

April 2015

The Park Bench

AEPNA Newsletter

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President's Letter AEPNA Gen-Next

Thanks to everyone who attended the March meeting and who brought snacks to share. I don't know if it was the promise of snacks or the presenters, Kristen Boe (DIY Kids Studio) and Christine Gerber (Restore Omaha) that drew the crowd, but lots of young neighbors and several children brought the median age of meeting attendees down from the usual 60+ to maybe 40! I hope these kids grow up to be good neighbors, activists and advocates.



Harrison with parents Rob and Rose

Members Lois Ourada and Leah Meyer are applying for a \$5,000 Mayor's Grant for Crime Prevention. They propose to focus on education for personal security, including home, car and property. Watch for details about the status of the grant and educational workshops.

"One of Omaha's greatest assets is our strong network of neighborhood associations. Crime prevention starts in the neighborhoods where we live. Working in partnership with the Omaha Police Department, we can make our city safer."

Mayor Jean Stothert

Picnic & Celebration
Thurs. May 21
Schroeder/Vogel
Park (51 & Hickory)
4:30 – 7:00-ish
Hot Dogs
Games & Fun

Schroeder/Vogel
Park Clean Up Days
Saturdays 9 – noon:
April 11,
April 25
May 9

Bring gloves, tools &
yard waste bags



Kristen Boe, DIY Kids Studio

We are still accepting nominations for the Good Landlord award. If you know of a complex or rental house in the neighborhood that is well-maintained or is an improvement over what once was there, let us know!

I am continuing to work on the fundraising opportunity and signs for the neighborhood. I'll be happy to update you as the projects progress.

I'll see you for sure at the ribbon cutting in May. Till then, I'll see you around the neighborhood!

Avery Schwer

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Be the Change...

Thanks to the UNO student volunteers
who walked AEPNA's territory and put a
membership form door hanger on about
1,000 homes before getting rained out.
The flyers will help us to increase
awareness and membership in the
association so we can do more to
improve our area.

If you care about where you live, get
involved with AEPNA.

Every project, no matter how small,
requires a champion to spark interest,
coordinate neighbors and get through red
tape. Whether you care about community
gardens, area signs, parks, traffic, trees or
just living in a part of town that has some interesting history and architecture,
AEPNA can connect you with others who share your interests and vision. Be
the change you want to see...



On that note, **thanks to Katie Blesener** who agreed to serve on AEPNA's
Community Service & Beautification Committee! And thanks to **Robert
Vondrasek and Boy Scout Troop 597** who will help with park cleanup
on April 25th.

Elmwood Creek Cleanup May 2, 9-noon

A group of neighbors are banding together to enhance the Elmwood Creek
that runs from Underwood Avenue to Pacific Street. At a high, long-term
level, plans are to 1) clean up the litter, 2) protect from graffiti and vandalism,
and 3) enhance through the creation of foot trails and other improvements.

Saturday, May 2 from 9am – noon, volunteers will pick up litter from the
creek. Most supplies will be provided, but if you have a favorite pair of gloves,
bring them along and join other volunteers at the Elmwood Park Pavilion. Call
Craig Moody at 402.681.9458 or craig@verdisgroup.com with any questions.

To find the Facebook event, search for "Elmwood Creek Clean Up."

Renew your AEPNA membership!

**Use this form or sign up & pay online by using the
PayPal link on our Facebook page**

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

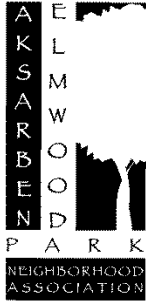
New Renewal Gift (great for your thoughtful neighbor!)

Please include me in the neighborhood roster Yes No

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A little helper at the Mar. meeting, cleaning up snacks...

Spring Cleaning

Sat. April 11 & April 25 – S/V Park cleanup. 9 – noon.

Sat., April 18: 8-noon FREE Shred Event. Methodist Health System parking lot, 85th & Dodge. Up to 3 boxes or bags of papers to shred.

May 14th, 15th & 16th – AEPNA Garage Sale. Check the AEPNA website for a list of participants.

Sat. May 2: 9AM – Noon – Elmwood Creek Cleanup. Meet at the Elmwood Park Pavilion.

Sat., May 16: 9AM - 2PM – Dumpster Day. Hertz Equipment Rental parking lot, 56th & Center. For items too bulky for regular curbside pickup. No yard waste, rocks, concrete, liquids, toxic waste, spent nuclear fuel rods, tires or appliances. <http://www.wasteline.org/cleanup/do-dont.htm>

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