



ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

A WHOLE LOTA NUTHIN'

That's just about how we could describe the progress on our two grants (CURB and Kirn Park Security Camera). There is stuff going on, and maybe we can call it progress of a sort, but certainly there is no forward momentum right now. Here's the story:

CURB: Carol has contacted six contractors asking for bids for our sidewalk repair. They are all interested but, before bidding, they need an answer to the vital question of Permits! Do we need separate permits for each household that gets repairs? Can one permit serve for the entire project? This question has been asked but not answered. We're working and hoping; the question is even going to be asked of the Mayor at this week's neighborhood meeting (thanks to Nate), but nothing can move forward until this question has been resolved.

KIRN PARK SECURITY CAMERA: We submitted our grant request, in conjunction with Gibraltar NA, and, while we were not exactly turned down, we have been put in limbo until further questions are answered by us, questions involving the way the Park is used by the neighborhoods and others, and whether or not the stadium can be considered "historic." We answered them and now we'll just have to wait and see. If we get this grant, it will only cover \$5,000 of the cost of the camera; the rest has to come from the two NAs. Translated, this means each organization will be responsible for \$900 of the cost, assuming the cost of the camera remains at the \$6,800 quote. We have guaranteed that the money will come from our treasury, but, well, you know how carefully we are looking out for our money. Therefore, we are asking for pledges to pay for our share and have already received \$450 in pledges—no actual money until we learn the fate of our grant request. You may be one of the lucky ones to hear that knock on your door asking for your pledge, or you may let Sharon know that you are willing to contribute to this cause by e-mailing her at sbabbitt2@cox.net or calling 323-5912. Think about how important it is to keep Kirn Park safe and sound for us and for future generations.

OUCH

That's what the volunteers on the Missouri River levees are probably saying every time a pesky mosquito decides to land. Several neighborhood associations, under the umbrella of the Downtown Neighborhood Alliance, are coordinating efforts to furnish needed supplies and foodstuffs to the volunteers out there doing their jobs to protect us from flood waters. FPNA has been assigned the task of supplying mosquito repellent products. Specifically, we have been asked for Deep Woods Off Sportsman 25% DEET. We have deposited several dozen cans of this product onto Nate's front porch

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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

Night Out for Neighbors
August 2nd.

Savor the Flavor
August 20
4-8 p.m.

100 Block West Broadway

FPNA Home Improvement
Tour
Sept. 18th
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

YOGA IN THE PARK

Explore flexibility, balance, and strength with the "Free Yoga in the Park" series. August 13th and September 10th from 9:30 am-10:30 am at Bayliss Park.

Create a practice of inner peace while helping with a sustainable healthy community.

For more information visit Carrie McDonald's facebook events page "Free Yoga in the Park" or email carrieonfitness@gmail.com.

Please bring a mat, small towel and water bottle.

2011 MISSOURI RIVER FLOOD INFO

Please visit the City of Council Bluffs website www.councilbluffs-ia.gov for the City evacuation plan summary, closed trail map, information phone lines, frequently asked questions, road closings, to sign up for the Code Red emergency notification system, and for other flood-related links and updates. The City has published a new trail map illustrating closures.

The City of Council Bluffs is asking seniors and residents with special needs to voluntarily register with the city. Registering would help emergency personnel assure the safe and timely evacuation of seniors and people with special needs who need assistance. The number to call to register is 712-328-4672. Registering is free and voluntary.

Volunteer Sandbagging Opportunities: The City continues to have sandbagging operations during the week. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to sandbag at the Mid America Center. The City will also hold a sandbagging event on Saturday, July 16, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 89.7 The River will be on site from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with live music. Please wear closed toe shoes: no flip flops or sandals. VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE CALL 712-325-4736.

"The Important thing is to not stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing"

Albert Einstein



National Night Out

&
"Night Out For Neighbors"



Tuesday August 2, 2011



Join the Omaha Police Department and the Neighborhood Center in celebrating National Night Out as together we work to keep the Omaha Metropolitan area neighborhoods safe and help our local flood victims!

Bring your donated cleaning supplies to your National Night Out party. You can also drop them off at any Omaha Police or Fire Dept.
Aug 1 - Aug 5



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NIGHT OUT FOR NEIGHBORS

Due to the flooding disaster the Omaha Police Department and the Neighborhood Center have joined together to host a special event on National Night Out. It will be called National Night Out and “Night Out for Neighbors”. The purpose of this event is to collect much-needed items for local flood victims.

National Night Out is a community event that happens the first Tuesday in August each year. On August 2nd residents in neighborhoods throughout the Omaha Metropolitan area are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. This year we are asking neighbors to bring donated cleaning items to their party.

How Can You Participate?

Many neighborhoods throughout Omaha will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and visits from police. During these get-togethers, we ask that you bring an item to donate to the flood victims. Items needed are: rubber gloves, buckets, disinfectants, brushes, brooms, mops, safety glasses, garbage bags, clean rags, paper towels, bottled water and Gatorade.

Where Can You Drop off Donated Items?

You are encouraged to bring your donations to your local National Night Out party. You can also bring items to one of the following locations August 1st – Aug 6th 9AM – 4PM:

Northwest Police Precinct

10245 Wiesman Drive

Southwest Police Precinct

9864 M St.

Southeast Police Precinct

2475 Deer Park

Northeast Police Precinct

4316 No. 30th St.

Central Police Station

505 So. 15th St.

Neighborhood Center

136 So. Main St. Council Bluffs, IA.

Any Omaha Fire Department locations

The final drop off point will be at the Target Parking Lot, 72nd & Dodge on Saturday August 6th. 9AM – 11AM.

If you need assistance in getting your donated items from your block party to one of the collection sites, or for more information, please call Officer Jennifer Nelson at 402-444-3479.



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(126 Park) but much, much more is needed for now and into the end of summer. Won't you please donate as many cans as you can comfortably afford, or in the alternate, make a monetary donation so the DNA can purchase this product? If you wish to donate money please contact Nate Watson at nathanwatson@mgwl.com The volunteers will thank you when those mosquitoes (which have been found to be carrying West Nile) have to look elsewhere for their meals.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

On July 10th, we held our "picnic" meeting at Melissa's. The weather was hot, humid and oppressive. Our intention was to meet in her back patio, where tables, chairs and grill were waiting. Melissa was called away and so we made a decision without her to go inside where it was nice and cool. We had an enjoyable time and cleaned up afterwards; she never knew until someone spilled the beans the next day. The only hot one was Dave, who grilled the hot dogs outside, giving a new meaning to the definition of "hot stuff."

NEXT MEETING

For the last four years we have left the month of August free of meetings because of weather and possible vacation plans, and this year will be no exception. So, there will be no meeting during August. In September, we will hold our Home Improvement Tour on September 18th, in which we will involve several homeowners and volunteers. Therefore, we will not have another membership meeting until early October. We are looking for a volunteer to host this meeting. Will it be you?

YARD OF THE MONTH

Our Yard of the Month award for June was given to Mark and Barbara Holt at 434 Glen. When we looked at their yard, we were impressed by the well-balanced show of flowers, especially the beautiful lilies growing near the impressive retaining wall in front. Although the lilies aren't blooming now, they put on quite a show during their prime.

THE LAST WORD

This column can't come to an end without mentioning the selfless volunteers who have been devoting their time, energy and treasure in helping to save our City and surrounding countryside from the ravages of this flood. We hear stories every day about some unsung hero or group going above and beyond to help our fellow man. It is awe-inspiring. Thank you, heroes all.

Until next time.....Sharon

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy"

Martin Luther King Jr.

SAVOR THE FLAVOR

The Bluffs Arts Council labels Savor the Flavor as a tasteful celebration of craft beer, fine wine, gourmet food, art, and music. The event takes place:

Saturday, August 20
100 Block of West Broadway
4 - 8 PM

Tickets are \$20 or \$18 for Bluffs Arts Council members (or \$25 at the door, must be 21 years of age).

You can purchase tickets online at www.bluffsarts.org or call 712-328-4992 for more information.

MAIN STREET FARMER'S MARKET

Main Street Farmers Market is located on Main Street in downtown Council Bluffs, Iowa. It was started in 2010 to help the area grow and prosper. They are sincerely committed to a sense of community and thus wanted to support the local efforts in the area. Join them May through September each year for some of the most awesome produce, eggs, cheese, honey, baked goods, art, flowers and information about the local community and the efforts to make positive changes in the way we live.

Location:

Corner of Main Street & 9th Avenue. Council Bluffs, IA

When:

Every Thursday (thru September). 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Contact Information:

mainstreetfarmersmarket@gmail.com

www.mainstreetfarmersmarketcb.com



434 Glen Avenue Mark & Barbara Holt

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Please Share!**

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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: _____

Telephone Numer: _____ Email Address: _____

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