



The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

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NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Picnic!

Thursday,
July 19th

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Elmwood Park
Pavilion

Main Dish - Catered
Sides – Potluck:
A-L- desserts
M-Z- salad/veggies

Bring a Friend or Two!

Meeting Schedule...
3rd Thursday
Every Other Month

Saint Matthew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
1725 S. 60th Street

President's Letter

The good turnout at last month's meeting may have been due either to the guest speakers from Metropolitan Utilities District and the Omaha Parks Foundation, or to hot dogs grilled by Tom Prohaska (thanks, Tom!), but whatever the reason they came, members left satisfied and energized.

The Omaha Parks Foundation (OPF) speaker, Executive Director Amber Miller, explained the history and mission of OPF. AEPNA is grateful to be a recipient of an OPF matching grant to replace playground equipment at Shroeder/Vogel Park. We have raised \$20,000 of the \$50,000 we need by the end of 2014.

That's a great start! We'll be putting out buckets to collect donations at all AEPNA events so that we can maintain momentum and keep the project top-of-mind.



The two MUD speakers shared the utility's plans to replace cast iron gas and water pipes and mains that have been in use since the 1880's. Those pipes will be replaced with ductile iron with cement mortar lining, a replacement with a lifespan of about 75 years. The speakers took questions re-

lated specifically to the work in our neighborhood and said that the work along 60th Street (Leavenworth to Pacific) is expected to take another 5 weeks.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic in July. It's always a fun event and a good way to connect with neighbors. If you know of some neighbors who don't belong to the association, but who would enjoy the fellowship or the information we get at meetings, please invite them to come to the picnic. It's free, fun and full of good food!

I'll see you at Elmwood on July 19th!

Avery Schwer

Fight Summer Brain Drain

Amy Coacher at LearningHQ is full of fun ideas on how to help kids keep their brains sharp even though school's out. Summer is a great time to work on weak areas and build on strengths so when kids go back to school, they're ready to pick up where they left off.

"Even reluctant learners or readers enjoy and benefit from games," Amy says. She can point you to "summer fit" games that exercise the body as well as the mind, or games that can turn a long car ride into a shared experience rather than simply a shared space with separate electronic gadgets.

Amy or one of the LearningHQ staff can help you find just the right thing for your child's learning level and attention span. For inspiration or information, contact amy@LearningHQ.com.

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AEPNA Board meeting:

7:00 Thursday, June 28th at Wohlner's Deli area.

Agenda topics and/or committee work: 2012 picnic; event at the fire education station; fundraising; other future events. Join us!