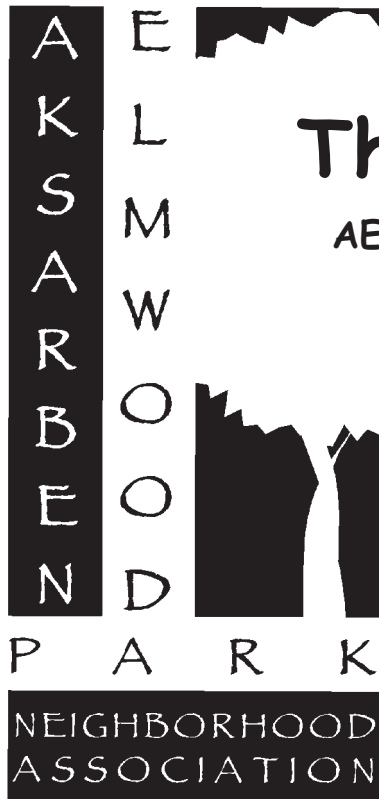


May 2007



The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

Next Meeting... May 17th

President's Message

The neighborhood cleanup went well, with better weather than last year and considerable participation by many in the neighborhood and no doubt some from elsewhere. We filled up 3+ garbage trucks. There was some delay in the middle of the day when the truck at the site was full and the other had not come back from the landfill yet. We will probably order three trucks next year to make sure that doesn't happen again. It may also be helpful to have traffic going one way through the parking lot to avoid congestion.

The City would like to combine sites, perhaps to make better use of the trucks. We seem to have plenty of activity at our location and not much room for many more trucks. Hopefully we can keep our site next year.

Thanks once again to Hertz Equipment Rental for allowing us to use their parking lot.

Thanks also to the volunteers who monitored the site and helped unload trash: Paul Sparwasser, Tom Hansen, J.B. Duncan and Colleen Ciciulla.

The neighborhood garage sale was held on April 12, 13 and 14. Participation was a bit lower this year, perhaps due to the early neighborhood cleanup.

We will give some thought to having it at the same time every year so people can plan for it, regardless of the neighborhood cleanup date. Thanks to Eileen Slane for managing the garage sale. If anyone has one of the garage sale signs, you may drop it off at my house at 5571 Walnut St.

The meeting on May 17 will have a slightly different format. There will be representatives of many organizations that sponsor summer activities for families present, and the meeting will be more of a "Summer Activities Fair" than the standard program. Be sure and bring the kids to find out all the things to do in Omaha in the summer.

See you on the 17th!

Tim Potter

Our Next Meeting will be
Thursday

May 17th

6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

**Topic: Summer Activities
for families**

Look inside for much more
information

Saint Matthew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
1725 S 60th St

Bring a friend or two!

Meeting Schedule...
3rd Thursday
Every Other Month

**Our Next meeting:
July 19th**

Join Us Today!

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Save the Date!!

Sunday, June 24th

Noon - 4PM

**AEPNA Picnic - Elmwood Park Pavilion
Volunteers needed - call Eileen 553-5988**

**We Welcome Our
New Members**

Laurie Ackermann
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We thank Melissa Prohaska for not only volunteering to distribute the newsletter to business distribution sites, but for collating and labeling the newsletters for mailing.

Get Involved:

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Where: St. Matthew Lutheran Church
60th & Walnut Streets

When: Monday, June 11th – Friday, June 15th
9:00 am – noon

Who: Children from preschool – 5th grade*

Cost: \$15/1 child; \$30/2 children; \$10 for each
additional child (3+)

Call: 556-7030 (church office) for more
information

*middle school and high school students are invited
to help the younger kids as a Fiesta Crew Leader.

Join Us Today!

Neighborhood Items

By Scott Swanson

Membership

If you have any neighbors that are not a member of the association, be sure to tell them about us and invite them to our next meeting. Many thanks to those that have renewed your membership. If you would like to become more involved, please contact Tim Potter. If you have not renewed your membership you can do so at any of our meetings or mail to the address on the form.

Top 10 Reasons

People Belong to Neighborhood Associations

10. To develop and learn new skills
9. To offer skills or expertise
8. To develop a network and help each other
7. To better understand the needs of others and the community
6. To assist others who are less fortunate
5. To make a positive contribution to your community
4. To repay the kind acts of others
3. To meet new people and build a communitywide network
2. To address a specific concern or opportunity
1. To have fun and make a difference in your community

May AEPNA Meeting

Topic: Summer Activities for Families and Youth

Where: St Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church
1725 South 60th Street
Fellowship Hall

When: **Thursday, May 17th**
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Bring the family and come get ideas about summer fun!

Below is a listing of who plans to attend to-date:

- City of Omaha - Sun Dawgs and other City sponsored programs
- Omaha Public Library
- YMCA
- Omaha Children's Museum
- Lauritzen Gardens
- Fontenelle Forest/Neal Wood Nature Center
- Central Presbyterian Church and St. Matthew Lutheran Church (plus listing of any known vacation bible classes in the area)
- Ollie Webb Center (for programs for persons with disabilities)
- Information from the Family Fun Center and Fun Plex

Adopt Your Park

.... Elmwood

Most of you walk your dog, ride your bike, play golf or take your kids to the playground in Elmwood Park. It is a popular park and gets lots of use. We are so lucky to have it centrally located in the midst of our city. As you might also have recognized, the park is suffering from a lack of city money. The city does not have the money for adequate upkeep, so for the fourth year the Adopt Elmwood Park group is tackling the maintenance and preservation of the park. We meet twice a month at 9:00 a.m. in the Elmwood Park grotto and do trash pick-up, weed, mulch, trim, whatever needs to be done to keep the park in good shape. We can use all of the helping hands we can muster--children too, if accompanied by an adult.

We will supply the yard waste bags and you can bring your favorite gloves and trimmer. We have trash picker-uppers too.

Our first meeting is May 12 and then May 26, June 9 and 23, July 7 and 21, and August 4 and 18. We hope that you can spare some time this summer to keep our park shining! Questions--call Marty Myers, 556-2513.

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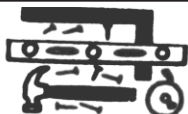


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Appointments are necessary to avoid traffic problems on South 120th Street and to ensure that the handling of the waste is done under conditions that are safe for the residents, the staff, and the environment.

Visit our website...www.underthesink.org, to learn about how to prepare for using the facility.

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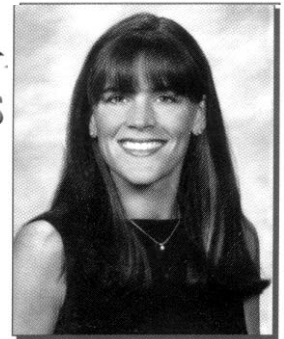
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