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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 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.

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.

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 14th and Saturday June 21st.

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.

## The President's Corner

Kyle Muschall

332 Glen Avenue

My article is short this month as I spoke about the FPNA Food and Clothing Drive on the front page. I have a few more topics to communicate.

We still need participants for the 2014 FPNA Garage Sale. We want to make this a great day for neighbors to make some extra cash and give visitors to the our neighborhood plenty of choices to find that second hand treasure that they've been looking for.

If you aren't able to participate in the Garage Sale please think about donating something to the Bake Sale. We are looking for that sweet treat that will perk up our patrons and give them more energy for shopping. If baking isn't your forte please consider donating bottled water, soda or tea to the event.

The planning for the Kirn Park Grand Opening event is underway. We are looking to have the event in late June. This will be the chance for the City to showcase the work they've done and the opportunity for us neighbors to thank all those involved for seeing this project thru to completion. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and water and are asking folks to bring side dishes to go along with the meal. I will send more information as soon as it is available.

Celebrate C.B. has awarded all the Neighborhood Associations in Council Bluffs a Grand Marshall plaque for the 2014 celebration and have asked all the Neighborhood Associations to walk in this year's parade. We are looking for folks to represent the FPNA in the parade which is on May 17<sup>th</sup>. I will send out more information when I have it available.

## ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPDATES

Our shake-up of meeting locations continued last Saturday with our May meeting at Barley's. The meeting space was ideal and Barley's furnished the tea, lemonade, water and the chicken and beef wraps, so we were well supplied with food and drink. What was missing was a large turnout of the folks, although a couple of members who don't usually attend were there. Our plan is to hold our meetings at different times and places so that everyone who wishes to attend can do so at least part of the time. Kyle gave a comprehensive report of what's going on; it will be a busy month.

Meanwhile, plans are going forward to hold our next meeting in conjunction with the "Grand Opening of Kirn Park" as soon as the artist's signs are completed. The artist is working on the sign on High School—honest, he is as he's been seen there. We are not complaining because, compared to some of the artists' signs at other City parks, our signs have made great progress. This grand opening event will be held at the end of June, if all goes well, and the Parks Department and the Gibraltar NA will participate. It will be a memorable event, one not to miss.

### POLES

When you go outside to pick up this newsletter, you may see the final four poles installed, with banners flying. The footings have been poured by our professional team of installers (Dave, Kyle and Mike). They are the ones who will hoist up the poles, which are presently being stored at 134 Park (in the living room of that house undergoing renovation) thanks to the kind cooperation of homeowners Dave and John. These final four poles are the last of this years-long project.

### FLOWER BASKETS

Last year, our flower baskets were planted by Sherbondy's, but this year we decided that we should be responsible for our own planting. This is the cost effective way to do it, and Michelle, our resident horticulturalist, was tasked with the job. She started the sweet potato vine cuttings donated by Linda, but some of them didn't survive our unusually cold winter. More cuttings have started from the remaining vines and are well underway. Wave petunias are planned to fill out the baskets. While we've gotten off to a slow start, the 18 baskets (16 for poles plus 2 in reserve) will be ready for hanging in the near future.

As we all know, the cost of the pole project has depleted our treasury and we are doing our best to keep expenditures to a bare minimum until we built it up again. It has been proposed that we call for members to sponsor a basket for the season and have estimated that \$20 per basket will help pay for the costs of soil, fertilizer and plants. This does not mean that we're asking for people to *maintain* the baskets, only to help the NA *pay* for the baskets. All the work will be done by our volunteers, the way it's always been done.

Won't you step forward and contribute something for flower basket maintenance? Even if it isn't the \$20 mentioned, anything will be appreciated.

### WE PAID OUR DUES

During the last month, these members paid their dues:

Al Hudek  
Mark and Shari Hansen  
Dan Angeroth

Carol Mattox  
Wayne and Melva Wood



**FAIRMOUNT PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# 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



# LOOK OUT POINT 2014 CLEAN-UP



We couldn't have asked for a better day for the 2014 Look Out Point Clean up. We had 25 people show up for our annual clean up event. This included Mary Aney and her Roots and Shoots group. The kids had great fun wrestling the tires from the gully and rolling them up the hill. John Marshall (Vice President of the North Broadway Neighborhood Association) also joined in for the dirty but rewarding work. We kept our strength up with delicious donuts from Mad Ox Bakery and water and orange juice to wash it down. We had quite a haul of debris this year and we tackled an area on the switchback road leading up to Look Out Point that was particularly strewn with garbage. I want to thank everyone who could attend for their time, energy and effort.



Photos by Kyle Muschall



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A big *thanks* to you. Please keep those dues coming, friends. Send your dues to Treasurer Dave Huggins, 150 Park Ave., or drop it by his house.

FYI: At present, 34 families, or another way to say it, 55 individuals, have paid their dues for 2014. Not too shabby!

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Our newsletters are printed and hand delivered to every residence in the NA. In this way, everyone will know what we're doing and we've always thought this was a good thing. In addition, those who've shared their e-mail addresses with us are entered into our Distribution List and receive the newsletter in this way as well. The cost of printing may soon take a giant leap in price so, in the future, we may have to depend on electronic distribution more than we do now. If you haven't already done so, won't you please send your e-mail information to Kyle kmuschall@cox.net. You will also be tuned into other news alerts as well, so a win-win for us all.

## WE LOVE A PARADE

All the neighborhoods in Council Bluffs have been named as the collective Grand Marshal of the Celebrate CB (dang! Hard not to say *Pride Day*) Parade. We have all been asked—as a large group and not just the Boards—to march at the head of the parade, with each NA identifying itself in some way. FPNA will carry one of our large banners--you know, the ones flying from the poles—and we will pin one of our garden flags to our (not matching) tee-shirts or other apparel. We are to meet at the empty lot on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., across from Eddy's, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning. We won't be wearing bells or carrying balloons, but we should look exceptionally classy with our banner and flags in our neighborhood colors. Please be there and don't miss the fun. We may never have this opportunity again.

## FARMERS MARKET

While you're shopping at the Farmers Market on Thursdays during the month of May, please take a moment to gaze into the windows of Marcus Shoe Store and see the cloth doll display. These dolls have been made by members of the Cloth Doll Creators doll club, and two of our own residents, Linda and Sharon, are members and have dolls in those windows. These dolls were on one of the Christmas trees at the Dodge House in 2013, and will move on to the Omaha Quilters Guild Spring Show in June. After that, they're history, so now's the time to see them.

## LOST GARBAGE CANS?

If you garbage can rolls away or is blown away on pick-up day, you wouldn't have to spend time looking for it if it was identified. Rob Hoag will stencil your name and address on your cans for \$1 each, price negotiable. Please see him at 242 Park Ave. to make arrangements. Isn't it worth it?

**"The privilege of a lifetime  
is being who you are"  
Joseph Campbell**

# 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.




**BAKE SALE**

Along with the FPNA Garage Sale on June 7th we'd like to enlist the aid of all you bakers in the neighborhood to whip up your favorite cookie, cupcake or sweet confection

If baking isn't your game we will also kindly accept donations of bottled water, soda or tea to add to the bake sale offering.

If you would like to contribute please contact Michelle at [gopack8763@aol.com](mailto:gopack8763@aol.com) or drop off your items at 407 Glen Avenue the morning of the Sale

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Celebrate C.B. Parade  
May 17th.  
Main Street

Loessfest  
May 25th - June 8th  
River's Edge Park

FPNA Garage Sale  
June 7th  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FPNA Food and Clothing Drive  
June 14th and 21st.

Kirn Park Grand Opening  
Late June Early July  
TBD

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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