

## ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbit

200 Park Avenue

### FORGET ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS

Yes, that's right. Veterans Day has come and gone. Even Remembrance Sunday is a thing of the past. Thanksgiving Day is coming up but so what. The only holiday we are concerned with now is the one celebrating Christmas on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Nate's house. This is a big event for FPNA and one we should not miss. If you don't come to any other meetings, there are two that are essential—the annual meeting in January and the Christmas party in December.

Here are the facts: At the January annual meeting we will probably still be able to enjoy some Christmas decorations because Cindy puts up so many she won't have had time to take them all down by January. And Nate decorates those famous (or infamous) 22-27 trees—they are everywhere, yet still allow the crowd to move around in his Victorian home comfortably—even if the food and good company aren't of interest to you, it would still be interesting to analyze the logistics of this phenomenon! And speaking of the food, this is the only change Nate has made to his annual party. He requests that we bring some food to supplement the cookies and other stuff he will be providing (he claims he's been so busy this year that he hasn't had time to bake those hundreds of cookies made from his grandmother's recipes—can't imagine what he's been doing), so let's be good sports and turn the party into a blowout potluck. So, we have to cook a little—at least we don't have to bring presents! Remember that address—126 Park Ave., and that time—4:00 p.m., and that date—December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### WREATHS AND BOWS

Soon, many of the utility poles in the neighborhood will be sprouting a slightly different holiday décor. Until now, FPNA's contribution to the season has been bows on utility poles, but this year a chance remark by Dave at a Board meeting earlier in the year gave us the idea to add wreaths to our traditional look. Linda is our holiday decorating committee of one, with help from others (especially husband Mike), and she has collected wreath donations from herself, Nate and Sharon, so this added festive look is cost free to FPNA. The wreaths/bows are ready to go and will be installed on or about Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition, a large wreath with lights and bows will go up on the Pump House at the top of Glen Ave. at about the same time. We are reasonably confident that those lights will stay lit for the entire season, so think positive.

### BANNERS AND POLES, WHAT NOW

This project is moving along, maybe at a snail's pace but still moving forward. It looks as though the two grants we received will actually cover the cost of five identifying poles; this means that all five entrances will have poles and

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# Caramel Pecan Pie

by Kyle Muschall 332 Glen Avenue

1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust	3 eggs
36 individually wrapped caramels unwrapped	1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup butter	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk	1 cup pecan halves
3/4 cup white sugar	

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C.)
- In a saucepan over low heat, combine caramels, butter and milk.
- Cook, stirring frequently, until smooth. Remove from heat and set aside.
- In a large bowl, combine sugar, eggs, vanilla and salt. Gradually mix in the melted caramel mixture. Stir in pecans.
- Pour filling into unbaked pie crust.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 45 to 50 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown.
- Allow to cool until filling is firm.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Historic General Dodge House will present two performances of A Christmas Carol at Iowa Western Community College Looft Hall on Sunday November 18. In celebration of Charles Dickens' 200th Birthday Gerald Charles Dickens, the great-great grandson of the literary master, will perform the classic - A Christmas Carol - a story near and dear to all of our hearts. This is a one-man performance; each character has a very definite voice and expression that can be very easily distinguished.

Sunday 2:00 p.m. Matinee tickets - Family (2 adults & children, age 8-16): \$55.00 Members: \$20.00 Adult: \$25.00 Child (age 8-16): \$10.00 Sunday 7:00 p.m. performance - Member or Child (age 8-16): \$35.00 Adult: \$40.00 Iowa Western Community College, Looft Hall, 2700 College Road, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Please call 712-322-2406 for tickets or information

## Signs of Stroke

### DO YOU KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms. Here are three easy questions to ask:

S: Ask the person to SMILE.

T: Ask the person to TALK and speak a simple sentence coherently.

R: Ask the person to RAISE both arms.

And here is a new sign of a stroke:

Ask the person to STICK OUT HIS/HER TONGUE. If the tongue is crooked (goes to one side or the other), this is also a sign of a Stroke.

If the person has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately!!

# The President's Corner

**Kyle Muschall**

**332 Glen Avenue**

This month I would like to thank someone who was instrumental in helping make the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association a reality. Ron Abdouch retired this November as the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Center. For over a decade the Neighborhood Center has always been in service to the community, helping to strengthen our neighborhoods and improve our cities in both Council Bluffs and Omaha.

Ron was always eager to engage folks and educate them on what can be achieved if you are organized, informed and determined to make a change.

He didn't sit on the sideline. He got involved. He spent many of his Saturdays helping our Association. Whether that was manning the dumpster at our annual clean up events, volunteering during our Garage Sale and Home tour functions, or speaking to our members directly at our meetings and thru the Center's numerous "Neighborhood Builders" meeting series.

He collaborated with our organization to assist us with writing grants that allowed us to make improvements in our group's identification, our infrastructure and the safety of our streets and parks.

I truly appreciate Ron's commitment, his energy and his expertise in helping shape our organization to what it has become today. I wish him well for what the future holds and look forward to the continued partnership with the Neighborhood Center.

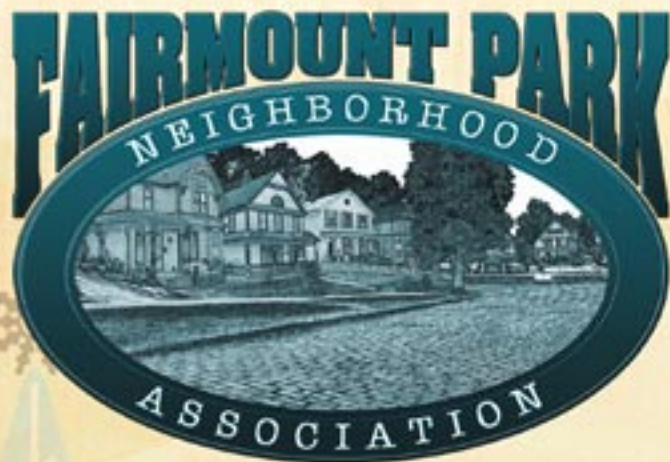


## THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

- The Plymouth Pilgrims were the first to celebrate the Thanksgiving.
- The Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford, had organized the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621. He invited the neighboring Wampanoag Indians to the feast.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.
- Sarah Josepha Hale, an American magazine editor, persuaded Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. She is also the author of the popular nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"
- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President does not eat the live turkey. He "pardons" it and allows it to live out its days on a historical farm.
- In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations.
- The average weight of a turkey purchased at Thanksgiving is 15 pounds.
- The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds, about the size of a large dog.
- Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef.
- Turkeys have heart attacks. The United States Air Force was doing test runs and breaking the sound barrier. Nearby turkeys dropped dead with heart attacks.
- A 16-week-old turkey is called a fryer. A five to seven month old turkey is called a young roaster.



*Let's Celebrate the Holidays*



*Would like to invite you and your family to join us in our annual holiday festivities at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday December 1st. at 126 Park Avenue.*

*We are having a potluck this year so please bring that favorite dish, dessert or cookie recipe you are famous for.*

*We look forward to seeing you and your good cheer.*

*Sincerely, FPNA*



## Pioneer Life Program

A verbal picture of pioneer life in Southwest Iowa painted by those who actually lived it is the topic of the final program of the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County's 2012 speakers series.

The firsthand accounts are taken from letters and reminiscences of our area's early settlers, Civil War soldiers, and abolitionists. The lecture will be presented by author and historian James Patrick Morgans Sunday, November 18, in the auditorium of the Western Historic Trials Center (3434 Richard Downing Ave).

The program will start at 2 pm. Mr. Morgans is the author of three history books that explore the early times of Southwest Iowa. His newest is "Letters and Reminiscences from the Iowa Frontier: John Todd and the Tabor Colony 1850-1865."

In addition to his books he has written over 150 magazine articles for a variety of publications including the Omaha World-Herald, Farm Journal, and Iowa Heritage Illustrated. Following the program, a book signing will be held for Mr. Morgan's latest book. The program is free and open to the public.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB VOLUNTEER

The Boys & Girls Club of Council Bluffs is in need of volunteers to work specifically with their younger members to help them with reading, writing and math. Scheduling is flexible but volunteers are most needed between 2-5PM on Mondays and 4-6PM Tuesdays through Friday. This is a great opportunity to truly affect the lives of children in our community. It is also perfect for students wanting to go into education or work with youth, or for anyone who enjoys children and having fun. If you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity please feel free to call or email Tiffanie Teeple.

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"I've learned  
that you  
shouldn't go  
through life  
with a  
catcher's mitt  
on both hands.  
You need to be  
able to throw  
something  
back"

Maya Angelou





## BLUFFS TOMORROW 2030

The process to update the City's comprehensive plan is underway. The first public meeting was held October 24, but if you couldn't make it, there will be future opportunities for input, and a project website has been developed and is presently live and available to the public. It can be found at the following link: [www.hlplanning.com/dnn/home/tabid/2923/default.aspx](http://www.hlplanning.com/dnn/home/tabid/2923/default.aspx).

The website contains an interactive mapping tool that users can illustrate various types of 'issues' or 'assets', it includes questionnaires for residents and business operators/owners, and also includes opportunities to sign-up for an RSS feed that will notify recipients of the addition of new announcements on the project website. Please encourage your neighbors, colleagues, and friends to get involved and take advantage of the opportunity to have input in the planning process and future of this community.

The link to the project website will be located throughout the planning process on the Community Development Department website. It can be accessed at the following: [www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/index.aspx?nid=148](http://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/index.aspx?nid=148).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rose Brown, Planning Coordinator for the Community Development Department at [rbrown@councilbluffs-ia.gov](mailto:rbrown@councilbluffs-ia.gov) or 712.328.4629.

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

Join Omaha Area Youth Orchestras (OAYO) and the Bluffs Arts Council for the second annual Holiday Concert Collaboration featuring performances by OAYO students and a prepared reading of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Suite.

Bring your instruments and join in or just come to enjoy this holiday classic. This festive event will also include refreshments, Christmas carols and a Christmas sweater contest.

The event will be held Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Arts Center at Iowa Western Community College, 2700 College Road, Council Bluffs. The prepared reading starts at 3 p.m. with rehearsals starting two hours earlier at 1 p.m. If you would like to play in the prepared reading please email Rochelle Samuelson at [info@oayo.org](mailto:info@oayo.org) by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

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banners soon. The banner design has been tweaked by Kyle, and it is a beauty. It artistically identifies us as a neighborhood association and a historic district, and the art work cleverly depicts an inviting front porch, which we think subliminally speaks to who we are. The one fly in this ointment is the weather. Will we be able to install these poles before the first of the year? That's our goal and the requirement of the grants, and we're doing our best.

### WRONG ADVICE

We were wrong. We really don't want you to forget Thanksgiving. Happy turkey day, everyone.



## CRIME INFORMATION

Visit the Council Bluffs Police Department website

[www.cbpolice.org/avenues2](http://www.cbpolice.org/avenues2).

To view crime information that reflects written reports by the officers of your police department in a given time frame (just click on the "Crime Information" links to open up the reports as PDF documents). There are five sections on the PDFs that are broken up to show case number, date and time report was written, general location of the incident, the district the incident occurred, and a description of the incident.

The Council Bluffs Police Department hopes the citizens of Council Bluffs find this information useful in keeping their neighborhoods safe. Remember if you see something say something.

If you see a crime in progress please call 911, if the crime has already happened (shed broken into) you can call the non-emergency number 712-328-5737. This phone is answered by the 911 operators; it just doesn't tie up a 911 line.

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

A Christmas Carol  
Nov. 18 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
IWCC Loft Hall

Pioneer Life Program  
Nov. 18 2:00 p.m.  
Western Historic Trail Center  
3434 Richard Downing Ave

FPNA December Christmas Party  
Dec. 1st. 4:00 p.m.  
126 Park Avenue

OAYO Holiday Concert  
3:00 p.m.  
IWCC Arts Center  
2700 College Road

**ANOTHER CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**  
LOCATED IN  
**A BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED VICTORIAN HOME**  
AT  
**206 PARK AVENUE**  
**COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

**DEC. 1-2, 2012 10-5 EACH DAY**  
**MEET THE ARTISTS PREVIEW**  
**Nov. 30, 2012 6-9 P.M.**  
**FEATURING WINE FROM PRAIRIE HAWK WINERY**

**THIS HOME WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DEC. 2ND PRESERVE**  
**COUNCIL BLUFFS CHRISTMAS**  
**HOMES TOUR, SO WATCH FOR CROWDS THAT DAY.**

**ORIGINAL WORKS**  
**FROM**  
**12 AREA ARTISTS**

**HOLIDAY AND HOME DÉCOR,**  
**JEWELRY, ACCESSORIES,**  
**SOAPS AND MUCH MORE!**  
**A ONE-OF-A-KIND HOLIDAY**  
**SHOPPING EXPERIENCE**

**CALL SARAH AT 323-5312 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**"Keep Smiling.  
It makes  
people wonder  
what you've been  
up to"**

**Author  
Unknown**

## **FPNA ON LINE!!**

**W**e'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](http://www.fairmountparkna.org)

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**Have an Opinion?  
Please Share!**

**W**e 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. Please Contact the Editor.

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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