

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DANA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday May 12, 2009

7:00 pm

Staves Methodist Church
2747 E Madison Ave

We will hold a plant exchange. Please bring any plants, seeds, bulbs, or cuttings that you would be willing to share with others.

- ❖ May 11, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ May 11, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ **May 12, 7:00 pm, DANA members meeting, See information in box above**
- ❖ June 8, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ June 8, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ 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**
- ❖ Aug 10, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Aug 10, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room

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
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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 that looks especially nice and well cared for? If so, nominate it 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 website.

THIS JUST IN – DANA RECEIVES GRANT

On April 7, 2009, the Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association was awarded a Polk County Community Betterment Grant of \$4,000. This money will be used to pay for printing and mailing of this newsletter. DANA thanks our county supervisor, Tom Hockensmith, and the other county supervisors for this grant.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

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**.

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 have been 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 and visit

<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, see page 4 of this newsletter 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. More information on Jazz in July is available from the Metro Arts Alliance, 280-3222 or on the website

www.metroarts.org

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. This year, the Public Works Department will continue the use of Metro Waste Authority (MWA) Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware Avenue and the MWA Compost Park at 1601 Harriett Street on nine Saturdays. To improve the traffic flow at the Transfer Station, all traffic will enter from the North off of Broadway. There are specific guidelines for materials that can and cannot be taken on a SCRUB day. For more information, call the Public Works Department 24-hour Customer Service Center at (515) 283-4950, or go online and visit

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

The complete schedule of future SCRUB days is printed on page 3 of this newsletter.

DANA NEWS

Board Elections

At its annual meeting on January 13, 2009, the members of DANA elected a board of directors that will serve until the elections that will take place at the annual meeting on January 11, 2010. Those persons elected are listed on page 1 of this newsletter.

Sargent Park

Also, at the annual meeting, Don Tripp and Larry Edris from Des Moines Parks and Recreation updated us on planned improvements for Sargent Park to be made this year. The improvements include a playground, a shelter house, and a sign at the park entrance.

Neighborhood Improvements

Representatives from DANA have been meeting monthly with staff from the City of Des Moines to develop and implement a neighborhood plan for infrastructure and other improvements. The most visible activities related to the plan will be sidewalk and street improvements that will take place this summer. There will be some inconvenience while repairs are being made, but the result will be significantly improved streets and sidewalks. For more information, please contact any member of the DANA board listed on the previous page.

CITY OF DES MOINES 2009 SCRUB CALENDAR		
Date	Location	Hours
May 16	MTW Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave & Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7 AM – 1 PM
	Capitol View Elementary Parking Lot, 320 E 16th	7 AM – Noon
	Central Presbyterian Church Parking Lot, 39th & Grand	7 AM – Noon
June 20	MTW Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave & Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7 AM – 1 PM
	State Fair Parking Lot, E 34th & Dean	7 AM – Noon
	Hoover High Parking Lot, 4800 Aurora	7 AM – Noon
July 18	MTW Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave & Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7 AM – 1 PM
	Southridge Mall, 1111 E Army Post	7 AM – Noon
August 15	MTW Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave & Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7 AM – 1 PM
	Prospect Park Parking Lot, Prospect Road north of Hickman Rd.	7 AM – Noon
September 19	MTW Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave & Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7 AM – 1 PM
	To be determined	7 AM – Noon
October 17	MTW Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave & Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7 AM – 1 PM
	Polk County Office Building, Oliver Plaza, 2339 Euclid	7 AM – Noon
	Roosevelt High School North Parking Lot, Chamberlain St between 42nd & Polk Blvd	7 AM – Noon
October 31	MTW Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave & Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7 AM – 1 PM



4 MILE
Farmer's Market



**3711 Easton Blvd
WEDNESDAYS
4 PM - 7 PM**

**July and August
(except August 19)**

**SHOP
EAT
ENJOY**

Vendors wanted



CALL 248-6310

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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- ☐ Postal mail

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☐ 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

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