



The Park Bench

AEPNA Newsletter

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President's Letter

So what do you want to do tonight?

Our last meeting was a tour of the new Aksarben Village Senior Living Community at 1330 South 70 Street. Neighbors learned about the great communal areas, the assisted living and memory care sections of the building (and the hors- d'oeuvres!).



Bluestone Development Group had a public meeting about their development at 51st and Mason. They are proposing a complex with 215 units, mostly studio apartments with a mix of one- and two-bedroom units. There will be some underground parking as well as above-ground parking and access on 51st Street about a block south of Leavenworth Street.

Our neighborhood is experiencing some big fun with the start of hockey games at the new Baxter Arena. What a great place to watch hockey! It made me want to lace up my skates and hit ice myself. Maybe I'll start working the public ice instead of walking the neighborhood this winter.

And that brings me to the topic of what to do in the neighborhood? The options in and around Aksarben Village have exploded in the past few years and now we have so many things to do that if we attended a different event, restaurant, bar, theater or shop every day, it'd be too long before we could get back to our "favorite". How can we even have a favorite if we're always trying something new?

I encourage you to buy local and "do" local this holiday season. Whether you're buying gifts, groceries or experiences, try to support the local businesses that help to keep our area vibrant.

Finally, we have gotten word that beginning in January, this newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed for free with the *Midtown Monitor*. We will have to come up with some creative way to pay for the printing and mailing OR some creative way to share the neighborhood news. If you'd like to get an electronic newsletter, please email colleenciuulla@gmail.com with "AEPNA newsletter" in the subject line. If you have other ideas, submit them, too.

I'll see you around the neighborhood!

Avery Schwer

Next Meeting
 Thurs. Jan. 21
 6:30 PM

Guest Speaker TBD

Soup Fest!
 Bring a side dish or
 dessert to share



Warren demonstrates the tilting salon sink. Comfortable for patrons in wheelchairs or small boys!

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The Escape Omaha

What to do with out-of-town guests this holiday season? Your in-laws and you can never agree on the same movie, and too much time in your house gives them too much time to criticize your décor, your diet and your dogs.

Keep the peace by locking your family in a room and forcing them to work together to get out. Really.

The Escape Omaha at 6315 Center Street offers an escape experience that puts you and your team (up to 6 people) in a room with a mystery to solve. You have one hour to solve it and escape as winners (rather than being let out as losers). The cost is a flat fee per room (about \$75) and you have the choice of different rooms with different mysteries to solve.



This may be the only time that you and your brother-in-law are on the same side of anything and working towards the same goal for an hour.

Check it out online at:

<http://www.theescapeomaha.com>



Historical Note: The Masters Building where Escape Omaha is located was built in 1922.

Images taken from theescapeomaha.com

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New Renewal Gift (great for your thoughtful neighbor!)

Please include me in the neighborhood roster Yes No

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We had some fun in 2015!

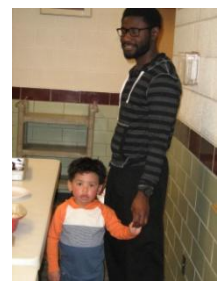
Playground Dedication



Meetings

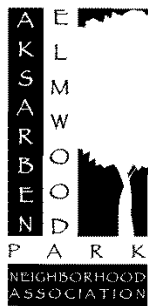


Time for fun, news and great food!



You are welcome to join us at business meetings, social events and special presentations.

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Newsletter alternatives!
Meet at HyVee Café
Thursday, Dec. 17
6:30 PM

Printed Newsletter Distribution Difficulties

In January, this newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed for free with the *Midtown Monitor*.

It will cost us about **\$1,300 annually** to print and mail them (bulk rate) ourselves. Whatever solution we decide upon will probably require a commitment of time and money in 2016.

If you want to have a say and a part in the newsletter, please bring your ideas and your calendar to the meeting on Dec. 17 or email them to colleenciulla@gmail.com.

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