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The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

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Member Message

Extreme Makeover: Schroeder/Vogel Park

On a recent Saturday morning, a group of AEPNA members fueled by caffeine and armed with paint supplied by the City repainted the psychedelic Parks & Recreation building (Sun Dawgs hut) at Schroeder/Vogel Park (S/V).

The regulation colors for adults (mocha and cappuccino) did a fine job covering graffiti and subduing the regulation colors for kids (grape, lemon and cherry). Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped and to Eileen Slane for doggedly following up with City and Parks to get approvals, permits, keys and paint. To get the full effect of the color change, check out the color photos on our website at www.aksarbenelmwood.org.

In addition to the new paint, the basketball court was also renovated, resealed and restriped and AEPNA volunteers installed a doggie clean up station and a new shade garden. (Thanks to HyVee for the mulch and to the dedicated gardeners who did the planting!) The park will soon be sporting some new tables and benches purchased with the Mayor's grant and the remaining wooden tables will be refinished so we don't have to purchase more new ones. (Thanks to Bob Ourada for that work!)

After such an extensive makeover, you might think our work in S/V Park is done for the next few years. Cosmetically, the park is fine, but AEPNA is looking to host an Omaha By Design Place Game next spring to explore the park's hidden possibilities. We'll publish more details about that as the time approaches.

Next Meeting

Thursday November 17th

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Bring a Friend or Two!

Meeting Schedule...

3rd Thursday

Every Other Month

Saint Matthew Evangelical
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1725 S. 60th Street

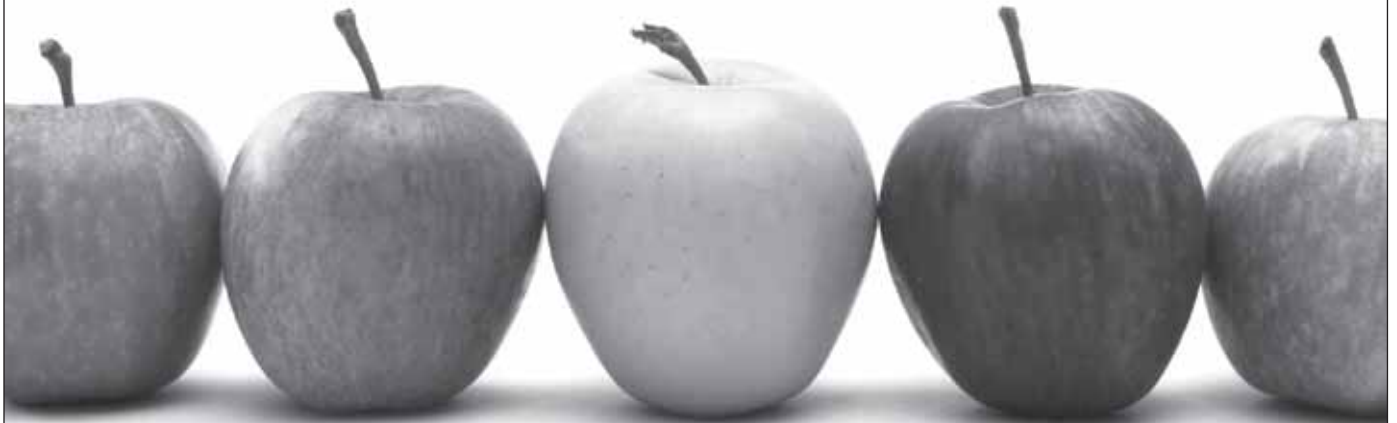
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Small Wonders

Growing Pains

This young oak tree has already gotten too big for its space – it's buckling the sidewalk and spilling over the curb. Eventually, it will suffer the same fate as two grand sycamore trees pictured on p. 4. The ReTree program of Midtown Neighborhood Alliance plants trees that suit a space for today and for generations to come. A special thanks to Indian Creek Nursery who provides those trees at a reduced price.

If you see a small (or not-so-small) wonder that you'd like to share, send it to colleenciulla@gmail.com.



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Goodbye to Some Old Friends

Trees are a precious resource, so plant wisely! Two grand old sycamores had to be cut down recently for safety.



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