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AEPNA Association Newsletter

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Member Message

Picnic at the Pavilion

AEPNA member Leona D. remembers when the pavilion in Elmwood was just a roof to provide shelter from rain or sun. It's still a welcome shelter from the elements, but it's now got ceiling fans, bathrooms, water and plenty of seating. As the site of our neighborhood association picnic in July, it was the perfect place to gather close to home.



There was enough food, desserts and door prizes that no one left the picnic hungry or empty-handed. Thanks to HyVee for the chicken and a special thanks to the businesses that contributed door prizes: Wohlners, The Learning Headquarters, Mojo's, Olsson & Associates, Aksarben Cinema and The Juice Stop. The drawing for door prizes, some singing, bead-working and water balloons provided entertainment for different tastes.

Vice President Tom Prohaska invited members to get more involved. Whether you like to organize, socialize, cook, canvass, lobby or garden, your neighborhood association can use your talents. If you are willing to help arrange for presenters, conduct the regular meetings and serve as the primary contact person for the association, we will gladly call you "President".

If you do want to give back to your community by being active in the association, contact any of the officers listed on page 3 of the newsletter. We'd love to talk with you!

Colleen Ciciulla, Member

Next Meeting

Thursday September 15th

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Meeting Schedule...

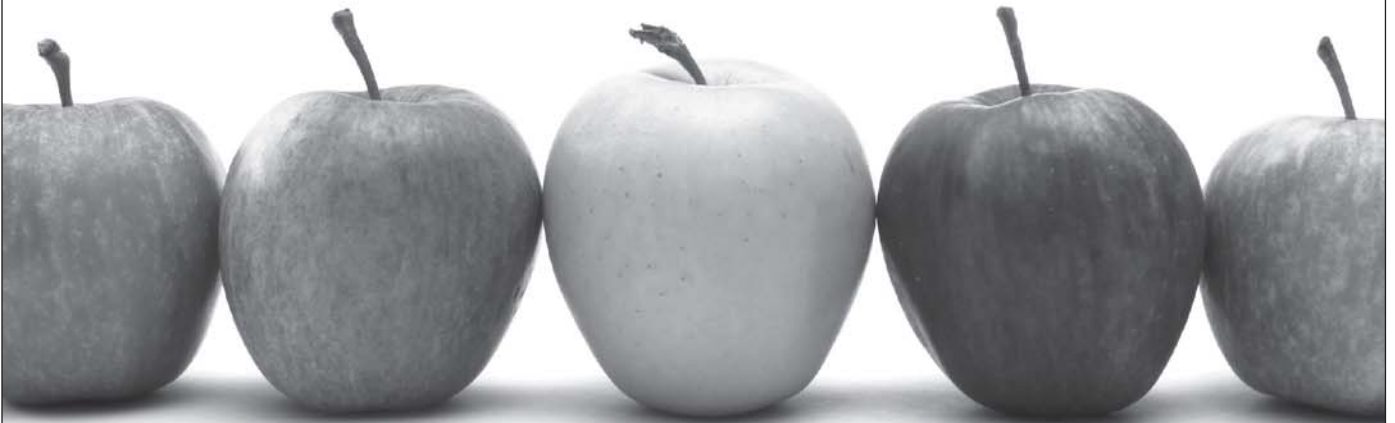
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Small Wonders

Glen and Nicole have found a way to keep at least some of their lettuce away from the rabbits. A shallow root system and light leaves make lettuce a good fit for the "gutter garden" on the south side of their garage. The hanging garden gets good sun and is easy to water and weed, but the best thing may be that Nicole doesn't have to worry about seeing snakes while picking greens for dinner. If you see a small wonder that you'd like to share, snap a photo of it or email the address to the Aksarben Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association at AEPNA1@gmail.com.



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Hangouts in the Hood

The Elmwood Pavilion is a great gathering place for big groups, but where do you and your friends hang out? We've heard rumors of judges at Amato's, Blue Jays and Red Hats at Petrow's, and pals at Gerda's. To share stories of your favorite local watering hole email colleenciulla@gmail.com.

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