

The Park Bench

AEPNA Newsletter

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President's Letter

Hard Hats & Hockey

About 60 neighbors braved the cold last month for a tour of the UNO Community Arena which will be finished in time for the first Mavericks hockey game in October, 2015. As a designer, I appreciate the architectural details like the shape of hockey sticks incorporated into the building façade; as a fan, I appreciate the split-bowl design cantilevered seating that bring upper seats closer to the action. And as a neighbor, I appreciate the vitality that the arena will add to our neighborhood.

The community ice rink at the front of the building will be open year-round and the arena space will be used not just for hockey, but also for basketball, volleyball, graduations, lectures and concerts. The reservations for graduation ceremonies have already been flowing in, so the arena's filling a community need immediately. The University sees the arena as an anchor for the south part of campus, but it's also another "score" for the AkSarben area.

Longtime neighbors will remember the days of AkSarBen racing and what the popularity of the track and arena meant to homeowners who had to plan for traffic. Attendees questioned plans for parking and traffic flow more than once on the tour. The arena will have 2,000 parking stalls and 5-6 ingress/egress points to disperse traffic. Castelar and Arbor Streets will be extended going east to 60 Street; a bridge over the Little Papillion Creek and a trail will help with the westward flow.

We're lucky to have another gem so close to home. I'm already looking forward to being part of the sell-out crowd for the first hockey game of 2015. I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. And remember: keep your stick on the ice at those family gatherings!

Avery Schwer



Gearing up for the tour and winding down afterwards at Spirit World.

January
Business Meeting &
Soup Fest
Thursday, Jan. 15
6:30 PM

We'll have the soup,
you bring the side
dishes & desserts



Check the January
newsletter for topics
and speakers



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They're Not Called "Spirits" for Nothing!

Spirits poured and soared after the UNO Community Arena tour.
Thanks to Spirit World for hosting a wine tasting for AEPNA members.

The event was a fun and relaxing way for friends and neighbors to
explore different wines while exploring the new store. It's a great place
to get the spirits you need for dinners, parties and gifts.

Cheers, Spirit World!



We had some fun at the new Spirit World!

No Cholesterol, No Calorie, Best-Ever Neighbor Treat

Instead of buying or baking for your neighbors this year, consider a
treat that won't add to clutter or pile on pounds. Give 30 minutes of
your time.

Ask neighbors to tell you the stories of their special ornaments or
dishes. Ask for a guided tour of any treasures displayed on the tree,
mantle, or counter.

Telling stories rekindles fond memories of the past. Having an
attentive listener builds appreciation today.

(If you DO insist on buying a gift, consider an AEPNA membership –
use the handy form below!)

It's time to renew your AEPNA membership!

Consider a 3-year membership for just \$25.

AEPNA Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Household \$10/1 year; \$20/2 years; \$25/3 years

Business \$20/1 year; \$40/2 years; \$50/3 years

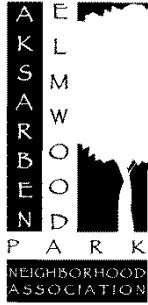
New Renewal Gift (great for your thoughtful neighbor!)

Please include me in the neighborhood roster Yes No

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The huge pile of dirt (surcharge) that was built up on the arena site for months is a method of compressing the earth so that the main arena ice will not settle more than a quarter of an inch in 50 years.

View the time-lapse video of the construction at <http://www.unomaha.edu/athletics/arena.php>

Right, interested neighbors filled the construction trailer for a presentation before the tour. Hockey player, Brian Rideout, in far left back was pleased to see where he'll be playing next fall.



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