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ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt200 Park Avenue

LAST CHANCE THIS SUMMER

Yes, it is true. If you don’t attend our picnic on July 14th, you will not get another chance to see us all together until September because, as established by tradition, we take the hot August month off so far as FPNA stuff is concerned. No meeting, no newsletter, no nuthin’. Of course, business goes on anyway, so your Board doesn’t get a “true” vacation, but that’s why they are paid so well. Be sure to come to the picnic and relax under the shade at Lookout Point. Even on hot days, it is comfortable there.

OLLIE THE TROLLEY IS COMING

He will be touring the historic neighborhoods on July 26th, so look for him to be driving up some of our streets in the early evening hours on that Thursday. A tour, organized by Preserve Council Bluffs, has hired Ollie for the evening. He will leave the Main Street Market at 9th and Main, at 5:30 and 7:00. The cost will be \$5 and with this you will get that wonderful booklet about all the historic neighborhoods, which costs \$5 itself, so this means that Ollie will be working for free. It also means that we will want our lawns mowed and porches clean, at least for that evening, for that all-important curb appeal. Please help the Park/Glen Historic District look shining for the public!

YARD OF THE MONTH

So far this season, two front yards have been named as Yard of the Month recipients. We mean, of course, that the homeowners are the actual recipients, with their yards as merely gorgeous players in this contest. In May, we chose 445 Glen as the winner (homeowners Terri Dowell and Karl Allen), and in June the nod went to 223 Park (homeowners Kelly and Ward Prine). These yards are looking stellar, despite the uncooperative weather. Thanks to these homeowners for presenting such a nice appearance from the street.

How are these winners chosen? Who gets to say, anyway? Here’s how the process works: Linda is in charge of searching for candidates for the Board to consider. Each month, about 2-3 weeks prior to the Board decision, she scopes out all the streets in the neighborhood and makes the initial recommendations. Hint, Linda likes a neat and well balanced appearance. She then forwards 3-4 of her favorites to the Board members, who vote on who should be the winner (there is only one each month). Most of the time there is a clear winner, but occasionally the unspeakable happens and there is a tie. Then, your President must step in and break the tie. All votes taken by the Board work this way, no matter what

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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: Dave Huggins, Treasurer, 150 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 \$12.00

(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: Kyle Muschall, President, 332 Glen Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503 or Dave Huggins, Treasurer, 150 Park Avenue Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Bacon Ranch Pasta Salad by Kyle Muschall 332 Glen Avenue

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| 1 (12 ounce) package uncooked tri-color rotini pasta | 1/2 teaspoon garlic pepper |
| 10 slices bacon | 1/2 cup milk, or as needed |
| 1 cup mayonnaise | 1 large tomato, chopped |
| 3 tablespoons dry ranch salad dressing mix | 1 (4.25 ounce) can sliced black olives |
| 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder | 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese |

-Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Stir in rotini pasta and cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until al dente; drain.

-Place bacon in a skillet over medium-high heat and cook until evenly brown. Drain and chop.

-In a large bowl, mix mayonnaise, ranch dressing mix, garlic powder, and garlic pepper.

-Stir in milk until smooth. Place bacon, tomato, black olives and cheese in bowl and toss to coat with dressing.

-Cover and chill at least 1 hour in the refrigerator.

"I am a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't want to let him down"

Abraham Lincoln

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday 5:00 - 8:00 pm through September 27 on the corner of 9th Avenue and Main St. The Main Street Market seeks vendors who sell produce, wines, jams, jellies, baked goods, and arts and crafts (all processed food vendors must be State of Iowa certified). For more information or questions about the Main Street Market contact

Valerie Ware at 402.679.6366

or email

mainstreetfarmersmarket@gmail.com

TOUR HISTORIC COUNCIL BLUFFS

On Ollie the Trolley Thursday, July 26, 2012. Presented by Preserve Council Bluffs.

First Tour: 5:30 - 6:30

Second Tour: 7:00 - 8:00

Boarding at the Main Street Market - Ninth Avenue and S. Main Street. \$5 per person (includes 60-Page Booklet, Historic Homes Of Council Bluffs - Four Walking Tours). Tickets on sale at boarding site beginning at 5pm until seats are filled. Sponsored by: Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring. Shop at the farmers market and enjoy the tour on the same night.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FPNA July Meeting

Look Out Point

July 14th 4:00 p.m.

RailRoad Days

July 14th-15th.

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ollie the Trolley Tour of Historic

Council Bluffs

July 26th 5:00-8:00 p.m.

FPNA September Meeting

TBD

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER

July 14th 4:00 pm Look Out Point

Join us for the FPNA picnic in the park. We will be providing the Fried Chicken and Beverages. You bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Lets celebrate our Independence

**"How beautiful
a day can be
when kindness
touches it"
George Elliston**



RAILROAD DAYS

July 14-15 from 9am - 5pm. Three Omaha locations: Joslyn Museum, Lauritzen Gardens, & Durham Museum. PLUS three Council Bluffs locations: Union Pacific Railroad Museum, RailsWest (1899 Rock Island Depot), & Historic General Dodge House. Admission (\$15 per family, limit 2 adults) includes transportation between all locations. Visit www.omaharailroaddays.com for details.

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it is for. Fortunately, this seldom occurs, but it did happen in May. Then the President is placed in the embarrassing position of having to vote for three Board members and against three others. One must be brave to hold the highest office.

IN DEFENSE OF OUR HOME TOWN

A personal story: Recently, I attended an event where I had the chance to visit with others from the Metro area. I was paired up with a couple of nice fellows from Omaha and, somehow, the conversation drifted to our respective cities—Council Bluffs and Omaha. Naturally, we were all proud of our own territory. One of the Omahans referred to Council Bluffs as..... well, let's just say "not Omaha." That got me thinking. Of course, we're "not Omaha" and why would we want to be? This side of the river offers affordable housing; lower taxes; good schools; plenty of churches; beautiful city parks; less crime and a great police department; little if any graffiti; lots of recreation opportunities (and if we don't have enough to do in our home town we can always cross the river and enjoy what our sister city has to offer); shopping opportunities galore; streets that are cleared of snow before we're even awake; responsive city government; friendly neighbors—the list goes on. I repeat: of course, we're "not Omaha" and why would we want to be?

FPNA ON LINE!!

We've joined the digital age. The official Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association website is finally up and running. We've been working these last few months constructing and loading content on the site. I want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Sarah Arnold who has been lending her Web Design expertise to this project so that we can establish a web presence. Without her generosity this endeavor would never have been realized. So visit our site, add it to your favorites, leave a comment and let us know what you think.

www.fairmountparkna.org

The President's Corner

Kyle Muschall

332 Glen Avenue

I want to thank everyone who participated in 2012 FPNA Garage and Bake Sale. We had 13 locations in all. The weather was perfect even though it got a little warm just after noon. The foot traffic was phenomenal. I don't think there was a real lull in traffic until almost 1p.m. Everyone commented on how their customers thought the event was marvelous and what a splendid neighborhood we live in. All in all it was a good day and very nice to see the neighborhood streets so full of activity. Check out the photos on pages four and five of this month's newsletter and there are even more photos on FPNA website Photo Gallery for pictures of the event. Just go to www.fairmountparkna.org.

We're in the midst of a July heat wave and while we all do our own private rain dance to find relief we also need to remember to be safe. Adults and children need to remember to drink lots of fluids to keep hydrated. Don't wait until you are thirsty before taking a drink. Your body needs plenty of fluids before going outside, while out in the heat and afterwards. Avoid strenuous activity during peak sun hours (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.). Look for shade and take lots of breaks. Seek medical attention immediately for any signs of heat-related illness which can include; elevated body temperature, headache, nausea, weakness, dizziness, fainting, and muscle cramps. Treatment for heat-related illness generally includes moving the individual out of the hot environment, implementing cooling measures as needed, rest, and rehydration. Have a fun and safe summer.

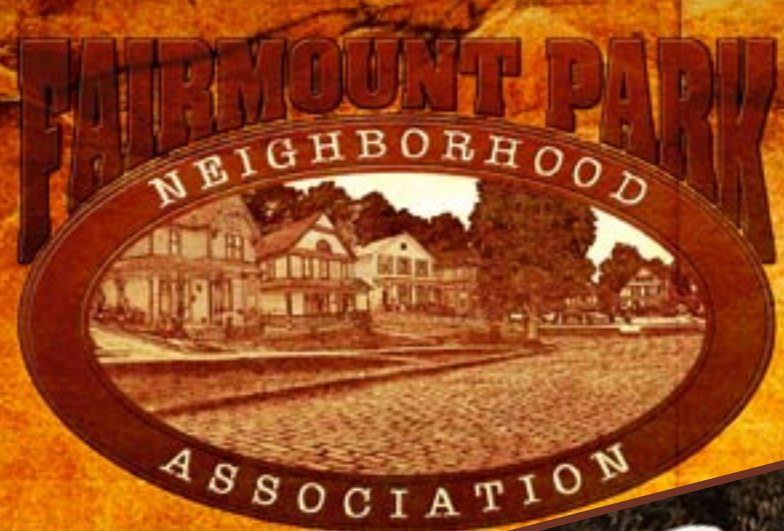


JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH



223 Park Avenue Ward and Kelly Prine

Photo by Kyle Muschall



2012 GARAGE SALE

