

# The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

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## President's Letter

### Pitch in for Potluck and Plenty

Potluck is elegant in its simplicity: everyone brings something to share and an amazing feast appears. It's a good metaphor for community projects: everyone pitches in however they can (time, talent or treasure) and amazing things happen!

Omaha Police Department and local Neighborhood Watch Captains to the picnic to introduce non-AEPNA members to the association and the association members to Neighborhood Watch.

for creating pedestrian access from 67th & Woolworth Streets to the UNO property.

RibFest – Aksarben Village RibFest promoters invited AEPNA to participate in the event and share in the

profits. APENA volunteers will staff a beer tent August 16-18 and AEPNA will get 15% of the gross sales. This is a great opportunity for raising funds for our parks project. If you want to volunteer for a shift at the beer tent, contact me.



Even with beastly heat, nearly 75 attendees enjoyed good food, great company and some exciting opportunities. The picnic doubled as a forum to explore some options for the neighborhood and the association. Special guests presented these opportunities for the neighborhood: Neighborhood Watch – Eileen Slane invited an officer from the

Mayor's Grant Project – Michael Killeen and John Royster from Big Muddy Architects sparked a lively discussion with their presentation of design options

Check out the picnic photos at [aepna.org](http://aepna.org). I'll see you around the neighborhood!

### Meeting Schedule...

3rd Thursday  
Every Other Month  
Saint Matthew Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
1725 S. 60th Street

Support AEPNA volunteers at the Aksarben Village RibFest Beer Tent!  
AEPNA keeps 15% of the gross sales

Bring a friend or two and join the fun!

### Bucket Brigade

You will be seeing this bucket at all AEPNA events for the next few years. We'll use it collect money to match the park improvement grants to renovate Schroeder/Vogel Park. We've got \$11,000 of the \$50,000, which is more than 20% of our goal, but we need to

raise the remainder by 2015. When you see the bucket, be generous!

The Aksarben Village RibFest event is a painless way for us to raise money and awareness without having to come up with our own fundraisers and without hitting up the same peo-

ple over and over. AEPNA gets 15% of the gross from the beer sales and our volunteers get to enjoy blues and barbecue.

Are you up for some fun and fundraising? Contact Avery Schwer.



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# Small Wonders

## Heat Stress

According to the online calculator at [treebenefits.com](http://treebenefits.com), a 2 inch honey locust will intercept 46 gallons of storm water runoff, conserve 14 Kilo-watt/hours of electricity for cooling and reduce consumption of oil or natural gas by 2 therm(s) and reduce atmospheric carbon by 39 pounds this year. If this tree is cared for and grows to 7 inches, it will provide \$62 in annual benefits.

The 27 trees planted along 55th Street by

the ReTree Mid-town program in 2011 haven't had much chance to intercept storm water runoff this year. Our summer heat and drought are putting heavy stress on them.

Whether your trees are new or established, help them survive the heat by soaking them deeply and regularly. To get a good soaking, let the hose run for at least 15 minutes around the base of the tree. Use organic mulch to help keep the roots cool

and the moisture in. Care for your trees today and they'll pay you back for years to come.

Go to [www.treebenefits.com/calculator](http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator) and enter the specifics for the



*Locust on 55th Street*

## Party Line

We want to hear stories about your BLOCK PARTY, whether it's on National Night Out (Tuesday, August 7th) or another time. Post your photos and stories on AEPNA's Facebook page or send them to us at [AEPNA1@gmail.com](mailto:AEPNA1@gmail.com). And while you're online, check out the photos from the AEPNA picnic at [aepna.org](http://aepna.org).



*Picnic Cutie Pie*

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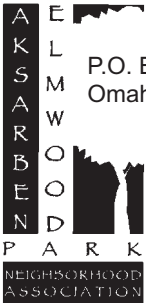
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