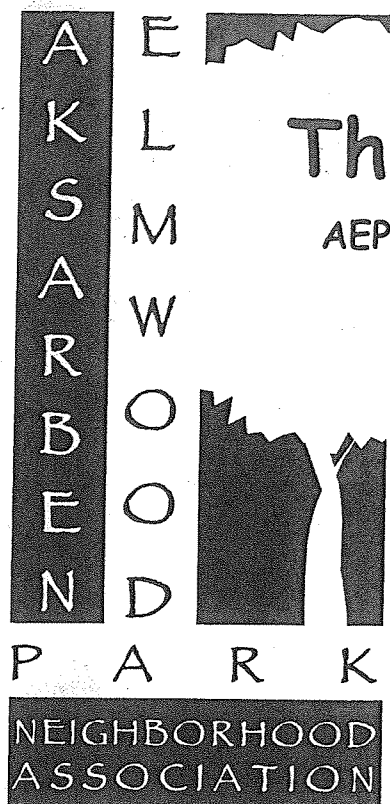


May 2008



The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

Next Meeting... May 15th

President's Message

By the time you read this the neighborhood clean-up day will have come and gone - I hope everyone had a chance to get rid of unwanted items, or sold them during the neighborhood garage sale. I want to thank Eileen Slane for organizing the garage sale, and those who volunteered at the drop-off site for the clean-up: Tom Slane, Tom Hansen, Colleen Ciciulla, Fred Stokey and Tom Prohaska.

For those of you who own or manage apartment buildings: the Omaha Police Department's Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program is having a workshop on Thursday, May 15 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Northwest Precinct, 10245 Weisman Drive (just north of 103rd and Fort Sts.). There is no charge but advance registration is required. Call Officer Angie Echtenkamp at 444-6518 or e-mail Businesswatch@ci.omaha.ne.us to register. Subjects to be covered include leases, landlord/tenant law and evictions; applicant screening; fire codes and safety; criminal activity and drug identification; role of the Police; and crime prevention through environmental design.

There will be applications available at the May meeting for Brush-Up Nebraska. This is a program under which low-income homeowners 62 years of age or older or low-income permanently disabled homeowners can get their houses painted (exterior) for free. There are some income restrictions, and painters will not go above two stories. More information will be available at the meeting.

We will have a speaker from Douglas County Extension at the May 15th meeting to talk about rain gardens, which are a method of minimizing urban runoff into streams and creeks. Also speaking at the meeting will be Scott Farrington of Indian Creek Nursery, who might have some ideas about appropriate plants for rain gardens. It should be an interesting meeting and a good one for this time of year. Hope to see you there.

Tim Potter

Our Meeting Thursday May 15th

6:30 Social -

7:00 Meeting

**Speakers: Douglas/Sarpy
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Meeting Schedule...

3rd Thursday

Every Other Month

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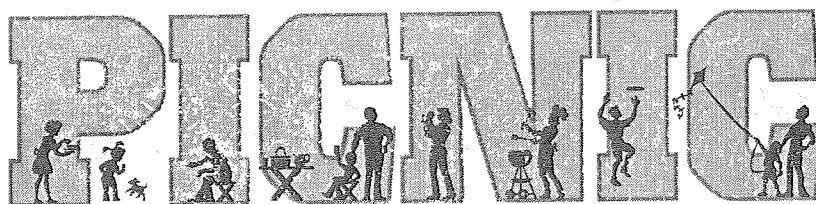
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Scorecard Project to Help Neighborhoods Live Green

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How green is your neighborhood?

A new tool designed to help local groups answer that question was launched in the metro area on Tuesday, April 15. The Green Neighborhood Scorecard, a 15-question survey that covers topics ranging from food to transportation, will be open to registered neighborhood associations and sanitary improvement districts in Douglas County.

The scorecard was developed by the Green Omaha Coalition's Green Neighborhood Council, a venue for neighborhood associations, homeowners and nonprofit groups committed to educating residential neighborhoods on the collective benefits of sustainable home ownership. Its goal, said Committee Chair Trilety Wade, is to create an awareness of the elements associated with green living at the neighborhood level and to, over time, encourage individuals and organizations to institute behavior changes that facilitate green living.

Wade highlights the collaborative nature of the scorecard:

The Green Neighborhood Scorecard committee, comprised of people from a variety of neighborhoods, worked diligently to develop an inclusive tool, which can gauge areas of environmental need and success in neighborhoods throughout Douglas County.

The scorecard is divided into four categories – waste and recycling, food, water and stormwater, and transportation. Each relates to the Green Neighborhood Council's focus areas for programming in 2008. The questions are varied. Some ask for "yes" or "no" responses while others call for a count based on observational analysis. One of the questions in the transportation category asks groups to determine their neighborhood's walkability score by using www.walkscore.com, an easy-to-use online measurement system. "We encourage neighborhoods to complete the scorecard as a group activity, perhaps as part of a neighborhood meeting," Wade said. "Some neighborhoods might want to form a smaller team to take on the scorecard as a mini-project."

In addition to collecting neighborhood data in each category, the scorecard will provide users with a list of local resources directly related to the questions asked. "We want to give people access to easy-to-understand, usable information that supports a greener approach to living," Wade said.

All groups that receive the scorecard will be asked to complete it and return it to the Green Neighborhood Council by June 30, 2008. The scorecard results will help the Green Neighborhood Council identify neighborhood groups interested in improving their green status but who need assistance in achieving this goal, Wade said. Recognition of neighborhood groups with a high green rating will be held in conjunction with a regional neighborhood summit set for this September in Omaha.

The Green Neighborhood Scorecard is available for download at the Green Omaha Coalition website, www.greenomahacoalition.org. If you would like more information or would prefer to receive a mailed copy of the Scorecard, please contact Trilety Wade via telephone at 551.3887.

For more information about the Green Neighborhood Council, visit www.omahagreenneighborhoods.wet-paint.com.



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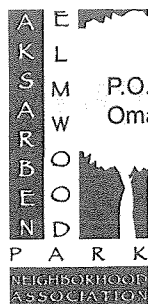
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