

# The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

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## President's Letter

### Boots on the Ground in the Village

AEPNA was invited to staff the beer tent at the first (annual) Aksarben Village RibFest and more than 50 volunteers – some from as far away as Canada – stepped forward to help. We ended up staffing both the beer and soft drink tents and checking IDs to issue wristbands for alcohol. It was a blast! We lasted longer than some of the rib vendors and by the end of the event, we had raised more than \$5,200 to be used for our matching grant to upgrade

us in those safety green T's!) and proved that AEPNA is a good partner for community events. That we were able to mobilize 50+ workers over the course of 3 days is a testament to the association's officers and members.

teering, sign me up! I had fun serving up beer, soda, and water during three cool days in August. I also got to do some great people-watching and listen to several good blues bands for FREE.



*Jerry & Chris Shriver*

The September meeting should be packed. We'll hear from the City of Omaha about plans for the S/V Park playground improvement. And we'll get insider tips on the reEnergize program recently in the news. Leon Komar, an energy auditor who lives in our neighborhood will make this meeting well worth your time! See you there.

Avery Schwer

#### Next Meeting ...

Thursday, Sept 20th  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Guest speakers from  
City of Omaha:  
Park Improvement plans  
for Schroder/Vogel Park

& ReEnergize Omaha:  
Energy Audits & Energy  
Smart Communities

Saint Matthew Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
1725 S. 60th Street  
3rd Thursday  
Every Other Month

Bring a friend or two and  
join us!

Schroder/Vogel Park playground equipment. On an organizational level, we raised awareness of AEPNA (you couldn't miss

Thank you. Thank you.  
Thank you.

On a personal level, I have to say that if this is volun-

### Play Ground Passion

Asking what the best playground surface is is like asking what the best barbeque is...it's a matter of taste and presentation and, yes, cost. All of the options (rubber, sand, shredded tires, gravel, wood chips, turf, tile, mulch) have their zealous proponents.

As we prepare for redoing the playground at Schroder/Vogel Park, we'll need people who are pas-

sionate about playgrounds. Eileen Slane says a hundred grand doesn't go as far as you hope when you're purchasing equipment that's built to last. So before we spend \$100,000 on equipment and landscaping, we want to research and explore our options in terms of safety, sustainability, aesthetics and cost.

Eileen is looking for a core group of concerned neigh-

bors who will help think things through fully so when the time comes to make the purchase, we get the most for our money. If you've got kids who will use the playground or if you just like shopping with other people's money, this is your opportunity! PLEASE contact Eileen to get in on the ground (dirt?) floor of this opportunity.



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## Neoclassical or Romantic?

Tired of a plain old  
easement?

You can turn bare  
parking into a showpiece  
that suits your style and  
level of care.



A mere ten feet of con-  
crete driveway separates  
Cindy's and Maureen's  
easements but it might as  
well be the English  
Channel.

Cindy's easement is a  
formal French garden  
style marked by geome-  
try, restraint and order.  
Maureen's evokes a  
charming English garden  
with a profusion of colors  
and a mix of plantings  
(including watermelon  
hidden in the blooms).

Both are beautiful and  
elevate a difficult public  
space that bears the in-  
sults of plowed snow



piles, salt and careless  
drivers who take the term  
"parking" literally.

## Campaign for LOCAL Control

The Campaign for LOCAL Control of alcohol has worked with the City of Omaha for nearly two years to design an ordinance to more effectively control alcohol sales at the local level. Through the use of zoning ordinances and impact fees at the local level, the aim is to proactively address public nuisances and pay for enforcement. For more information about the Campaign for LOCAL Control, go to [www.Projectextramile.org](http://www.Projectextramile.org) or call (402) 290-8187.

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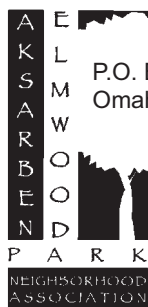
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For more information about reEnergize Omaha, go to [www.reenergizeprogram.org](http://www.reenergizeprogram.org) and come to the September meeting to talk with an energy evaluator.