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AEPNA Association Newsletter

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President's Letter

Boots on the Ground in the Village

AEPNA was invited to staff the beer tent at the first (annual) Aksarben Village RibFest and more than 50 volunteers – some from as far away as Canada – stepped forward to help. We ended up staffing both the beer and soft drink tents and checking ids to issue wristbands for alcohol. It was a blast! We lasted longer than some of the rib vendors and by the end of the event, we had raised more than \$5,200 to be used for our matching grant to upgrade

us in those safety green T's!) and proved that AEPNA is a good partner for community events. That we were able to mobilize 50+ workers over the course of 3 days is a testament to the association's officers and members.

teering, sign me up! I had fun serving up beer, soda, and water during three cool days in August. I also got to do some great people-watching and listen to several good blues bands for FREE.



Jerry & Chris Shriver

Schroder/Vogel Park playground equipment. On an organizational level, we raised awareness of AEPNA (you couldn't miss

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

On a personal level, I have to say that if this is volun-

The September meeting should be packed. We'll hear from the City of Omaha about plans for the S/V Park playground improvement. And we'll get insider tips on the reEnergize program recently in the news. Leon Komar, an energy auditor who lives in our neighborhood will make this meeting well worth your time! See you there.

Avery Schwer

Play Ground Passion

Asking what the best playground surface is is like asking what the best barbeque is...it's a matter of taste and presentation and, yes, cost. All of the options (rubber, sand, shredded tires, gravel, wood chips, turf, tile, mulch) have their zealous proponents.

As we prepare for redoing the playground at Schroder/Vogel Park, we'll need people who are pas-

sionate about playgrounds. Eileen Slane says a hundred grand doesn't go as far as you hope when you're purchasing equipment that's built to last. So before we spend \$100,000 on equipment and landscaping, we want to research and explore our options in terms of safety, sustainability, aesthetics and cost.

Eileen is looking for a core group of concerned neigh-

bors who will help think things through fully so when the time comes to make the purchase, we get the most for our money. If you've got kids who will use the playground or if you just like shopping with other people's money, this is your opportunity! PLEASE contact Eileen to get in on the ground (dirt?) floor of this opportunity.

Next Meeting ...
Thursday, Sept 20th
6:30 – 8:30 PM
 Guest speakers from
 City of Omaha:
 Park Improvement plans
 for Schroder/Vogel Park

& ReEnergize Omaha:
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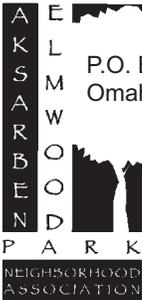
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For more information about reEnergize Omaha, go to www.reenergizeprogram.org and come to the September meeting to talk with an energy evaluator.