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## FPNA FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

By Kyle Muschall

332 Glen Avenue

**I**t is time to give back. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Carol Thien, Director of the Care and Share House, has indicated that there is a great need for household items including any kitchen or bathroom items. "We have a particular need for men's clothing including jeans, underwear, socks, t-shirts, and shoes. Kid's and women's clothing are also needed. For non-perishable food items, we appreciate ANYTHING!!! Items that are more difficult for us to get from the Food Bank include boxed dinners such as Hamburger Helper, etc. and cereal. We can always use soup (other than tomato), tuna, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, cookies, crackers, canned meals such as Spaghettios, etc. We have a good supply of peanut butter right now from the Food Bank and we are able to get it so cheaply that I hate to have people buy it at the grocery store for full price to give to us at this particular time".

With this 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. The FPNA 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, POLES, YOU-NAME-IT

The dots are about to be connected. The poles (at least four of them) will soon be sprouting up, and with that we will be able to have our long-overdue meeting to celebrate the occasion. The team of Terri Dowell/Karl Allen (445 Glen) will host our meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., furnishing all the utensils and the refreshments, while the rest of us will bring pot luck, as we often do. We also plan to invite officials from the granting authorities who helped to make our poles a reality. We'll drink a toast to everyone and everything connected with making this project a reality. If we could, we would dance around the pole that will be standing in Terri and Karl's front yard, except that it is so close to the wall that we couldn't squeeze through. No worries, because we can admire it from afar just as easily.

As we all know, the alternating frozen-wet ground is the culprit that has delayed the installation of our poles because the concrete footings could not be poured. Also, permission from the homeowner at one of our chosen locations has not yet been obtained. Once we had a warm and semi-dry weekend, we (meaning Dave and Kyle) forged ahead anyway and dug and poured at four locations. As this is being written, the poles themselves still need to be attached and hoisted into the air, but as you read this you may see one or two standing tall, waving their flags and showing off their flower pots. Keep your fingers crossed!!

## YARD OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

Although it's been a very wet and cold spring, the show must go on and May is the month for our first YOTM for the year. How it works is that each month Committee Chair Linda Ring chooses a few worthy front yards from among the many in the neighborhood, and the Board reviews her choices and names the winner. This month's winner is 406 Glen. We liked the neatness of the hosta bed around their magnificent tree, and the unique design of the support system anchoring the plantings around their front porch. Yard owners Rick and Sarah Shively will receive a pot of greenery personally planted by Linda and a certificate of excellence, along with a photo to appear in the FPNA monthly newsletter. We thank the Shively's and all the other candidates for presenting beautiful landscapes for the enjoyment of the viewing public.

## DO YOU CARE ABOUT PUBLIC ART?

We know you do, and here is your chance to make your voices heard when the Parks Department holds the next hearing about the design of the public art to be placed in Kirn Park. Be sure to attend the meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Bluffs Public Library, where the artwork designed by several local artists will be made available for us to critique. The Parks Department and the Public Art Commission want to make sure that we, the ones who will have to live with these choices until the end of time, are included in the planning process. If we don't join in the conversation, we have no right to complain about the final result!

## FUN WITH FLOWERS

Here is another story to place in Chapter Umpteenth Thousand of FPNA's ongoing saga of the pole project for 2012-13, Part One. Are you following it so far? Back in the winter sometime, we arranged with Sherbondy's Garden Center to buy nice flower baskets for our forthcoming poles. We also arranged for them to professionally plant them for us. Our plan, and theirs, was to get the baskets hung on the poles about Mother's Day (yes, of this year). The baskets were planted and baby flowers began to grow...and grow...and grow, until they were handsome and stunning adults. They continued to hang in Sherbondy's greenhouse because, well, you know the story of the poles that just couldn't get into the ground. Mother's Day came and went, and customers of the nursery began eyeing those baskets and wanting to buy them, even though "sold" tags were plainly hung thereon. One enterprising customer lusted over them so much that he lost all reason and switched the "sold" tag onto some other basket and marched up to the counter with one of our beautiful creations. Luckily, he was spotted before he had a chance to commit a crime, but Sherbondy's had enough and asked us to get our

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

ManPower Short Film

June 13th 7:15 p.m.

Council Bluffs Public Library

Kirn Park Renovation Rally

June 15th 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Kirn Park

Bluffs QuiltFest

June 15th 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

205 South Main Street

FPNA Meeting

June 28th 7:00 p.m.

445 Glen Avenue

# SECOND FRIDAYS

Enjoy art, wine, and music in the historic downtown area of Council Bluffs every 2nd Friday. This month it's on June 14th. Lasting from 6-9PM, participating locations are at 500 Willow and South Main Street, 532 1st Ave, 1010 South Main Street, and the 100 block of Broadway.

## ONE NIGHT ONLY

On June 13th 7:15 p.m. the Council Bluffs Public Library will be holding a public viewing of "Man Power," a short promotional film made about Council Bluffs in 1930. The recently restored film will only be showing for one night, so don't miss your chance to catch a glimpse of Council Bluffs' past.

## WALNUT ANTIQUES

Can you ever have enough antiques? Probably not, so go find some more at the 31st annual antique show in Walnut, IA. With over 300 vendors from across the U.S., there's sure to be something for everyone. The show will last from June 14th-16th. For more information visit [www.walnutantiqueshow.com](http://www.walnutantiqueshow.com)



406 Glen Avenue Rick and Sarah Shively

Photo by Kyle Muschall



# C.B. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION HONORS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

**Kyle Muschall**

**332 Glen Avenue**

We had a great turnout May 15th for the Council Bluffs Historical Preservation Commission awards. The get together was held in the lobby of the newly renovated Hugh-Irons Building in the 100 Block of Broadway. Mayor Tom Hanafan spoke and read a proclamation promoting May as Historical Preservation month. The officers of the Historical Preservation Commission then awarded three Neighborhood Associations, Fairmount Park, Gibraltar, and Lincoln-Fairview their yearly awards in recognition for the everyday efforts that our organizations commit themselves to keep intact what we think makes our neighborhoods unique. Efforts like working with the Parks Department to restore the Kirn Park stadium, the Brick Street Initiative that we've partnered with the C.B. Public Works Department and the Gibraltar NA to maintain our Historical designation and the simple acts of volunteerism like food and clothing drives, providing lunches to Habitat for Humanity. It was a great occasion to talk with folks who have the same interests and intent as our Fairmount Park Neighborhood.



Above: 2013 President of the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association Kyle Muschall accepting the 2013 award from Council Bluffs Mayor Tom Hanafan and Cal Petersen the Chair of the C.B. Historical Preservation Commission



Above: Fairmount Park Neighborhood attendees with 2013 award. From Right to Left: Kyle Muschall (FPNA Pres.) Carol Mattox (FPNA Board) Sharon Babbitt (FPNA Board) Nate Watson (FPNA Board) Naomi Leinen (FPNA Member and DNA President)



Right: Neighborhood Association Presidents with 2013 awards from Right to Left: Susan Seamans Lincoln-Fairview President, Paulette Brandt Gibraltar President, Kyle Muschall Fairmount Park President

Photos by Naomi Leinen



# HELP US CELEBRATE

The Installation of our neighborhood banner poles and flower baskets  
We've invited PCCF and CURE, the granting organizations who made it possible to achieve this long term goal. We'll be having a pot luck so bring that favorite dish or dessert you would like to share with everyone

JUNE 28TH  
6:30 PM  
445 GLEN AVENUE

"Life is too important to be taken seriously"

Oscar Wilde



## BLUFFS QUILTFEST

A Look at Traditional Patterns and Styles

Saturday, June 15

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Community Hall

205 South Main Street, Council Bluffs

Free Admission ✕ Trunk Showings ✕ Demos

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By Sharon Babbitt  
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200 Park Avenue

five gorgeous baskets out of there before a true crime could occur. They are now safely resting out of harm's way and *one day soon* they will take their rightful places as lovely showpieces of the neighborhood...probably in the year 2013, sometime.

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We wish to congratulate the following high school graduates living in our neighborhood. Graduating from Abraham Lincoln High School are:

Sean Barrett; Elizabeth Britton; Mallory Huggins; and Payton Shively.

***BE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENT—WE ARE!!!!!!!***

And there's more. Congratulations also to Julie Hahn, for receiving her Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology. There's a mouthful! ***GOOD JOB, JULIE!***

## AN ACTOR

Chris Ebke starred in the recent Chanticleer production of "A Little Night Music," playing the lead character of Fredrik Egerman, and received rave reviews. His character experienced some unusual marital and other problems with the ladies, and we are assured that it was only theater and not real life. We're happy to say that Chris is one of our own.

## THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

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

New members: Diane and Bret Emsick; Sarah Query and Chris Ebke—thanks for joining

Regular members: Steve Beck; Karl Allen and Terri Dowell; Richard and Clara Hobbs—thanks for renewing

***EXCELLENT, AND KEEP IT COMING, FRIENDS!!!!!!***

## THIS 'N THAT

CLEAN SWEEP was a great success, as usual. We roamed the streets and picked up trash, even a discarded tire, and continued on to Bayliss Park for the free hot dogs... The FARMERS MARKET is going great guns in its new location in the 100 block of West Broadway. We note that many folks from the neighborhood shop there, and that's the way to insure that they stay in this handy location... Don't miss the KIRN PARK PARTY on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. Good food and good fun, and a chance to swing a sledge hammer at that unsightly old shower building, which is slated to come down. By Fall, the park will have a new look and a new life... GREAT NEWS! Opening later this summer will be a new BAKERY at 215 West Broadway, in the Ogden Place strip mall. Home baked goods, and even music, will be only steps away. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.





# KIRN PARK

## RENOVATION RALLY

JUNE 15TH 2:00-4:00 P.M.

The Council Bluffs Parks Department along with the Fairmount Park and Gibraltar Neighborhood Associations are hosting a party to kick off the Renovation of Kim Park. Hot Dogs, Chips and Bottled Water will be provided (No Alcohol Allowed). We will have activities for the kids as well as a Wiffle Ball game between the two neighborhoods. Mayor Tom Hanafan and Parks Dept. head Larry Foster will speak and share the plans for the park. As a special incentive we will be giving attendees a swing with a sledgehammer to start the demolition of the old shower building.



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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