

DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DANA ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday July 14, 2009

7:00 pm

Sargent Park

3400 block of E Douglas Ave

Please bring a dessert to share with your neighbors and lawn chairs for seating. Ice cream, toppings, drinks, and utensils will be provided by DANA.

- ❖ July 13, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ July 13, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ **July 14, 7:00 pm, DANA members meeting, Ice Cream Social at Sargent Park; see details above**
- ❖ Aug 10, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ Sept 7, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ **Sept 8, School Board Election**
- ❖ **Sept 8, 7:00 pm, DANA members meeting, Staves Church**
- ❖ Sept 14, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Oct 12, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Oct 12, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room

DANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The terms of all board members expire on January 11, 2010

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YARD OF THE WEEK

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

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

If you know of someone in the Douglas Acres neighborhood who goes out of his or her 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**. DANA will present that person with a certificate of appreciation.

PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION PROGRAM

The City of Des Moines Private Property Protection Program will provide a subsidy to property owners that contract with a licensed plumber to redirect one or more of the eligible sources of infiltration and inflow to an outlet other than the sanitary sewer system (including sump pump installation) or to install a backwater valve on the private sewer service to protect against surcharges on the public sewer system.

Under this program, the City will make a subsidy reimbursement of up to \$1,000 to the property owners who meet the requirements of the program. The reimbursement will be by direct payment to the property owner in the amount of the qualifying work. The work must be performed and completed between the dates of June 1, 2008, and June 30, 2011, to be eligible for the subsidy program.

For more information, call the Public Works Department 24-hour Customer Service Center at (515) 283-4950, or go online to

<http://www.dmgov.org/departments/pw/PPPprogram/index.htm>

FOUR MILE MARKET

The Four Mile Community Center, 3711 Easton, will hold an open-air market on Wednesdays in July and August (except August 19) from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, rain or shine. Northeast Neighbors is a sponsor of this event. For more information including information for vendors, call (515) 248-6310 or go online to

www.dmgov.org/departments/pr/fourmilecommctr.htm

JAZZ IN JULY

Des Moines Northeast Neighbors is sponsoring the Jazz in July performance on July 1 at the Four Mile Community Center. For more information on Jazz in July, please call the Metro Arts Alliance at (515) 280-3222 or go online to

www.metroarts.org

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

This annual program of free music concerts is now in its 63rd year and takes place at 6:30 on Sunday evenings on the west side of the State Capitol. This is an especially fun event for families. Remaining dates are June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19 (6:00), July 26, and August 2. For more information, call (515) 367-4845 or go online to

www.dmmusicians.com/stars.htm

SCRUB DAYS IN 2009

The Public Works Department, in cooperation with the Des Moines Neighbors and the Neighborhood Revitalization Board, has scheduled SCRUB (Spring Cleanup to Remove Urban Blight) days in 2009. The Public Works Department will open the Metro Waste Authority (MWA) Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware Avenue and the MWA Compost Park at 1601 Harriett Street and other locations in the city on nine Saturdays. There are specific guidelines for materials that can and cannot be taken at these locations on a SCRUB day. For more information, call the Public Works Department 24-hour Customer Service Center at (515) 283-4950, or go online to

<http://www.dmgov.org/departments/pw/scrub.htm>

DANA NEWS

Update from Linda Westergaard

Thanks to everyone in the neighborhood for their patience in getting around the neighborhood and a thank you to the city of Des Moines for all the work that is being done to make our streets and sidewalks so nice. While I know it is an inconvenience to have our streets and sidewalks torn up, once it is all done it is going to look great. With the grant money that Douglas Acres received sidewalk and streets within our boundaries are being repaired.

We have quite a few things going on this summer, and I would like to invite everyone to a couple of important events. The Douglas Acres annual ice cream social will be held July 14 at Sargent Park. Please bring your lawn chairs and share the evening with your neighbors. The east side was very fortunate this year to be chosen to host a "Jazz in July" event at Four Mile Community Center. Come on over to the Center at 4 PM on July 1 for the farmers market and stay for the music that will begin around 6:30 PM. Also please visit our Douglas Acres web site for a complete calendar of other events with times and dates.

Our local elections are already starting to become active, and I want to remind everyone how important it is that we get out and vote on election day. We have an at large city council seat up for a vote this fall, as well as school board members. We in our neighborhood have had several challenges these last few years, and now we have the opportunity to be a part of positive changes. Please register to vote if you are not already registered, and then VOTE on election day. If you have never voted and need help in registering please let me know and I will help you in any way possible. A very easy way to vote is to complete an absentee ballot, and we can help you with that if you wish.

I love hearing from neighbors so please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

REQUEST FOR DUES

This is a friendly reminder to pay dues for 2009. Payment is a voluntary contribution to DANA. Please fill out this form and return it with your payment. Contributions of any amount are accepted and are greatly appreciated.

Yes, I/We value the neighborhood and want to contribute to DANA

\$5 Individual **\$10 Business**

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- Board of Directors**
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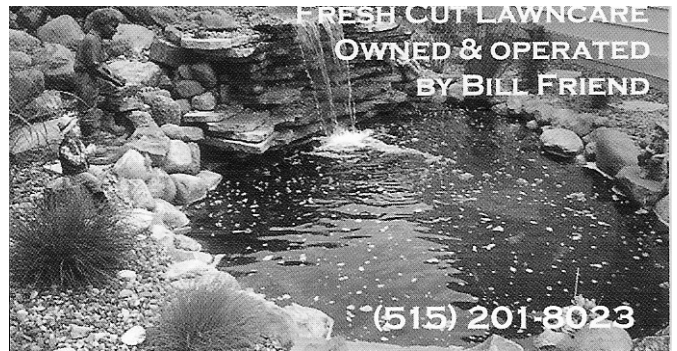
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