

# The Park Bench

## AEPNA Newsletter

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## President's Letter Midtown News

**Of Grants & Gardens** - The Midtown Neighborhood Alliance (MNA) awarded AEPNA a \$300 Security National Bank grant to support AEPNA's pursuit of a community garden. We are exploring additional locations that have on-site water and more certainty than the original location. One possibility is the existing community garden at LifeGate Church (55<sup>th</sup> & Leavenworth). Another possibility is next to Gotta Be Me (51<sup>st</sup> & Pine). We still need about \$1000 to get the project going, but once we have a site and funding we can advertise available plots.

MNA has also put us in touch with a potential source of funding via a fireworks stand. If that opportunity comes through, we could raise close to \$4,000 to support the garden and other AEPNA projects, including signs! I'll keep you posted on the progress.

**Nominate a Good Landlord** – With so many rental properties, apartments and duplexes in our neighborhood, we know how important good landlords are. They keep the property up and rent to tenants who respect others and are good neighbors. Do you know of a landlord or property management firm that does a good job in maintaining their property and is responsive to neighbor concerns regarding public nuisances, code violations, illegal activity or any activity that affects the quality of life in our neighborhood? Send an email to me or another AEPNA officer describing why that person or company deserves recognition. We want to recognize good landlords and encourage all landlords to be mindful that their property is part of our community!

**Seven Days of Service – AEPNA & UNO partnership** - UNO students who volunteer their time during Spring Break (March 21-28) to do community service work will help AEPNA do a membership drive. They will cover the entire AEPNA territory to put a membership form door hanger on every house. If you want to join this effort, please contact me.

**Coming Up** – Dumpster Day will be Saturday, May 16, the same weekend as the neighborhood Garage Sale. Watch for details in the next issue and online. Our March meeting will be full of news, information and fun. Nicole Malone from Restore Omaha and Kristen Boe from DIY Kids will join us and we'll have an AEPNA snack competition (see p. 3). I hope to see you there!

Avery Schwer

March

Business Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 19

7:00 PM

St. Matthew's

1725 S. 60<sup>th</sup> St.

Join us and bring a neighbor!

Guest presenters:

Kristen Boe –

DIY Kids Studio

&

Nicole Malone –

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Snack Challenge



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**Snack ThrowDown**

Avery is talking smack about the latest snack craze on campus – an uninspired and overpriced mix of different chips and pretzels. These snacks leave you with toxic breath, stained fingers and no satisfaction.



Empty snack platter at last meeting

For a neighborhood where you can get mouthwatering taste combinations like elk pizza (Tasty Pastry), grilled saffron polenta (Modern Love), or gnocchi bites and sauces (jimi d’s), we think we can do better than big bags of fried fats or starches sprayed with fake flavors and artificial colors.

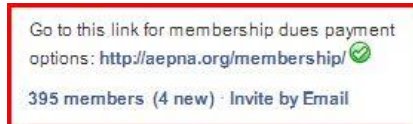
Avery challenges members to bring their own snack mix to the March meeting and see how it stacks up against his secret snack. Go for sweet, savory, sweet and savory, healthy, death-defying, or whatever you please.

If you tie your snack to a character in or of the neighborhood (the Knights of Aksarben, thoroughbred racing, hockey, Elmwood Park or some other local feature) you may score extra points for wit! See you at the meeting!

**PayPal Now Accepted!**

AEPNA membership payments are now available online via PayPal.

Virtual members who only participate in the neighborhood association via the AEPNA Facebook fan page can now virtually (and virtuously) support AEPNA without even logging off! Find the link on our Facebook page or go to <http://aepna.org/membership/>



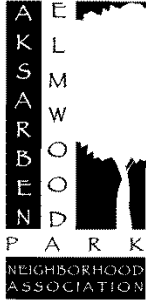
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Consider a 3-year membership for just \$25.  
AEPNA Membership Form**

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  
Please make check payable to Aksarben-Elmwood Park NA  
Mail to: 1302 S. 56 St. Omaha, NE 68106

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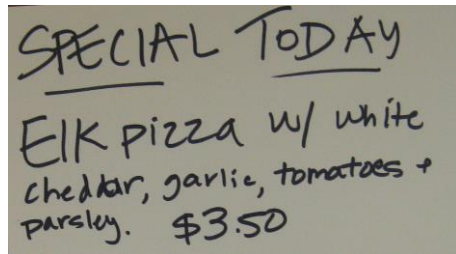
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The Tasty Pastry's elk pizza is a hit. In a busy 15-minute span Saturday, at least 8 customers ordered the pie – out of curiosity or trust in Mary's and Romero's deft touch with tastes.

What's the secret to making a 900-pound elk tender and tasty? Marinate for 12 hours in wine. Cook over low heat for many hours with tomato, clove, bay leaf.

Better yet, just get it while it's still on the menu.



## **AEPNA Business Members**

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