



The Park Bench

AEPNA Newsletter

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President's Letter We Had Some Fun!

Wow! We had some fun! The dedication of the new playground and park equipment at Schroeder/Vogel Park was over-the-top perfect. It was the kind of success that results from everyone working together for a common goal – first park beautification, then a new playground, and finally a party to celebrate both! I want to recognize everyone who had a hand in pulling it off. Like at the Oscars, when you start listing everyone you want to thank, you risk leave someone off. My apologies to anyone I miss... Just know that your contribution make a difference in our neighborhood, at the park and beyond.

Thanks to Terri Barna (AEPNA's 2015 Good Neighbor Award recipient), Eileen Slane and the many neighbors and scouts who dig in and work at park clean up events. Thanks to Scott Swanson and Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska for starting the project with a \$10,000 matching grant and the Peter Kiewit Foundation for the final matching grant. Thanks to the Omaha Parks Foundation and the City of Omaha for their financial support and work on the renovation and for sharing their "toys" at the party. (That climbing wall was AWESOME!) Thanks to Gotta Be Me for the offer of shelter in the event of rain, and to the Heartlight Choir and Dirty River Ramblers for the memorable music.

Thanks to all of the neighbor volunteers who planned, baked, set up, staffed and cleaned up, including Makayla Kelley and Kristen Boe. Thanks to the business sponsors – Gotta Be Me, Legend Comics and Coffee, Lifegate Church, Longhorn Steakhouse, Kids DIY Studio, Tracks, Tasty Pastry, Pruitt Outdoor Power, Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE, Dirty River Ramblers – and businesses that donated time and talent.

Thanks to our Council Member Chris Jerram, the City of Omaha staff and Omaha Parks and Recreation Department for their support. Thanks to the AEPNA officers who step up to lead the events that benefit the whole neighborhood. And finally, thanks to you, more than 200 friends who joined the festivities and enjoyed the park that belongs to all of us.

I am glad to live in a neighborhood that comes together like we did. I'll see you around the neighborhood and in the park!

Avery Schwer

Next Business Meeting
Thursday, July 16
7:00 PM
 Topics:
 Little Libraries & Aksarben Village Senior Living
 St. Matthew's
 1725 S. 60th St.
 Join us and bring a neighbor!

For more photos of the celebration, see p. 3.





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What makes a good party in the park?

Good music, good friends, good neighbors, a good seat and a good challenge!



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Mayor's Grant for Crime Prevention

Leah Meyer got a \$500 dollar Mayor's grant to address safety and security for our neighborhood. The first of 3 educational events on different topics is scheduled for Wed. June 24, 2015 at 6 PM at St. Matthew's Church, 1725 S. 60 Street.

June 24: Engaging Your City Officials

Who do you call if you have questions or concerns about city policy, dangerous or overgrown areas, blighted or abandoned homes, or neighbor disputes? Councilman Chris Jerram, a member of Rep Ashford's constituent services, and a representative from the mayor's office will attend to answer those questions!



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