



ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

IN LIMBO

That's where we are regarding our two pending projects. So far we haven't received confirmation that our neighborhood has been named to the National Register of Historic Places. We know our application has been approved all along the way, but it appears the Federal Government has not yet completed the necessary paperwork. We are confident that our nomination has been approved and it is only a matter of time.

Our grant request for historic neighborhood signs has been submitted and the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation, the organization responsible for rewarding these grants, has received a large number of requests. We are hopeful that we will receive their approval soon. We wish to thank the Broadway Methodist Church for agreeing to act as our fiscal agent for this grant. FPNA does not have the nonprofit IRS designation in order to receive the grant money directly and the Broadway Church came to our rescue.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The upcoming Council Bluffs City Council election will determine who will fill the two positions currently held by incumbents Scott Belt and Darren Bates. A number of people have filed and will be on the ballot when election time comes. Please take the time to study the positions of the people running for election, and particularly how they feel about older neighborhoods such as ours. The two incumbents already have records available for study, while it may be difficult to figure out where the other candidates stand on this issue. One candidate, Melissa Head, lives in her family home within the boundaries of FPNA and has spent a good deal of time and treasure in renovation. Her position regarding our neighborhood would seem to be clear. Please do your research and vote intelligently.

GOLLY, GEE WHIZ

Neighborhood Associations are popping up like wild flowers! The latest one to become official is Locust Lodge, and others are on the horizon. What an important trend for our City. Citizens, Stand Up and Be Counted!!!

GET OUT YOUR SOCIAL CALENDARS

There are a number of fun events coming up. The Council Bluffs Historic Preservation Alliance is hosting "Fine Dining in Historic Homes" and "Historic Homes Holiday Tour." Elegant and wonderful dinners can be expected when you participate in the first event. You can dine in one of five important and beautiful homes in the historic areas surrounding

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MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE

By Michelle Mutchler-Burns

407 Park

This year, we have received so many wonderful compliments on our flower baskets from various people in our community and outside as well. I personally, feel that Realtors should list the neighborhood as a "Flower Basket Community", imagining that folks would want to learn more about the homes for sale, the neighborhood and "what all those banners represent".

In the next month or so, we'll take the baskets down and retire them; however Sharon and I have discussed the possibility of keeping these baskets. We like how the brown pots just seem to fade into the pole. We love those big blooms on the Zonal Geraniums and now that the Ivy Geraniums have shown us just how beautiful they can be, they've earned a special place as well.

I'm sure you're thinking great, "so what does that have to do with me?" I'm thrilled you ask! What I need are a few people with a warm basement or spare room who can water them at least once a week. Keep in mind; they will need some light, if we choose to keep them in the pots. If the light is too low, they become "leggy", although, they would most likely snap out of it next spring.

We have 40, yes, 40 baskets to re-home over the winter. (As some of you know, as the President of the Greater Omaha Cage Bird Society, I **love** to re-home "things with wings". Now I'm expanding my scope to include flower baskets). If any "one" or perhaps 8 of you feel that you can help us out with "yet another project", please let me know. Rest assured, we'll kick out the creatures who have taken up residence in the baskets over the past few months before we bring them to you.

BIRD LOVERS UNITE

By Michelle Mutchler-Burns

407 Park

Bird lovers, mark your calendar. The Greater Omaha Cage Bird Society Fall Bird Fair is Sunday, September 27, 2009, at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs. The Fair will be open from 10-5.

We have vendors coming in from all over the Midwest, offering the opportunity to purchase companion birds directly from the breeder. You will find species from Finches and Canaries to Cockatoos and Macaws, as well as everything you need to care for your new feathered friend, toys, cages, food, accessories and most importantly, education. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, kids are free!

Additionally, if you or someone you know has a companion bird that you can no longer care for, our club will take it into our adoption program. The adoption program does not buy or sell birds. We understand the needs of companion birds and can place your bird in a permanent home at no cost to you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 17th

Missouri River Ecosystem
Basin Seminar

September 24th

MainStreet C.B. Valley Junction
Tour

October 3rd

Council Bluffs Historical
Preservation Alliance
Fine Dining in Historic Homes

October 16th

F.P.N.A October Meeting

November 14th

Younkers at the Westroads
Community Day Sale

December 4th

F.P.N.A. Holiday Party

December 6th

Council Bluffs Historical
Preservation Alliance
Historic Home Tour

**"The only
reason for
time is so
that
everything
doesn't
happen at
once"**

**Albert
Einstein**

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By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

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our downtown on Saturday evening, October 3rd. The cost is \$50 per person, or \$75 if you wish to select a specific home in which to dine. Contact Jill Struyk, jillstruyk@cox.net, CBHPA, 219 Carson Ave., if you wish to participate.

The second event will take place partly in our own neighborhood. The holiday homes tour will feature six historic homes each decked out in fabulous Christmas finery. Three homes are located close together on Park Ave., two homes are nearly side-by-side in the Gibraltar NA, and one is on Willow and Bluff. So you see, all are within easy walking/driving of one another. This tour will take place on Sunday, December 6th, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and will cost \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Don't be surprised to receive a call to be a volunteer in any of these homes, as many volunteers will be needed.

Not to be outdone by any of this, our own FPNA Christmas party will be hosted by President Nate at his beautiful Victorian home on Park Ave. You will note a slight change in date for this party so as not to conflict with the above tour. Therefore, mark your calendars for Friday evening, December 4th, 7:00 p.m., and come prepared to partake of wine, apple cider, cookies and other goodies. Who can guess how many trees we will find at Nate's? No fair guessing if you already know!

HAMMER AND NAILS

The din is overwhelming! We hear hammering from Tracy and Mike's kitchen, where they are installing new/old wainscot and trim. Sharon is in the middle of a front porch renovation, to say nothing of the wallpapering, painting and carpeting going on inside. Melissa has just completed a new kitchen. Kyle and Cindy are knocking out walls in order to change the configuration of their living room—and what's up with that unopened beer bottle found in the walls? The exterior paint and deck rails at the Eiseman House are dazzling. Then there is the continuing exterior painting at Chad and Katie's. There's no doubt much more work in progress all over the neighborhood. Let us know what you're all doing so we can share the news!

SAD NEWS

Our condolences go to Tracy and Mike Dreessen over the passing of Mike's mother, Sue. Mike and Tracy bought a little house on Park and made it handicap accessible for Sue. She loved it and could be seen at any time of the day or evening, traveling between houses in her motorized wheelchair. Although Sue had diabetes and it took its toll, she always had a smile for her neighbors and we miss seeing her zipping around at top speed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bring in your family, friends, or neighbors to volunteer as a group or come in individually. Special projects welcome!

Volunteer Opportunities

Cooks

Meal Servers

Van Drivers

Child Care

Activity Coordinators

Donation Sorters

Please contact Volunteer
Coordinator Tiffanie Teeple

712-323-4416

tteeple@themicahhouse.org

The MICAH House is an emergency family homeless shelter. Their mission is to provide a safe, secure and nurturing environment for families and single women who are experiencing the crisis of homelessness



1415 Avenue J

Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501

**"Whatever
you are
be a good
one"**

**Abraham
Lincoln**

LET'S GET COOKING

By Kyle Muschall

332 Glen Avenue

NO OVEN PEANUT BUTTER SQUARES

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine	1 cup peanut butter
2 cups powdered sugar	1 1/2 pkg. milk chocolate morsels
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs	

- Line a 13x9 inch baking pan with foil. The ends of the foil should be extending over the sides.
- Melt butter in a large microwaveable bowl on HIGH for 45 seconds.
- Add sugar, graham cracker crumbs and peanut butter; mix well and spread into foil lined pan
- Melt chocolate morsels in microwaveable bowl on HIGH 1 1/2 to 2 minutes, stirring after each minute. Cool slightly
- Pour over peanut butter mixture in pan; cool for 15 to 20 minutes
- Cut partially through dessert to score the squares and refrigerate 1 hour until set
- Lift from pan using foil handles and cut all the way through the squares.

YOUTH ART AUCTION

The Date has changed for the 5th Annual Youth Art Showcase and Auction. The beautiful Security National Bank will host this year's art auction in their amazing conference space featuring a wall of windows overlooking the lake.

The reception begins at 5:00 p.m. along with the opening of the silent auction and a demonstration by the students of the Kent Bellows Studio along with musical entertainment provided by select school students. The live auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. by celebrity auctioneer Scott Moore. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

April 1, 2010
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jobber@mail.unomaha.edu



**"Love is the
only force
capable of
transforming
an enemy into
a friend "
Martin Luther
King Jr.**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Nate Watson

126 Park Avenue

As the summer draws to a close, and as many of us attempt to finish home-improvement projects before the icy chill of winter comes soon enough, I am reminded that for some things there are seasons, but the truly important parts of life are timeless and know no season. Neighbors helping neighbors. People taking the time to say "hello" to those whom they pass along the street. Friends taking the time and effort to help with one project or another, as if the success of an entire enterprise depended upon their efforts. It does.

Our neighborhood's model has been influential throughout the new and upcoming neighborhood associations within the Downtown Neighborhood Alliance (DNA), including the recent founding of Indian Creek Neighborhood Association (ICNA) and Government Center Business District (GCBD), both of whom are almost ready to seek formal admission into the DNA. ICNA encompasses the area between Avenue G on the north, North 16th Street on the west, Little Broadway (the viaduct) and West Broadway on the south, and its eastern boundary is the western boundary of Lincoln-Fairview Neighborhood Association (LFNA). GCBD encompasses both sides of Main Street and vicinity, between 16th Avenue on the South and North 2nd Street/Park Avenue on the northeast, basically completely filling in the area between Bayliss West Neighborhood Association (BWNA) on the West, and Gibraltar Neighborhood Association (GNA) on the east, with ICNA and LFNA on its northern boundary.

The DNA has also selected its officers, with Sheila Graham (GNA) as Vice-President; Mack La Rock, US Bank (GCBD), Treasurer; Mark Peterson (LFNA), Secretary, and your humble author has been named president. With the advice and consent of the DNA Board, I have named Jill Struyk, Wickham Neighborhood Association (WNA) as the DNA's liaison to the Main Street Council Bluffs Steering Committee, to ensure active communication and, where warranted, collaboration. Jill will be a wonderful advocate for the voice of the neighborhoods. In addition, also subject to the advise and consent of the DNA Board, I have named Kyle Muschall as the chair of the DNA Signage Committee, which is the first signature effort of the DNA to effect traditional, historic street-signage replacement in all our areas, with an overall, consistent theme that is nonetheless amenable to some personalization by each neighborhood. I look forward to the fruits of Kyle's immense talent and leadership abilities in this regard, as well as his committee members, including Michelle Mutchler-Burns and Amy Dixon, who have both proven so wonderful and skilled in their efforts establishing the groundwork research and outreach for this effort.

Rome was not built in a day, but our neighborhood association continues to be built and thrive in less than three years, and has been a good example for our adjacent neighborhoods. This credit belongs entirely to you and your efforts. I would be remiss if I did not also mention the invaluable assistance of the Neighborhood Center, which provides wonderful support. We can be proud, yet we should never be complacent. Like any organization, we have our opportunities and challenges, though I cannot fathom a more committed group of people than those whom we are fortunate to call our neighbors. This month, we enter our third year of actual existence. The time rapidly approaches at which the next leadership shall continue this effort within our neighborhood. And I look forward to giving my full support and effort.

"Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves "
Dale Carnegie

ROAD TRIP!

Main Street Council Bluffs is sponsoring an evening in Historic Valley Junction. See what Downtown Council Bluffs can become by visiting Historic Valley Junction West Des Moines which has an established Main Street program that we can learn from. Please join us in this fun learning experience to see how wonderful Downtown Council Bluffs can become.

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2009

Departing From: Mall of the Bluffs

Departure Time: 4 p.m.

Return Time: 10 p.m. (approximately)

Transportation will be provided. Pickup will be in the Old Target area of the Mall parking lot.

All are welcome so please share this with friends and family! If you are interested in joining us, please visit our website by Thursday, September 17th. to fill out an RSVP at:

mainstreetcouncilbluffs.com

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

The Bluffs Arts Council is looking for submissions for their 2009 Amateur Photo Contest. With over \$500.00 dollars in awards and prizes it's time dust off that point and shoot camera and take your best shot.

Categories include: Americana, Natural World, People, Travel, and Altered Images. Entries can be in color, black & white, film or digital.

Best of show and first place will be given for each age division and ribbons awarded for second and third place winners. Judged entries will be on display October 5th thru the 18th at the Center located at 714 South Main Street.

For complete information and application contact:

Laural Ronk
At 712-328-4992
lronk@bluffsarts.org

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE MISSOURI RIVER

What does the river mean to you? Creighton University's Werner Institute Public Issues Collaboration wants to hear from you regarding the Missouri River, specifically the Ecosystem Restoration Plan, a new basin wide study to determine how the river will be managed in the future to suit natural resources as well as human needs. We're planning a day of public discussion, deliberation and input from Iowa and Nebraska residents. The summary of the discussions will be provided to the US Army Corps of Engineers as the agency considers future river restoration.

This is an invited meeting for members of the public from Nebraska and Iowa. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required and you must be able to attend the meeting for the entire day.

WHEN:

Thursday, September 17,
2009

from 10:00am to 4:00pm
Sign in will begin at 9:30am

WHERE:

Creighton University
Room 3023
Harper Center
20th and Cass Streets

FREE: There is no fee to attend. We will provide lunch. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide day-care services.

REGISTRATION

To register by email:
StephenPerigo@creighton.edu
To register by phone:
402-238-4156

For more information on the project see

www.moriverrecovery.org/mrrp

SUPPORT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

We're happy to report that there is a way to give back to the Neighborhood Center for everything they have done for the F.P.N.A. and all of the Council Bluffs neighborhood associations.

The Neighborhood Center is offering "Community Day" coupon booklets. A \$5 donation to the Neighborhood Center gets you a book full of savings to use at the Younkers store in the Westroads!

This one-day sale on November 14, 2009 from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm allows customers to use the booklet of coupons and incentives! If November 14 is not a good day Younkers does offer a Pre-Sale!

100% of the proceeds go back to the Neighborhood Center directly. So stop by either of these two locations to pick up your "Community Day" coupon booklet full of savings:

115 South 49th Ave

UNO, Annex 11

Omaha, NE 68132

Or

536 East Broadway

Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Please consider helping the Neighborhood Center in this way, and feel free to tell your friends and neighborhood associations.

PASS IT ON

For more information contact:

Jennifer Bober

at 561-7581

jbober@mail.unomaha.edu

Or

Ryan Willar

at 290-0545

rwiller@mail.unomaha.edu

**"Where you start is
not as important as
where you finish"**

Zig Ziglar

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JOIN THE BBL

The Bancroft Bayliss Loop (BBL) is a community forming bicycle ride and cultural exchange engaging artists and cyclists between the Bancroft Market in Omaha Nebraska and the Bayliss area of downtown Council Bluffs Iowa.

Each Saturday artists and cyclists gather at the Bancroft Market to depart on a ride of the BBL. The ride, roughly 12 miles, travels a route that explores the Omaha riverfront, the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge, a beautiful natural landscape along the Missouri River, historic downtown Council Bluffs and many friendly residential neighborhoods on both sides of the river.

Midway through the ride, we stop at Bayliss Park in downtown Council Bluffs Iowa to picnic, or eat lunch at the Bayliss Bistro, a coffee shop and deli or La Carreta Rosa, a great Mexican restaurant.

When:

Saturdays at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where:

Start and End at the Bancroft Street Market, 10th and Bancroft, Omaha NE. We ride through Omaha and Council Bluffs

What you need:

A bike, a helmet, lunch or lunch money

More Info:

www.bancroftbaylissloop.com

email

bancroftbaylissloop@hotmail.com

Facebook Fan page:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/The-BBL-Bancroft-Bayliss-Loop>

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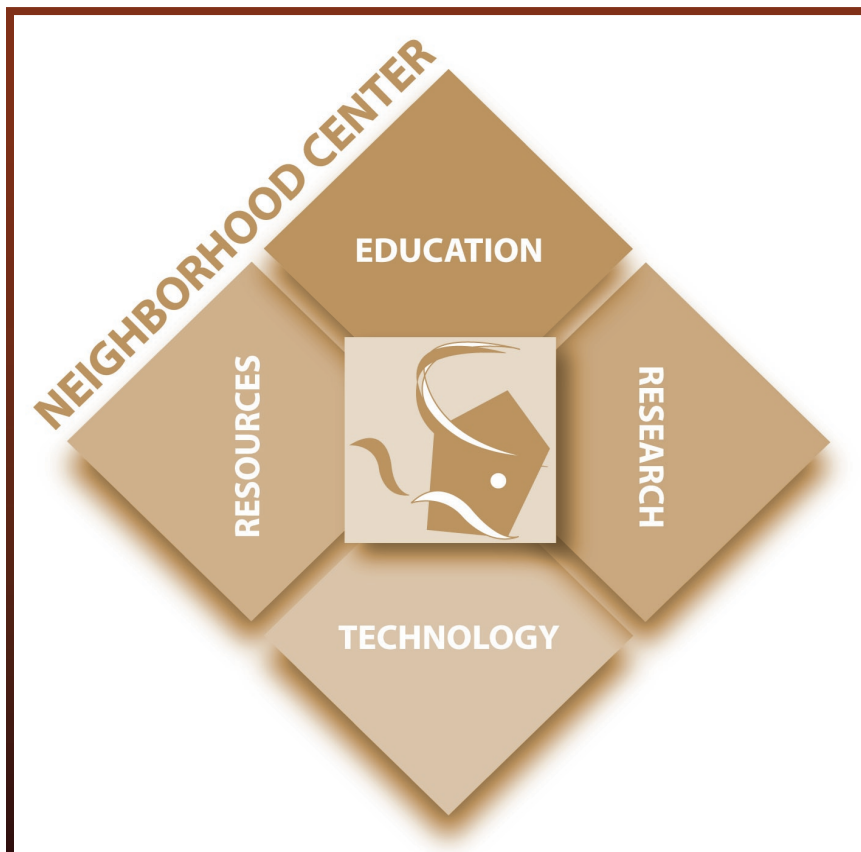
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Have an Opinion? Please Share!

We welcome any submission from a member that constructively furthers a topic of current public interest. Of course, opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Association or its membership. Any submission must be received by the first day of the month for inclusion.

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Yes! I want to be an active member of the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association. Please find enclosed a check for annual dues in the amount of \$20.00 per household.

My Name and Spouse's/Significant Other's Name: _____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Remit to: Chad Fent, Secretary Treasurer, 439 Glen Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503



Yes! I want to purchase a Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association banner.

Please find enclosed a check for the Banner fee of \$10.00

(Or additional amounts of _____ for additional banners totaling _____.)

You must be a paid member to purchase a banner

My Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Remit to: Michelle Mutchler-Burns, Vice President, 407 Glen Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503 or to Sharon Babbit, Board Member, 200 Park Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503