

# CHNA ANNUAL PICNIC

*Thursday – August 18*

Seerley Park – 6:00 pm

**Provided: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Lemonade  
(also plates and utensils)**

**You bring: Side Dishes, Desserts,  
Lawn Chairs**

**Meet New Members - - Drawing For Prizes - - Games For The Kids  
Music-Relaxation - - Conversation**

**See You There!**



## CHNA

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# CHNA NEWS

Newsletter of the College Hill Neighborhood Association  
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## President's Report

Summer is usually a time for rest and relaxation. This summer will find your Association very busy. Let's take a look at a few of the items on our summer agenda. Attend proposed streetscape meetings. Discuss possible sculpture placement in Seerley Park. Coordinate volunteers for UNI Summer Jazz Concert. Talk to community partners about the possibility of a Tour of Homes in the neighborhood. Visit with UNI's student activities coordinator about planning a joint service project with students in August. Coordinate a banner design project with Price Lab students for Seerley Blvd. Organize the CHNA Annual Picnic in August. Meet with the Overman Park Neighborhood Assoc. to plan a Candidates' Forum in the fall. Whew!

That's not even talking about our really big opportunity; engaging in a new dialogue about the future of the College Hill neighborhood. The outstanding work done by neighbors and friends of the overlay, along with the resounding defeat of the site-plan for another bland box on Iowa St. by our City Council, has started in motion some exciting conversations. With a moratorium on building we will have some breathing room to evaluate where our problems are. The Association is close to presenting to the City specific recommendations for revisions of the current overlay ordinance. Neighbors hope to meet with all stakeholders in the future of this area to discuss current zoning and the need to make a smooth transition from densely populated areas to single family neighborhoods.

We also are excited about the return of a full-time code enforcement officer. The College Hill Neighborhood Plan that was commissioned in June of 1993 stated, "A targeted code enforcement program should be directed by an interdepartmental committee consisting of the City Planner/Zoning Administrator, Building Inspector, Police Chief and Fire Chief, City Attorney, and the City Council representative for the College Hill Ward." We're waiting.....

Have a great summer and celebrate your neighborhood.

-Mary Brammer

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### Volunteers Needed

University Book and Supply has asked CHNA to join with them in hosting the UNI Jazz Combo Camp Concert. We need volunteers to welcome attendees and help serve refreshments provided by the Panther Pause Café. The concert is Thursday evening, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in front of St. Stephens. If you'd like to join us contact Mary Brammer at 266-1826.

Once again CHNA will be dispensing hospitality from our table at the College Hill Arts Festival. We need volunteers to work in one-hour shifts. The festival is July 15-16. If you're interested please contact Lynn and Mary Nielsen at 277-2098.

**Thanks!**

### Recycling-It's a Good Thing

You can avoid the lines on Saturday morning at the Recycling Center by using one of the other three sites the city offers. These sites are located behind **College Square Mall**, at **Super Wal-Mart** and next to the **Fareway Store**. You'll find large metal dumpsters with separate compartments for sorting newspapers and magazines, clear glass, plastic containers and tin cans. Cardboard is not accepted. The dumpsters are removed at noon on Fridays but are back in service on Monday mornings.

## Pet Lover's Paradise

Where do two and four legged College Hill neighbors go to recreate and socialize? On almost any day, college students, seniors, singles and families can be found exercising their four-legged friends at the **Paw Park**. The park is located on S. Main St., just south of University Ave. A yearly pass costs just \$10 and is available at City Hall. Good-natured dogs over four months of age and their parents are welcome. Biodegradable baggies are provided so owners can clean up after their dogs. Come join Rudy, Sascha, Roy, Chloe, George and their owners at this popular year-round attraction.

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## Cedar Falls Historical Society Seeks Help

Interested in volunteering? The Historical Society is looking for volunteers to welcome visitors and perhaps provide guided tours for any of their sites: the Victorian House, the Wyth House, the Ice House, or the Little Red Schoolhouse. Simply give them a call at 266-5149 for additional information.

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## Grants Available for First-time Homebuyers

Buying a home just got easier with a new program that matches every dollar you save. The *Iowans Save!* program targets people with limited incomes. It is set up as a joint individual development account between you and *Iowans Save!*

ISED Ventures provides the program with funds from the Iowa Finance Authority and the federal government. To be eligible to open an account you must show proof of earned income from a job or self-employment that meets income guidelines. A couple can each open separate accounts and double their matched funds. Participants' accounts are held at various US Bank locations in Waterloo and Cedar Falls. To determine income eligibility or complete an application contact ISED Ventures at 319-235-0313 or visit the office located at 605 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Waterloo.

## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### Henry Myrtle Gallery

**Artists New To The Gallery:** Lee Gordon Seebach-Watercolor, Joseph Messner-Acrylic and Brad Kendall-Giclee.  
Mon.-Sat., 10:00-5:00, 266-0168.

### Univ. Book and Supply

*UNI Jazz Combo Camp Kids*

*Perform. Thursday evening, June 23 on the front lawn of St. Stephen's Church.*

*America the Beautiful, Thursday evening, June 30. Garth Stych from AMVET Post 49, will discuss flag etiquette, play his trumpet and much more. Menu includes hot dogs and apple pie. Call 266-7582 for more information.*

### Hearst Center

*First Fifty Art Show, May 21-July24, Dahl-Thomas Gallery.*

*Adults' Classes for Summer.*

**LEAVE A LEGACY** is a broad-based community campaign that involves all types of nonprofit groups. The program is conducted by professionals who assist donors with charitable estate planning. These partners help promote the message that people from all walks of life, covering a wide range of ages and income levels, have the ability to "make a difference in the lives that follow" by leaving a charitable legacy.

LEAVE A LEGACY does NOT solicit gifts for any particular organization. They want you to choose the group that has touched you for any future donations you wish to give. It is simply their mission to encourage bequests to groups you deem deserving. For more information contact: Leave a Legacy Northeast Iowa, 319-287-9106 or [www.leavealegacyiowa.org](http://www.leavealegacyiowa.org)

### Dry Run Creek Watershed

Everyone living in the College Hill Neighborhood lives in the Dry Run Creek Watershed. Recently the Black Hawk County Soil and Conservation Board sent a survey to randomly selected landowners in the watershed to determine their knowledge and awareness of watershed issues related to Dry Run Creek. This survey is the initial step to support practices that will enhance water quality in our watershed.

All citizens play a role in improving water quality. Residents can reduce the use of lawn fertilizers and herbicides/hormones. Farmers can plant filter strips. City governments can implement better storm water management practices and utilize such things as permeable paving. We can all help to protect our city's water resources.

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# JOIN NOW

CHNA needs your support.  
Help us to continue to be  
an advocate for your needs  
and a champion for your ideas.

## College Hill Neighborhood Association Membership Renewal

The membership year runs from Aug. 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006.

\*Memberships mailed prior to August will expire July 2006

Memberships are mailed to: CHNA,  
P.O. Box 974,  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to help improve the neighborhood by volunteering.

Yes, you may send me the CHNA Newsletter by email.

Check out our website at: [www.CHNA.org](http://www.CHNA.org)

CHNA is looking for new members: If you are currently a member of CHNA we encourage you to find a new member(s). When we receive the membership form you find below, we will add both your name and the name of the new member(s) to a drawing to be held at the Annual Picnic on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Seerley Park. Winners must be present.

## College Hill Neighborhood Association New Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the member who recruited me: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to help improve the neighborhood by volunteering.

Yes, you may send me the CHNA Newsletter by email.