beginner and junior races, and cash prizes totaled \$3,000. The now defunct Bike Pedalers was the major sponsor, and Sean Craig, its co-owner, served as Race Director. Their support and expertise will be greatly missed.



## 2011 NSNA Tour of Homes



The 2011 NSNA Tour of Homes welcomed approximately 1,500 visitors to the seven beautiful historic Tour Homes as well as the newly renovated Hazel Abel Park.

Due to the enthusiastic response, excellent weather and generous sponsorship this was

### Hazel Abel Park Gateway

our most successful Tour ever. The Tour of Homes would not be possible without the gracious participation of the Near South Homeowners that open their doors to thousands of visitors and allow us into their lives.

It would also not be possible without the many volunteers who serve as House Captains, Tour Guides, Refreshment Servers, Musicians and Cookie Bakers. This year's Tour Organizer, Greg McCown did an outstanding job in bringing together homeowners, sponsors, and volunteers as well as the Prescott School PTO and SNAC Committee. As a result, NSNA was able to donate \$10,000, largely profits from the Tour, to the Prescott Park Project. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated.

### 1944 B Street –Senator Burkett House

