

Footsteps

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The Prez Sez...

Good Day, Fellow Walkers!

The second half of the walking year is upon us. Time sure flies when you're having fun! We're all getting out there and walking, some of you daily and there are some great walks planned this fall. I think we're getting used to the fee increase and the start/finish time changes. Volkswalking is a pretty inexpensive hobby and so good for your health.

Also good for you is walking a labyrinth, an ancient tool for modern day stress. I'm so looking forward to the Sept 28th walk at Spirit Hawk Labyrinth by Seward. As you concentrate on your steps, everything else can melt away.

Then we have several more unique new walk routes to do before winter. As our name implies, if any Trailblazers have an idea to walk in a new area and see some sites, let our committee know.

We welcome all of you to volunteer at our events and get involved in the success of our 46th year as a club.

Watch for my emails for any updates and I'll see ya soon!

~Lori

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Elections Coming Up

The following offices are up for re-election for 2025:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please reach out to Joyce.

For the latest on events and news visit our website:
<http://www.netrailblazers.club/>





Sandy Peaks

Well, it hasn't cooled off yet, but I am betting it will soon. Just in time for our great fall walks.

Speaking of walks-the Coordinating Committee is working on the 2025 schedule. Let us know if you have any ideas for some great walks!

And don't forget, to keep these walks going, we continue to need volunteers. We often find just a few of us carrying the load.

Four of your fellow club members, Lori Anderson, Teresa Ziska, Butch Spaulding and yours truly, spent a day working at the Offutt Air show. We were treated to some great views of the unique aircraft as well as some famous faces. We served **lots** of lemonade to a hot and thirsty crowd. And drank some ourselves. Speaking of hot, did I mention that it was HOT? We were lucky to have just a little bit of shade from a canopy, but we had to keep moving it to keep it in a useable spot. We worked assembly style with one person filling cups with lemonade, one adding ice and one handling the finances. And took turns so everyone could have a chance to sit for a while, get food, check out the exhibits and hydrate. And did I mention that it was HOT? It was a fun experience but I think all of us went home hot, exhausted and ready for some nice cool air conditioning. We earned \$400 for our club and hope to do something fun with these special funds.

We currently have two walks scheduled in September and two in October, but may be adding more, so remember to check your email for added events. Hope you all had a great summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming walks!

~Sandy



Steve and Jeanne Miller have been hosting walking tours of the RiverFront since May. This partnership between Nebraska Trailblazers and the RiverFront provides great publicity and information on both groups. Above, Steve waits for walkers by the new sign provided by the RiverFront.

Walker of the Year

Now Accepting 2024
Walker of the Year Nominations

Our club is blessed with so many great volunteers! They organize and put on meetings with speakers and treats. They scout out walks, map them and work for hours on walk days to greet, register and walk with new and old friends. They take pictures



and keep those memories alive for the future. Our club recognizes one of these people every year as the "Walker of the Year." Can you think of someone deserving of recognition, either as a volunteer or as someone who exemplifies the spirit of fun, friendship and fitness? Please send your nominations to Julie.

Nominees will be listed in the November/December newsletter and voted on in late November/early December. The person with the most votes (all of them are winners!) will receive the traveling trophy at the January Annual Meeting.

An Evening at the Surfside Club Featuring Taxi Driver



Offutt Air Show





Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events!!

Sept

- 7 Halleck Park, Papillion NE Nebraska Trailblazers
- 13 (3 days): Belle Foursche, Dupree, Lemmon, Timber Lake SD Black Hills Volkssport Assn
- 14 Fun Fall Walk, Itasca MN NorthStar Trail Travelers
- 15 Fun Fall Walk 2, Itasca MN NorthStar Trail Travelers
- 21 Dannie Peters Memorial Walk, Gregory SD Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club
- 21 Manitowoc Walk, Manitowoc WI Madison Area Volkssport Assn
- 22 Two Rivers Walk, Two Rivers WI Madison Area Volkssport Assn
- 28 Spirit Hawk Acres Labyrinth Walk, Inner Maker Art Village NE Nebraska Trailblazers

Oct

- 5 Step to the Beat Central Nebraska Trailblazers
- 12 Lions Club Walk, Bellevue NE Nebraska Trailblazers
- 12 Yahara Heights, Madison WI Madison Area Volkssport Assn
- 12 Davenport Bridge Walk, Davenport IA Greater Des Moines Volkssport Assn
- 14 Little Italy Walk, Omaha NE Nebraska Trailblazers
- 24 Hoofin' it on Halloween (4 days): Dillon Nature Center, Hillsboro,
Hutchinson, Newton, Salina, Sterling KS Sunflower Sod Stompers
- 26 Wm O'Brien Fall Guided Walk, Wm, O'Brien State Park MN NorthStar Trail Travelers

Nov

- 2 'Giving Walk, Omaha NE Nebraska Trailblazers
- 2 Neighborhood Walk, Richmond Heights MO Gateway Milers NFP
- 9 Prairie State Park, Mindenmines MO Dogwood Trailblazers



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Speaker Schedule

- October 7 Transcontinental Railroad
Richard Warner
- November 4 Protecting Yourself from Scams
Deputy Mike Dechellis
- December 2 TBA



Meeting News

Our next meetings will be October 7, November 4 & December 2 at Maple Ridge Retirement Community, 3525 N. 167 Circle, Omaha, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a short business meeting, and a short program followed by refreshments. Just a reminder that the club meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with some exceptions: no meetings in January, April, July or August, and it is the 2nd Monday in September. Don't forget that at each meeting, we have a drawing for a \$10 door prize. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be a club member to win this.

Club Dues

Dues are \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a family membership. Anyone who joins later in 2024 will have their membership pro-rated so that it expires 12/31/24.

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