

DANA Update

The newsletter of the Douglas Acres
Neighborhood Association

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DANA to host Lasagna Dinner Tuesday January 11, 2011 Annual meeting to be held at the HyVee Events Center

Join your friends and neighbors on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the new East Side Events Center located at 2540 E. Euclid Ave. This is the building directly behind the HyVee Grocery Store. DANA will be serving Lasagna, salad and drink. Dinner will be served at 6 PM Tuesday January 11 with a business meeting to follow. Come and visit with your friends and neighbors.

Snow Ordinance Streets – No Parking

The Department of Public Works has purchased several more wing plow units to clear snow routes faster. Upon completion of the snow routes, ten of those units will be available for clearing residential streets. The size of the units, however, limit their use to streets with no parking.

Wing plows were used on a pilot basis in Douglas Acres last year after we agreed to no parking until our streets were plowed. The results were excellent. Based on those results, at our request, the Department of Public Works has permanently included Douglas Acres in their wing plow program.

Our neighborhood will now be signed, "Snow Ordinance Streets – No Parking until Plowed", and wing plows will be used to clear our streets this winter. Of course, cars parked on the street during plowing operations will be ticketed \$35. Permitting the use of wing plows increases overall efficiency, and as a result, streets will be plowed after every storm following the snow routes.

Questions regarding this planned snow and ice control program improvement may be directed to Street Maintenance Administrator Bruce Braun, at 237-1371.

Did you know we are now on Facebook and we have our own web site. Visit us at www.facebook.com Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association or www.douglasacres.org

Neighborhood Finance Corporation
A reminder to all interested persons of the financial assistance from the Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) that is available in our neighborhood. Financial assistance is available to purchase a home or for updating your existing home. NFC would love to talk to you; call them at 515-246-0010 or visit their website at:

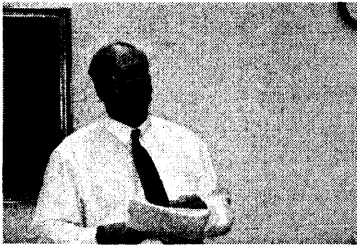
www.NeighborhoodFinance.org

Des Moines Tax Abatement

Tax abatement is a temporary reduction in property taxes for the value added to a residence due to a qualified improvement. Qualified improvements are new construction, rehabilitation, and additions that meet the following criteria: Increase the assessed value by at least 5%, conform with the city's zoning ordinance, and meet applicable codes and regulations. A building permit is needed for most improvements that increase the value of your property. Contact the Permit & Development Center at 283-4200 to find out if a permit is needed. The form is available online at www.dmgov.org/forms/

For more information, contact Phil Poorman at The City of Des Moines Permit & Development Center by calling 283-4751 or email PRPoorman@dmgov.org

For more information regarding Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association, call Linda Westergaard at 988-4288.



Tom Hockensmith, Polk County Board of Supervisor attended our November, 2010 meeting. Thank you, Tom!

Let us know if you are new in neighborhood and we will provide you with information about our neighborhood and the services offered to our community. If you know of a new home owner that has moved into the neighborhood let us know and we will be sure they know about DANA

Join DANA (or renew my/our membership)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$5 Individual New Member

\$10 Business Renewal

Send information on Business Advertisements

I am interested in helping:

Officer Board of Directors

Other: _____

Please make checks payable to DANA and bring to the next DANA meeting or mail to:

**Phyllis Kellogg, DANA Treasurer
2920 East Douglas
Des Moines, IA 50317**

A Special Thank You To Richard Schulze

As many of you may know, Richard has served as the editor for our DANA newsletter for many years. Unfortunately, he has resigned as newsletter editor because he is busy with the North High School Band Club. If you are interested in helping with the DANA newsletter, please call Linda Westergaard at 988-4288.

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2011 Calendar

Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association

Election of Officers/Catered Dinner
Hy-Vee Event Center, 2540 E Euclid (old "Goodwill" store)

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- Board of Director's Meeting (usually 2nd Monday of each month), meets at 7:00 pm at Hy-Vee Training Room, 2540 East Euclid (upper level)
- General Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of every other month beginning in January, meets at 7:00 pm (except as noted) at Staves Methodist Church, 2747 E Madison

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Des Moines, IA 50317

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You're Invited!

- What:** Douglas Acres Neighborhood
Association Annual Meeting
- When:** Tuesday, January 11, 2011
Lasagna Dinner at 6:00 pm
Business Meeting to follow
- Where:** East Side Events Center
2540 E Euclid (next to Hy-Vee)