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By Sharon Babbitt

200 Park Avenue

BLOCK PARTY EVENT

FPNA is participating in the citywide block party event in conjunction with National Night Out on August 1st. We are registered as #80 of the 100-block parties in Council Bluffs. Sounds so official, doesn't it? But it is actually a great time to get together with friends and neighbors, knowing that other neighborhoods are doing the exact same thing at the exact same time!

Our event goes from 5-8 p.m. on High School, the brick block between Park and Glen. FPNA is buying the fried chicken and drinks, while everybody else brings the sides. There will be prizes and water balloons for the kids, and music from our very own musicians. This promises to be a great event, so don't miss it! FYI: This takes the place of the annual picnic, in case you were wondering.

POLLINATION GARDEN

Our garden is blooming and no longer looks like a patch of weeds, just a wildflower patch with only a few weeds thrown in. Most of the flowers are black-eyed susans, with a variety of other blooms popping up here and there.

We plan to throw out some other varieties of seeds at the appropriate time. Butterflies are loving it! We are in the process of creating a nice sign identifying the garden. Other neighborhoods are interested in our project and we will give a presentation on it at a neighborhood wide meeting sponsored by the 712 Initiative in September. We appear to be the pioneers and others can learn from our mistakes as well as our wins.

JAPANESE BEETLES

Yes, they are everywhere! But, according to an article in the July 21st edition of the Nonpareil, they will soon be gone and any trees they have feasted on are not dead. However, they will need extra watering

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ONE-OF-A-KIND STREETScape

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Have you always wondered what Amelia Bloomer looked like in those pantaloons? Or what about Mr. And Mrs. Jean Bregant, those tiny people who were advertising spokespersons for Woodward Candy Factory? Or maybe you have wondered about the actual Woodward's factory itself, when it was in operation on Broadway between Park and Glen?

Well, you are in luck because all you have to do is stroll down to the bottom of Park or Glen, saunter along the south side of the 200 block of Broadway, cross the street, and continue east into the 100 block. When you reach the walkway connecting Broadway with the alley behind, just turn down the walkway to see more. If you keep your eyes open you will experience a condensed history of our old pioneer city as it was long ago.

Inside each of the pillars located in the retaining walls along this streetscape, you will see tiles on which are printed copies of more than fifty vintage postcards that depict early scenes of Council Bluffs, interspersed with whimsical advertising art.

Several early hotels are featured, along with the original 1890 Bayliss Park fountain; Fairmount Park itself; several street scenes of early Council Bluffs; two historic schools, both gone now—the first Bloomer school and the magnificent original Washington Avenue school complete with tower; and Lake Manawa in the old days (it was quite a destination then).

Peppered among the historic scenes are wonderful advertising postcards (my personal favorite is an announcement of the National Corn Show), proving once and for all that our ancestors did, indeed, have a sense of humor.

Some of the things depicted in the postcards have direct connections to our historic neighborhood, beyond the expected entrances to Fairmount Park and the candy factory. For instance, the owner of the Neumayer Hotel lived at 228 Park, and Henry Eiseman, owner of The Peoples Store, made his home at 134 Park.

Who is responsible for all this wonder? Rose Brown of the Community Development Department tells me that this portion of the project was funded by an Iowa West Grant, and that the graphic work was done by an artist from RDG Planning and Design of Des Moines, at the cost of \$3,000 per pillar.

Pam Minor, owner of the former Beauty on Broadway salon, and our own Mary Lou McGinn served on a committee with the awesome task of choosing the images from hundreds, if not thousands, of postcards belonging to the collections of the Pottawattamie County Historical Society, Dr. Richard Warner, fireman Cal Peterson, Bob Burgin and others. Fortunately, no postcards were damaged in the process of reprinting them onto the Italian tiles used for the project.

A last word—the advertising postcard from the old Iowa Clothes Shop (remember that, men?) contains a motto that could actually be adopted by the FPNA. It says: “We go a long way to make friends and a longer way to keep them.” But some of us feel we already have a motto. When someone recently referred to us (in a friendly way, of course) as a “rogue neighborhood”, we began to shout, with fists in air, “Rogues Rule”! So, you see, we don't really need another slogan.

**“Nobody has ever
measured, even the
poets, how much a
heart can hold”**

Zelda Fitzgerald



FAIRMOUNT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

THE BLOCK PARTY

TUESDAY AUGUST FIRST 5-8 p.m.

**Come join your neighbors for National Neighbors Night Out
Tuesday August First from 5-8pm
On High School Avenue between Glen and Park
We will supply fried chicken and plenty of water
You bring the sides and desserts**

**There will be music by Andre VanderVelde and games for all ages
Sign up for prizes to be given away by the 100 Block party council
This is a great time to get to know your neighbors**

**If you have a hidden talent like juggling, singing or playing an
instrument please come and share. If you have a business you want
to promote please come set up a table.**

**Please contact Shari Hansen at sis2100@cox.net if you want to
participate in the entertainment or set up a table.**

MAY Yard of the Month



242 Park Avenue Rob and Georgie Hoag

Photo by Kyle Muchall

June Yard of the Month



223 Park Avenue Kelly and Ward Prine

Photo by Kyle Muschall

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between now and winter. The beetles are expected to come out in full force next year and the best way to prevent this is to treat for grubs in the spring. DO NOT USE THOSE TRAPS THAT YOU HANG FROM THE TREES because you will only be inviting more of them to snack on your trees. Read the Nonpareil article for full details.

NEW/OLD STREET

It is now official. We always thought that alley from 5th Ave running north beside Kirn Park was called White Street and turned toward Glen halfway down, but the City has confirmed it, although they are saying that it doesn't have a name. The rest of the alley, which continues to High School is still considered an alley.

IDENTIFICATION POLES

You may see our volunteers relocating one of our poles in the near future. Many thanks to our volunteers for taking on this chore—not an easy task but these experienced men (Dave, Ted and Kyle) are more than up for the challenge. Thanks to all!

YARDS OF THE MONTH

Summer is here and our awards for Yards of the Month have started up again. Our May recipient is Rob and Georgie Hoag of 242 Park Avenue. Their corner lot is a perfect location to showcase their bountiful garden and shrubery. Our June pick went to Kelly and Ward Prine of 223 Park Avenue. Their spacious front yard provides ample room for their beautiful shade trees and array of hostas. All of us appreciate the effort that our neighbors put into making their yards a feast for the eyes to enjoy. A special thanks to Kellie Deere who is leading the Yard of the Month committee for her second year.

WE PAID OUR DUES

More annual dues of \$20/year continue to come in to our modest treasury. Thanks everyone for contributing.

Larry and Andrea Britton
Brett and Diane Emsick
Rob and Georgie Hoag



NEIGHBORHOODS USA 2017 TOUR

Please enjoy the photos from our 2017 Neighborhoods USA tour. Three of our great Council Bluffs Neighborhood Associations, Bayliss West, Gibraltar and Fairmount Park, banded together to share our little piece of the country with folks from all across the nation.



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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. Please Contact the Editor:

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THE 7th 2nd INITIATIVE



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 Number: _____ 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

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