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By Sharon Babbit

200 Park Avenue

CRACKS AND BUCKLES, OH, MY

FPNA applied for a CURB Grant (Creating the Ultimate Residential Beautification) and we were awarded one of the first of what everyone hopes will be many grants. We ambitiously wanted to fix all the cracked, broken and unsafe sidewalk sections in our area, about 400 total. What the heck, ask for the moon we figured. Well, we didn't get the moon but we got enough money to fix about 100 sections. Specifically, we asked for \$25,000 and we got \$8,000, but that's \$8,000 more than we've ever had to do any job of any kind in this neighborhood, so we are thankful for it.

Our crew of volunteers is once again touring the streets in an attempt to pick out the worst sections for repair. Our mandate is to find the most dangerous safety hazards, such as buckles and deep cracks. If you, dear readers, were hoping to get completely new sidewalks out of this deal, you may be disappointed. But if you have a safety hazard on the sidewalk in front of your house, and we can fix it at no cost to you, that is something to be grateful for. Board member, Carol, is in charge of getting this effort under way. She was also the champion of the Kirn Park stadium painting drive, so she will be efficient in this project as well. Oh, the Pressure!!

SAY CHEESE

That is what the proposed new security camera at Kirn Park will say when it takes photos of the people using the facilities at Kirn Park. If you are good citizens and aren't up there doing something you wouldn't want the world to see, then you will appreciate what we are trying to accomplish by acquiring this camera.

As most of us who live around Kirn Park know, this area has become a hang-out for some undesirable activities. One of the best deterrents to such activities is to spend time at the Park, but we can't be there 24-7. The camera's eye will never rest, though, and it has been proven to be successful at the Black Angel and the Skateboard Park.

The particulars are these: Fairmount Park and Gibraltar NAs decided to collaborate on a Pottawattamie County Community Foundation (PCCF) Grant request to buy a permanent camera for Kirn. The camera will cost \$6,800 and the grant limit is \$5,000. This means that the two NAs will have to find an additional \$1,800 somewhere to pay for the camera. We believe this is do-able through donations from individuals and local businesses. The grant application has been submitted and we hope to hear something positive by the end of July. Never count chickens before they're hatched, but we are hopeful PCCF will approve of our idea. When we know, we will kick things into high gear with

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GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

Dear Friends: As we all know, the Missouri River is acting up as only it can do when it feels like it. Although we live in the hills and are not likely to be affected by high water, we are still concerned about our fellow residents who **MAY** need help during this (and any future emergency). It would be a good thing to be ready to assist, if needed.

Our Neighborhood Association could be called upon to react quickly to this or any other emergency, and we must have at our disposal a data-base from which to operate.

WE STRESS THAT THERE IS NO REASON, AT THIS TIME, TO BELIEVE THAT OUR ORGANIZED HELP WILL BE REQUIRED. However, it can't hurt to be prepared.

Therefore, we would like to have your answers to the following questions:

1. Are you willing and able to volunteer for anything requiring physical labor?
2. Are you willing to offer housing accommodations to those who have been evacuated?
3. Are you willing to donate food and supplies to those evacuees in need?

Please e-mail or phone your answers to these questions to
Sharon at 712-323-5912 sbabbitt2@cox.net
or
Kyle at 712-323-4047 kmuschall@cox.net

We also need to make sure your contact information is up to date, so include in your answers: your name, home address, phone number, and any changes to your e-mail address or phone.

AGAIN, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED AS AN ASSOCIATION TO RESPOND TO THIS FLOOD EMERGENCY.

THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS IS MAKING EXCELLENT PREPARATIONS.

BUT, IF WE WERE TO BE ASKED, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROUDLY SAY THAT WE ARE READY.

Thank you. FPNA Board

DATES TO REMEMBER

FPNA July Meeting
July 10th.

2:00 p.m. Fairmount Park

FPNA Home Improvement
Tour

Sept. 18th

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**"In Any
moment of
decision,
the best
thing you
can do is
the right
thing. The
worst thing
you can do
is nothing"**

**Theodore
Roosevelt**



2011 MISSOURI RIVER FLOOD

These photos were taken from the 40th floor of the First National Bank Building on the Omaha, Nebraska side of the Missouri River looking over to Council Bluffs, Iowa on June 7th, 2011.

The river is still rising.





SHOW YOUR COLORS

FPNA JULY MEETING

JULY 10TH 7:00 P.M.
211 PARK AVENUE

Join your friends and neighbors.

• Melissa is grilling hot dogs
so please bring your favorite
side dish, salad or dessert.

We look forward to seeing you there.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By Carol Mattox

225 Huntington Avenue



Harriet and Wilbur (Punch) Gallup
424 Huntington Avenue

Mr. Gallup started the interview in a very with a strange comment, he said, “I haven’t been a very good neighbor, I’ve run off everyone from Huntington that lived here in 1954 when we moved in, except Mrs. Garrington.” And so our interview started off with a laugh and we had many chuckles throughout out chat.

The Gallups are a very sweet couple who have been married for more that 66 years. They have been together since their Senior Prom in high school in Neola. They have one son who lives in Columbia, Missouri. He is a disabled veteran form the Vietnam War. Defending our country runs in the Gallup family. Wilbur or Punch (as many people call him), was a Ranger in World War II. He volunteered in the 168th Infantry from Southwest Iowa. They called for volunteers when he was in Ireland and he went for his Ranger training in Scotland.

Mr. Gallup also had several jobs in town. He used to work at the Band Box Cleaners. He was working there when the last flood in 1952 caused trouble in Council Bluffs. He said everyone in his business was helping to fill sandbags, during that time, except him because he had to get the clothes cleaned for his customers. Then he started working at the State Liquor store, which was on Main Street and later moved to South Eighth.

Mrs. Gallup worked for the gas company when it was called Northern Natural Gas and it was located on Main Street. At that time Mr. Gallup worked right next door. Then the Gas Company moved to Broadway and she moved with them. Mrs. Gallup has a beautiful collection of dolls, many of which were given to her by her son. She also has a wonderful collection of bells. One of the bells came from Germany and was originally a goblet, but when they could not sell it as a goblet, they turned it over and cut off the bottom at which time, it became a bell. The collection that means the most to her is her collection of Swarovski Austrian Crystal. Punch has given her some very beautiful pieces.

The Gallups have had several hobbies through the years. They used to dance and bowl as well as travel to the Biannual Ranger Association meetings. They have been held all over the United States, the first they attended was in Detroit in 1957.

It was my pleasure to interview the Gallups. They have many interesting stories to share.

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some serious solicitations for money—look out because you may be asked to carry around a collection plate!

By the way, although the camera will be installed and maintained by the City, it will be owned by the two NAs and will never be removed from the Park without permission from the two NAs. No more roving for this one.

SUMMER MEETING IN THE PARK

Formerly known as the “Picnic,” our summer activity at Lookout Point will NOT TAKE PLACE QUITE LIKE WE’D PLANNED! Because of this flood event, many things will have changed both in the City and in our neighborhood. There is a good chance Lookout Point will not be quite so spruced up because those workers will be needed for more urgent things elsewhere. And, wouldn’t we feel a bit guilty having a gay old time pigging out on goodies when others are working so hard or, worse, being threatened with flood damage? We think the answer is “yes.” SO, we will still meet on Sunday, July 10th, for a meeting and some good food, but it will be in Melissa Head’s beautiful back yard at 7:00 p.m. Bring food AND mosquito repellent. We will be talking about how we can help out the workers and volunteers on the levees—maybe homemade baked goods will be a good morale booster about then. See you then!

YARD OF THE MONTH

It’s that time of year again. FPNA chooses a yard each month from May through August as representing some of the quality landscaping seen in our neighborhood. A photo is published in each appropriate newsletter, to honor the homeowner and show our appreciation for the enjoyment their yard brings to the entire street. The FPNA Board doesn’t want to present an award to the same homeowner two years in a row (share the joy, we say). With this year’s cool spring, some yards got off to a late start and will begin to show off their stuff a bit later than usual. Having said all that, we chose the yard at 400 Glen as the May Yard of the Month. This yard exhibits a well balanced appearance, with spots of colorful flower containers placed just right and a truly beautiful grassy lawn across the front. Look for the photo (taken by Kyle), which appears somewhere in this newsletter, and congratulations to the homeowner and to any helpers she may have had to make her yard the outstanding spot it is.

SHE’S GOOD

Congratulations to Janelle Coker (136 Glen) for being named “Support Staff Member of the Year” by the Council Bluffs Community School District! We are honored to have a person of your caliber living among us.

THE LAST WORD

If you have read this far, you should be impressed with all the projects going on involving FPNA. Just so you know, each time you see “FPNA” you are actually reading about the many unnamed individuals behind the acronym. Without our capable and caring volunteers, “FPNA” would mean nothing. We are truly blessed. Thank you, unnamed people!

Until next time.....Sharon



TEACHING LOCAL HISTORY

Second Annual Teacher Institute for Teaching Local History is now open for registration. 2011 themes include: The Underground Railroad, the ecology of the Loess Hills and early inhabitants of the Missouri River Valley.

The five-day Institute will be based out of the Council Bluffs Public Library July 18-22, 2011. Participants in the Institute will experience the history and future of this remarkable area through authentic experiences at area attractions and landmarks. Behind the scenes tours and access to our community's most precious historical resources will enable educators to create unique Units of instruction based on the National Park Service, Teaching with Historic Places format; a flexible format that is used nationwide by the National Park Service. Superior Units will be placed on the Council Bluffs: Proud Past...Bright Future website for other educators to share. Dr. Jim Loewen, author of "Lies my Teacher Told Me" will give the Institute's keynote address as well as two private workshops on teaching local history with Institute participants.

Participants in the 5 day Institute will also receive a copy of Dr. Loewen's new book "Teaching What Really Happened: How to Avoid the Tyranny of Textbooks and Get Students Excited About Doing History", daily lunch and transportation with a breakfast reception on July 18, 2011, free parking as well as field trips to the Squirrel Cage Jail, the Hitchcock House, the Todd House, the Durham Museum and the Hitchcock Nature Center.

The Teacher Institute for Teaching Local History uses 21st Century skills to link students to history. The class will include extensive use of digital cameras, laptops, USB drives and will require a basic level of expertise in email and word processing and is also aligned with National Standards in Social Studies and the Iowa Core Curriculum. Recertification and graduate credit is also available. Space is available on a first come first served basis. There is a workshop fee charged. For more information, please go to:

www.uprrmuseum.org and click on the "Teacher Institute" tab or call (402) 501-3841



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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 Numer: _____ Email Address: _____

Remit to: John Huggins, Treasurer, 206 Park 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: _____

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Remit to: Sharon Babbitt, President, 200 Park Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503 or John Huggins, Treasurer, 206 Park Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503