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# Eastwood Park Remains Secluded

By Kay Cameron

Eastwood Park has the oxbow formed by the Souris River to thank for its secluded and cohesive feeling of the early twentieth century. When a river moves slowly, it starts to form curves instead of flowing straight as a rapidly moving river does. As these curves enlarge, they can become U-shaped much like an oxbow. These curves are named for the oxbow.

In the 1970's, the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers straightened the channels of the Souris River through Minot; eliminating several oxbows to speed up the water flow through the city and reduce the threat of flooding. The oxbow surrounding Eastwood Park was cut off from the Souris River but the channel was not filled in with earth. The remaining oxbow still gives Eastwood Park a feeling of having a moat around the neighborhood.

The oxbow has given Eastwood Park more than seclusion. It has given the neighborhood many bridges. The two most famous are the False-Arch Bridge and the suspension pedestrian bridge that crossed the Souris on Second Avenue to Roosevelt Park.

#### Folk Tales

By Unknown

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#### **EPHDN Association Minutes**

By Judith Howard

The Annual Meeting of the East-wood Park Historic District Neighborhood Association was held Tuesday, October 20, 1992 at 7:30 pm in St. Peter's Orthodox Church. Those present were LeAnn Derby, Pete Hugret, Jacque Younger, Bruce Knudsen, City Forester Chris Kuntz, Aldermen Larry Frey and Ed Kuhn, Ann Freeman Manzanares, and 33 more neighborhood residents.

Meeting called to order by Assocation President LeAnn Derby.

Treasurer Bruce Knudsen reported that there is \$74.00 in the checking account and \$912.79 in the savings account. After several bills were submitted, he reported that there was \$712.42 remaining in the treasury.

A brief history was given on the Neighborhood Assocation, Tour of Homes, Holiday Festival and other past Association projects.

Chris Kuntz briefly discussed the care of our new trees planted this past spring in Eastwood Park.

Aldermen Larry Frey and Ed Kuhn discussed with the Association the Seventh Street Bridge bidding and construction schedule.

Sean Cunningham reported on the results of the September traffic survey.

Pete Hugret reported on the status of the 1993 Tour of Homes that will take place on June 12, 1993.

Kari Conrad reported on the activities of the Second Avenue Footbridge replacement committee.

Motion by Jacque Younger, second by Judith Howard, carried by all, to approve the commitment of \$825 per year for five years toward a fund for replacing the Second Avenue Footbridge.

Pete Hugret reported on the status of the Certified Local Government ordinance.

LeAnn Derby recommended, on behalf of the Association, Pete Hugret for President, Kay Cameron for Vice-President, Deanne Clemens for Secretary and Bruce Knudsen for Treasurer as officers for the coming year. Motion by Ervin Lee, second by Mary Janicki, carried by all, to accept the slate of officers.

Bob Coburn discussed cleaning up the duckweed from the river.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

# Second Annual Holiday Festival Planned

By Kay Cameron

The date for the Second Annual Holiday Festival has been set for Sunday, December 20, 1992. This year will again have a horse-drawn hayride through Eastwood Park, strolling carolers, a canned-food drive for charity, refreshments and the Eastwood Park Christmas Lights contest.

The Holiday Festival Committee was formed and consists of Kay Cameron, Deanne Clemens, Bob Coburn, LeAnn Derby and Pete Hugret. They will be meeting several times before the Holiday Festival. If you have any ideas, please contact one of them.

Remember to put up your christmas lights for the contest.

# Lighting Help Offered

Anyone that has a few lights and needs help putting them up can call Mark and Deanne Clemens at



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# The Sensible Gardener

By Shan Cunningham

The two main tasks involved in getting the garden ready for winter are water everything and steal your neighbor's leaves. Both of these tasks are best carried out in the evening so as not to waste a perfectly good fall day in unnecessary labor.

Trees and shrubs, especially evergreens, need a long, slow soak. A mechanical water timer comes in handy for this task. Imagine a circle on the ground around the tree that is nearly as wide as the tree's branches. In theory, most of the tree roots lie within this circle. At intervals within this circle, use a digging fork, iron pipe or sharp stick to make a small diameter hole that is ten to twelve inches deep. Put the hose in the hole. Adjust the flow to a slow trickle. Let the water run for at least an hour. A mature tree whose roots have reached the water table can be left to take care of itself. Concentrate on the evergreens and new plantings. The lawn and perennial flower beds will benefit from an additional two or three inches of water after they have stopped growing. Well, all of that is simple enough. Let's get on with the serious task of leaf stealing.

To the Sensible Gardener, leaves are an invaluable source of free food for the hungry garden and a biodegradable blanket for a cold winter. Wrapping leaves in plastic and sending them to the Siberia of the landfill is an unnatural act. The local chapter of Greenpeace should be flinging themselves in front of garbage trucks. Leaf stealing is a

# River Clean Up

There will be another river cleanup held Saturday, October 31, 1992 at 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.

Because the river is very low, it will be easier to pull out debris. The city is providing two trucks to help.

For anyone interested in helping, there will be a meeting at the Ninth Street entrance to Eastwood Park at 9:00 A.M. Bring wading boots, if you have them.

moral act.

The first leaves that fall on the lawn can simply be mulched in place. Cut the lawn a little shorter than usual at first, then set the mower high enough that the blade is above the grass and pulverize the leaves and dry lawn clippings with repeated passes. As the leaf harvest progresses, rake the leaves into lines next to the flower beds, use the lawn mower to shred them into the beds. A covering of dry, shredded leaves several inches deep will hold the soil moisture and insulate the soil against the rapid temperature changes that can damage plants. In the spring, the application of a high nitrogen fertilizer at the rate recommended on the package for lawns will aid the leaves to decay and feed the flower beds.

Most perennial plants that grow in the shade are well adapted to being covered by a blanket of leaves. The leaves that fall here can be left unshredded. Avoid the practice of cutting back garden plants to the ground in the fall. Leave plenty of stubble to hold the leaves and snow in place over the winter. Save back a few bags of leaves to use as wind breaks to control snow drifting. With a little thought and experimentation, snow can be encouraged to drift on the garden instead of the sidewalk. Used Christmas trees are also useful as snow fencing. Well, by now you get the drift of this diatribe, a blanket of leaves in the fall and some nitrogen fertilizer in the spring and the leaf pollution problem is solved. Now to find something ecologically sound to do with all the stolen plastic bags.

## St. Peter's

#### Eastwood Park's Neighborhood Church

Everyone Welcome!

Service Schedule

Sat - Vespers - 7:00 pm

Sun - Liturgy - 10:00 am

Fri - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Phone:

Summer Camp - Teen Group Orthodox Church in America

## TALES -- Cont.

No. There has not been a mistake in the paper. This story has been left blank because no one has taken the time to write down one of the folk tales they know about Eastwood Park. We had to leave this space blank. Maybe it won't be blank next month. Will it?

Let's hear some of your stories or memories of Eastwood Park.

# Kuntz Gives Tree Advice

By Kay Cameron

Chris Kuntz spoke at the Eastwood Park Historic District Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting about the trees that were planted in our neighborhood this summer.

The trees need to be watered to give the trees the moisture they need over the winter. She said that the Park would take care of pruning the trees for the next few years.

## Get Out And Vote!

Make your vote count on November 3rd. You need to find out as much as you can about the candidates and then vote for the ones that can best lead our country, state, county and city.

Residents of Eastwood Park vote at the Ward County Courthouse at 315 Third Street SE.

North Dakota does not require voters to register prior to election day. Voters are merely required to be a resident of your district for 30 days or more.

There are also other issues coming up before the city council that not being voted on by the people. If you have an opinion on issues such as the new Seventh Street Bridge or the Cat Leash Law, please call your alderman and let them know how you feel about the issue. Our aldermen are Larry Frey and Ed Kuhn

## Kari L. Conrad

Ward County Commissioner

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County government is involved in so many areas of nunity life - from our historic and recreati facilities to roads, civil defence, veterans affairs and child welfare services. Through the County Commission, we should be addressing common problems and carefully managing our resources to achieve our goals.

As Ward County Commissioner, I will work to ensure that these decisions reflect the best in all of us.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Kari L. Conrad, Pat Hennessey, Treasurer.