

THE BULLETIN

A publication of the Benson-Ames Alliance

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COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE SET FOR NOV. 18

Goodwill Industries will host a community open house Thursday, Nov. 18, to celebrate the opening of its new headquarters at 4805 N. 72nd St. in the Benson Park Plaza. The event, which is free and open to the public, will run from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Individuals can stop by throughout the day to tour the building and enjoy refreshments.

The new 70,000 square foot facility houses the agency's largest retail store in the metro, training facility and administrative offices. It also features public meeting spaces, which are available for rental.



"We welcome Goodwill to the Benson-Ames Alliance and look forward to partnering with the organization on projects that help improve the quality of life for everyone in our corner of the city," said Troy Arthur, chairman of the Benson-Ames Alliance.

Goodwill's Benson Park Plaza retail store, which opened in early September, boasts a 20,000 square foot sales floor that features traditional clothing, shoe, furniture, book and electronics departments. It's also home to an Internet Café, which offers free WiFi for customers and access to the Internet for community members. The facility is also equipped with a drive-through donation lane, which makes it easy for people to drop off their material donations.

The store and donation hours are:

- **Monday through Friday**
9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Saturday**
9:00am to 7:00pm
- **Sunday**
Noon to 6:00pm

For more information, visit www.goodwillomaha.org.



Community Spirit in Action.

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CANDIDATE FORUM OCT. 25

Elections are just around the corner, and the Benson Neighborhood Association is hosting a candidate forum Monday, Oct. 25.

The event, co-sponsored by the Cole Creek, Clairmont Heights, Fontenelle View, Hartman Avenue and Metcalfe-Harrison neighborhood associations and the Benson-Ames Alliance, will begin at 7:00pm at Benson Baptist Church, 6319 Maple St.

"This is great opportunity to get to know what the candidates stand for so you can make an informed choice on Nov. 2," said Liz Moldenhauer, president of the Benson Neighborhood Association.

Among the candidates scheduled to appear are Anne Boyle (lieutenant governor), Tom White (Congress), Burke Harr and John Comstock (Nebraska Legislature District 8), Marian Fey (Omaha Public Schools

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 **BULLETIN BITS**

B-AA Business Affairs, Finance & Development Committees Merge

The Benson-Ames Alliance Business Affairs and Finance & Development Committees have officially merged.

The new committee, called the Business Development Committee, will focus on a comprehensive development plan for the alliance as a whole. Starting Oct. 7, it will meet the first Thursday of every other month at 4:00pm at rotating locations. The co-chairs are Andrew Rainbolt, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and Paula Glissman, Simmonds Holdings.

For more information, contact Glissman at paula@simmondsholdings.com or Rainbolt at arainbolt@omahachamber.org.

Plans for Expanded Benson Business Improvement District Pass First Step

The Omaha City Council unanimously approved a resolution of intent to create an expanded Benson Business Improvement District (BID) at its Sept. 28 meeting.

The final step in the process is the adoption of an ordinance that establishes the legal framework for the expanded BID's creation. The ordinance will be considered by the Omaha City Council later this fall.

The move expands the Benson BID's current boundaries - which were established by the City of Omaha in 1977 - and updates its assessment formula. The new boundaries are similar to the boundaries of the tax increment financing district approved by the Omaha City Council in January to incentivize commercial and industrial development. The assessment formula will fund a strategic work plan that focuses on cleaning and maintenance, lighting and security, signage and landscaping.

In conjunction with the changes, the group will

expand its board from five to seven members, who are appointed by the mayor. The current members are Jim Beran, Greg Bourne, John Hargiss, Janet Wetovick-Bily and Glenn P. York, DPM.

For more information about the Benson BID, visit www.benson-ames.org and click on the Benson Business Improvement District link.

Maple Street Advocate Honored

Every community, no matter its size, needs a Janet Wetovick-Bily. The Maple Street advocate, who operated Petals by Janet Floral & Gift Shop before retiring earlier this year, was honored at the Oct. 13 meeting of the Benson-Ames Alliance Steering Council for her many contributions to Benson.

A past president of the Benson Business Association, she brought the Place Game process to Maple Street. The Place Game, a free service of Omaha by Design, helps neighborhood and civic groups brainstorm potential improvements for their corner of the city.

Wetovick-Bily was an active member of the planning team that developed the Benson-Ames Alliance master plan, testifying before the planning board and city council on the need to revitalize the area. She is also a board member for the Benson Business Improvement District, and for the past year has helped this group plan its expansion and revitalization.

Steering Council to Meet Nov. 10

The Benson-Ames Alliance Steering Council will hold its final meeting of 2010 Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 11:45am to 1:00pm at The Omaha Home for Boys in the Youth and Family Services Building, Rooms B and C.

To attend this meeting as a guest, call 402.554.4010 or email info@omahabydesign.org.



PAINT, MULCH, TRIM

On Sept. 8, more than 70 Mutual of Omaha employees volunteered in the Benson-Ames Alliance, sprucing up three parks – Benson, Fontenelle and Gallagher – and one triangle garden in the Metcalfe-Harrison Neighborhood Association.

B-AA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Please send listing corrections to baalliance@omahabydesign.org.

Ames-Benson Neighborhood Association

60 to 66, Fowler to Sprague

Meetings vary.

Pamela Duncan, president (402.455.9032)

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

Cole Creek Neighborhood Association

60th to 72nd, Camden to Sorensen

Daniel Clute, president (drdjclute@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, vice 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

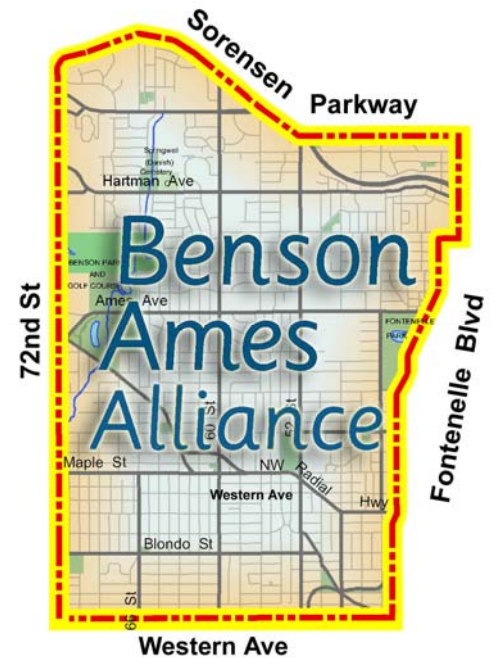
CANDIDATE FORUM

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Board of Education) and Jack Heidel (Learning Community Coordinating Council).

The forum is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Moldenhauer at

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