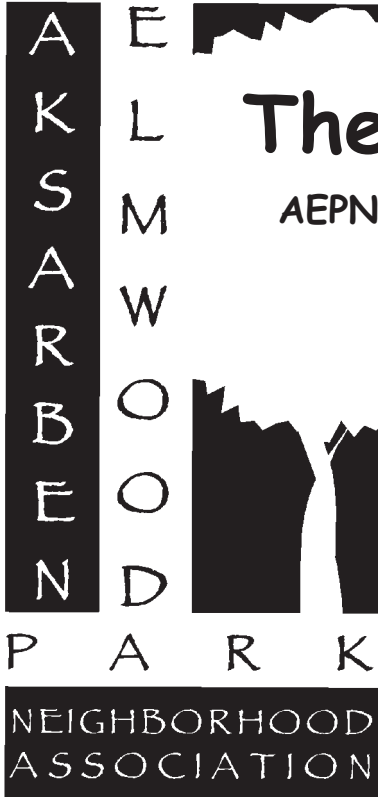


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The Park Bench

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Member Message

AEPNA by Design

New housing developments built in cornfields often require builders or homeowners to plant trees, and many plant fast-growing ornamental trees that are relatively compact. In midtown, we enjoy the big canopies of shade trees planted a generation ago.

As you know from recent storms, these giants are also vulnerable. Storms, street and sewer repair, disease, poor pruning and management practices all weaken our trees and many have lived well beyond their expected life time. We need to plan for replacing them. Two guest speakers at the September 15 meeting will give us a new appreciation for our neighborhood's natural and man-made elements.

Chris Hall, Executive Assistant with Omaha By Design (OBD), will present their Place Game program. OBD works collaboratively with organizations and neighborhoods to "build a better Omaha". We hope there will be interest among those at the meeting to schedule an AEPNA Place Game event. Check out Omaha By Design's 2011 Place Game by going to www.omahabydesign.org.

And John Ransom from Midtown Neighborhood Alliance (MNA) will discuss the MNA ReTree Midtown program and how it affects AEPNA. MNA is on track to plant 1,000 trees in midtown by 2017 and proposes to plant 27 of them along 55th Street and in Schroeder/Vogel Park this year. For more information about the ReTree Midtown program, go to www.midtownomaha.org.

Colleen Ciciulla, Member

Next Meeting

Thursday September 15th

**Topic: Omaha By Design
& the MNA ReTree
Midtown Program**

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Bring a Friend or Two!

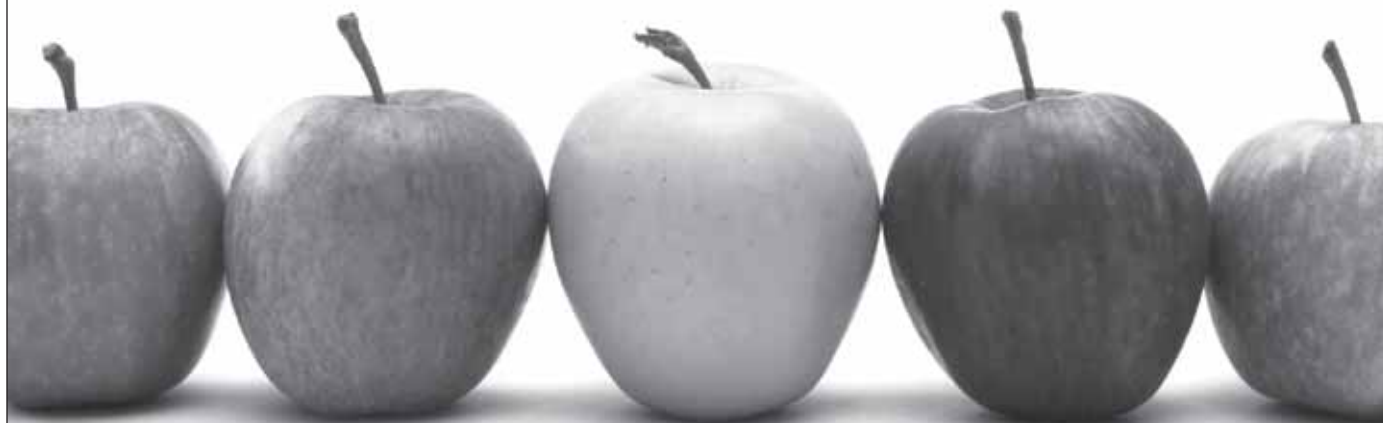
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Small Wonders

Patio

A plain wooden deck wouldn't work with the Spanish architecture of Chuck and Mary Ann's home so Chuck built a patio with glazed tile floor and a stone wall with arched entry. It's a perfect design fit and a great place to sip sangria or margaritas in the evening.

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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