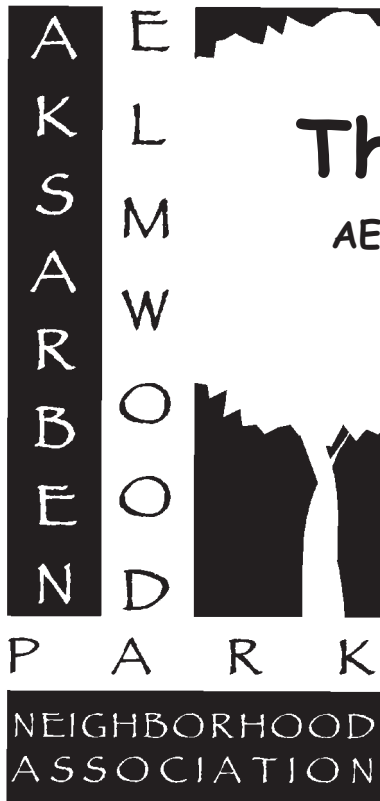


March 2007



The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

Next Meeting... March 15th

President's Message

The date for this year's Spring Neighborhood Cleanup will be Saturday, April 21st. The location to drop off unwanted items is the same as last year - the parking lot at Hertz Equipment Rental, 56th and Center Sts. As a reminder, this is for items that do not go in the household trash that is picked up weekly by Deffenbaugh. Items that will NOT be accepted at this location:

- concrete
- tires (they go to St. Adalbert's south side parking lot on Wright St. between 30th and 31st)
- appliances (they go to Holy Name School parking lot, north side, 2901 Fontenelle Blvd.)
- tree brush (there will be vouchers to take them to River City Recycling)
- yard waste
- hazardous materials
- paint, oil or herbicides

Hours of operation will be from 9am to 2pm. We will need volunteers, as usual, to monitor the site. Feel free to call if you would like to help. I will circulate a sign-up sheet at the March meeting. There will be a reminder about the cleanup in the April newsletter.

The program at the March meeting will be on services for the aging. This should be of interest not only to those in that age group but for those with aging parents as well. Aimee McKim, Executive Director of Volunteers Assisting Seniors, and Jeff Reinhardt, Public Relations, Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, will be presenting at the meeting.

I hope everyone survived the March 1 blizzard in good shape. Hopefully that was winter's last gasp, but I doubt it.

See you at the meeting on the 15th!

Tim Potter

Our Next Meeting will be
Thursday

March 15th

6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

Topic: Senior Benefits

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

Our Next meeting:
May 17th

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UnderTheSink will be open year 'round .. hours:

- Wednesday from 9am until 5pm
- Thursday from 9am until 6:30pm
- Friday from 9am until 5pm Saturday from 9am -1pm

Appointments are necessary to avoid traffic problems on South 120th Street and to ensure that the handling of the waste is done under conditions that are safe for the residents, the staff, and the environment.

Visit our website...www.underthesink.org, to learn about how to prepare for using the facility.

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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.



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