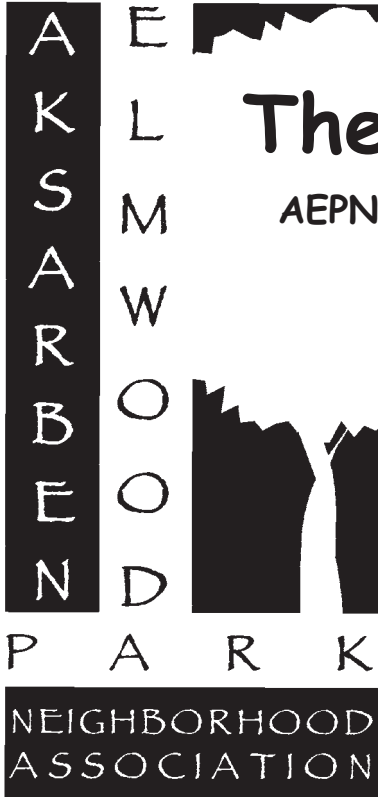


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The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

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Member Message

Urban Renewal

Big state and national parks may get all the glory (and funding) but the ones close to home support our daily life. Parks contribute to property values, public health and community identity; they add to the quality of life by providing a buffer from traffic and noise, contributing to healthy activities and supporting community involvement. Most of us simply expect them to be there, clean, mowed and well-maintained...

Parks: What Can You Do?

- Pick up after yourself and your pet
- Supervise your children
- Report broken or unsafe equipment
- Respect the plants, facilities and equipment
- Participate in maintenance or clean-up events – 3rd Wednesday of every month 5:30 pm at Schroder/Vogel Park

We are fortunate to have 3 lovely parks within our borders: Schroder/Vogel, Elmwood and Stinson. Each has its own attractions – basketball, softball, swimming, walking trails, playground equipment, picnic areas, gardens, athletic and arts events – so whatever you enjoy is just minutes from home.

Good parks don't happen by accident and they don't maintain themselves. In times of tight budgets, they compete for funding and resources.

AEPNA's Park Improvement Committee – Terri Barna, Carl Ekstrom, Eileen Slane and other volunteers – works hard to keep



our parks up. Thanks to these volunteers, AEPNA was awarded one of Mayor Suttle's 2011 Neighborhood Grants to purchase new benches and/or tables at Schroder/Vogel Park.

The neighborhood association reports volunteer hours spent on the park, so if you weed, water or pick up trash, please report the amount of time you spend to Eileen at etslane@cox.net. A group of volunteers meets at Schroeder-Vogel Park every 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. to water the plants and do light clean up. Come join us!

Colleen Ciciulla, Member

Next Meeting

Thursday July 21st

Picnic at Elmwood Park Pavilion
6:30 - 8:30 PM

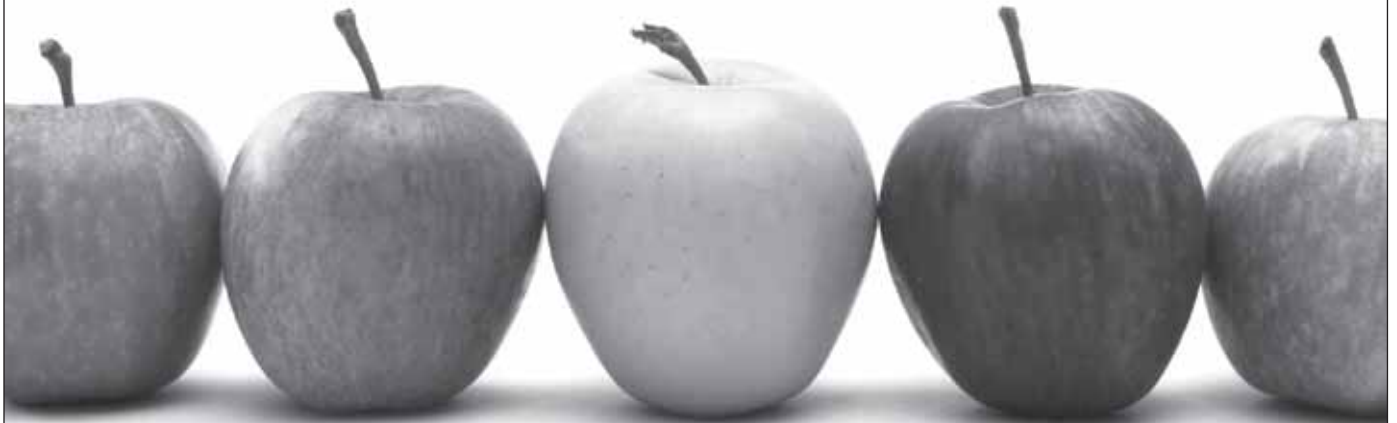
Main Dish - Catered
Sides - Potluck:
A-L - salad/veggies
M-Z - desserts

Bring a friend or two!

Next Meeting
September 15th
Meeting Schedule...
3rd Thursday
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Flora, Fauna and Fairies

"I had such a problem keeping my dogs out of my hosta garden. Once they sat on a plant, it was a goner. I solved the problem by installing this sectional fence I found at the hardware store. You just push a stake into the dirt and slide the pole into it. My dogs have not been able to invade this little hosta enclave, and even the rabbits have stayed out. Maybe the little stone fairie is watching over things!"

Therese submitted the story and photo above. 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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Thanks to Hertz Equipment Rental for the use of their lot on Dumpster Day last month (and in past years). Their lot gives us easy access and high visibility. We filled 2 ½ garbage trucks and made several metal recyclers VERY happy!
Thanks, Hertz!

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