

# The College View Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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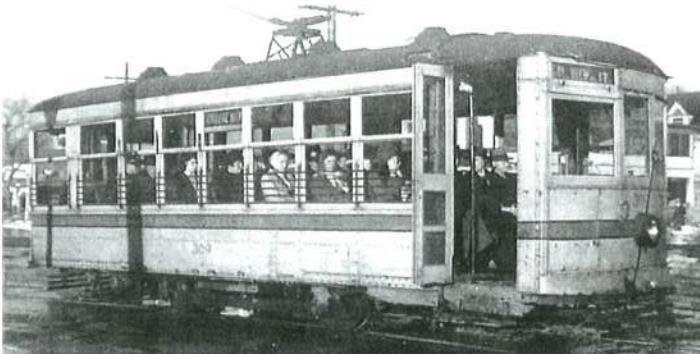
## The history of streetcars in College View by Richard Schmeling

When Union College was first built, the developer/promoter promised the College a streetcar line to connect it with the railroad stations downtown. A line was built along 27<sup>th</sup> Street and then east on Prescott to the College.

All the cars were sent to the Burlington Station the first day of operation. When the four or five cars returned to College View, the Union College generator was not putting out enough power and the train stalled on one of the hills on Prescott. The passengers had to disembark and push the cars up the hill!

Another line was built to College View later as part of the effort of Woods Bros. to sell lots along Sheridan Boulevard. The line came south on 14<sup>th</sup> Street out of downtown and then went east on South Street to Sheridan Boulevard and then down the parkway between the two lanes of street as far as Calvert where it went east to 48<sup>th</sup> Street and turned south to loop west on Prescott, north on 47<sup>th</sup> Street and then back east to 48<sup>th</sup> on Bancroft.

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Lincoln Traction Co. Car No. 309 was one of the smaller cars used on the College View run. The 300 series had no rear door; the only way to board or exit was at the front. This allowed only a one-person crew or a motorman. This particular car was traveling the Sheridan route to College View as denoted by the destination sign "Col View via 17."

**Pansing Park Playground  
Open House  
Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
2 - 4 p.m.**

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local Police and  
Firefighters**



## New bus routes to debut Oct. 3rd

Effective Monday, October 3, StarTran will convert bus routes and schedules to a new, improved system. StarTran riders should check the StarTran website at [startran.lincoln.ne.gov](http://startran.lincoln.ne.gov) for the new routes and times of buses.

Highlights of the changes are:

- Evening service will have later hours on most routes and less time between buses on some of the routes.

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## Meetings

CVNA meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month.

Meetings are held at the Union College Ortnr Center at 3800 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street and begin at 6 p.m.

## Purpose

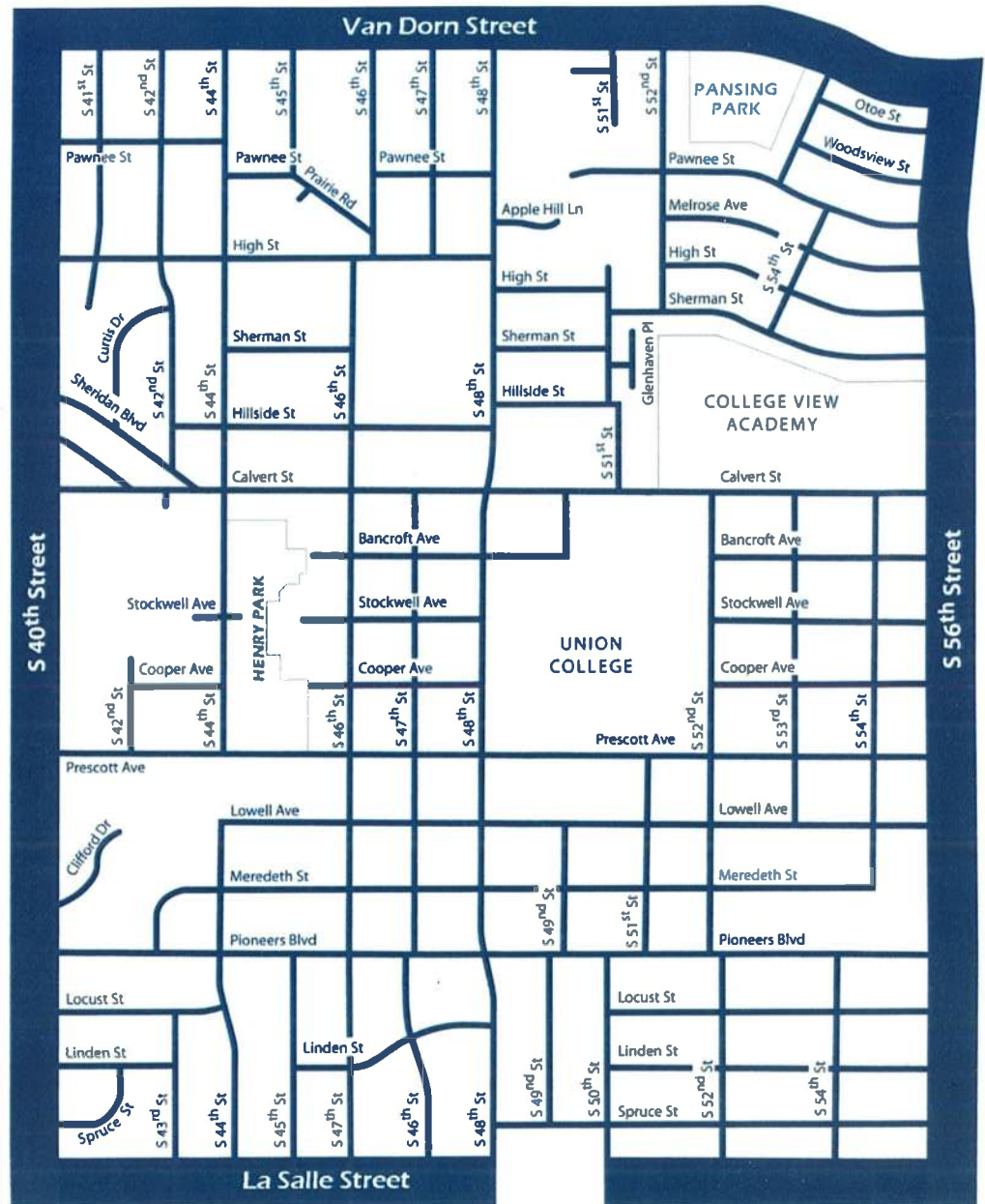
To preserve, protect and advance the common interests of the neighborhood in which its members reside, to disseminate information of interests to those residents, and to promote a spirit of community among its members.

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## College View Neighborhood Boundaries

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Membership renewals should be sent to Ron Detweiler at 4732 Calvert Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68506.

**StarTran bus routes** *(continued from page 1)*

- Bus routes will shift from residential streets with 25 mph speed limits to mostly arterial streets with faster speed limits. This will avoid waiting for route turns at intersections with traffic signals.
- StarShuttle will operate into the evening and on Saturdays to provide rides to the Haymarket and the Arena. Routes have been extended to serve the Lancaster Event Center, East Walmart, South Walmart and Super Target.
- Buses will stop **only at designated bus stops** to pick up and discharge passengers. This is a big change from current practice where passengers could flag a bus and board at most corners outside of downtown.
- Handicapped persons no longer able to walk to a bus stop because of increased distance should contact the League of Human Dignity and qualify for Handi-Van service.

The College View Neighborhood will continue to receive StarTran service after the changes in the form of Southpointe Route 53 which will run north and south through College View.


Another bus route, Heart Hospital Route 40 which used to come to 48<sup>th</sup> and Calvert and connect with College View, has been moved north to South Street and will no longer provide service to the College View area.

A new route, Sheridan 56, will serve the west edge of the College View neighborhood coming as far east as 40<sup>th</sup> Street between Sheridan Boulevard and LaSalle Street, the southern boundary of the neighborhood.

Unfortunately, this route does not connect with routes 53 or 13 serving SouthPointe, South Walmart or Super Target. Riders will have to go downtown and transfer to Routes 13 or 53 to reach those destinations. Routes 13 and 53 are slated to have a bit longer service in the evening until 8 p.m., but the Sheridan Route 56 will only run until 6 p.m. Currently all routes in Lincoln are done by 7 p.m.

Call StarTran at 402.441.1234 with questions about the service changes.

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## Streetcars *(continued from page 1)*

The "Penny Bridge" along Sheridan Boulevard was so nicknamed because when the streetcar reached that bridge, each rider had to pay an additional one cent to continue the ride on to College View. The bridge for the College View streetcar line was wooden



Multiple cars were on each streetcar line at the same time—especially during morning and evening rush hours. The outbound and inbound cars would meet at short passing tracks. The above photo shows two of the larger Lincoln Traction Co. 400 series cars meeting at the passing track in the median of Sheridan Boulevard between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Streets. These cars had doors on both the front and back and required a two-person crew: a motorman to operate the car and a conductor to collect fares.

and located between the two concrete bridges for cars which were recently replaced. If you know where to look, you can still see a depression on the south side of the Sheridan Boulevard median from 48<sup>th</sup> Street to Calvert which had to be level from the streetcar tracks. The rest of the grassy median sloped upward from south to north.

Until a layer of blacktop was put on Sheridan, you could still see the different color of bricks at intersections where the streetcar rails had gone across the brick cross streets.

A third line, the Normal Route, ended up on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street to the east of Union College where it looped and went back downtown, providing another way to travel to Union College.

The College View and Normal routes were the last two routes to be converted from streetcars to buses immediately after the end of World War II. The bus routes were revised slightly but ran about the same.

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## College View Neighborhood Association Membership Form



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### Membership Categories

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