

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
March 11, 2008**

→6:00 pm←

**Staves Methodist Church
2747 E Madison Ave**

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER STARTING TIME FOR THIS MEETING

DANA will be holding a potluck dinner. DANA will provide sloppy joes and buns. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Also Greg Cloe from the City of Des Moines will present information on recycling. And Des Moines Police traffic officer Tim Fricke will be attending to speak on traffic safety issues in our neighborhood. Should be lots of food and lots of information. Please join us on March 11 at 6:00.



GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Do you know 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? If so, call Betty Short at **266-8995** to nominate that person for the Good Neighbor Award presented by DANA.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ March 10, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ March 10, 7:00 pm, DANA Board of Directors meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ April 14, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ April 14, 7:00 pm, DANA Board of Directors meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ May 12, 7:00 pm, DANA Board of Directors meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ May 13, 7:00 pm, DANA regular membership meeting, Staves Church, 2747 E Madison. Neighborhood Finance Corporation representative will speak. Plant exchange will be held.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DANA

Please consider making a contribution of dues to DANA if you have not already done so. Please include the information requested on the form printed in this newsletter with your payment. The suggested amount is \$5.00 per year. The money that we collect covers part of the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter. We want to continue to provide this newsletter to every household in the neighborhood.

DANA NEWS

On January 9, 2008, DANA incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under Iowa law by the filing of articles of incorporation with the Iowa Secretary of State. This means that DANA now has a board of directors, a president, and a vice president in place of a steering committee, a chairperson, and a vice chairperson. Other officers are the secretary and treasurer. By incorporating as a nonprofit, DANA can reduce its postage costs for mailing of the newsletter. Also, DANA is required to file a report with the state every other year to keep its status as a nonprofit corporation.

On February 11, 2008, the DANA board of directors adopted corporate bylaws to govern the operation of DANA. The bylaws specify that every person over the age of eighteen who lives or owns a business or property in the Douglas Acres Neighborhood is a member of DANA. Payment of dues is not a requirement for membership; payment is considered to be a contribution to DANA. The bylaws define the boundaries of the neighborhood. The bylaws set the procedures for meetings and elections and the duties of the officers and directors. The bylaws can be amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members at any meeting of members.

The full text of the articles of incorporation and the bylaws are available on the DANA website:

www.DouglasAcres.org

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

DANA www.DouglasAcres.org
City of Des Moines www.ci.des-moines.ia.us
 or
 www.dmgov.org
Polk County www.polkcountyiowa.gov

EMAIL MAILING LIST

In a further effort to save a bit of money, DANA is proposing to distribute this bimonthly newsletter and other information via email. If you would be willing to receive this newsletter by email instead of by postal mail, please send your name, mailing address, and email address to

schulstang@aol.com

Please type "dana email" in the subject line.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY/Crimes in Progress 911

Anonymous Calls/Non Emergency
(Including Animal Control) 515-283-4811
Asian Resource Officer 515-971-0792
Child Protection 515-283-9222
City Action Center
 Need Other Numbers? 515-283-4500
Detectives 515-283-4864
Graffiti Hot Line 515-237-1808
HONRA 515-237-1531
Housing/Zoning. 515-283-4997
Illegal Dumping Hot Line 515-283-4099
Impound Release
 (Monday – Friday
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) 515-283-4850
Police Information Desk. 515-283-4824
Polk County Attorney 515-286-3737
Streets & Garbage 515-283-4950
Traffic Section 515-271-4650
Vice & Narcotics Office 515-283-4830
Weed Control 515-286-3005

RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR DANA RESIDENTS (when to put out the green bins)

Feb 26, 2008

Mar 11, Mar 25, 2008

Apr 8, Apr 22, 2008

May 6, May 20, 2008

Jun 3, June 17, 2008

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Please fill out this form and return it with your contribution

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

\$5 Individual \$10 Business

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Send the DANA newsletter to me by:
(please choose one)

- Email (please provide an email address in the space above)
- Postal mail

Send Information on Business Advertisements

I am interested in helping:

Officer Board of Directors

Other: _____

Please make your check payable to DANA.
Bring this form and your contribution to the next DANA meeting or mail them to

Phyllis Kellogg
2920 E Douglas Ave
Des Moines, IA 50317
(515) 262-5132

DANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Linda Westergaard	453-7339
Vice President	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
Secretary	Dawn Stangl	265-7771
Treasurer	Phyllis Kellogg	262-5132
Directors	Tony Short	266-8995
	Betty Short	266-8995
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DANA Website www.DouglasAcres.org

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

A business member may receive one free advertisement in this newsletter and on the DANA website for the member's paid membership each year. Other ads can be placed in each newsletter for a \$5.00 charge per newsletter. Please contact the Treasurer, Phyllis Kellogg, for more information.

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