

#### Next Meeting... May 15th 6:30 – 8:30 PM

CSO –Combined Sanitary
Overflow update
City Planning Dept.: Historic
Study of Aksarben
Neighborhood
Saint Matthew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
1725 S. 60th Street
3rd Thursday
Every Other Month

Bring a friend or two and join us!

## President's Letter

# Success Breeds Success -AEPNA Excellence Recognized

AEPNA has raised the \$50,000 needed for our matching funds grant and we raised the money in just half the time allowed! The Peter Kiewit Foundation awarded us a grant for the last \$9,000 we needed, so groundbreaking will start this spring! Thanks to everyone who helped with the grant-work and the grunt-work involved in raising these funds.

We are the only association to have met the Omaha Parks Foundation matching funds goal through grassroots fundraising activities (Elmwood met its match through a single donor's gift), so we are a bit of a darling with the City of Omaha and the Foundation. We have proven that we can be trusted, that we meet our commitments and that the AEPNA community is a force to be reckoned with!

We won't be resting on our laurels, however. We're already looking ahead to the next big projects – signs to identify our historic neighborhood and a community garden – and lots of regular activities, like S/V Park spring cleanup on 3 Saturday mornings (4/12, 5/3 & 5/17). Volunteers with a shared vision never really stop moving...

The candidate forum AEPNA hosted in March drew a full house and spurred several first-time attendees to become members and get involved. One of the new members, Trina Westman, works in the City's Planning Department and said that the department has completed historic studies of all neighborhoods east of 72nd Street EXCEPT

Aksarben. They're starting to study the Aksarben area now, and she's agreed to talk about that at our next meeting. History buffs and longtime residents will want to attend.

I'll see you at the meeting and around the neighborhood!

Avery Schwer



New members Bill & Sally Duckworth

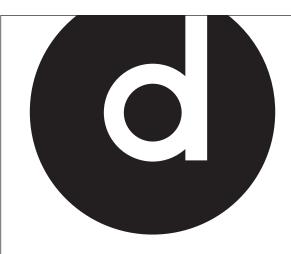
## **Garage Sales are Serious Business**

Where would Pinterest be without all the great finds at garage sales? And where would garage sales be without all the great ideas on Pinterest? Feed your Pinterest addiction and find out how to stage your sale to make the most money possible in the AEPNA area garage sales on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 1, 2 & 3. Or feed that addiction by finding AMAAAAZING gems at your neighbor's sale...

"We count on that garage sale! We use the money from the sale for our annual Fall Festival!" Jen Kresnik

Register by Thursday, April 24, to get some marketing perks. Go to AEPNA.org to fill out the registration form to have your sale included in the list of the Askarben/Elmwood Park garage sales. Contact jenkresnik@gmail.com for information.





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## Coffee with a Cop

The Hy Vee was crawling with cops...in a good way. At least a dozen officers and staff from the Omaha Police Department and City of Omaha mingled with people in the restaurant and answered questions about crime in the Southwest precinct. These informal meetings are a way to build relationships in the community.

Neighborhood associations were specifically invited as a way to get the word out. So in addition to the Hy Vee breakfast "regulars", the event drew representatives from several surrounding neighborhood associations – even from as far away as Bellevue. While uniformed officers generally are involved in calls dispatched through the 911 system, the detectives were the ones who answered questions that started with "Whatever happened to …?"

The fire engine parked out front beside the Crime Stoppers Camaro was pure bonus. The firefighters weren't a planned part of the event; they were just getting groceries and stopped for the free coffee!



Thanks to Hy Vee for hosting this event. Check out more mug shots on AEPNA.org or our Facebook page.

Mug Shot from Coffee with a Cop

### Garden Walk Fundraiser

The AEPNA Garden Walk will show off neighborhood gardens that include the farm-to-table variety (with livestock!) and idyllic escapes with ponds and exotic trees. Garden Walk hours are 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, June 7. Come and get ideas for your own garden or just enjoy someone else's hard work!

We still need another garden and volunteers to take and to sell tickets. If you would like share your garden or your time, please contact Scott Swanson at scooter755@cox.net. Thank you!



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## Dates to Remember –

See AEPNA.org for details on these events

**April 24** – registration for Garage Sale (if you want the marketing perks!)

May 1, 2 & 3 (Thurs. - Sat.) – AEPNA Garage Sale – look for the yellow signs and the great deals!

May 3 - Dumpster Day – Hertz Equipment Rental parking lot on 56th & Center; S/V Park Cleanup Day

May 17 – S/V Park Cleanup Day 9 AM – 1 PM

June 7 - Garden Walk (rain or shine)

## **AEPNA Business Members**

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