



## Neighborhood Newsletter

### A Message from the President

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Dear Neighbors,  
 Welcome to the August edition of the Bent Creek Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who make the Neighborhood Association a success.

A "thank you" to Landscape Committee Chair, Rose Johnson and co-chair, Robbie Rotschafer who spend numerous hours making the neighborhood look good. "Thanks" to Karen Sum for running our finances, Bruce Hardy for spending time to maintain our website, and Karen Stokes for heading up the Social Committee over the past few years. Furthermore, "thank you" to Lisa Alvarez for organizing the neighborhood Garage Sale, Steve Johnson for

organizing the City of Omaha Neighborhood Clean-Up, Mark Sanford for heading our architectural reviews, Kim Vaccaro for putting together the newsletter, and Jan Roos for updating our neighborhood directory. All of these individuals and other neighborhood volunteers have saved Bent Creek a lot of money over the past few years.

Those mentioned are just a few of the people who donate their time to make Bent Creek the neighborhood it is today. If you get a chance, thank these people for all their hard work. Also, I would like you to think about donating some of your time to help as well. The best way to say "thanks" is to contact one of these people and volunteer your time.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, the homeowners. Without all of your support, none of the maintenance, social activities, and neighborhood improvements would be possible. Keep up the good work!

I would like to remind everyone that elections are coming up in December. My term as President is up so if you are interested in running for President, another Board Position or would like to become active on a committee, please contact me at 402-891-4818.

New ideas and people are always welcome!

*Sincerely,  
 Pete Vaccaro  
 Bent Creek Homeowners  
 Association President*

## 2008 Bent Creek Directory Update

In the March newsletter, we included a form for homeowners to complete in order to update the 2008 Bent Creek Directory. Due to a low return of completed forms, the form is once again included in this newsletter. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the form and return it to:

*Jan Roos  
16309 Western Avenue  
Omaha, NE 68118  
directory@bentcreekomaha.org*

For your convenience, the form is also located on the neighborhood website. We would like to have all completed forms returned by **September 5, 2008**.

On this year's form, we have included a line for your email address. Please note that your email address **WILL NOT** be published in the directory. We are collecting these addresses for internal purposes only, so that we can

communicate more efficiently with everyone in our neighborhood.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jan Roos at 493-9707.

**Time is running out...**  
**Update your directory listing today!**  
**Return your form by September 5th, 2008**

## Neighborhood Garage Sale –Huge Success!

The 2008 Bent Creek Neighborhood Garage Sale was a big success! We had more than 25 homes participate. Unfortunately, the evening of the neighborhood preview was interrupted by tornado sirens, forcing most of us into our basements instead of out buying neighborhood goodies. We will plan another neighborhood sale in 2009, probably the first or

second weekend in June. The exact date will be announced later. We would also like to solicit some feedback regarding the neighborhood preview night which occurs the Wednesday night preceding the annual event. We are evaluating whether we should keep the preview as a Bent Creek resident only event, or should we advertise it and open it to the public. If you have a

preference, please call Lisa at 498-2712 or contact us through the neighborhood web site by clicking on the Garage Sale Committee link. In 2009 we plan on running our ad in the Omaha World Herald for an additional day and using more signs for roadside advertisement. Thank you for your continued support of the Annual Garage Sale.

## *Movies in the Park*

On Saturday, August 9th, 50-75 adults, teens and children gathered at the Bent Creek Park to enjoy "Movie Night in the Park". The movies began at 7pm, with Ratatouille for the first showing, followed by a 9pm showing of Batman 2 (the FIRST Batman 2!). Treats included free popcorn, candy and water.

Although we learned a few lessons on lighting this year, next year's Movie night will be even better! The event was a great way to wrap up a fabulous summer break before the start of school. Thank you to all the parents and kids that helped pick up the park after the movies and for coming out to spend a beautiful evening with neighbors and friends.



## *4th of July Neighborhood Parade*



On July 4th, Bent Creek held its annual Bike Parade starting at 164th & Franklin Street and ending at the Bent Creek Park with treats for everyone.



## *Landscape Committee Report*

A big thank you to all the neighbors who volunteered at our spring clean-up sessions in April. At the clean-up sessions we weeded, raked, picked up litter and spread wood mulch. We spread a lot of mulch... almost 100 cubic yards of wood mulch. That is four dump truck loads of mulch that we spread at both the entrances and the park. Our volunteers did an excellent job. Thank you!

Kudos to our neighbors in Hamilton Circle who renovated the landscaping in their circle. Their landscaping project was spearheaded by Cindy Wengel.

The existing vegetation was professionally removed and then Cindy and her neighbors re-designed, re-planted and re-mulched their island. They did a great job!

Our subdivision took a big hit from the wind storm that hit Omaha at the end of June. Many of our neighbors lost trees in their front and back yards. It was great to witness neighbors helping each other clean-up the mess in the storm's aftermath. We lost the mature, blue spruce tree at the Blondo Street entrance and several deciduous trees lining Cumming and Lafayette Avenue. Several of the re-

maining trees sustained heavy damage with broken limbs and damaged trunks. Mutchie Tree Service has been working with us to clean up the storm-damaged trees. His tree service came out promptly after the storm to remove the fallen blue spruce and several other deciduous trees that were obstructing the sidewalk and section of Lafayette Street. Just recently the Mutchie Tree Service trimmed the crab trees and linden trees at the 156th Street entrance. If you are wondering about those remaining uprooted tree trunks,... we are in the process of having them professionally removed.

Just a reminder that we will be having several fall clean-up sessions to rake leaves, probably in late October, depending on the weather. These work sessions will be much easier than the spring clean-up sessions! Please consider volunteering for a few hours for our fall raking sessions. Meet your neighbors, get some exercise and enjoy time spent outdoors. Please contact Rose Johnson at 498-9924 or Robbie Rotschafer at 493-5162 with questions or concerns.

## *City of Omaha Neighborhood Clean-Up Day*

On May 17, Bent Creek participated in the Annual City of Omaha Neighborhood Clean-Up Day. It was a HUGE success. Our neighborhood filled four large garbage trucks from Waste Management. There was a steady stream

of cars lined up at the park dropping off unwanted items. It was definitely a great opportunity for our neighbors to clean out their basements and garages and dispose of large, unwanted items. Thank you to Steve Johnson for running the

drop-off site for six hours. We plan on participating again next spring!



## *Treasurer's Note*

In our March newsletter, Bent Creek advertised for an open board position due to Karen Sum and her husband retiring and moving at the first part of next the year. Thank you to Aaron Flaugh who has stepped up to take over the Treasurer's position at the end of this year for Karen Sum. Karen and Aaron will be working together over the next

few months for a smooth transition of the Treasurer's duties. Aaron is an accountant and the Chief Financial Officer for Seldin Company. Aaron's position will become official at the end of the year Homeowners meeting when elections will be held. "Thank you" Karen for all your hard work over the past few years!

Currently, Bent Creek has \$27,594.76 in the Homeowner Association's checking and savings accounts. The full extent of the storm expenses have not come in yet but will be reported by the end of the year. The Association expects the majority of our annual expenses to be ending over the next few months.

## *www.bentcreekomaha.org*

We are always looking for new and improved ideas for the BCHA website. If you have any suggestions, please send them to [webmaster@bentcreekomaha.org](mailto:webmaster@bentcreekomaha.org).



## *Submit Your News & Advertise*

We want to hear from you! Do you have any information you would like to share with your neighbors, or would you like to advertise in the next newsletter? If so, please contact Kim Vaccaro with the information at 891-4818 or e-mail at

[Kim.Vaccaro@cox.net](mailto:Kim.Vaccaro@cox.net)

The following is a list of advertising costs:

Newsletter - \$37.50 per newsletter or \$150.00 per year (a total of four newsletters. Size of ad is dependent on space availability).

Neighborhood Directory - \$125.00 per full page ad.

Website - \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year

All of the fees collected go to offset the cost of the publications.

***Bent Creek Homeowners Association***

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