

# 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 MEETING**

**March 13, 2007**

**7:00 pm**

**Staves Methodist Church**

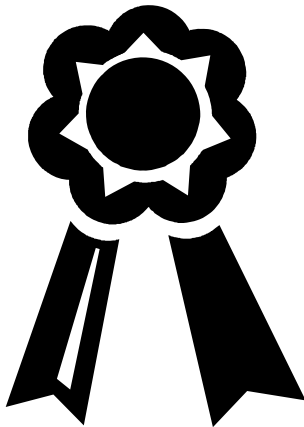
**2747 East Madison Ave.**

**Des Moines**

**Tom Hockensmith, Polk County  
Supervisor, will speak on recent  
issues**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- ❖ March 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave.
- ❖ March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Store located at 2540 East Euclid in the upstairs Conference Room
- ❖ April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Store located at 2540 East Euclid in the upstairs Conference Room



## **GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD**

Do you know someone in our neighborhood who goes out of their way to be a good neighbor, mowing a neighbor's yard, removing snow, trimming trees, providing transportation, etc? If so, call Betty Short at **266-8995** to nominate them for a Good Neighbor Award.

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## **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

The Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association elected officers at its January 9, 2007, general meeting. Those officers are listed elsewhere in this newsletter with their contact information. If you have any comments, concerns, questions, or advice, please contact the chair or any of the other officers listed on page 3. The officers and steering committee members meet on the second Monday of each month at the HyVee Grocery Store, 2540 E Euclid, at 7:00 pm. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at Staves Methodist Church, 2747 E Madison, at 7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend any meeting.

## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

March 17, 2007

12:00 noon

This holiday event starts at 15<sup>th</sup> and Locust in downtown Des Moines and travels east on Locust. This event is sponsored by Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. For more information, call (515) 202-2303.

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### **GANGS/GRAFFITI**

The Des Moines Police Department offers a Gang/Graffiti Hotline for information on and reporting of gang and graffiti activity. The number is **(515) 237-1808**. This type of activity is not a significant problem in our neighborhood, but should you have a problem, the Police Department wants to know. More information is available from the Department's Intelligence Unit located at  
106 SE 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
(515) 283-4827  
Fax (515) 237-1783  
iafusion5@mocic.riss.net

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### **HELP**

DANA is seeking ideas for activities at its meetings. If you have something related to neighborhood issues that you would like to talk about or learn about, please send your idea to us. Contact any of the officers or steering committee members listed on the next page.

## **POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY, FAMILY, AND YOUTH SERVICES**

**1548 Hull Ave**

**Des Moines, IA 50316**

**(515) 286-3434**

Polk County offers a number of services and facilities for seniors, youths, and families such as recreation and education, nutrition, health clinics, volunteer activities, transportation, and information and referral. Contact them at the address and phone number above or

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/CFYS](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/CFYS)

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### **WEBSITE**

DANA has a website. The address is

[www.DouglasAcres.org](http://www.DouglasAcres.org)

The website contains important information about DANA including a calendar of events, information about neighborhood and city services, news events, online versions of this newsletter, and more.

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### **DOUGLAS ACRES WINS AWARD**

DANA was honored with the first ever "Neighborhood of the Year" award given by the East Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. We were recognized for all of the work we have done to establish the Association, for our increased membership and for our effective representation of the neighborhood in city matters. The award is on display at the East Euclid HyVee.

**DANA OFFICERS**

Chair	Linda Westergaard	453-7339
Vice-Chair	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
Secretary	Dawn Stangl	265-7771
Treasurer	Phyllis Kellogg	262-5132
	Tony & Betty Short	266-8995
Steering Committee	Richard Schulze	265-7771
Members	Margaret Heger	266-4181
	Jim Grove	250-9359
	Mary Whisenand	264-8760
Webmaster	Dennis Dyer	
E-mail	<b>Webmaster@DouglasAcres.org</b>	

**IMPORTANT CITY PHONE NUMBERS**

Police Department information (non-emergency number)	283-4811
Neighborhood Resource Officer – Larry Rogers	237-1517
Action Center (junk cars, weeds, etc.)	283-4500
Public Works 24-hour hotline	283-4950
City Council Member Bob Mahaffey	Home 266-6825 Office 237-1624
City Council Member Chris Coleman	Home 276-7644 Office 237-1622
City Council Member Michael Kiernan	Home 226-9815 Office 237-1621

**CONTINUING REMINDERS**

**METRO WASTE AUTHORITY INFO**  
The metro Recycling Center is located at 1817 Euclid Avenue. They accept all items normally picked up with the green recycling bins (cardboard, plastic, glass, etc) as well as scrap tires, wood, and metal.  
Hours: Sunday & Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday – Friday: 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Phone: 262-4040

The Hazardous Materials Disposal Center is located at 225 Prairie Drive in Bondurant. They are open Tuesday – Friday from 1 – 5 p.m. and on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to noon.  
Call 967-5512 for more information, including the mobile pickup service offered by the center.

**Yes, I/We value the neighborhood and want to join DANA (or renew my/our membership)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- \$5 Individual                       New Member
- \$10 Business                       Renewal

Send Information on Business Advertisements

- I am interested in helping:
  - Officer                       Steering Committee
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Dues cover membership for one year and are payable each January**

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

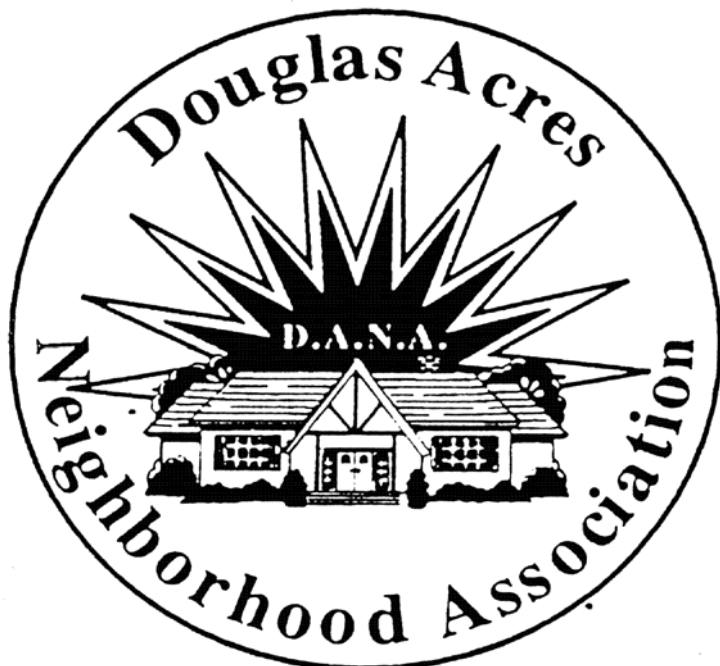
Business Members receive one free advertisement for their paid membership each year. Other ads can be placed in each newsletter for a \$5.00 charge per newsletter. Please contact the Treasurer, Phyllis Kellogg, for more information.

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