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## Randy's Ramblings...

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### THE RESULTS from National Neighborhood Day...

You may recall that September's issue of *The Downtowner* opened up an essay contest for students at Lincoln Elementary and Central Middle School. We were thrilled with the amount of essays we received—over 150! Thanks to all of our authors for their thoughts and feelings about “What is a Neighborhood?” The panel of judges had a difficult time narrowing it down to the top three winners in each division. However, the winners' essays really spoke to them and captured the authors' feelings, likes and dislikes about living in and being part of a neighborhood.

The winners are...

#### ELEMENTARY DIVISION

1st Ben Harpring  
2nd Annie Day  
3rd Sarah Harpring

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

1st Brooke Fear  
2nd Veronica Reyes  
3rd Amber Williams

Below is the **FIRST PLACE** winning essay in the **Elementary Division...** by **Ben Harpring!** (Next month you can look forward to reading Brooke Fear's Middle School Division Winning Essay!) Congrats to Ben and Brooke and thanks to HomeFederal for awarding them both \$100 savings bonds!

*What I like about my neighborhood. I love the world-renowned building in my neighborhood. I enjoy watching the construction site across the street. I have great friends and neighbors in my neighborhood. My neighborhood.*

*I love the world renowned buildings that are in my fantastic neighborhood. The Library being one of them. It's humongous front room and its unique sculpture out front make it what it is. First Christian Church is right across the street. Its beautiful stain glass and its 100 foot tall tower make it special. My neighborhood is filled with famous architecture.*

*There is a construction site across the street. Its persistent workers are always there at 6:30 a.m. sharp. I enjoy watching their enthusiastic work. They're always working on something whether its construction or their lunches. The unbelievable construction site is an awesome place.*

*My neighbors and friends are all around my neighborhood. My friends Jaamal, Dylan, Dennis, Andrew and lots of others surround me. My neighbor's live right next to me. They taught us to eat spicy food. He taught us to make salsa. My friends and neighbors surround me.*

*The ever growing construction site. The wonderful neighbors and friends. The world renowned buildings. These are the reasons I like my neighborhood.*

~ Ben Harpring

**CONGRATULATIONS—AND GOOD JOB—BEN!!!**

*Building tomorrow's neighborhoods... TODAY!*

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