

DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (DANA)

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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

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING

Tuesday May 11, 2010

Staves Methodist Church

General Meeting 7:00 pm

Tom Hockensmith, County Supervisor

Randy Ripperger, Polk County Assessor's Office

Plant Exchange (see page 2 for more information)

- ❖ May 10, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, upstairs conference room
- ❖ **May 11, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA members general meeting, Staves Church (Plant Exchange)**
- ❖ June 14, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, upstairs conference room
- ❖ July 12, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, upstairs conference room
- ❖ **July 13, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA members general meeting and Ice Cream Social Sargent Park**
- ❖ Aug. 9, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, upstairs conference room
- ❖ Sept. 13, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, upstairs conference room
- ❖ **Sept. 14, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA members general meeting, Staves Church**
- ❖ Oct. 11, 2010, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors meeting, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, upstairs conference room

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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.

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.

PLANT EXCHANGE

DANA residents are encouraged to bring their extra garden vegetable and flower plantings to share with neighbors at our annual plant exchange at the May 11, 2010 members meeting. This event is free. In addition, we will give away some plants as door prizes.

YARD SALE

DANA will sponsor a neighborhood yard sale event on Friday June 25 from 6 to 8 pm and Saturday June 26 from 8 am to 2 pm. The Friday hours are for neighbors only, and only the Saturday hours will be advertised to the general public. Please provide the following information for the newspaper advertisement to Linda Westergaard at Linda@LindaWestergaard.com or by dropping it off at her home at 4009 E 23rd St:

1. Address where your sale will be held
2. Any items you would like advertised
3. Hours you will be open on each day

We will collect \$5.00 per address to cover the cost of the advertisement. We will compile a list of all sales taking place and give the list to each seller so that you can direct customers to other sales. We need volunteers to make and put up signs around the area. Questions? Contact Linda.

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

The next meeting is May 3, 2010, at the East Side Library at 5:30 PM. Guest speaker will be Jim Nelson, neighborhood inspector for the city of Des Moines. Jim will address junk and debris issues in our neighborhoods. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WALKING CLUB

Starting May 1, the walking club will resume. Every Saturday morning at 8:00 am Anna Vance and Dawn Stangl will meet neighbors at the Sargent Park parking lot next to the new restrooms and rain garden. We will walk the trail. Anyone is welcome whatever your walking level. As the season progresses we may start earlier than 8:00 in order to finish before the temperature gets too warm. Bring a friend and walk whatever distance and speed you like. For questions please call Dawn Stangl at 265-7771.

RECYCLING TIPS

How do I get my family to recycle?

We all need visual hints to remind us to do things. To remind you to recycle, place paper sacks beside each garbage container in your home to use for recyclable items. Discuss with each family member why the sack is placed there. Each time someone discards something, that person must make a choice of which container to use. Soon your recycling sack will be overflowing instead of your garbage container.

HELP YOUR GARDEN

Banana peels make a great fertilizer. Chop them up and put them into the soil around tomatoes, peppers, and even roses. Banana peels contain phosphorus and potassium.

ADD SOME PIZZAZZ TO YOUR PLATE

Nasturtium is not only a beautiful flower; it tastes good, too. Its taste is similar to a mild radish. Try placing some on your plate with your food as a garnish. Leave about 3 inches of stem attached to the flower. Go ahead and eat it if you like.

SPRING CLEANUP TO REMOVE URBAN BLIGHT (SCRUB)

The City of Des Moines has announced the 2010 guidelines and schedule for the city-wide cleanup program known as SCRUB.

Guidelines

- **Residents of Des Moines only**
 - Proof of Residency required; Photo ID or current utility bill
- **Hours: 7 AM to Noon**
 - Neighborhood SCRUB 7 AM TO NOON
 - MWA's Metro Transfer Station/Metro Compost Center
Hours: 7 AM to 1 PM
 - MWA's Metro Park East Landfill - hours vary, see calendar

Note: Metro Waste Authority's Metro Transfer Station and the Metro Compost Center are NOT open to the public, except on Saturday SCRUB day events. Des Moines residents may haul trash at no charge to the MWA Metro Park East Landfill on specified SCRUB Saturdays. Normal tipping fees apply during other landfill business hours.
- **No Commercial Haulers**
 - Commercial Haulers are to use Landfill
- **SCRUB Items Allowed**
 - Trash containers
 - General trash including furniture
 - Lawn mowers without fluids
 - Televisions, computers
 - Tires (any size on or off rim)
 - Appliances - no charge
 - Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, furnaces, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.
- **All yard waste will need to be hauled to the MWA Metro Compost Center at 1601 Harriett St. Yard waste is NOT accepted at the neighborhood SCRUB sites.**
 - Brush, tree limbs 24" diameter or less; maximum length 10'
 - Prunings
 - Loose leaves
 - Loose grass clippings
 - Straw, hay
- **SCRUB Items Not Allowed**
 - Car batteries, propane tanks; toxic liquids such as oil, paint, etc.; toxic or hazardous chemicals. Call Metro Waste Authority's Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste at 967-5512 to dispose of these items.
- **Unloading Procedure**
 - Ask where to unload
 - Plan to unload your own vehicle within 15 minutes
 - Place all items in dumpsters or compactors as directed
 - Clean up your own mess
- **Vehicle Size**
 - Pickup (Maximum 4' sideboards), car or small trailer (unless hauler sponsored by a neighborhood).

CITY OF DES MOINES 2010 SCRUB CALENDAR

Date	Location	Hours	Neighborhoods
4/10/10	Drake University 24th & Forest Parking Lot	7 AM-Noon	Drake Carpenter Kirkwood Glen
4/17/10	Bell Avenue Business Center 1901 Bell Avenue	7 AM-Noon	Southwestern Hills Downtown Des Moines Gray's Lake
4/17/10	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. Compost Center, 1601 Harriett Metro Park East Landfill, 12181 University Ave. NE, Mitchellville	7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM	All
5/15/10	Central Presbyterian Church 39th & Grand Parking Lot	7 AM-Noon	North of Grand Arbor Peaks Greenwood Historic Sherman Hill Woodland Heights
5/15/10	Capitol View School 320 E. 16th	7 AM-Noon	Capitol East East Village
5/15/10	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. Compost Center, 1601 Harriett Metro Park East Landfill, 12181 University Ave. NE, Mitchellville	7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM	All
6/19/10	Polk County Office Bldg. Oliver Plaza, 2339 Euclid Parking Lot	7 AM-Noon	Lower Beaver Beaverdale
6/19/10	Hoover High 4800 Aurora Parking Lot	7 AM-Noon	Meredith Merle Hay
6/19/10	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. Compost Center, 1601 Harriett Metro Park East Landfill, 12181 University Ave. NE, Mitchellville	7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM	All
7/17/10	Southridge Mall 1111 E. Army Post Parking Lot	7 AM-Noon	Somerset Magnolia Park South Park Watrous South Hillsboro Ewing Woods-Evergreen Easter Lake Area
7/17/10	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. Compost Center, 1601 Harriett Metro East Landfill, 12181 University Ave. NE, Mitchellville	7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM	All

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Date	Location	Hours	Neighborhoods
8/21/10	Polk County RiverPlace 2309 Euclid (old Target)	7 AM-Noon	Mondamin Presidential Chautauqua Park Drake Park King Irving Martin-Hickman Prospect Park
8/21/10	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. Compost Center, 1601 Harriett Metro Park East Landfill, 12181 University Ave. NE, Mitchellville	7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM	All
9/18/10	Hy-Vee SE 14th & Park Parking Lot	7 AM-Noon	Indianola Hills McKinley School/Columbus Park Pioneer Park
9/18/10	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. Compost Center, 1601 Harriett Metro Park East Landfill, 12181 University Ave. NE, Mitchellville	7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM	All
10/16/10	Roosevelt High 45th & Chamberlain Parking Lot	7 AM-Noon	Waterbury Ingersoll Park Linden Heights Salisbury Oaks Waveland Woods Waveland Park Westwood
10/16/10	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. Compost Center, 1601 Harriett Metro Park East Landfill, 12181 University Ave. NE, Mitchellville	7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM 7 AM-1 PM	All
11/20/10	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. Compost Center, 1601 Harriett Metro Park East Landfill, 12181 University Ave. NE, Mitchellville	7 AM-1 PM 8 AM-1 PM 8 AM-1 PM	All

REQUEST FOR DUES

This is a friendly request for contributions to DANA in the form of dues. Payment is a voluntary contribution, and all contributions support the activities of DANA. Please fill out this form and return it with your payment. We suggest a contribution of \$5.00 for individuals and \$10.00 for businesses, but contributions of any amount are accepted and are greatly appreciated. Please note that contributions are not tax-deductible.

- ☐ **Yes, I/We value the neighborhood and want to contribute to DANA**
- ☐ \$5 Individual ☐ \$10 Business
- ☐ Other Amount \$ _____

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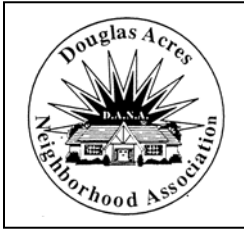
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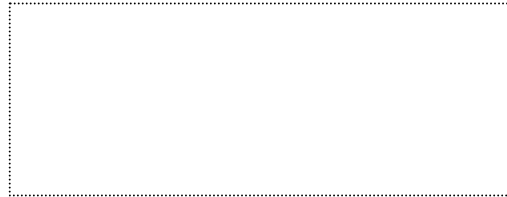


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