

The Park Bench

AEPNA Newsletter

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President's Letter

Rain Delay - Ribbon Cutting Rescheduled

The renovations at Schroder/Vogel Park look more like a pond than a playground. Rainy weather contributed to the delays in progress on the playground. Because of the delays, the ribbon cutting and festivities have been rescheduled for **Friday, October 17, 2014**. We want to have a good turnout for the food, fun and games, so please spread the word in your church, school, daycare, scout troops and any neighbors who will use the park. The October newsletter will have more details.

Several members and officers have been meeting to discuss future grants to fund AEPNA projects. We're keeping an eye on upcoming deadlines and opportunities to fund projects like a community garden, signs for the neighborhood (like Dundee or Midtown) and the walkway between Aksarben Village and the neighborhood. Fundraising is an on-going need, even for modest projects like the beautification of the small triangle at 57th & Marcy. If you've got time, money, or connections for funding sources, please contact me!

We will NOT have a business meeting in September. Our next gathering will be at the October ribbon cutting.

I'll see you at the park!
Avery Schwer

Calendar notes:

NO September business meeting!

Friday, Oct. 17
5:00 PM

Schroder/Vogel Park
Playground
Ribbon Cutting at
Saddle Creek &
Pine Streets



Park progress: from caterpillar parking lot to skid steer swimming hole.



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Door Adds Razzle Dazzle to Zen Garden

Don is a handy guy and his friends know he's a big recycler. So when a friend who works at a salvage yard called and said he had a piece of local history, Don was hooked. The red door was salvaged from an old Council Bluffs nightclub, the Razzle Dazzle.



Don gave the door a second life as the gateway to a peaceful zen-inspired garden. Now when he passes through the door, he's transported to a private retreat where he can sit and meditate on MacArthur's Park melting in the dark (all the sweet green icing flowing down). Nice save, Don!

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Our Facebook page is very active (284+ members) with late-breaking news (or late break-in news, unfortunately), but a formal newsletter serves as the "official" mouthpiece for the organization.

If you like to write, take photos or lay out publications, please consider using your talents to keep your neighbors informed and involved.

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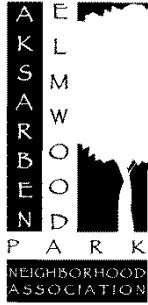
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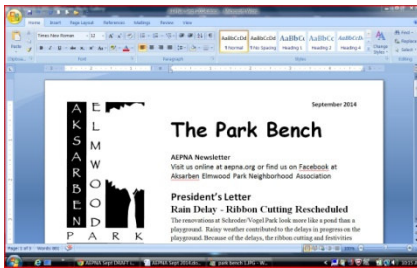
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“Okay, I need a rough estimate of how many houses have been broken into
or invaded and I need a count of approximately how many cars have been
broken into just in the past two weeks alone.”



AEPNA Facebook members share these crime prevention tips:

- Lock your doors
- Close your garage door
- Turn the light on (leave your porch lights on at night)
- Note license plate numbers of strange cars
- Snap a photo of any cars that keep driving around
- Post dates, times and locations of break-ins to help identify patterns and find the perpetrators.

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