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## **"Gangster Tour – Fairbank, Iowa"**

The general public is invited to join in the fun on Saturday, October 5, 4-6 p.m. for the 2024 Gangster Tour wherein costumed characters will show you around Fairbank highlighting scenes from the historical crime novel, *Gangster in our Midst*. Fairbank native and author, Betty Brandt Passick, will host the tour, which will begin at Cool Art & Books, 202 East Main St. Attendees are encouraged to dress in gangster-era attire.

Space is limited, reservations are required: [bbpassick@comcast.net](mailto:bbpassick@comcast.net). The cost is \$10.00 per person, collected at the door. Profits will go to a local charity. Participants will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability form.

The tour will remain within one mile of Fairbank Township. Transportation is on your own, car-pooling is encouraged. A portion of the driving-walking tour will be on uneven terrain for up to a quarter of a mile. Dress appropriately for outdoor activity. The tour will conclude around 6 p.m. at Costa's Sports Bar & Grill for dinner, at your own expense.

*Gangster in Our Midst: Bookkeeper, Lieutenant, and Sometimes Hitman for Al Capone* (2017) tells the story of a Chicago mobster, Louie La Cava, who arrived in the town in the early 1920s and boasted he was bookkeeper to Chicago Kingpin Al Capone. Fairbank – 260 miles from Chicago – became a haven for La Cava. He resided in Fairbank off and on for over sixty years. The book includes local testimonies from those who knew the gangster best.

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