

DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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DANA Update

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The Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association (DANA) exists to preserve the quality of the Douglas Acres Neighborhood, promote the area as desirable for family living, foster neighborhood fellowship, and serve as a vehicle by which problems are resolved and neighborhood goals are achieved.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday July 8, 2008

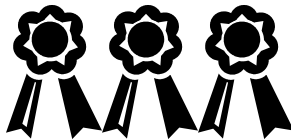
7:00 p.m.

Sargent Park

(3400 block of E Douglas Ave)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

See the invitation printed in this newsletter for further details.



GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

The first DANA Good Neighbor Award of 2008 is presented to **Christopher and Tamara Abma** of 4126 Colfax Ave. We will also recognize them at the ice cream social on July 8.

If you know of someone in our neighborhood who goes out of their way to be a good neighbor by mowing a neighbor's yard, shoveling snow, trimming trees, providing transportation, etc, please nominate that person for the DANA Good Neighbor Award by calling Betty Short at **266-8995**.

FLOOD CLEANUP INFORMATION

Polk County has flood cleanup information available at its office at 1907 Carpenter Ave and at www.polkcountyiowa.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ July 7, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ July 7, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ **July 8, 7:00 pm, DANA ice cream social and membership meeting at Sargent Park**
- ❖ August 11, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
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- ❖ **Sept. 9, 7:00 pm, DANA membership meeting at Staves Church**



YARD OF THE WEEK

Do you know of a yard that looks especially nice and well cared for? If so, nominate that property for the DANA Yard of the Week award by calling Joe Youngwirth at **266-2569**. He will place our Yard of the Week sign in the yard, and the resident will receive a certificate. We will also post a picture of the yard in the East Euclid Hy-Vee store and on our web site.

EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

In a continuing effort to save money, DANA is now distributing this bimonthly newsletter and other information via email. Each newsletter that we print on paper and mail through the post office costs DANA approximately \$.60, which we can save for every household that subscribes to the email edition. Currently there are 50 households that receive the email edition. If you have access to email, please subscribe to the email edition by sending your name, mailing address, and email address to the following email address:

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NEWS FROM OUR MAY 13 MEETING

DANA RECEIVES GRANT

Tom Hockensmith, Polk County Supervisor, came to update our neighborhood on things that are going on in our area. He also presented our association with a community betterment grant for **\$3,000** to be used for printing and mailing our newsletter and for our web site hosting fee. You are receiving this newsletter and will continue to receive future newsletters because of this grant that Tom awarded to our group. Please let Tom know how much we appreciate his support. Tom can be reached at Polk County Board of Supervisors, 111 Court Ave, Suite 300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2214.

NEIGHBORHOOD FINANCE CORPORATION

Karen Ricelli of the Neighborhood Finance Corporation spoke about the programs and services offered by NFC, including their home loan purchase program, home improvement loan program, refinance loans, homebuyer education, and tool lending library. For more information, please contact NFC at 515-246-0010, or on the web at

www.neighborhoodfinance.org

NFC's mailing address is 1912 6th Ave., Des Moines, IA 50314.

RECYCLING NEWS

Greg Cloe of Des Moines Public Works spoke about the new city curbside recycling program. The final details of the program which will allow residents to place all of their recyclables into a single container that is similar to the brown garbage container currently used for nonrecyclable waste have not been completely worked out. We hope to have more information available on the DANA web site www.douglasacres.org and in our next newsletter.

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INVITES YOU TO AN
OLD FASHIONED
ICE CREAM SOCIAL



WHEN:

TUESDAY, JULY 8
7:00 - 8:00 PM

WHERE:

SARGENT PARK
(3400 BLOCK OF EAST
DOUGLAS)

WHY:

1. EAT ICE CREAM
2. MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS
3. LEARN ABOUT NEW THINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
4. EAT ICE CREAM

- BRING LAWN CHAIRS
- BRING A DESERT TO SHARE (IF YOU WISH)

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