



# The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

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## President's Letter

The candidate forum at our last association meeting drew 20 candidates for local offices and a capacity crowd of members with questions. That kind of direct interaction and access to elected officials is one of the valuable contributions that neighborhood associations make to the community. Thanks to Tim Potter who organized and moderated the forum.

I'd also like to thank Tom Prohaska for his service to the association last year when the office of President was open. As the new AEPNA President, I'm indebted to those who have served as officers, volunteers and donors in the past. They have been good stewards of the organization, keeping it relevant and solvent. The many events that we host and work that we do as an organization depends upon the members giving of our time and talents.

**AEPNA offers many opportunities for you to serve in ways that are meaningful to you :**

- Schroeder-Vogel Park cleanup and playground improvement. Cleanup 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Eileen Slane.
- Summer Picnic. No chairperson has yet been named, so this is your chance to lead! Contact Avery Schwer.
- Meeting Refreshments. We all like them, let's help provide them! Contact Susan Prazen.
- Garden Walk. Contact Scott Swanson.
- Meeting Speakers/Topics. What makes a meeting worth your time to attend? Contact Avery Schwer.
- Re-Tree AEPNA. There may be grant money for new trees in the neighborhood. Contact Kathy Kastrick.
- Dumpster Day (April 28). Contact Tim Potter.
- Garage Sale (May 18 & 19). Contact Eileen Slane.
- Newsletter, website and Facebook. Contact Colleen Ciciulla, Therese McGrath or Tim Potter.

AEPNA can expand into other areas like working with business members, Neighborhood Watch groups, code and zoning enforcement problems, and so on. Contact any board member if you would like to help.

I'm looking forward to a great year for AEPNA in 2012!

Avery Schwer

## Next Meeting

### Open Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19th  
at the ZNETH house  
6454 Woolworth  
6:30 (tour of house)  
7:00 meeting

### General Meeting

Thursday, May 15th  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

**Bring a Friend or Two!**  
**Meeting Schedule...**

3rd Thursday

Every Other Month

Saint Matthew Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
1725 S. 60th Street

## Dates to Remember:

<b>April 28th</b>	Dumpster Day
<b>May 18 &amp; 19</b>	AEPNA Garage Sale
<b>June 9th -</b>	Garden Walk
<b>July 21st</b>	AEPNA picnic, Elmwood Park Pavillion



Candidate Forum at March meeting

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# Small Wonders

## Curbing Enthusiasm

More than 25 years ago, when 60th Street was repaved, Lloyd Thomas salvaged the curbing and lots of bricks from the street. He used the bricks to build a small patio and used the inscribed curbing to build two “benches” around his tree. For a quarter of a century, people have been able to sit, literally, on the historic corners of 60th & Williams Streets to take a break while walking their dogs, wait for a bus or just enjoy the neighborhood. Thanks, Lloyd!



## The Spring Garden Walk is Back!

Look for the insert in this issue or go to [www.aepna.org](http://www.aepna.org) for more information.

**AEPNA Membership Form**

New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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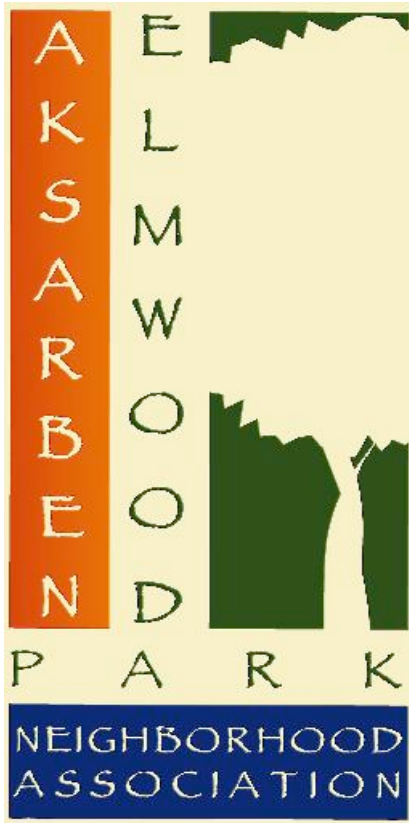
## **Trash Talk**

If you have neighbors with oversized items that the city trash haulers won't take, do them and yourself a favor: tell them about Dumpster Day on April 28th.

**Dumpster Day Saturday, April 28th**  
at Hertz Equipment Rental,  
56th & Center Streets

## **AEPNA Business Members**

- Anderson Industrial Engines, Co.
  - Bob Whitehouse - University of NE Board of Regents
  - Broadmoor
  - Clouty Tree Massage, LLC
  - Courtyard by Marriott at Aksarben
  - Fidelity National Title Group
  - Hertz Equipment Rental
  - Learning Headquarters
  - Liv Lounge
  - Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & School
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  - St. Matthew Lutheran Church
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  - Tom the Balloon Guy
  - University of Nebraska at Omaha
- See your business here – join using the form on p. 3!



# AEPNA

## Garden Walk

### June 9, 2012

### 9 am to 3 pm

[www.aepna.org](http://www.aepna.org)

#### We need:

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#### Gardens

Do you have a beautiful or an interesting garden? Share it with others who want some ideas on what they can do with their own space. Host home owners are responsible for providing a table and two chairs and a bit of shelter or shade to protect the volunteers from the elements. We request that the owner be present and mingle with the attendees to answer questions about the plants, landscape, yard art, etc.

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#### Gnomes

Not really. But we do need volunteers who will sell and check tickets, direct visitors and answer questions. There will be two shifts (morning & afternoon) with two volunteers at all times. If you like people and gardens, this is your opportunity shine!

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#### Green

We have a limited number of sponsorships available. For \$250, your name will be included on the tickets, all communications about the walk and on yard signs the day of the walk. Sponsors can sell or offer products or services at a table on the day of the walk. It's good public relations and a great way to support the neighborhood association!

For more information, or to volunteer your garden or your time, contact Scott Swanson at 402-553-1483 or [Scott.Swanson@nebraskablue.com](mailto:Scott.Swanson@nebraskablue.com)

Get these dates on your calendar and share this with other neighbors who could benefit from the events!

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# Free!

## Dumpster Day

Saturday, April 28

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Hertz Equipment Rental  
56<sup>th</sup> & Center Streets

Get rid of items too large for curbside pickup. No hazardous materials, concrete, large appliances, or tires accepted. They will have vouchers for disposal of yard waste and information on where to take other items (computers, tires and appliances).

To volunteer or for more information, **contact Tim at 402-553-7007.**

*Stuff I want to get rid of:*

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## AEPNA Garage Sale

May 18 & 19

**Love garage sales?** Helping to organize the event might be a way to get the early scoop on some great finds! AEPNA has yard signs and creates a list of participants for easy shopping. **Contact Eileen at 402-553-5988.**

**Hate garage sales?** You can still pass along your unneeded stuff by donating it to a local thrift shop.

Call The Goodwill at 402-397-0542 or The Salvation Army at 402-342-4135.

*Stuff I want my spouse to get rid of or get money for:*

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# Free!

## Document Shredding

Saturday, May 19

Center Mall, 42nd & Center  
9 AM to 1 PM

Fight identity theft by destroying sensitive personal documents in a safe and secure fashion. AARP and Shred-it, a national industrial shredding firm, provides an on-site service for AARP. Last year more than 900 cars were counted at the event!

Questions? Call the AARP Information Center at 402-398-9568.

*Stuff I need to take for shredding:*

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