

Joe Guenther

2018 AEPNA Good Neighbor

Each year, Aksarben Elmwood Park Neighborhood Assoc. (AEPNA), Omaha NE, honors a member of our neighborhood for outstanding involvement in bettering our neighborhood, our association and our community. We are pleased to honor Joe with this award.



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Joe joined AEPNA when he married Jody Ott, a lifelong resident of the neighborhood and daughter of Jack Ott. Jack Ott was also a lifelong resident who was affectionately known by his neighbors as the Mayor of Poppleton Ave.

Joe continues the family tradition of supporting the neighborhood with his behind the scenes efforts to keep our neighborhood safe. Long before Homeland Security suggested "See Something, Say Something" Joe was practicing it as he jogged through the neighborhood.

Joe is a key figure in maintaining the Schroeder-Vogel Park. He helps with the monthly cleanup and checks on the park weekly for any signs of vandalism.

When the community garden founder abruptly moved from the neighborhood leaving the project to two unsuspecting garden volunteers, Joe stepped in to help. Joe continues to support the garden efforts.

Joe served as AEPNA VP in 2010 until such time his job required frequent travel. Then President Tom Prohaska, said "My perspective about Joe is that he cares about neighborhood issues beyond himself. He used to jog (and may still do so) and knew what was happening as a result. He would look in to and follow up with the appropriate agencies responsible for correction, although they weren't in his immediate area. He also seems to have the ability to rationally address issues rather than emotionally respond to them."

AEPNA PRESIDENT JENNIFER BAUER AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE PROUD TO BESTOW THE 2018 GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD ON JOE GUENTHER