

# 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

**May 8, 2007**

**7:00 pm**

**Staves Methodist Church  
2747 E Madison Ave**

### Plant Exchange

Every May DANA hosts a plant exchange at our meeting. Please bring your extra plantings, seeds, or bulbs to the meeting and share them with your neighbors. You are also free to take some of the plantings home with you. This is a fun event and a good way to "re-use" the plants you don't need or to add plantings to your gardens. Come and have some fun! Door prizes to be given



## 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, removing snow, trimming trees, providing transportation, etc? If so, call Betty Short at **266-8995** to nominate that person for the Good Neighbor Award.

## DANA MEMBERSHIP

Please consider joining DANA if you are not already a member or consider renewing your membership if you are a member. The cost is \$5.00, and 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. You can use the form printed in this newsletter.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ May 7, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave.
- ❖ May 7, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ June 11, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ July 9, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ July 10, 7:00 pm, DANA Ice Cream Social at Sargent Park



## YARD OF THE WEEK

Do you know of a yard that looks especially nice and well cared for? If so, call Joe Youngwirth at **266-2569**. We will place our Yard of the Week sign in the yard, and the occupant will receive a certificate. We will also post a picture of the yard in the HyVee store and on our website, [www.DouglasAcres.org](http://www.DouglasAcres.org).

## **CITY OF DES MOINES SCRUB DAY SCHEDULE**

Scrub Days are scheduled for the following Saturdays at the indicated locations from 7 am to 12 noon:

- May 5 Central Presbyterian Church  
39<sup>th</sup> & Grand
- May 5 Iowa State Fairgrounds parking lot  
3300 E Dean
- May 19 Capitol View School  
320 E 16<sup>th</sup> St
- June 16 Polk Co Office Bldg  
2339 Euclid (Oliver Plaza)
- June 16 Southridge Mall parking lot  
1111 E Army Post Rd  
(SW lot - access from SE 5<sup>th</sup> St)
- June 30 Iowa State Fairgrounds  
E 34<sup>th</sup> & Dean fenced lot
- July 21 Hoover High School parking lot  
4800 Aurora
- Aug 25 Roosevelt High School N parking  
lot  
Chamberlain St between 42<sup>nd</sup> &  
Polk Blvd
- Aug 25 Prospect Park parking lot  
Prospect Rd - N of Hickman Rd
- Sept 22 St Anthony's Church parking lot  
Indianola Ave & SE 1st
- Oct. 20 No neighborhood location open

In addition to the neighborhood locations, on each Scrub Day listed above including Oct 20, the MWA Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware and the Compost Center at 1601 Harriett will be open from 7 am until 2 pm. More information on Scrub Days is available by calling the Des Moines Public Works customer service center at 283-4950 or by going online to [www.dmgov.org](http://www.dmgov.org).

## **WALKING CLUB**

Dawn Stangl, DANA secretary, is looking for walkers to join an informal group called the Northeast Walking Club to walk for fun and exercise on the trails in and near Sargent Park on Saturday mornings beginning at 7:00 am. If you are interested, please drop by next Saturday morning and join in the fun. Call 265-7771 for more information.

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## **POLK COUNTY CITIZEN'S ACADEMY**

The Polk County Citizen's Academy came about as a result of a 2003 citizen survey which showed that many people were confused or entirely unaware of Polk County's responsibilities and services. The Academy's primary objective is to educate citizens about the services offered by Polk County Government. The classes involve elected officials, department heads, county employees, and most importantly citizens. The Academy is designed to raise citizen awareness of services and facilities provided by Polk County and enhance and strengthen partnership with the community. Polk County needs the assistance and support of the community in order to provide the most effective and efficient services possible. Polk County is currently accepting applications for the 2007 Citizen's Academy. The first session of the 2007 academy is scheduled for September 11, 2007. The deadline for applications is July 16, 2007. If you have any questions regarding the Academy, please call Paulette Stodgel at 286-3120.

## **BANKERS TRUST PROMOTION**

Bankers Trust Company is offering a promotion to DANA members. If you open a new Direct Checking account with them, Bankers Trust will deposit \$100 into the new account. Please contact Michelle McCreery at 245-2433 for more information.

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## **ADAMS SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

Adams School, which is closing in June, will hold a farewell celebration on Thursday May 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. There will be food and entertainment for all ages. Please come and join in as we say goodbye to Adams.

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## **GARAGE SALE**

DANA will be holding its annual garage sale on Saturday June 2. Suggested sale hours are 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you would like to participate, please call Mary Whisenand at 264 8760 for more information.

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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Come play pickup basketball games Sunday afternoons 4:00–8:00 at Adams School playground.

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### **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
	Margaret Heger	266-4181
Members	Jim Grove	250-9359
	Mary Whisenand	264-8760
Webmaster	Dennis Dyer	
E-mail	<b>Webmaster@DouglasAcres.org</b>	

## **Membership Form**

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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 your check payable to DANA. Bring this form and your payment to the next DANA meeting or mail them 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**

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### **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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**Des Moines, IA 50317**

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