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ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT

By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

NEXT MEETING

Have we got a treat for you! Wayne Andersen, friend of FPNA and owner of one of the best historic homes in Council Bluffs, has agreed to open his doors to us on October 28th for a tour and meeting. Get this: He said his house was going to be toured in October twice anyway, so what's one more?!

This historic home is located at 301 S. Eighth St. and is officially known as the Farnsworth/Tinley House. It's a huge thing and features many original details from the home's early period. Wayne is a true preservationist.

Our meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on that Friday, the time deliberately set so we can eat our dinner beforehand. Snacks and beverages will be available though. Please don't miss this opportunity to see one of City's gems and show our gratitude to Wayne for inviting us.

PICNIC MEMORIES

When we chose the Fairmount Park Splash Pad/Pavillion for the location of our summer picnic, it was a stroke of genius. One of the most beautiful spots in our Park and one that displays the great design choices of our City's Parks Department. We had shelter and shade all afternoon, plenty of table and seating space, and that splash pad (sorry Moms and Dads for the wet car seats going home!). Shari was our picnic chair, and together with help from Terri, they chose table coverings and flower vases that lent a festive atmosphere to the already gorgeous site. The choice of fried chicken, when coupled with the potluck dishes furnished by FPNA members, made for a picnic to remember. Thanks to all—we're still raving about it.

WE PAID OUR DUES

Dues continue to dribble in here and there. As we've said before, we don't care when your dues of \$20/year arrives, only that it gets here. Thanks to the following for your support:

Barbara Neal

Will Reger/Elizabeth Hostetter

Dave Van Houten

Amanda and Brian Redlinger

These good folks are now on our official distribution list and will receive this newsletter on line (the days of personal paper copy delivery are gone).

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The President's Corner

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Here's more on the ongoing subject of the pollination garden. It is proving to be harder to accomplish than we thought it would be. Changes to our plans are happening every time we turn around, and resolution seems always to be just around the corner, and yet not.

We haven't given up on planting any of those vacant lots in the 400 block of Park. They remain a scar on our landscape and are begging for wildflowers. Keep in mind that anything you read here doesn't preclude us from continuing to pursue this goal, although we may have to postpone it. This is a vague statement and any and all presidents at any level reserve the right to be vague!

After receiving a very high estimate for professional tilling, and determining that our volunteers should not, and will not, be asked to take on this task, we put the 400 block lots on the back burner.

At the recent picnic, a suggestion was made to find smaller and more manageable locations around the neighborhood for our pollination goals. Our committee toured the neighborhood this past week in search of such locations. Many were found but all were on private property and require owner permission. We have that permission from two homeowners, so far. We determined that we would scale down our planting goal for this fall to a manageable level and stick with one of these locations. They will require either some tilling on the flat location, or the building of a raised bed to accommodate the steep slope involved on the other one.

We've estimated that the building of a raised bed would cost about \$200, while the volunteer who said he would do the tilling hasn't yet gotten the price for the rental of the equipment. Either cost would probably be approximately the same. The seeds have already been bought and paid for; they are resting in a cold location and will remain viable for as long as it takes to resolve this immediate issue.

So, how long will it take us to resolve this issue long term, you ask? Your guess is as good as mine but let's just say—it takes as long as it takes.

YOU & YOUR YARD WASTE

Shannon Meister

C.B. Recycle Center

As we move into the end of summer, the leaves begin to fall, and you may have more yard waste to set at your curb. Here are some tips and reminders for your yard waste.

Remember to always separate trash from yard waste. These items are collected separately by RR Waste Solutions, the City's waste hauler. If yard waste is not separate, it will be tagged and not collected.

On your curb, place your yard waste a few feet away from trash, so waste haulers recognize where one ends and the other begins.

Yard waste may be placed in a regular garbage can, City-approved Poly-cart or paper yard waste bags. Mark containers with a "Y" or place an orange yard waste sticker on each can.

Gather limbs and branches into bundles no more than 4' in length, 2' in diameter and 60 pounds in weight.

Tie yard waste bundles with string or twine.

Yard waste is unlimited through November 30.

Pumpkins, corn stalks and other garden waste can be placed with yard waste.

**"Love is a
great beautifier"**

**Louisa May
Alcott**

July Yard of the Month



232 Park Avenue Sarah and Chris Ebke

Photo by Kelli Deere

August Yard of the Month



321 Park Avenue Sharon and Mark Peters

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SUMMER PICNIC 2016



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YARD OF THE MONTH FOR JULY & AUGUST

Here are our July and August selections for the final awards in 2016's series of YOMs. These selections were made some weeks ago, when things still appeared in summer dress.

Our YOM for July is 232 Park Ave., homeowners Sarah and Chris Ebke. A combination of old brick and landscape blocks comprise the borders surrounding the porch and sidewalk of this Queen Anne Victorian home. The bayberry bushes are beginning to show a touch of red, while the boxwoods will remain green all season. Stella d'Oro daylilies, hostas and other perennial flowers add more color.

Our YOM for August is 321 Park Ave., homeowners Sharon and Mark Peters. The focal point of this yard is the large teal colored container filled with cascading plants and flowers. The color of this container coordinates with the unusual teal of the welcoming front door. Ornamental grasses and bushes complete the look. The old and magnificent maple tree near the street overlooks this and other homes nearby; if trees could talk this one might tell stories of the history of our entire neighborhood.

BOW HUNTING

Bow hunting for deer begins at dawn on September 17th and continues through next January. Why do we care? One of the prime areas for hunting is Fairmount Park and two hunters licensed to hunt deer have been assigned there. The legal time is ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Turkey hunting runs during the same period. Last year, hunting in Fairmount Park was banned because of Park renovations, but residents are advised to be aware of the activity this time around. Although bow hunting is permitted in neighborhoods zoned R-2 and R-3 (that's us), it is restricted to large properties of at least three acres. There are no properties that large in our densely populated neighborhood, so this should not be an issue.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Bill Mann on the recent loss of his brother Richard (Dick), who passed away on September 15th. The Mann siblings were born and raised in the Pisgah/Little Sioux area and shared many memories of their mother and the "old homestead" together

NEW ARRIVAL

We have a new baby boy, Elliott Brockelsby. He is the son of Lacey and Jeremy. He was born earlier this month. He has 2 sisters. They live on Glen avenue.



TRICK OR TREAT LET'S MEET

FOR THE OCTOBER
FAIRMOUNT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION MEETING

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY
TO TOUR ONE OF COUNCIL
BLUFFS MOST BEAUTIFUL HOMES

WAYNE ANDERSON, FRIEND OF
THE FPNA, HAS GRACIOUSLY
OPENED HIS HOME FOR US TO
HOLD OUR MEETING

SNACKS AND BEVERAGS WILL BE
PROVIDED. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
ALL THERE

OCT. 28TH 7:00^{PM}
301 SOUTH 8TH STREET

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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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