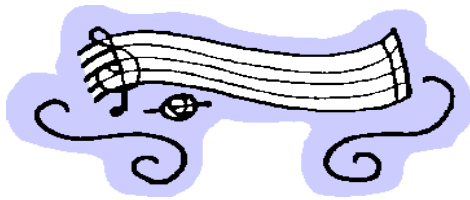




Wednesdays in the Park

August 6 ~ 13 ~ 20



AQCA is once again presenting a summer concert series for the neighborhood. These concerts, held on consecutive Wednesdays in August, will be held on the Quadrangle Green.

Come enjoy ...

August 6

Jana Byrdd and Ensemble - music with a Brazilian flavor

August 13

Joya and Friends presenting a selection of jazz and other standards

August 20

Jazz Bones - a nine member band with a five member trombone section.

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Annual Home Tour

AQCA's annual home tour will again be held the weekend of the Mattoon Street Arts Festival in September. This tour is our major fundraiser and it is a wonderful opportunity to show off our neighborhood to visitors.

If you would like to help with this exciting event, please contact Maggie Tucker at mbtucker@verizon.net.

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President's Letter

Maybe Our City Really is Beautiful

Robert Louder

Summer is almost upon us as we end another year of the Armoury Quadrangle Civic Association year and I need to say thank-you to the people that have made us into the group that we are. I need to thank the members because without you we would not exist, I need to say thank-you to my fellow officers on the board and my Co-president, Carol Costa who has made my job easier for me and given me hope that we will see positive things happening for our neighborhood.

This month I need to thank two special groups of people who have worked to make our faces available to the city. The first group is the Keep Springfield Beautiful Group which were eight people from Classical and Temple Street and myself who cleaned up the Temple, State, Spring, School, Mattoon, Elliot, Salem, Pearl, Edwards, Winter, Hillman, and Chestnut Streets. The second group is the people who worked the Pancake Breakfast; we are the only neighborhood group in the city to work at this function and I feel that the other groups should step up to the plate and help. This is a moment that the city shines and we should help to show that our city is alive and willing to contribute to the vision of neighborhoods that make up this city. Remember the old anthem "We Are Family"? Well, let's show that we are a family by all of us working to lighten the load, and showing that we are a part of Springfield.

I would like to thank the City for recognizing the importance of 25-27 Elliot Street and their willingness to fight for its rehabilitation. It is a sign of courage and gives us hope that others will not attempt these actions. To lose this building to blight is a sore spot and sight to all of us because when one person gets away with this kind of action, others follow suit. We must protect our historical treasures and our City has stepped up to the plate.

August 6, 13, and 20 will be *Wednesday in the Park* and we will have some great entertainment for you with music from performers who have roots in our city. August 6, Jana Byrdd and Ensemble will perform for us with a Brazilian flavor; August 13 Joya and Friends will perform a selection of jazz and other standards for us; August 20 we will be hosting the Jazz Bones who are a nine member band with a five member trombone section. These concerts will be held on the green at the Museum Quadrangle.

I would like to thank Mayor Sarno for stepping up to the plate and putting the police back on the streets of our city and reviving programs that helped to protect by having neighborhood involvement. Yes, the sounds of this summer may be filled with new dreams of a new day for all of us and I hope that the people who helped the police in the past will again be neighbors and help again. We can't demand that the city be the "Know all God;" we must be neighbors who look out for our friends and become involved in the safety of our area. Sector E meetings are a great way to get involved in protecting the city. Please, be a neighbor and watch over your neighborhood and say hi to someone for they may become a neighbor. Flash a smile at someone and maybe we will have a beautiful city.

News From The Quad

June Museums à la Carte Programs

The Springfield Museums at the Quadrangle will present the following Museums à la Carte programs in June. The programs are held on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts.

June 5 - Cellar Holes and Stone Walls: The Abandoned Farm Experience; Dietrich Schlobohm, professor of history, emeritus, Springfield College

June 12 - Les Petites Dames de Mode (The Little Ladies of Fashion); John R. Burbidge, fashion designer

June 19 - Curious Creatures: Japanese Prints from the Bidwell Collection; Richard D. O'Brien, Ph.D., professor emeritus, Department of Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts

June 26 - Upstairs and Below Stairs: Working Clothes in the Gilded Age (1875-1940); Blair H. Walker, costume and textile historian/conservator

Admission to Museums à la Carte is \$4 (\$2 for members of the Springfield Museums). The programs are sponsored by Big Y World Class Market. Visitors are invited to bring lunch to enjoy during the program; cookies and coffee are provided.

Sun to Power Championship in Springfield

Hundreds of middle school students from across the Northeast will converge on the Springfield Museums' Quadrangle on June 8 to compete in the 11th annual Northeast Regional Junior Solar Sprint model solar car competition organized by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA). Racing begins at 10 a.m. and the public is invited.

The Junior Solar Sprint challenges students to build a miniature solar car given only a standard solar panel and motor. The chassis, wheels and transmissions are made from any other materials. Last year's regional competition saw such creative vehicles as a patriotic bird, a campsite, and a sneaker on wheels. In addition to Grand Champion, teams compete for awards in innovation, craftsmanship, technical merit, and speed. Other awards include Kids' Choice, best reuse of materials and artistic merit.

Every year, NESEA invites top winners from local Sprint races across the Northeast to compete at the regional championship. This year, participants from 20 area races will compete. The event will also include renewable energy exhibits and food concessions

Second Saturday

Walking Tour

Saturday, June 14

June's Second Saturday Walking Tour will be held on Saturday, June 14th from 10:30 to noon. This month's speaker is AQCA member Bill Devlin who will tell us and show us how to recognize changes to historic architecture. Come join us for this informative tour. Tours happen rain or shine and are FREE for AQCA or Springfield Museums members, \$5.00 for others.

Meet at the Quadrangle welcome center.

Welcome to our newest

AQCA members:

Tim Estabrook, recently moved to Classical from Forest Park

Diane and Bruce Miller, downtown commercial property owners.

SBID Announces Summertime Happenings

June is the kick off to an event packed summer at the SBID. Wednesday, June 4 starts **The Downtown Market** at Tower Square Park from 10am-3pm. We will have farmers, crafters, food vendors, and bands every Wednesday for you to enjoy! Then join us for a drink after work in the MarketPlace where will be hosting our **Happy Hour Show** each Wednesday. Don't forget to make your way back downtown Sunday June 8 for the first show in our **Second Sunday's @ Stearns Jazz series** and come hungry as many of the downtown restaurants will be open special Sunday hours for this event.

In addition to all of these weekly happenings we have brought back an old favorite, **Downtown Uncorked**, but we gave it a twist. We took out the buses and brought the focus to the downtown restaurants. This new event has been coined "**The Downtown Dine Around**" and will be taking place Thursday, June 19 at 6:00pm. This event will take diners to three different restaurants in a predetermined circuit to sample the fair for one ticket price.

For more information on any of these events,

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