



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Lend a Hand"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: June 8, 2004 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

ATTENDANCE: 26 plus Mayor Robert P. Walter, Jr.

SING-A-LONG Give My Regards to Broadway - In The Good Old Summer Time

LOTTO: B. Munz, K. Bahler & R. Walter

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

6/15 Mike White
 6/22 Jon Bachtold
 6/29 Bill Munz

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:15 p.m.	Wednesday	Bayern Stube
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Monday	Azz Izz Tavern

Bits & Pieces

Yesterday is a certainty,
 Today is undecided,
 And Tomorrow is a question.
 Why don't we all focus on making a decision?
contributed by Mariam A. Collada

Secret Recipe for Success Soup

Create a stock using your vision and goals.

Heat until a burning desire is achieved (this is one of the only recipes that calls for burning something).

Add several heaping tablespoons of commitment.

Add honesty and integrity to taste (you really cannot add too much here).

Stir vigorously while adding energy and enthusiasm.

Add a liberal portion of faith.

Bring to a boil with hard work and effort.

Occasionally remove from heat and let simmer with patience and perseverance.

Soup is done when you detect that sweet smell of success.

Help others to enjoy success soup first and yours will taste even sweeter!

VOILA! "SUCCESS SOUP"



Fairbury Community Center

Robert P. Walter, Jr., Mayor

The City of Fairbury has 40 full-time employees and 16 part-time. There are 8 Aldermen (2 from each Ward), 7 people on the Economic Dev. Co., 7 on the Planning Comm. Our operating budget is \$2.5 million with a population of 3968. This equates to approximately \$625/person for city services. Major projects have been - the North Park, trail, fire truck and water tower. Some future projects are park improvements, pool, rehab, fire station, thermal imaging camera. July 3 is Fairbury Night at the Peoria Chiefs vs. The Lug Nuts. You can get tickets from Bob. There are 4 questions about the Community Center. 1) What building or area do we need? The fire station is old and too small. It takes a beating and there is a lot of damage for a free facility. Also - the fire station is out of room and would like to expand into the community room. The basement in the new City Hall is too small and the space is needed by other departments. At the Fire Station we have scouts, card clubs, T.O.P.S., etc.. It was used 235 times last year. We have received petitions for need from the Silver League and card clubs. The Silver League requested we look into the Baptist Church. We did but they want \$350,00 but it's negotiable. Other facility options for private use are many - like the VFW, churches, Dave's, American Legion, Country Club, etc. We are not sure of a community room space, cost and the fee for usage. The new City Hall- due to budget and need for space for storage by the police is not a good solution. The E.D.C. is looking into the situation . . . is there a need or not? Can it work? Will it be for weddings, senior citizens groups, is the amount of money we would need to put into this project be the right thing to do for all our citizens? Banquet places out of town - Indian Creek is \$375 to rent, Elks \$300 and have to use their catering, Lexington Community Center is \$750 and is booked every weekend til Jan. 2005. The Scottish Rite Temple is \$1000. Who will benefit the most? . . . local organizations, caterers, out of town people? Another option for use was the Walton building - Norm Rittenhouse headed a committee to look into this. The City Building Committee voted "no". The first floor was to be a community room, upstairs small stores and offices in the basement. We have heard opposition from local businesses because of parking issues, noise and liquor license. We feel private use would be best for this facility. The Baptist Church option would be a problem because of high cost and the fact that it needs a new roof and the parking did not go with it. It could be used for

recitals, plays, etc. We presently are trying to gather information for the needs at City Hall. The Building and Fire & Police Comm. are looking at fire department options. The question is to the Community and Council - "Do we need to be in this business?" and "Do you want to incur additional cost as a tax payer?" The floor was opened for questions and comments.

A. Is there a need?

- Current space available
- Current usage
- Options/Needs for current space

B. Can it work?

Potential Activities:

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| wedding receptions | luncheons |
| class reunions | community activities |
| family reunions | Christmas parties |
| graduation parties | political events |
| anniversary parties | senior citizen meetings |
| meetings | award banquets |

C. Will it be financially the right thing?

Many of the following are hosting events outside of Fairbury and paying rental fees.

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| seed companies | trade shows |
| fertilizer companies | medical uses |
| elevator meetings | blood drives |
| banks | health checks |
| Indian Creek C.C. | \$375.00 |
| Elks Club - Pontiac | \$300.00 |
| Lexington Comm. Ctr. | \$750.00+ |
| Scottish Rite Temple | \$1,000 |

D. Who may benefit from a Community Center?

- local organizations - Rotary, Lions, etc.
- local caterers
- clubs
- social organizations
- student organizations
- businesses
- residents/taxpayers