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ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

WE THANK THESE FOLKS

Here is the list of those of us who have paid our dues to the FPNA for the year 2013. We thank you very much for your support and your money, without both we could not continue to operate. If you have paid your dues and your name doesn't appear below, Treasurer Dave Huggins asks that you e-mail him so that he can amend his records. His e-mail is huggiyone@cox.net. Thanks again (we can't say it often enough).

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Mary Lou McGinn
Betty McKee
Kyle and Cindy Muschall
Mike and Linda Ring
Nate Watson
Wayne and Melva Wood

Our dues are payable yearly and are still \$20. We also offer membership flags for your yard for \$12. We ordered a new batch of these flags last year; they are intensely colored and include a wooden dowel in the bottom to keep them straight. Your old flags are going on 6 years and may be faded or torn from our changing midwestern weather. On the last page of this very newsletter are order forms for both membership and membership flags. You can remit to Dave Huggins (150 Park Avenue) or Kyle Muschall (332 Glen Avenue).

FAMILY WELLNESS FAIR

Saturday, April 27, 9:00am - 12:00pm at Thomas Jefferson High School (2501 W Broadway). Family Wellness Fair by Live Well Pottawattamie County. Free and open to the public. Featuring: healthy cooking demonstrations, vegetable gardening basics workshop, health screenings, vendor booths with tips for healthy living, fitness activities, kids fun: face painting, bounce house, fire truck, Hershey track meet (Parks & Recreation Department), YMCA kids day...and more. For more information please call 712-396-4369 or 712-328-4974.

OLLIE THE TROLLEY

Tour Historic Council Bluffs on Ollie the Trolley April 25, 5:30pm. Boarding at Union Pacific Railroad Museum (200 Pearl St). \$10 per person - advance sale only! Call Bluffs Arts Council (Monday - Thursday) 712.328.4992.

Tour Schedule: the fourth Thursday of each month April through October: April 25 - 5:30pm, May 23 - 10:00am & 5:30pm, June 27 - 5:30pm, July 25 - 10:00am & 5:30 pm, August 22 - 5:30pm, September 26 - 5:30pm, and October 24, 5:00pm. Presented by Preserve Council Bluffs.

FANDERS RECEPTION & EXHIBIT

Join the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County for a festival of photos and reception to thank R.H. Fanders for his lifetime of community service to Council Bluffs and recent donation of artifacts and photographs to the Society. The event will be held Sunday, April 21, 2-4 pm at the Western Historic Trails Center, 3434 Richard Downing Avenue in Council Bluffs. There is no admission charge and the public is invited; refreshments will be served. This special one-time exhibit will include a continuous loop digital presentation of historic Council Bluffs images, photo albums of local theatrical productions and the Renaissance Faire, as well as memorabilia from Mr. Fanders years as Thomas Jefferson high school drama teacher. Copy and paste www.HistoricalSocietyEvents.com into a web browser for a preview of the photo display.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF

Free Prescription/Over the Counter Drug Drop Event Saturday, April 27, 10am - 2pm at Council Bluffs Walgreens on 535 East Broadway (look for the signs). Drop off your expired or unused prescriptions and over the counter medications. Free and no questions asked.

MONEY SMART WEEK EVENTS

Small Business Event Thursday, April 25, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Library Room A. Ask a panel of experts and entrepreneurs your questions about the "rules, regs and realities" of opening or starting a small business in downtown Council Bluffs. Audience: Entrepreneurs, business owners, downtown building owners, realtors, business students, all interested parties. Topics: Building Blocks in the Bluffs, Coming Soon: Storefront Success, Major Moment Momentum, Buffing Up the Bluffs, Building Downtown Popularity. Moderator: Patrick Stibbs, owner of On The Spot Productions. Panel: Alisa Roth - owner of Bloom Works, Tim Behrens - owner of Kanesville Kollektibles, Matt Johnson - owner of Barley's Bar, Gene Morris - owner of Gene's Toys, Valerie Ware - local entrepreneur. Sponsored by: MSCB, Inc. Joshua Barbee, Executive Director, 500 Willow Ave, Suite 101, (712) 256-5030, joshua@mscb-inc.org- www.MSCB-Inc.org.

Saturday, April 27, 1:00-3:00pm (drop in any time), at the Lemen Visitor Center on the Children's Square Campus (714 Ave E). Sponsored by: Kanesville-Tinley Neighborhood Association and for all neighborhood association members. Information booths on the following topics: Housing, Credit Scores and Credit Counseling, Home Equity Loans/Mortgage Refinance, Help for Senior Citizens, Banking, Legal Aid, Cash Flow is Queen (Financial Success Class), Utility Budgeting, Job Training/Resume Writing, Heating & Energy Assistance, Workforce English. Also Activities for the Kids/Teens: Money Island video game, For Real? (Counterfeit Money), Monopoly game playing. Also, special opportunity to ask your political representatives and city officials questions about finance in the city or the state legislature!

RIVER'S EDGE PARK GRAND OPENING

The City of Council Bluffs along with Con Agra Foods Foundation and the Iowa West Foundation are proud to announce the acclaimed Playing With Fire concert series will bring world-class jazz, blues, soul and funk music to celebrate the Grand Opening of River's Edge Park at the foot of the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge in Council Bluffs by offering a free Memorial Day concert on Monday, May 27, 2013.

Playing With Fire was founded in 2004 from the vision of Council Bluffs businessman Jeff Davis as a gift to the Omaha and Council Bluffs community: a free concert series, assessable to everyone. It has grown to become one of the community's music showcases, and is known as a mainstay of summer

The headliner of the Playing with Fire concert is Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings, who have appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson. Also appearing is special guest Vintage Trouble, who recently appeared on Late Show with David Letterman and opening across the country for The Who. To complement the headliners, Omaha's own premier local funk and party band Satchel Grande, and popular veteran of the local blues scene, Mojo Bag, will open the show. Guests will enjoy a special appearance from harmonious and soulful M2J. Gates open at 3:30 p.m. and Mojo Bag kicks off the festivities at 4:00 p.m.

To find out more about River's Edge Park and when other events for the Grand Opening are announced, visit us on the web at www.cbarksandrec.org or like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RiversEdgeParkCB>.



Texas Caviar

by Kyle Muschall 332 Glen Avenue

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| 1/2 onion, chopped | 1 (8 ounce) bottle zesty Italian dressing |
| 1 green bell pepper, chopped | 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained |
| 1 bunch green onions, chopped | 1 (15 ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained |
| 2 jalapeno peppers, chopped | 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander |
| 1 tablespoon minced garlic | 1 bunch chopped fresh cilantro |
| 1 pint cherry tomatoes, quartered | |

-In a large bowl, mix together onion, green bell pepper, green onions, jalapeno peppers, garlic, cherry tomatoes, zesty Italian dressing, black beans, black-eyed peas and coriander.

-Cover and chill in the refrigerator approximately 2 hours.

-Toss with desired amount of fresh cilantro to serve.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SACK LUNCHES

By Kyle Muschall

332 Glen Avenue



The Habitat for Humanity sack lunches went very well and very quickly. Several of us met Saturday morning on the 23 of March to prepare and put the twenty lunches together. Linda Ring (504 Glen) decorated each sack with an FPNA thank-you sticker and tied each sack shut with twine, which was a very nice touch. In each sack we included hoagies with lots of toppings, potato salad, cookies, brownies, lollipops, chips and fruit. Water was also furnished. I want to take a moment to thank the Sack Lunch Crew: Amy Dixon, Mary Lou McGinn, Sharon Babbitt, Linda Ring, Michelle Mutchler-Burns and Carol Mattox. They dedicated their time, talent and baking skills to see this volunteer effort thru. I want to personally thank Karen Holmes (508 Glen) who donated



the sack lunches, napkins, baggies and plastic cutlery and Will Reger (315 Park) who made a very generous \$100.00 donation that enabled us to purchase the majority of the food items for the sack lunches. We delivered the lunches to the site, which is an older dwelling on 4th Ave, undergoing a complete overhaul. Most of the volunteers were UNO students with HFH team leads to direct their energy. We received a very sincere "thank you" and appreciation for the sack lunches from the HFH crew. They loved the extra touches of the decorated sack lunches, lollipops and Mary Lou's house-shaped-cookies. Altogether, it was a fine example of the generosity of our neighborhood and a small way to thank the Habitat for Humanity organization for the work they do to strengthen our community.



IS THERE REALLY A PENALTY FOR PAYING YOUR TAXES LATE?

The Straight Dope

by Cecil Adams

Dear Cecil:

It amuses me every year at tax time when a big deal is made of the midnight mailing deadline on April 15. Does the IRS have staff whose job it is to look at postmarks? Are they going to penalize all the returns filed on April 16? I find this hard to believe. I've often been tempted to hold my return till the 16th just to see what happens. Is this all an intimidation tactic by Big Brother?

— D. Hansen, via the Internet

Dear D.:

It seems vaguely treasonous to be telling you this, but you're right: It doesn't really matter if you file your return a day or two late.

Forty percent of U.S. taxpayers--40 million people--don't file their returns until the last week. For the first few days after April 15 the IRS is still getting truckloads of returns. An IRS spokesman candidly admits there's no way they can go through all that paperwork ferreting out schnooks who filed their returns 15 minutes or even a couple of days late.

For practical purposes, if you don't owe money or the IRS owes you, you don't have to file a return at all. All penalties and interest are figured as a percentage of what you owe. If you owe nothing the penalty for late filing is zero. No criminal sanctions, either. The IRS folks are pretty candid about admitting this too, no doubt on the theory that only a moron would fail to file if he had money coming back.

They do of course prefer that nonowers file, since the only way they can be sure you don't owe anything is to see your return. But if a nonfiling nonowner decides to get right with the government and brings in a bunch of back returns, no prob, glad to have you back.

Just one thing. If you had money coming on a return you filed more than three years late, tough luck, Charlie. You just helped retire a little piece of the national debt. If you do owe money, filing late (or never) isn't such a hot idea. Penalties, interest, and maybe even criminal sanctions apply.

Being a day or two late is no big deal, but the IRS figures a week or two is enough for even the most disorganized postal districts to get the mail where it's supposed to go. Then things start getting ugly. If you're late and you owe, the P&I clock begins ticking as of the postmark date.

But let's suppose it's April 15 and suddenly you realize: cripes, I owe two grand and I don't have enough cash to get cheese on my Whopper. What do I do? Assuming the criminal life doesn't appeal to you, file and don't pay. The penalty for not filing is a stiff 5 percent of the amount owed per month (25 percent max), whereas the penalty for not paying is only 0.5 percent per month.

Just keep the amount you owe to less than \$10,000. If you do, the IRS puts you on an automatic installment plan. If it's more, you have to submit so much paperwork that the criminal life might start to look pretty good.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER RENOVATION

The Neighborhood Center office at 136 S. Main is undergoing a facelift. The two rooms are being completely repainted and redecorated, with new furniture and wall décor. All the work is being done by volunteers, which means it will take a little longer to complete but, what the heck, it's free labor so nobody is complaining. Stop by to see the changes in about a month. You will be pleasantly surprised.

POLE INSTALLATION

This pesky cold weather has delayed the installation of our neighborhood identification poles but we hope to begin digging the holes in the next few weeks if the weather cooperates. The problem is that the ground has been too cold to pour the concrete for the footings, but it will surely warm up *sometime*.

"When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you"

Nora Ephron



Lend a Hand

CLEAN UP

3RD ANNUAL Look Out Point

SATURDAY APRIL 20TH 9 AM

We will provide the trash bags to collect the refuse.
We need volunteers to help fill those bags and to haul up the larger debris. Please wear appropriate shoes and gloves

DONUTS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED

DATES TO REMEMBER

FPNA Look Out Point Clean Up
April 20th 9:00 a.m.

Fanders Reception and Exhibit
April 21 2:00 p.m.

Western Historic Trails Center
3434 Richard Downing Ave.

PCB Ollie the Trolley Tour
April 25th 5:30 p.m.
Union Pacific Railroad Museum
200 Pearl Street

Small Business Event
April 25th 6:00 p.m.
Council Bluffs Public Library

Family Wellness Fair
April 27th. 9:00 a.m.-Noon
2501 West Broadway

Free Prescription Drug Drop Off
April 27th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Walgreens 535 E. Broadway

Money Smart Event
April 27th 1:00 p.m.
Lemen Visitor Center
714 Avenue E

River's Edge Park Grand Opening
May 27th 3:30 p.m.

CRIME INFORMATION

Visit the Council Bluffs Police Department website

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.



**"Life is what we make
it, always has been,
always will be"**

Grandma Moses

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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. 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: _____

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