

THE BULLETIN

A publication of the Benson-Ames Alliance

Inside this issue:

- New roof and repair program launched—*page 2*
- Make your plans for the Big Green Garage Sale May 22—*page 3*
- B-AA neighborhood association directory—*back page*

SHOP THE BENSON FARMERS MARKET THIS SEASON

For most of the year, Military Avenue between Maple and Binney serves as a northwest entry point into downtown Benson. This stretch of road has now transformed into its weekly warm weather persona with the opening of the 2010 Benson Farmers Market.

The market, now in its third year, was founded by Mary Pat Johnson and Janelle Grieco, a local mother-daughter duo who share a love of Benson, its business district and all things green. The pair has since reached out to other volunteers to grow the market and attract more people to Maple Street, create a sense of community and improve the area's economic outlook.

"Our mission is to support Benson businesses and serve as a place where the Benson community can come together, provide hands-on education concerning healthy eating and sustainable agriculture, and promote environmental conservation," Johnson said.

The market will feature produce, plants, meat, eggs, baked goods, art, special events and more. The 2010 sponsors are AOK Sharpening Services, the Benson-Ames Alliance, Benson Grind, Benson Neighborhood Association, Benson Records Management, Burke's Pub, Clocktower Chiropractic/Dr. Ryan Goss, D&B Metal Polishing, Grampy's Curious Goods, Great Western Bank, Haney Shoes, Inventive Service/Nanci Walsh, Jake's Cigars and Spirits, Jane's Health Market, Leo's Diner, Omaha Advertising/Kurt Goetzing, The Pizza Shoppe, Ralph "Skip" Brown, State Farm/Andrea Maleki and Triangle Body.

The Benson Farmers Market runs each Saturday from 8:00am to noon through Sept. 25. If you're interested in becoming a vendor or a volunteer for the 2010 season, email bensonfm@cox.net or call Grieco at 763.8995 or Johnson at 390.9650.



Community Spirit in Action.

VOLUME IV, ISSUE 11
APRIL/MAY 2010

PUBLIC WORKS HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE COLE CREEK PROJECT

The City of Omaha Department of Public Works is the recipient of Omaha by Design's 2010 Green Leaf award.

The department was recognized for its leadership role in The Cole Creek Project, a \$1.6 million urban stream restoration initiative in the Benson-Ames Alliance.

It's the first project to follow the City of Omaha's Urban Design Element recommendation that calls for transforming the Papio Creek waterways into a citywide public park and recreation system. The award was presented at the April 21 meeting of the Omaha by Design Advisory Committee.

The Green Leaf, presented annually by Omaha by Design, recognizes an individual, organization or business that has worked to

- *Cont'd. on the back*

THE BULLETIN



APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S NEW ROOF AND REPAIR PROGRAM

Dear members of the Benson-Ames Alliance:

Greetings from Habitat for Humanity of Omaha (HFHO). My name is Ryan Paul Underwood, and I am an Americorps National Direct Service Member with HFHO.

For 25 years, Omahans have partnered with each other and with Habitat Omaha to build nearly 300 homes that are sold to deserving families with a no-interest mortgage. More than just constructing houses, through that partnership we build up each other and foster a stronger community.

In 2009, Habitat Omaha pioneered a new ministry called the Roof and Repair Program. This program will support existing homeowners as much as our Homeownership Program supports potential homeowners.

The Roof and Repair Program helps existing homeowners afford the maintenance necessary to protect their investment. Repairs and maintenance are aspects of home ownership, and paying for such repairs can be difficult for many families.

Like the Homeownership Program, the Roof and Repair Program offers qualified homeowners a no-interest loan for necessary exterior repairs. The loan is repaid over five to 10 years depending on the homeowner's ability to pay.

However, the program offers more than just a loan. We also make all the necessary arrangements so that the homeowner gets the best deal possible and a contractor that we know we can trust. The Roof and Repair staff will manage the project from start to finish to ensure the project is completed correctly on time.

Our goal for 2010 is to expand our impact on the community by 50%. We have the resources to do so, save for one, which is why I am writing this letter. You may know someone who needs a new roof or another exterior repair but may be putting it off for financial reasons. There is a good chance they might qualify for our program and can make that repair before it causes additional damage to their home. If you know of someone who is in need of home repairs, please have them call our office at 402.457.5657 and ask for Ryan Underwood or Barry Wingert.

You can also log on to www.HabitatOmaha.com to find out more about the program and download an application. Omaha is a great community. Together, we are going to make it even better.

Sincerely,

Ryan Paul Underwood
Roof and Repair Program
Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
402.457.5657
RoofRepair@HabitatOmaha.org



FIND FOUND IN BENSON

Pick up a copy of *Found in Benson* at one of the following locations:

- The Sydney
- Barley Street Tavern
- The Pizza Shoppe Collective
- The Waiting Room Lounge
- Jake's Cigars & Spirits
- Benson Grind
- Leo's Diner
- Today Cafe
- Subway
- Uncommon Talents
- Hargiss Stringed Instruments
- Jane's Health Market & Deli
- Omaha Yoga & Bodywork Center
- Louis & Louis Supermarket
- Haney Shoes
- Espana
- Friendly Used Books
- Backshelf Books
- The Foundry

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – *Rethink!*



BiG GREEN GARAGE SALE

One Day Only! • Saturday

MAY 22

Beginning at 8am

Got Stuff to Sell?

If you're located within the Benson-Ames Alliance (Western Avenue to Sorensen Parkway and 72nd Street to Saddle Creek Road/Fontenelle Boulevard), then have a garage sale! The Benson-Ames Alliance will promote your sale free of charge, plus you'll receive reusable signs to draw traffic to your sale. We encourage you to donate a percentage of your proceeds to a local nonprofit or cause of your choice.

Looking for a Bargain?

Visit our website for garage sale locations. Don't forget to stop by the Benson Farmers Market, Military Avenue at Maple, from 8am to noon.

Presented by:



Community Spirit • Action

Register Your Garage Sale Today!

www.BigGreenGarageSale.com • 402-554-4010

B-AA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Benson Neighborhood Association

Fontenelle to 72, Ames to Western

Meets the last Monday of every month (except May, June, July, August and December) at 7 p.m. at Benson Baptist Church, 6319 Maple.

Liz Moldenhauer, president (mold_e@yahoo.com)

Clairmont Heights Neighborhood Association

45 to 48, Military Avenue to Maple

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Holy Name Little Gym.

Kim Reid-Kuhn, president

clairmontheights.wordpress.com

Cole Creek Neighborhood Association

60th to 72nd, Camden to Sorensen

Daniel Clute, president (drdyclute@gmail.com)

Country Club Community Council

52 to 56, Corby to Blondo

Meets the first Monday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) at 7 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 5410 Corby.

Matt Herzog, president

www.historiccountryclub.com

Fontenelle View Neighborhood Association

48 to Fontenelle Boulevard, Ames Avenue to Brown

Charlene Potter, contact person

Fort Redman Neighborhood Association

50 to Fontenelle Boulevard, Brown to Sorensen Parkway

Cynthia Wakefield, contact person

Hartman Avenue Neighborhood Association

50 to 60, Kansas Avenue to Fort

Meets the second Thursday of January, April, July and October at 7 p.m. at Mount View Presbyterian Church, 5308 Hartman.

Skypp Dorsey, president

Metcalfe-Harrison Neighborhood Association

Lake to Western (48 to 52), Blondo to Western (52 to 56)

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in March, June, September and November at Harrison Elementary School, 5304 Harrison St.

Ann Hosford, president

www.metcalfe-harrison.org

Please send listing corrections/updates to baalliance@omahabydesign.org.

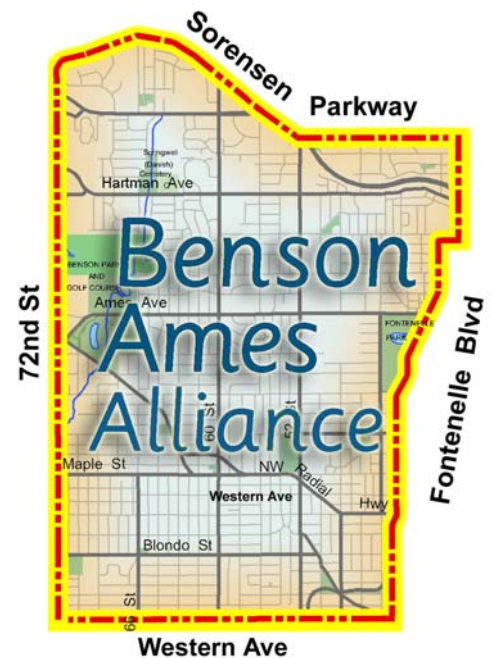
PUBLIC WORKS HONORED

- Cont'd. from the front preserve and enhance the metropolitan area's natural setting and public park system.

The construction and planting phases of the project, which runs through Orchard Park, are now complete. Planning for a "wrap party" is under way. Details will be provided when the event is finalized.

The Cole Creek Project is funded by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

For more information, visit www.colecreek.org or contact Omaha by Design at 402.554.4010.



The Bulletin is published quarterly by the Benson-Ames Alliance. To submit news or request copies to stack in your business or organization, call 402.554.4010 or email info@omahabydesign.org.

