



The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

Next Meeting... January 18th

President's Message

At the November meeting we had a good presentation from Jay Noddle of Noddle Development on the plans for developing the southern half of Aksarben. The plans are essentially the same as those presented in the summer of 2005, with the addition of some taller buildings on the west side (possibly six stories). The earlier plan called for nothing higher than four stories. Putting the taller buildings on the west side minimizes the visual impact for the residential areas of the development and surrounding neighborhoods. Infrastructure development will begin in the spring of 2007 with Phase I construction finished in the fall of 2008. Plans can be viewed on the development's web site, www.aksarbenvillage.com.

There were many questions regarding traffic. Center Street is intended to be the main feeder to the development, but undoubtedly there will be impacts on 63rd Street, Pacific Street and 72nd Street. A traffic study committee for the development has been established consisting of UNO, City of Omaha and neighborhood representatives and others. The committee had a meeting in November which I attended. Most of the discussion involved how UNO will transport students between the Aksarben and Center Street campuses and the main campus. The committee will meet again after the first of the year.

Councilman Jim Vokal described some of the increased traffic enforcement that has been undertaken in the area. During September 59 speeding citations were issued on 60th St. between Pacific and Leavenworth and radar was set up on 57th between Pacific and Leavenworth (no citations). During October four speeding citations were issued on Woolworth between 60th and 63rd Sts.

Due to intense interest in the Aksarben presentation, there was no time to conduct officer elections for the Association. This will be done at the January meeting.

I hope everyone in the neighborhood has a joyous holiday season and a safe New Year. I look forward to seeing you in January, if not before.

Tim Potter

Next meeting is Thursday
January 18th

6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

Speaker:
Councilman Jim Vokal
Aksarben Development and
other city issues.

Association Elections

Saint Matthew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
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Meeting Schedule...
3rd Thursday
Every Other Month

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Holidays!*

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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/>

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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

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Need Help With Home Repairs?

Home repairs can be time consuming and expensive. Doing them yourself requires expertise and can create a real challenge for the physically disabled or those on a fixed income. There are programs in the metro that can help. "A Guide to Housing Rehabilitation Programs for the Omaha Metropolitan Area" specifically targets older, low income neighbors and offers 39 different federally funded programs to help meet their home repair needs. Guides are available at NCGO (Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha - 402.561.7582) or online at the city of Omaha website:

www.unomaha.edu/neighborhoodscan/resources/housing_rehab.pdf.

We Welcome Our New Members

Erika Fuerstenau
Elroy Fuerstenau
Dee Osher

CSO - What is it ?

CSO (Clean Solutions for Omaha) is the name used for Omaha's sewer separation project. If you haven't heard of it by the time you read this you can be sure you will in the near future. The project addresses the separation of storm sewer lines from the waste water lines. The project is the result of the Environmental Protection Agency's clean water mandates. This is the largest and most expensive project ever undertaken by the city of Omaha. The city is working closely with neighborhood associations and businesses within the project's boundaries to minimize any negative impact on the neighborhoods during the project and to look for opportunities for neighborhood improvements in conjunction with the project implementation.

CSO project representatives will present project overview at the January AEPNA meeting. For more information on the sewer separation project, visit www.OmahaCSO.com.

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5636 Woolworth	\$153,500	2/2	1505	11/15
1805 S. 55 Ave	\$140,000	3/2	1601	11/15
1431 S. 54 Ave	\$139,900	4/2	1800	11/15
5824 Poppleton	\$134,000	3/2	1718	11/10
2125 S. 61 Ave	\$129,000	2/1	1004	11/22
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