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ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

PHASE TWO HAS BEGUN

Yes, we're talking about the pole project, what else?? The FPNA Board took a hard look at our pole budget and made a decision (no comments, now!). When we added up our PCCF grant and the donations we've been receiving, we believed that the best use of the money we have right now was to order one more pole while we had the chance. So, we are installing six poles for phase two instead of the five we'd originally planned. These poles have been ordered and the company has already sent us the anchor bolts we need in order to pour the footings. These will be poured very soon and they will then await the arrival of the poles; even if the poles aren't delivered until after the ground has frozen, they can still be installed. It was frozen ground that held us up last spring when we were struggling with phase one, but the timing is good this time and we are "old hands" at this project by now. You may already notice that the utility companies have marked our locations, and digging will begin in the next few days.

The locations we've chosen for the six poles in phase two are: 102 Park; 134 Park, 315 Park; and the back of the property on 433 Glen (which is in the 400 block of Park). This will complete Park Ave. The back of the property on 206 Park (which faces Glen) will bring the total on Glen to four poles; one more location in phase three will complete Glen Ave. Moving up to Huntington, this time we'll install a pole at 424 Huntington, which means that street will have a pole at the far south entrance and in the middle and will need only one more (to be installed in phase three) to complete that street. We believe that three more poles in the final phase will put a lid on this costly and lengthy project, but because we're pretty much out of money for now, this phase may not get done for some time. It all depends on the money, as most things do.

Fundraising continues. We have prepared a package of material which we plan to present to potential donors. If any of you have suggestions as to who might be interested in giving to this worthy beautification project, please notify Sharon at sbabbitt2@cox.net. I have it on good authority that she will be ever so grateful.

This project could not have come this far without the hard work and support of our friends and neighbors in the FPNA and elsewhere, from the workers behind the scenes and out in front, to everyone who has paid dues and made donations. Good job!

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

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The President's Corner

Kyle Muschall

332 Glen Avenue

October is here and so far the weather has been kind to us. Let's hope that old man winter holds off long enough for everyone to get their raking done and buttoning up their homesteads before the snow comes.

The work at Kirn Park is progressing nicely (photos page 7). I'm sure folks can hear the heavy equipment during the day as earth is moved and concrete brought in. It looks like the majority of the parking lot has been poured and the foundations of the restroom enclosure started. The balusters have been arrayed next to the stadium closest to the track. They've excavated next to the steps on High School in preparation for the new Kirn Park art sign and installed a systems box near the top of the steps for irrigation. The workers are pouring a new, slightly higher curb on the east side of the track just around the first bend. If you remember the heavy rains we had in early October the alley adjacent Glen just down the slope from Kirn Park became a river overnight and a massive amount of mud and dirt came with it. The thinking is that this new, higher curb will curtail the run-off and direct it into the drainage system as intended. Finally a new layer of cinder has been put down all around the track. The color is a nice earthy brick and walking on it is brilliant. I now know why runners prefer cinder for the traction and shock absorbing properties. Another month or so and the major construction should be done and everyone is eager to see it.

On another topic, I had the good fortune to attend the Google Open House on October 3rd, representing the FPNA. The new facility, located on Bunge Road south of Lewis Central is quite stunning and massive in scale. Google is finishing their first stage of construction and invited representatives from around the city, county and state to share in their progress. At the height of construction there was one-thousand construction workers on site daily. The heart of the facility, data center server floors, is only accessible to specific employees so we toured the main offices and grounds. Driving in you pass row after row of three-story-cooling-towers and the sheer magnitude of the information that is routed thru our corner of the world is staggeringly apparent. The offices are modern and playful, actively described as the Wizard of Oz meets Star Wars. The nerd in me was overjoyed. Google employees and the local dignitaries gathered in the lunchroom where short speeches were made by the Google project managers and Mayor Tom Hanafan. The kudos that go to the City, County and State officials both governmental and NGO's that partnered with Google to make this a reality cannot be understated. An international corporation with the brand presence invested in our community for years to come is quite an accomplishment.

Election day is fast approaching and I urge everyone who is eligible to vote to get knowledgeable about the candidates for both the Mayor and City Council. Forums are being held October 24 and 29 so that the candidates can share their views and respond to questions from the public and business community. Being a well-informed voter is the least anyone of us should do as we participate in civic life and the future of our community.

MAD OX BAKERY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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The Mad Ox Bakery at 215 West Broadway (Ogden Place Strip Mall) has been open for a few weeks now. Owners Mathew and Karris Mattox (notice the play on words, in case you were wondering why the unusual name) worked in the bakery business for 13 years each before deciding to strike out on their own. It took them a little longer than expected to get their location up and running, but now they have created a place where you can be comfortable hanging out, eating some great food, and enjoying the live music that may soon be heard on the Mad Ox Bakery stage.

Mathew and Karris will focus on wedding and specialty cakes, as well as a variety of every day items like gourmet cake donuts, cupcakes, cookies, breads, stuffed croissants, and their signature turtle candy. Mathew's late father enjoyed caramel turtle candy during his fight with cancer, and so to honor him the Bakery will donate a portion of the sale of their turtle candy to cancer research.

Let's support this energetic couple in their new venture and get some good baked stuff in the bargain. It's within walking distance, too, and they have a family connection to our neighborhood, a winning combination.



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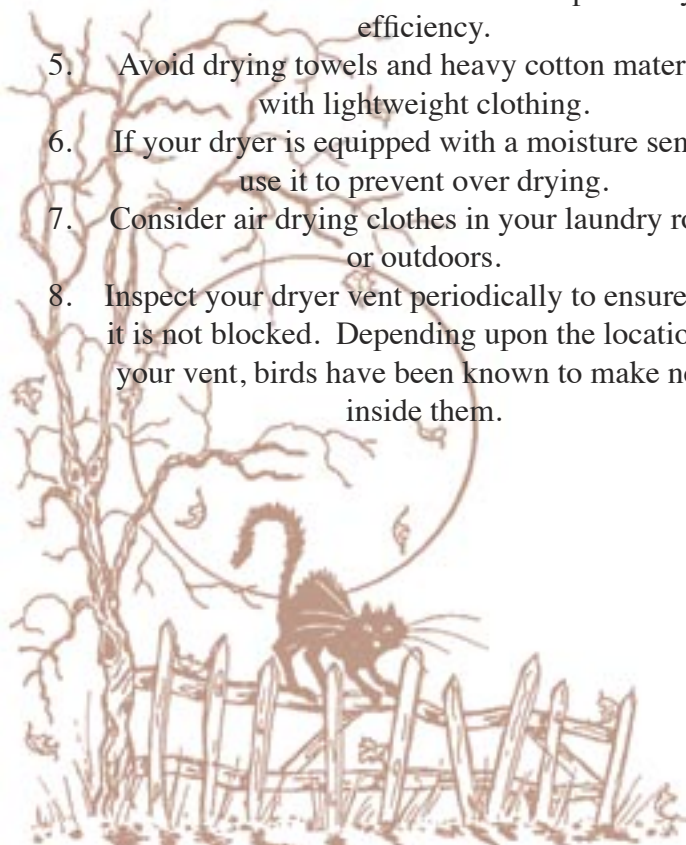
by Marie Huggins

150 Park Avenue

Energy Saving Laundry Tips. The average American household washes 400 loads of laundry per year, using about 40 gallons of water for a single load. Washing and drying your clothes more efficiently can reduce your water and energy use significantly. ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers use about 37 percent less energy and more than 50 percent less water than standard models.

Eight energy-saving laundry tips:

1. Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible.
2. Unless you are dealing with oily stains, a warm temperature setting will clean most fabrics. By switching from hot to warm, you can cut energy use in half.
3. Wash with a full load whenever possible. If you must wash a small load, use the appropriate water level setting.
4. Clean the lint filter after each dryer load; this will increase air circulation and improve dryer efficiency.
5. Avoid drying towels and heavy cotton materials with lightweight clothing.
6. If your dryer is equipped with a moisture sensor, use it to prevent over drying.
7. Consider air drying clothes in your laundry room or outdoors.
8. Inspect your dryer vent periodically to ensure that it is not blocked. Depending upon the location of your vent, birds have been known to make nests inside them.



RESPECTING DIVERSITY: IT BEGINS WITH US

All are welcome to attend a free presentation Tuesday October 22 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Council Bluffs Public Library, Meeting room A. This presentation will be given by the Director of the Council Bluffs Civil Rights Commission, Tamra L. Walz- Madsen, who will provide insight about the role of the Commission in our community.

She will offer education regarding civil rights within each of the protected classes, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a recent housing discrimination case in Council Bluffs. Open dialogue is welcome and encouraged.

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodations to attend this meeting should notify the Council Bluffs Civil Rights Commission by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2013 at (712) 328-4618.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Bluffs Arts Council Bazinga Night
October 18th 7:00 p.m.
205 South Main Streetz

Respecting Diversity
October 22nd 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Council Bluffs Public Library

Mayoral Candidate Forum
October 24 6:00 p.m.
Council Bluffs Public Library

City Council Candidate Forum
October 29 6:00 p.m.
Council Bluffs Public Library

FPNA Holiday Party
December 7th 6:00 p.m.
200 Park Avenue

PCB Holiday Home Tour
December 8th. 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Dues:

New members: Tony and Cindy Lainson
Renewals: Don and Floy Irwin
Renewals: Rob and Brianna Stoddard

Donations:

Harold and Fran Beck
Tony and Cindy Lainson
Melissa Head

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!!

MUSICAL, PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards has announced its nominations for the above artistic categories and they include some of our own, as follows:

Performing Arts:

Best Musical: A Little Night Music (Chanticleer Theatre)
Best Actor in a Musical: Chris Ebke—A Little Night Music (Chanticleer Theatre)

Visual Arts:

Best Group Show: RNG Gallery (2 times)
Best Solo Show: RNG Gallery (2 times)
Best 2-Person Show: RNG Gallery

The winners will be announced on February 16, 2014. Best of luck to all.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Everyone is invited to attend the following Candidate Forums. The Mayor Candidate forum with Mayoral candidates Matt Walsh and Brent Siegrist. The forum will feature open discussion with the candidates as well as formal presentations from the candidates and questions from a community business panel. Please make plans to attend Thursday October 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Bluffs Public Library (400 Willow Avenue).

The City Council Candidate forum with the final four candidates for City Council: Chad Hanan, Melissa Head, Brandon Juon, and Al Ringgenberg. The forum will feature open discussion with the candidates as well as formal presentations from the candidates and questions from a community business panel. Please make plans to attend Tuesday October 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the CB Community Hall 205 South Main Street.

Be an informed voter on November 5th



KIRN PARK RENOVATION UPDATE



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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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