National Night Out - August 6, 2019

# Armbrust Acres

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## 4th of July Celebrations - July 6th 2019

It is that time again for our annual Armbrust Acres Independence Day celebration! You are invited to join us for a fun filled evening. The celebration begins with our traditional parade.

On **July 6th** at 4:45 PM, we will start lining up for our parade at 165th and Bancroft St (West Center Rd entrance). Anyone who would like to show off their classic or antique car, motorcycle, etc., please arrive at the entrance of 165th St and Bancroft St between 4:45 PM and 5:00 PM to get lined up for the parade.

Everyone is encouraged to decorate their wagons, strollers, and bikes and celebrate along the parade route (Bancroft from 165th – 167th and 167th down to the park). Bring your family and invite your friends to join the parade and show your passion for our country. The parade will make its way to the park where the festivities will begin at 5:30 PM.

Please note that the food trucks will start setting up earlier so food is available from 6 PM to 9 PM at Armbrust Park.

Johnny Ricco's Pizza, Dippin' Dots and 402-BBQ will offer there delicious foods and treats. The festivities have so much fun to offer again this year. We will have face painters from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, a photo booth from 5 PM to 9 PM and Human Hamster balls from 6 PM to 9 as well as a DJ from 6 PM to 10 PM. The finale of the event is our annual fireworks show which begins between 9 and 9:30 PM.

Bring your chairs and blankets to see this beautiful display up close. This is one of the biggest events of the year for Armbrust Acres and we would love for you to join us!

SUMMARY
4:45 PM Arrive for the parade to begin at 5:00 PM
Around 6 PM - PM Dippin' Dots ice cream, Food trucks: Johnny Ricco's Pizza, 402-BBQ
5:00 to 9:00 PM Photo booth
5:30 to 7:30 PM Face Painting,
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Human Hamster balls
6:00 PM DJ begins
9:00 PM Fireworks display

**AAHA will be providing porta potties at the park

**Please do NOT park on 167th from Frederick Circle to Vinton Circle **

Bring Glow Sticks for your children

## Armbrust Acres Housing Market

Since Jan 1, 2019 Armbrust Acres has had 6 closed properties, 5 currently pending's and 4 active listing.

Average market time for sold homes has been 35 days with an average sale price of $336,000.

Please contact local residents John Rohwer or Charlotte Smith for any real estate needs.

John Rohwer 402 - 677-1111 or Char Smith 402- 677- 9279. See back of the newsletter!

**OCCP National Night Out - August 6, 2019**

**Annual 4th of July Celebrations - July 6, 2019**

# Armbrust Acres Awarded Mayor's Grant

Every spring, Mayor Jean Stothert awards $75,000 in total to neighborhoods with proposals that improve the quality of life, positively impact neighborhood environment and help prevent crime as part of the Mayors Neighborhood Grant Program. In late April, Armbrust Acres was named a 2019 Mayor's Neighborhood Grant Recipient. We were one of 29 neighborhoods to receive the award. Awarded projects ranged from community garden supplies to mobile block party kit. Our neighborhood is fortunate enough to own and maintain our

amazing park and commons area, however this unfortunately eliminates those areas from receiving grant money. Therefore, the focus of the Armbrust Acres application was on the ongoing landscaping improvements to the Oak Street Entrance. Thanks to the continuing hard work of resident Doug Halverson, the HOA used his proposed landscape plan and budgeting as part of the submission which helped secure $1400 to put towards new trees, replacing the dead pine trees removed earlier this spring.

# Community Cleanup - Volunteers Needed!

The fourth of July celebrations are a major event in our neighborhood. Unfortunately it leaves a lot of trash behind. We are looking for volunteers to help with the clean-up of the park. We will start bright and early on Sunday morning at around 7 AM. Thank you!

# Armbrust Acres News

**July 16, 2019 - Board Meeting!**
The monthly meeting will be held at the Munchel residence at 7 PM.
Anyone who is interested in financials, social activities, planning, getting a status update on landscaping actions or just to see what is going on is invited to join us at 16534 Spring Circle.

**Lost & Found:**
Please contact us if you have any information about lost or found items at email armbrust.voice@gmail.com.

**Baseball Field & Park Shelter**
Requests are honored in the order in which they are received and/or by the number of coaches and children that live in the neighborhood.

For more information, please contact Cory Libis at (402) 651-9133 or CoryLibis@americanwealthpartners.net.

**Babysitting**

Babysitting service available, evenings and weekends – ***Madeline (Maddie) Fontana*** is a current 9th grader who completed American Red Cross Babysitter's Training in 2015. Please give her a call for your toddler (3 and up) babysitting needs! 402-979-1704.

***Vivien Gaines***, 15 year old sophomore at Millard West , 4 years of babysitting experience, 3 years of assisting dance classes. Contact at 402 403 8505 or Vivijaneg@gmail.com

**Newsletter Contributions**
All Armbrust Acres residents are welcome to contribute to our newsletter.

It is up to you what you would like to write about as we are looking for topics of interest to all our residents.

Please email your contribution to armbrustnewsletter@gmail.com.

***The AAHA reserves the right withhold a contribution if declared inappropriate or irrelevant.***

## Did you know?

Sun exposure is responsible for up to 90% of the visible signs of skin aging. No product will block all rays. Sunscreen ingredients can absorb, reflect or scatter UV rays before they can penetrate into your skin. Any tan is a sign of skin damage!

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Your Neighborhood, My Neighborhood, Our Neighborhood...

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Monday thru Friday: 7:30 am - 6 pm
Saturday: 8 am - noon

Dr. Joanne Gaines, Owner
Armbrust Acres Resident

# Annual Meeting Recap

The annual meeting for Armbrust Acres was held on April 23rd, 2019 at the Heritage at Legacy. Mary Passmore, Senior Living Counselor started the meeting with a warm welcome and short introduction about the Heritage at Legacy.

Brandon Devere kicked off the meeting with a short overview of the discussion points and introduced all current board members. Special recognition was given to the following people: Lyle Krueger (former treasurer and now Member-At-Large), Les Robbins (volunteer CPA and new treasurer, the voluntary audit team: Troy Gerhardt, Tom Shimerda and Bob Sall, Doug Halvorson and Ralph Lunders (landscaping), as well as Jon Blumenthal (legal).

As part of the annual meeting we elected and confirmed the following people: Brandon Devere as President, Eric Munchel as Vice President, Nancy Sayles as Secretary and Les Robbins as Treasurer.

John Rohwer and Char Smith (see last page of the newsletter for more information) gave an update about the current housing market. In short: Now is a good time to sell, but not to buy.

Dave Chastain, head of the OCCP for Amrbrust Acres, gave an overview about the OCCP, as well as the National Night out event. The Armbrust Acres OCCP is always looking for new members.

Phil Phipps, Armbrust Acres Security Alerts, took over from Dave Beck about a year ago. His advice is: residents should avoid leaving garage doors open, as it is like an invitation for burglars.

Shawn Ross gave an update about membership and Jonathan Johnson spoke about current and planned operational projects.

Last but not least, Les Robbins presented the treasurer's report that included the 2018 statements and the 2019 budget. Further, Les spoke about the embezzlement investigation and the findings. He gave clarification about how it all started, how it was done and how it was concealed. As a result the AAHA has introduced a number of additional safety measures, such as having two signatures on checks, checks are now being generated in QuickBooks, monthly financial statements, bank statements and reconciliations and all invoices are reviewed at board meetings.

We would like to thank all guests and residents that took the time to joins us for the annual meeting. A special Thank You also goes out to the Heritage at Legacy for letting us use their facilities.

# National Night Out in Armbrust Acres

The Armbrust Acres Citizen Patrol invites for the second time to the National Night Out. A tentative date was set for August 6th, 2019.

More information will be provided through the Armbrust Acres website, Facebook and Next Door Neighbor.

AACP
Armbrust Acres Citizen Patrol

**WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?**

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

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**AAHA Website**

- Covenants
- Membership Dues
- Roofing Guidelines
- Property and Home Improvement Request Form
- AAHA Board and Committee
- Newsletters (Old & New)
- Events
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The curbside program launched in Omaha in September 2016 for 6,000 local households (Recyclebank members) and has expanded across the Omaha area to Bellevue, Louisville, Ralston, Papillion and La Vista. Retail programs are also available in each community.

**How does the Hefty® EnergyBag™ Program Work?**

1. Put clean and dry non-recycled plastics in your Hefty® EnergyBag™ orange bags.
2. When full, securely tie the bags.
3. Place the bags inside your recycling cart during your scheduled recycling pick up.

How to Buy Hefty® EnergyBag® Orange Bags for the Omaha Area Program

If you live in the Omaha area and would like to participate in the program, you can purchase Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bags locally at these participating retailers, located in the trash bag aisle:

- Hy-Vee
- Bakers
- Family Fare Supermarkets
- Menards
- Target
- The Home Depot

What items are accepted in the Hefty® EnergyBag® bright orange bags?

You can include many plastic items that cannot be recycled in your existing recycling program, such as:

Potato chip bags and other snack bags
Candy wrappers
Granola bar and energy bar wrappers
Plastic and foam cups, plates and bowls
Shredded cheese packages
Salad bags
Plastic pet food bags
Frozen fruit & vegetable bags
Pudding cups
Stand-up pouches
Squeezable baby food pouches
Foam to-go boxes
Packing peanuts
Plastic utensils
Plastic straws and stirrers
Cake mix liners and other dry powder mix liners
Plastic toothpaste tubes
Condiment packets

All other hard to recycle plastic bags

Our message is simple, if you're able to recycle a plastic material in your regular curbside recycling program, then continue to do so. If you can't, rather than throwing that plastic in the trash, put it in your Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bags to be recovered as an alternative energy resource.

# We Are Looking For New Board Members!

The Homeowners Association is the cornerstone of a planned residential community. It brings continuity and order to the community, it preserves the architectural integrity and it maintains the common elements. Properly run, the association promotes the concept of "community" and protects the neighborhood's property values. In many cases, it collectively makes available recreational and other facilities that might not otherwise be affordable or available to homeowners and residents on an individual basis.

With membership comes certain maintenance obligations, financial responsibilities, and a commitment to abide by use restrictions and other rules of the association. To a degree, it necessitates individual conformity for the good of the whole.

We are looking for new board members. Join us and contribute with your talents!

Some of the responsibilities are:

- Enforce the documents
- Establish, publicize, and enforce rules and penalties
- Authorize legal action against owners who do not comply with the rules
- Review local laws before passing rules or sending bylaws to membership for approval
- Appoint committees and delegate authority to them
- Inform board members of all business items that require their vote
- Inform members of important board decisions and transactions
- Attend and participate at meetings

If you are interested, feel free to join us at our next board meeting on **July 16th, 2019**. See page three for the location.

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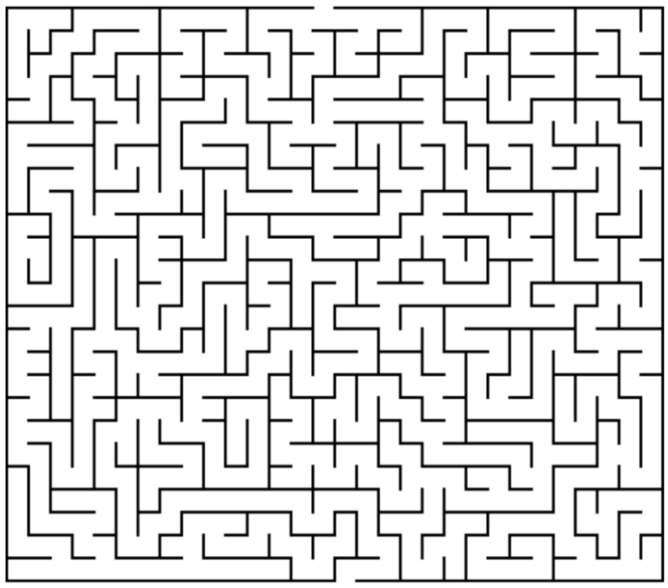

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