



The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

Next Meeting... November 16th

President's Message

The candidate forum at the September meeting came off well, with 16 candidates or their representatives in attendance. I have been to many candidate forums myself as a candidate for re-election to the Metro Community College Board, and I can say that our forum is one of the best attended by candidates. It is a tribute to our association that candidates want to come to us to take our questions and ask for our votes.

Speaking of voting, don't forget that you have the option of voting by mail without having to give a reason. However, a request for an absentee ballot must be made in writing (e-mail doesn't count). The address for the Douglas County Election Commission is 225 N. 115th St., Omaha, 68154. Election Day is Nov. 7.

Several members signed up to participate in strategic planning sessions for the association at the September meeting. By the time you read this there will have been a couple of meetings. Anyone with suggestions who couldn't attend one or both of the meetings may phone or e-mail them to myself or any of the executive committee members listed in the newsletter. We would love to have your ideas and, of course, your assistance in carrying them out.

On October 19 and 20 there will be two meetings which are part of the City's effort to reduce exposure to lead. The meeting on the 19th (7pm to 9pm) is a public forum to discuss the importance of reducing exposure to lead. The meeting on the 20th (2pm to 3:30pm) is a strategy session geared for contractors, remodelers, painters, maintenance workers and homeowners to provide some education about dealing with lead in houses. Both meetings are at UNL Extension office at 8015 W. Center Rd. For more information call Marian Todd at the City Planning Dept., 444-5217.

In the September newsletter I referred to increased traffic enforcement in the neighborhood scheduled for September as a result of the discussion at the July meeting. This was actually done in August. Councilman Jim Vokal was very helpful in getting this moved up. Councilman Vokal will be the speaker at the November meeting (no meeting in October) to update us on the proposed development at Aksarben and other city issues.

The plans for Aksarben are in the final stages for approval. I'm sure we are all anxious to see what takes place there and will closely monitor the development of the property as it is undertaken.

See you in November.

Tim Potter

Next meeting is Thursday
November 16th

6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

Speaker:

Councilman Jim Vokal
Aksarben Development and
other city issues.
Saint Matthew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
1725 S 60th St
Bring a friend or two!

Meeting Schedule...
3rd Thursday
Every Other Month

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Protecting yourself and your family

Make sure you are aware of any sex offenders in the neighborhood. It is always important to develop constructive plans to prepare yourself and your family against any potential harm. The registry can be accessed at <http://www.nsp.state.ne.us/sor/>

Sex offender registry information shall not be used to retaliate against the registrants, their families, or their employers in any way.

Vandalism, verbal or written threats of harm are illegal and will result in arrest and prosecution.

Restore Omaha

Check out the Restore Omaha article in this month's Midtown Monitor. AEPNA will be sharing an exhibitor booth with the Dundee-Memorial Park Association. This is the first time AEPNA has participated in the annual Restore Omaha event. Hope to see you there.

AEPNA - Neighborhood Watch

At AEPNA's September meeting members voted to provide complimentary memberships to Neighborhood Watch Captains in recognition for their community service efforts. Captains will be contacted in the coming weeks and notified of the complimentary membership. AEPNA looks forward to working more closely with the NW groups to expand the number of NWs within AEPNA boundaries, as well as, other neighborhood activities yet to be determined.

Thank You

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:

Interested in getting involved in your neighborhood and playing a part in Improvement efforts?

Here is your chance.

Contact Tim Potter
at 553-7007

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2007 AEPNA Planning Sessions

The first planning session was held September 26th at Espresso Mary's. The session was fruitful with lots of great ideas and discussion. The group's looking at both short term and long term direction for the association. By the time you receive this newsletter the group will have met for a second time. Dates and times for future sessions will be determined at that session. If you'd like to join in the planning process, contact Eileen (553-5988).

Espresso Mary's -

"Your Neighborhood Coffee Shop"

Welcome to Mary Maldow, Espresso Mary's (5111 Leavenworth St) new proprietor. As the flyer says, "Everything Old Is New Again". In addition to the name, Mary has retained the same inviting atmosphere while updating the menu and services. Updates include an 'Express Coffee Line Inside from 7AM-9AM (cash only), Business Meeting & Party Area, WiFi, Live Entertainment (some evenings), Open Sundays and new hours (6AM-6PM Mon - Thu, 6AM-10PM Fri - Sat, 8AM - 3PM Sun).

A special 'Thank-You' to Mary for staying open past closing time for the initial 2007 AEPNA Planning Sessions. Stop by and welcome Mary to the neighborhood.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Program Advisory Panel

A panel of volunteers is being formed to assist the city and its program development consultants from community wide perspective. Each volunteer brings diverse community knowledge, talents and skills. Members will be asked to 1.) represent the community neighborhoods, businesses, churches, schools and citizens in communicating their thoughts, ideas and concerns to the project's consultants and the city 2.) assist the consultants and Mayor's office in educating those who live within the impacted basin areas as well as across the metro area, 3.) serve as the neighborhood communications leader, keeping the lines of communication open in both directions, 4.) be an ambassador for this ambitious community project, and 5.) participate with the Program Team in the use of a decision tool used to evaluate CSO control alternatives.

Dorothy Lanphier and Eileen Slane have volunteered to represent AEPNA on this panel. If you're interested in participating contact Ann Pedersen Gleeson Director of Public Relations Zaiiss & Company at 402.964.9293.

Sewer Meeting September 28th St Matthew's Church

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the residents of the area roughly bounded by Poppleton, 50th Street, Pine and 52nd Ave and 51st & Pine of the Sewer Separation Project. This project is not part of the CSO program, but the work endeavors to remain consistent with the objectives of the CSO program. The purpose of the project is to stop sanitary sewer backups in the area. Residents directly effected by the project were informed of the meeting. There will be another meeting prior to construction. Contact Rick Murch, PE - City of Omaha (rmurch@ci.omaha.ne.us (402) 444-4966) if you have questions.

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849 S. 60 St	\$106,000	2/1	922	9/29
5901 Mason	\$116,000	2/1	11640	9/20
5802 Cedar St	\$122,000	3/2	1640	9/18
1516 S. 52nd	\$132,000	3/1	1477	9/28
6210 William	\$141,500	3/2	1839	9/15
5705 Marcy	\$144,000	2/3	2050	9/15
5601 William	\$145,000	3/2	1567	9/19
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