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ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

ANOTHER MEETING COMING UP

Continuing with our shake-up of meeting locations, on May 10th at 11:30 a.m., we will have our next spring meeting at Barley's, 114 West Broadway, in the historic 100 block. It is a fun fact that this area was known as "Old Town" on early street maps of Council Bluffs, and included our own neighborhood as well. All the businesses along the 100 block are within easy walking distance for most of us, just as they were in the early days of the City. Please come and enjoy this meeting experience and partake of the appetizers which are free.

The purpose of holding our meetings at different times and at different locations, including private home sites, is to increase attendance and to give everyone an opportunity to come to a meeting at some time. We would like to hear your opinions about meeting times and locations. Please contact any member of the FPNA Board with your thoughts. Your opinions matter.

WE PAID OUR DUES

During and following the March meeting at the Mad Ox Bakery, these members paid their dues:

Mad Ox Bakery	Richard and Clara Hobbs
Greg and Vicki Myers	George and Marlene Scott
New member Megan Smith	

A big *thanks* to you. Remember that the last expenses for the final phase of our poles project need to be paid, so keep those dues coming, friends. Please send your dues to Treasurer Dave Huggins, 150 Park Ave., or drop it by his house.

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The President's Corner

Kyle Muschall

332 Glen Avenue

I wanted to start this month's article by announcing the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association has been selected as a finalist for the 2014 Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) award. Back in February we submitted our FPNA Pole Project as our entry to the 2014 Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) awards.

The 2014 NOTY awards from Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) marks the 30th year that NUSA will recognize the outstanding work of neighborhood organizations across the United States for their work in improving the quality of life in their communities. Our entry was in the Physical Revitalization/Beautification category. Entrants were judged on Self Help/Financial Capability, Grassroots Involvement, Innovativeness, Community Benefit, Sustainability, Leadership Development, Partnership Building, Volunteerism and Ability to be Replicated.

The winners of the 2014 NOTY will be announced on May 22nd. at the 2014 NUSA conference in Eugene, Oregon. This is the annual conference of Neighborhoods for the United States. I want to thank all of our FPNA volunteers who have worked on our Pole project from writing grants, creating budgets, digging holes, erecting poles, hanging banners, planting flower baskets and constructing decorations. Your time, energy and effort is greatly appreciated.

Upper Glen had a water main break in mid-March. The Water Works was very responsive in addressing and fixing the issue. They had to remove a sizable section of the bricks to get at the leak. I would say a 20 foot by 8 foot section. Under our Brick Street Initiative, that was worked out between the FPNA, Gibraltar NA, the Dodge House and the C.B. Public Works department, the Water works hired Linhart Construction to re-install the brick street. Some of the bricks were damaged and Linhart had to use the Water works stockpile of bricks to compensate. The contractor did an excellent job of restoring the street and I want to thank the C.B. Public Works department and the Water Works for their contributions in the upkeep of our historic brick streets.



2014 GARAGE SALE JUNE 7TH FROM 8AM-3PM

We would like to invite everyone in the neighborhood to participate. We will be placing ads in the local newspapers throughout the metro area, on the web and will have ample signage/flyers/maps to get the word out.

All the folks from 2012 commented on how wildly successful their sale was and how wonderful it was to see the neighborhood so active.

If you are interested in making some walking around money

Please contact:

Kyle Muschall

kmuschall@cox.net

712-323-4047

To cover the cost of advertising we are asking each participating household to donate what they feel is appropriate

BLUFFS HAS A RICH PAST

Written for the Nonpareil by the Convention & Visitors Bureau (undated)

The history of Council Bluffs glitters with a parade of famous western explorers, fur traders, military figures, engineers and great Indian nations.

It was Abraham Lincoln, the great abolitionist, who had the foresight to designate Council Bluffs eastern terminus of the nation's first transcontinental railroad. Council Bluffs became known as the Gateway to the West.

French and Spanish explorers and traders had traversed the Council Bluffs region for nearly a century before the Lewis and Clark expedition embarked those five, fateful days at White Catfish Camp, known today as Long's Landing.

Lewis and Clark later met with the Missouri and Otoe Indians, 10 miles north of Omaha. This historic "council in the bluffs" provided the model for future meetings with the Indians and thus the name of our city. Numerous Indian tribes shared hunting rights in the Council Bluffs area and made great contributions to its history.

In 1830, the U. S. government purchased all of southwest Iowa from the Indians. Between 1847 and 1856, the tribes were moved to reservation

lands. In the mid-1800's, more than 30,000 Mormon refugees flooded Kaneshville (Council Bluffs) on their way to the Great Salt Lake Valley, escaping religious persecution. Kaneshville was named for Thomas Kane, a man sympathetic to the plight of the Mormons. Kaneshville was renamed Council Bluffs in 1853.

In the process, these Mormons built more than 80 communities in southwest Iowa, organized churches, tuition schools, city and county governments, courts, band and choral concerts and four newspapers, greatly impacting the area. Their businesses further boomed when the California Gold Rush of 1849 stampeded across the West.

In 1859, Abraham Lincoln visited Council Bluffs where he met Grenville M. Dodge, a Civil War general later dubbed "the greatest railroad builder of all time." They developed a long-standing friendship, sharing visions of a coast-to-coast railroad. After being elected to the presidency, Lincoln named Council Bluffs eastern terminus of the transcontinental railroad.



Photo by Kyle Muschall



ROOTS & SHOOTS

Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

Most everybody has heard of Jane Goodall, the scientist who was the first person to document an animal using a tool (a chimp stripping a branch and poking it into a termite hole for its dinner) in 1960.

This discovery led to her pioneering research into the behavior of chimpanzees in the wild, which was funded by the National Geographic Society, and to her evolution into the worldwide activist and lecturer she is today.

How, you ask, can our neighborhood possibly be connected with this world famous individual? Along comes Mary Aney, a second grade teacher at College View Elementary School and one of our own FPNA members. Two years ago, Mary attended a lecture in Des Moines, where she experienced her first up-close view of Jane Goodall, a person she'd admired for years after reading about her work in National Geographic. At that time, Ms. Goodall was promoting Roots and Shoots, a group founded by her to promote environmental issues and to call attention to the shrinking habitat of wild animals worldwide. Mary went home and began the first Roots and Shoots group in Iowa, beginning with only two students and parents and growing to 60 students by the time of their first meeting.



Jane Goodall (right) teaches Mary Aney the "Pant Hoot" call of the chimpanzee

Today, this membership has expanded to 140 children and encompasses pre-schoolers to fifth graders—too much for Mary alone so two other teachers have come aboard. They meet every two weeks for about 45 minutes. Amazingly, in those short burst of time these students and their parents have been involved in many charitable events. We may expect to see some of these active students at our own Lookout Point clean-up scheduled for April 19th.

No doubt the highlight of all of their activities was when 60 of these students went to Iowa City to see and speak with Jane herself. They took along a giant "dove of peace" constructed out of white fabric by Lin Yee, parent of one of the participating students. They stood on stage next to Jane, holding up the giant bird while a song entitled "Peace" played in the background; Jane then introduced the students and announced they were from Council Bluffs. What a proud moment for these students and their families, for Mary Aney, for College View Elementary, for Council Bluffs...and for our neighborhood!

PHONE SCAMS ON THE RISE

By Officer Mark Alba

Phone scams are hitting the area again. Here are some of the scams the Council Bluffs Police department has dealt with:

You get a call in the middle of the night and it is the police telling you that your grandchild has been arrested and needs money for bail. You are trying to wake up and figure out what is going on when someone gets on the phone and says grandma this is your favorite grandson or granddaughter (never says his or her name). The half sleepy you says Tommy?, Yes it's me Tommy and I am in trouble and need money for bail. Then the "police" get back on the line and give instructions on how to transfer money to a location via Western Union or some other wire service.

The Western Union form has a section that warns about senders not to send money for an unconfirmed emergency related to a grandchild or other family member.

If you get one of these calls before you send money check it out; call the person that needs the bail money you may find they are sleep in their beds, or call their parents see where the child is located. Get the name of the police officer and police department that called and get a call back number.

The CBPD has been made aware of the following; "I have been receiving several scam calls on my cell phone lately. They are coming from various phone numbers:

(268) 762-0004: from Antigua/Barbuda (848) 459-4922: from NJ (904) 239-5694: from FL (767) 275-9061: from Dominica (305) 507-4771: from Miami, FL (507) 124-5698: from MN (207) 121-4587: from ME

The one time I spoke with the caller; he is male with a heavy Middle Eastern/Indian accent and states he is from the Department of Medical Compensation or the State Medical Health office. He knew my name and asked if I had a surgery recently. I stated that I had but I did not tell him the kind of surgery. He stated (assumed) that since I have had side effects from my surgery (I have not but didn't tell him that) that I qualify for compensation for my side effects. I asked the caller for their name (Aaron) and the phone number. The number he gave me after fumbling for a while was 848-459 and that was it. I asked to call him back after checking with my Doctor and the hospital and he stated that this was my one and only chance at getting the compensation. I asked to speak to a supervisor and he

Council Bluffs Police Department

said he was the supervisor. I asked if there was a manager or VP, President, etc., that I could speak with, NONE. Then I stated that I was not a stupid woman and that I knew this was a scam and would appreciate that they remove me from their calling list and that I had my phone registered on the DO NOT CALL list. He got very belligerent and said you sound like a very stupid woman, cursed at me and I hung up.

I have been reading the comments on a website (800notes.com) regarding the phone number that I typed in (848) 459-4922 and they have similar stories and comments in regards to this issue.

I am receiving calls from the list of phone numbers above multiple times a day (which I ignore and put on my block list) and I got a call at 5:44AM this morning from the Antigua/Barbuda number." This was all from a Neighborhood Watch Captain who wanted to make sure that we were all aware of cell phone scams and not to fall for them.

All the scams have taken on a new life because of the internet. Scams that use to come in the mail are now making the rounds on the internet which can reach 100,000 of victims at one time. All the bad guy needs is a few victims to send money to him and it is a good day for the bad guy.

We all have to remember that personal information is so easy to obtain these days and we all need to be careful in how we dispose of personal information. It is best to shred any papers that have your name address or any type of information about you. You don't have to have a shredder, a sharp pair of scissors will do the job just as well.

Here is a link to FBI page about scam <http://fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud>

If you did not initiate the call do not give out any information to the caller.

Just remember the old adage: 'If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is'. Take the time to check things out before sending money.

The bad guys don't hibernate, they stay active in all kinds of weather. So stay aware and protect yourself and your families.

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LAUNDRY LOVE

A few days ago, FPNA volunteers participated in this charitable event, which was organized and run by Promise Partners, a nonprofit group in Council Bluffs, of which FPNA member Terri Dowell is a member. We helped out where needed, especially with tables, chairs, and food service from Kyle. Ninety people took advantage of the opportunity to wash their clothes and bedding at the Broadway Wash House free of charge, and to partake of a light supper while they waited. A grant had been obtained by Promise Partners to pay for the washer/dryer fees, supplies and food. It was an opportunity to help clean up America, one washer load at a time.

DECORATING ADVICE

Here are some helpful decorating tips from award winning designer Mary Fox Linton. Agree or disagree, this is still pertinent information.

*Avoid capture by a new design or material. "You don't want something that lasts for six weeks or becomes extremely dated within a year."

*Mix old and new elements. "It stops rooms feeling like a furniture catalog."

*Use traditional proportions. For the size of windows and doors, go back to what was used historically in rooms of the same ceiling height and size.

*White appliances. "Stainless steel is cold, hard, and everywhere. White enamel is actually more practical and easier to keep clean."



**LOOK OUT
POINT**
2014 CLEAN UP

LEND A HAND

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

SATURDAY APRIL 19TH 9 AM

PROJECT ALEX

Free Smoke Detector Program

Every year there are over 3,000 deaths and 30,000 injuries in the United States due to fire in homes. The best way to lower those numbers is to make sure every home has at least two working smoke detectors, one located near the sleeping area of the home. The Council Bluffs Fire Department is urging you to check your smoke detectors. If it's more than ten years old, or doesn't work, please replace it as quickly as possible. If you need a smoke detector, or just need to have the battery replaced, contact the Council Bluffs Fire Department by calling, 712-328-4646. There is no charge for the detectors or service. Smoke detectors for hearing impaired persons are also available.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Look Out Point Clean Up
April 19th
9:00 a.m.

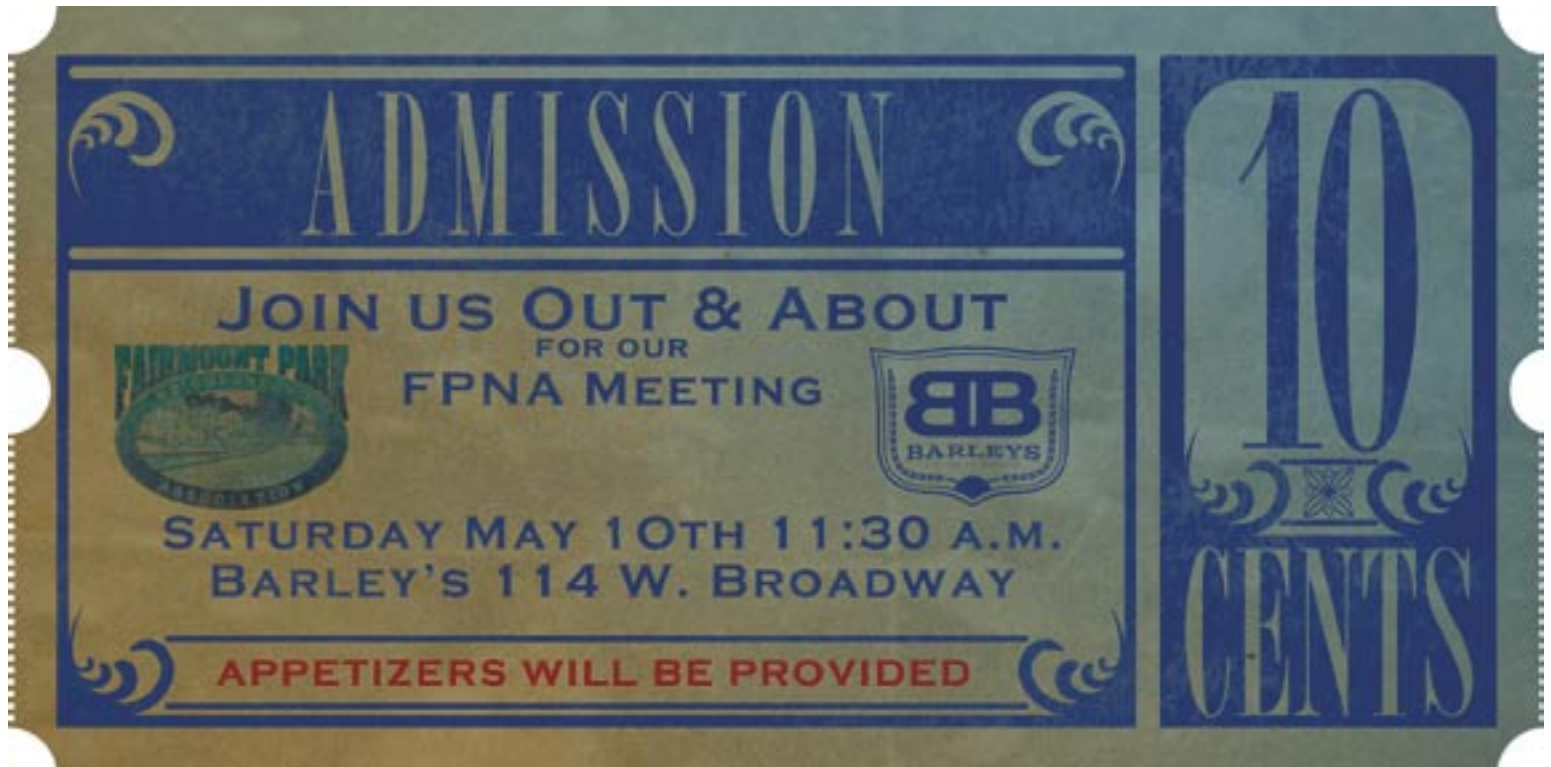
Downtown CB Farmer's Market
100 Block Broadway
May 1st

BBQ in the Bluffs
May 9th
River's Edge Park

zFPNA May Meeting
May 10th 11:30 a.m.
Barleys 114 W. Broadway

Clean Sweep Neighborhood Clean Up
May 13th 5:00 p.m.
Glen Street Pump House

Celebrate C.B. Parade
May 17th.
Bayliss Park



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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: _____

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