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FPNA FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

By Kyle Muschall

332 Glen Avenue

It is time to give back. I've written previously about FPNA volunteer efforts and now we are continuing with these endeavors. This is one that every single resident of our neighborhood can help with. We are going to have a food and clothing drive for the Care and Share houses located at 1808 5th Avenue and 600 South Main Street.

The Care and Share house is a volunteer-based organization, operated by the Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, that provides food and clothing to the people of Council Bluffs and surrounding communities. They accept food and clothing donations to be redistributed to those in need.

Care and Share delivers food orders on a monthly basis to residents at local subsidized apartment units like Regal Towers, Plainview Apartments, and Bluffs Towers. They collect the pantry orders and distribute the food on site to assist those who do not have access to transportation. The Care and Share Store is available to anyone during their open hours:

Monday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - 1808 Fifth Avenue

Monday 5:30-7:00 p.m. - 600 S Main Street

Wednesday 5:30-7:00 p.m. - 600 S Main Street

Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - 1808 Fifth Avenue

With next month's June edition of the Fairmount Press Newsletter we will include a plastic grocery bag. The goal is to have everyone fill that bag with unused non-perishable food items, non-food items and clothing that is in good condition. We will have two designated pick up days Saturday June 22nd and Saturday June 29th. We would request that everyone donating items place the filled plastic grocery bags on their front porch so that it is easily viewable from the street before 11:00 a.m that morning. FPNA volunteers will then make the rounds throughout the neighborhood to collect the filled plastic grocery bags. We will then deliver the donated items to the Care and Share House to help stock their shelves.

This gesture is a small way to thank the United Methodist Church for the continued, tireless work they do for our community and as a personal thank you from the FPNA.

As president of the FPNA I urge everyone reading this article to take note, to mark your calendars and as you are doing your weekly grocery shopping or clearing out your pantry or closet to consider that there is always someone right here within our community that needs a helping hand. Together, we each can make that small commitment to fill that plastic grocery bag with unused non-perishable food items, non-food items and clothing that is in good condition. This is our opportunity to give back to our neighborhood and our community.

ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

MYSTERY MEETING

If one were to define the word “mystery” as something “unknown,” then we really *could* use it to describe our next FPNA meeting—if we stretched the meaning just a little bit. Actually, it’s not quite as bad as that because we really *are* going to have one. We just don’t know when.....

Here’s the issue. Terri and Karl, 445 Glen, have volunteered to host it...sometime around the end of May or the beginning of June...the program will be the inauguration of our new identification poles...the poles haven’t been installed yet...we want to invite *important people*...but we don’t know who they are yet...we don’t know whether to serve ice cream cones or real food...we don’t know what time of day to begin..... The list goes on but we promise you this is one mystery that will be solved, and the key to the solution is to get those darned poles into the ground!

THE POLES

Yes, that topic again! Will we ever have good news to report? We are slowly creeping toward our goal and soon, very soon, it will be good news at last. We believe that sometime in the next few days the ground will turn warm enough to pour concrete footings and the work of installation will begin. Everything is in readiness except the weather, and it looks like it is slowly marching toward spring (or, even more likely, suddenly summer!). We promise you that the poles will be sprouting up very soon and they will be worth the wait.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Our annual Yard of the Month awards are set to begin in May. Surely, there will be greenery and flowers enough by the end of the month? Our first award will proceed regardless, and Committee Chair Linda has prepared a surprise for the winning recipients this year (one each for the next four months). Each one will receive a planted basket of flowers nurtured and donated by Linda herself. As always, she will make recommendations to the FPNA Board, which has the responsibility of choosing the best yard each month. Sometimes it’s not easy to pick only one, but that’s why we pay them the big bucks. Look for photo announcements of the winners as the season progresses. As usual, the yards of members of the Board can’t be considered for this contest.

FARMERS MARKET

The new location for the annual Farmers’ Market is the 100 block of Broadway—right down the street from our neighborhood. This is a wonderful family oriented activity and one we should support wholeheartedly. Your NA may be sharing an information table with other downtown organizations so watch for that. And, as you stroll through the tables and booths which have been set up along the block, be sure to stop into the stores of the many merchants who have been supporting the 100 block for all these many years. We want them to know we care. The first Farmers’ Market begins Thursday, May 16th, from 5-8, and will continue each Thursday through the end of September. Shopping will begin promptly at 5 p.m.; no early buying is allowed. Use one of the little Red Wagons if you intend to buy so much that your shopping bags won’t hold it all. Plan to return week after week until it’s all gone. See you there!

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

We wish to thank the following for their support of the FPNA and its mission:

New members Kelli Deere and Russell Bothwell—thanks for joining

Regular members Maureen and Jon Garrigan—thanks for renewing

Former residents of the neighborhood Dick and Lucy Graeme—thanks for \$50 donation

Can’t say it enough: *Thanks!!!*

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.cbparksandrec.org or like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RiversEdgeParkCB>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Main Street Farmer's Market

May 16th - Sept 26th

5:00-8:00 p.m.

100 Block of Broadway

Celebrate C.B. Ag Committee Cook Out

May 17th - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bayliss Park

Annual Pride Parade

May 18th 10:30 a.m. - Noon

S 6th St between 1st Ave & Willow and 6th
Street and 1st Avenue.

River's Edge Park Grand Opening

May 27th 3:30 p.m.



BLACK SQUIRREL ARTS ACADEMY

The Bluffs Arts Council is producing the sixth annual Black Squirrel Arts Academy, summer day camps for students ages 7-15 who are interested in a more in-depth study of the arts. Four camp sessions, each a week long, will be held during the months of June and July.

From June 10 - 14, a camp for kids ages 7-11 will be held with a concentration on fabric fun, beginning sewing techniques and stitched art. During the week of June 24 - 28, the Lee Spann Memorial Camp, children ages 7-9 can have an Aboriginal sound experience (creating rain sticks, drums) while learning about Australian music, art, history and culture in the Sounds of Australia camp. Students will also be involved in puppetry and fairy tales through Once Upon a Puppet Theater. That same week, students ages 10-12 will learn how to create the "magiscule" and "miniscule" alphabet in Old English/Black letter "hand" and complete several projects during Calligraphy: The Art of Beautiful Writing. During the same camp experience, the children will learn how to draw creative, kooky cartoons in Create-a-Creature Cartooning. Students ages 13-15 will experience the art of cooking in the culinary art camp Culinary for Kids along with an exploration of both abstract and representative art through clay, paint, collage, charcoal and more as a part of the Adventures in Art experience.

During the week of July 8-12, three camps will take place. Children ages 7-9 will have fun with "junk" by learning how to transform every day and unusable objects into fabulous art forms as well exploring street art during Junk Masters. In addition, that same age group will enjoy creating cartoon creatures using a variety of materials in the Create-a-Creature Cartooning camp. Children ages 10-12 will explore the world of food including its beauty, the art of nutrition, food preparation and more during Culinary for Kids. They will also have an opportunity to become authors and illustrators as they become involved in My Book: Written and Illustrated by Me. Students ages 13-15 can enjoy Comics and Graphic Novels through development of characters and sets, illustrating a "splash page" and learning different graphic styles. In the afternoon, they will explore street art and look at artists who used "junk" to become famous during Junk Masters.

The final week of camp will be held July 22 - 26 and is for students ages 12 - 15 in Fabric Fun: Funky Fashion for the entire day. Students will practice fashion design skills and make a bracelet, tote and embroidery sampler art. They will use hand sewing techniques as well as work with sewing machines.

Instructors for all the classes are local teachers and artists. Tuition for each week is \$150; \$135 for Bluffs Arts Council members. Class size is limited and will be closed when For a registration form or more detailed information about the camps, please call the Bluffs Arts Council office at 712-328-4992 or go online at www.bluffsarts.org Donations for scholarships are being accepted.



Main Street Farmer's Market

The Main Street Farmers Market (MSFM) announced today that it has been granted a special events permit by the City of Council Bluffs to conduct the farmers market on the sidewalks of the Historic 100 Block of W. Broadway. “We have been working closely with the City for several months to identify and resolve issues and develop procedures to hold the market in a more public venue” said Valerie Ware, chair of the farmers market committee. “We are so pleased with the support we have received from the City and together, we have taken a giant step forward in making the market a weekly community event. We want the market to be the place you meet up with friends, family and neighbors to reconnect.”

The market will open on Thursday, May 16th and run each Thursday night through September 26th. Market hours will be 5 to 8 p.m. Main Street Farmers Market is an activity of MSCB Inc., a not-for-profit organization devoted to revitalizing downtown Council Bluffs. Joshua Barbee, Executive Director of MSCB Inc., reported “Moving the farmers market will be a catalyst for developing new events and activities to engage residents from nearby neighborhoods as well as all of Council Bluffs.”

Merchants located on the Historic 100 Block are supportive of the market move. Alice Johnson, owner of the newly opened Beauty Operators at 156 W. Broadway, said “This will be a great opportunity for us to showcase our business and services to potential new clients. We will have our door open wide each week and invite market shoppers in to visit and meet our staff.”

Parking for the market will be available on the streets and in the Vine Street parking lot located behind the Historic 100 Block. To access W. Broadway, patrons can use the “passageway” which will be a central focus to the market. “It’s a lovely, shady area that surely will turn into the place to gather. The passageway will be the check-out location for our new ‘Red Wagon’ program” said Ware. “Generous sponsors have provided the funds to purchase red wagons for market customers to borrow and use while shopping. This season, the market will be spread out farther and it may be more difficult for customers to get purchases to their car depending on where they are parked. Many market customers are senior citizens who could use a little help, but anyone who would like to use them can borrow one. We even bought the kind of wagon with sides so that children could ride in them safely.” Volunteers will handle the check out process and if there are enough volunteers available, they will escort customers to their cars and bring the wagon back so the customer won’t have to make the trip. There will be no charge to borrow a wagon, but there will be a “free will” donation jar.

Market vendors that have signed up to sell at the market include: Fortress, Birdsley Road Blueberries, Jody’s Natural Kitchen, Jayna’s Country Store & Gardens, Something Sweet, The Green Bowl Project, Fairebrushing Unlimited, Doe’s & Diva’s Inc., Oobagana, Three Bee Farms, Market & Orchard, Boondock Acres, Pudgy Fudgy Confectionaries Inc., Stephens Family Gardens, Elbert Farms, Glen & Joyce Kelley, Erik’s Enchiladas, Got Kettle Corn, and Sunderman Farm.

On-site Market Manager, Elizabeth Goodman, said “Patrons of the market should be prepared to wait until 5 p.m. and the clanging of the cow bell before vendors can sell products. This ensures customers have an equal opportunity to buy limited supply products and vendors have an equal opportunity to be set up and ready to sell each week. Early sales are prohibited.” For more Information Contact:

Valerie Ware, MSFM Chair
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Council Bluffs, IA 51503
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mainstreetfarmersmarket@gmail.com

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.

**"The only person you
are destined to
become is the person
you decide to be"**
Ralph Waldo Emerson

CELEBRATE C.B. WEEK

Annual Pride Parade: Saturday, May 18, 2013, 10:30AM-NOON. S 6th St between 1st Ave & Willow and 6th Street and 1st Avenue. The theme this year is "Love Where You Live." Free Children's Activities in Bayliss Park after the parade

You are invited to a cookout, the Ag Committee 2013 Spring Cookout Friday May 17th, from 11am until 1pm at Bayliss Park. Steak sandwiches will cost \$7.00 and hamburgers will cost \$5.00. Each option will include chips and a drink. All proceeds will go towards college scholarships for area students studying agri-business.



Turkey Taco Soup

by Kyle Muschall 332 Glen Avenue

1 can Red Kidney Beans	1 pkg. Dry Ranch Dressing Mix
1 can Black Beans	1 pkg. Taco Seasoning Mix
1 can Pinto Beans	1 pound ground Turkey
1 can Corn	1 tblsp. Cumin
2 cans Diced Tomatoes (28 oz.)	1 tblsp. Chili Powder
1 can Tomato Sauce	Salt and Pepper to taste

- Brown Turkey in Large Stock Pot
- Add all other ingredients
- Cook on high till boiling
- Reduce heat and simmer for one hour, stirring occasionally
- Serve with shredded Cheddar cheese, sour cream and chili cheese fritos



**"Friendship with
oneself is all
important, because
without it one
cannot be friends
with anyone else in
the world"
Eleanor Roosevelt**

DO THEY REALLY LISTEN?

Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

The City Council, Oh, sure, they *say* they want to hear from the folks but is this really true? Or is it just political talk?

Recently, I attended a City Council study session (that meeting before the meeting, the one where they discuss the thorny issues upon which they will be voting that evening), and on the agenda was the subject of the latest contemporary work of art slated to be installed at the new River's Edge Park. As you may imagine, there's been some grumbling about yet another controversial piece of this type of art to appear upon our landscape. It appears, though, that all the grumbling wasn't translated into writing because nearly every Council member said he/she hadn't received any e-mails regarding the subject, or if they had it was only one or two.

People! People! How can we expect our elected officials to vote the way we'd like if we don't tell them what we like? I asked around and what follows is a mini-course in political science 101. Here are some pointers about the best ways to contact our elected officials, followed by their e-mail addresses:

1. Whether communicating by e-mail or snail mail, introduce yourself; get to the point quickly; stick to the facts and avoid diatribes and accusations; indicate **WHAT** you want the official to do (never assume that they will know if you don't tell them); thank the official for taking the time to read your correspondence; and politely ask for a response.
2. Do not use "form letters" because they do not really further a cause.
3. If somebody is from elsewhere (other than CB) it seldom carries any real weight.
4. If writing by snail mail, a handwritten letter is better than a typed one.
5. When receiving a reply, remember that it may not be what you wanted to hear, but appreciate an honest answer when you get one. Don't further respond in a way that could "burn bridges."

Elected officials will take into account what their constituents tell them—so tell them! Here are the official e-mail addresses:

Mayor Hanafan, thanafan@councilbluffs-ia.gov
Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Walsh, mwalsh@councilbluffs-ia.gov
Council Member Branigan, lbranigan@councilbluffs-ia.gov
Council Member Head, mhead@councilbluffs-ia.gov
Council Member White, swhite@councilbluffs-ia.gov
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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: 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