

Annual Meeting and Dinner

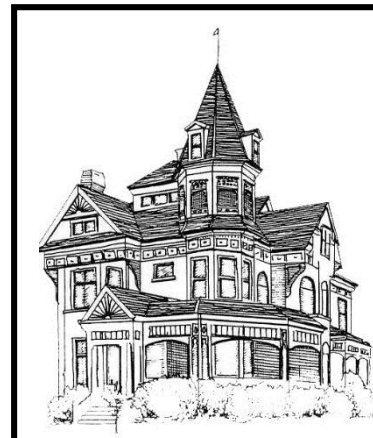


By popular demand the Annual Meeting and Dinner has been moved from January to April. You did not miss it! This year the event will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Fox River House, 211 S Walnut St. in the heart of the Old Third Ward. Everyone from the neighborhood is invited. The Old Third Ward Neighborhood Association will provide sliced ham and rolls, butter and condiments plus coffee and milk. There will be a cash bar. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. The whole family is welcome!

Keep informed about what's going on in the Old Third Ward:

- Event calendar: http://www.focol.org/oldthirdward/event_calendar.html (includes Hearthstone events)
- Website: <http://www.oldthirdward.org>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/oldthirdwardappleton>

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Neighborhood News

The Newsletter of the Old Third Ward Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Pioneer Park is Coming!

Our Old Third Ward Alderperson Patti Coenen reports that work on the "triangle," the site of the old water reservoir, will begin in the Spring of 2015. At that time sidewalks will be installed and other improvements to the new Pioneer Park will be done at the same time.

The area was an open reservoir from 1889 until 1914 when a cover was installed. In 2011 the water treatment plant building on Water St. was demolished. At that time the pipes running from the reservoir down to Water St. were grouted solid.

Demolition of the reservoir (right) was begun in April, 2013.



This "Preferred Concept" plan shows the installation of sidewalks encircling the space. There will be additional shrubbery and planting areas. The Frank Council Memorial Bench will be reinstalled at the peak of the triangle very close to its original location. There are plans for benches, tables and trash receptacles.

A larger version of this plan can be seen on the Old Third Ward website, www.oldthirdward.org.

In other news, City of Appleton has transferred oversight of the land formerly known as the Appleton Water Treatment Plant on Water Street to the Parks and Recreation Department.

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The OTW and Black History

Currently the History Museum at the Castle is exhibiting *A Stone of Hope: Black Experiences in the Fox Cities*, a traveling display about the history of Blacks in Appleton. The newsletter will publish ongoing articles about African Americans in the Old Third Ward. See the exhibit's stops: <http://www.myhistorymuseum.org/a-stone-of-hope.html>



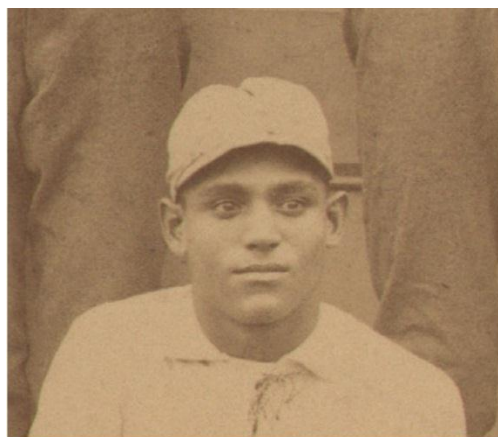
Charles is seen here, front row, second from the left. Image of the Kaukauna baseball team, mid-1880s, from collection of the History Museum at the Castle. Used with permission

Charles Edgar Newman

In 1880 Charles Edgar Newman lived with his uncle, William S. Cleggett and his family on State St. in Appleton's Old Third Ward. Charles was the son of William's sister, Sarah Cleggett Newman.

Charles' father was the abolitionist and "fiery preacher" William P. Newman. The family was living in Cincinnati when William Newman died in 1866. William's congregation raised \$2,000 to buy a house in Appleton for Sarah, Charles, and William's four children from a previous marriage. Sarah died in Appleton in 1875.

Charles was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in 1860 during the brief time the family was living there, having relocated from Canada. Not surprisingly, Charles is the only person listed on Appleton's 1880 federal population census as having been born in Haiti.



Charles Edgar Newman (above) from the mid-1880s. His father, William P. Newman (right), from Jackson, Dr. Eric R. and Richard Cooper, *Cincinnati's Underground Railroad*, Charleston S. C.: Arcadia Pub., 2014, p. 107.



health. After Charles' death, Annie Newman married Otto Kuehne and had five more children. She lived in Kaukauna for the rest of her life and died in 1945.

Charles moved to Kaukauna and by December, 1880 owned his own barbershop. He continued to improve his shop and later moved to more elegant quarters.

In 1887 he traveled to Ontario, Canada to marry Annie Hollensworth, a niece of William Cleggett's wife, Rebecca. The following year Charles developed a cerebral embolism and died in 1889.

Kaukauna newspaper accounts throughout the 1880s document the rise of Charles' business, his popularity in the community, and continuing reports of his declining

Charles and Annie's only child, a daughter named 'Sworth Newman, graduated from Kaukauna High School and Lawrence College. She was an accomplished recitalist, theatre coach and athlete, and taught Expression and English at Peshtigo High School. She died at the young age of 31.



18th Annual Appleton Antique Show & Sale

Saturday, April 18
10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, April 19
11 am - 4 pm

Quality antique dealers of furniture, toys & sports, country primitives, china, paper & textiles, advertising & signage, jewelry & collectibles.

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920.993.9817

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Directions: 100 miles north of Milwaukee; 30 miles south of Green Bay.
Hwy 41 to Prospect Ave (BB) Exit. Follow signs.

Proceeds benefit
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or call 920.730.8204
for more info about the antique show,
tour hours, exhibits & special events.



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We would like your input on any concerns or ideas for our neighborhood. For example: special assessment, bike lanes, speed of traffic on 6th St, safety, traffic, the riverfront, and the County's space and parking needs.

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