



# DANA UPDATE

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**Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

This newsletter includes the 2018 DANA calendar. Please save it for future reference. This calendar is also available at [www.DouglasAcres.org](http://www.DouglasAcres.org). Please note that the events listed on the calendar are subject to change.

Notable upcoming events include our annual plant exchange in May, neighborhood garage sales in June, ice cream social in July, and celebration of National Night Out in August.

## NEW SCHOOL IN NORTHEAST DES MOINES

Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) is beginning planning to build a new elementary school located at 3260 E Douglas Avenue which is near the intersection of that street and Colfax Avenue. The new school will be a prekindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Montessori school that could accommodate up to 450 students and will help relieve attendance pressure at Garton and Brubaker schools.

The school board voted on November 21 to purchase the property at 3260 E Douglas Avenue for \$595,000. A public hearing was held from on that day. Three persons spoke at the hearing. The minutes of the board meeting include the following additional comments and clarifications.

- Enrollment would come from neighborhood students including those living north of Euclid Avenue, requiring fewer students to cross Euclid Avenue.
- New boundaries would be created with students living in the attendance area receiving priority.
- Determination on use of any excess property would be decided in the future.
- Older elementary students with no Montessori experience would not be placed there.
- Work will begin on elementary boundary changes with some adjustments in the southeast and northeast areas.

Following the public hearing, a motion was made to approve the purchase of the 18.29 acre property located at 3260 E Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, IA, for \$595,000. The motion to purchase the land was made by Rob Barron, seconded by Cindy Elsbernd, and passed unanimously.

The preliminary schedule for the project calls for planning and design work to be done this winter, site work to start in April, and construction to begin next fall. Community meetings with the neighborhoods that would be served by the new school will be scheduled as a part of this process. The current hope is that the school would be completed and opened in time for the 2020-21 school year.

Funding for the purchase of land and construction of the school will come from revenue that DMPS receives from Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE), the statewide one-cent sales tax in support of school buildings and facilities.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As president of Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association I would like to encourage you to attend our upcoming meetings. It will help you stay informed of events happening in our neighborhood and give you a chance to make your opinions or ideas heard by city and county leaders who regularly attend. I hope to see more new faces in the near future. Joe Youngwirth.

Please visit our website, [www.DouglasAcres.org](http://www.DouglasAcres.org), where you can find out what is happening in your neighborhood. You can also find a link to the DANA Facebook page.

Do you have news that you think would be interesting to your Douglas Acres neighbors? Let us know and we'll put it in the next newsletter to be published in 2018. Call Richard Schulze at (515) 265-7771 or send an email to [newsletter@douglasacres.org](mailto:newsletter@douglasacres.org).

## LOCAL OPTION 1% SALES TAX INCREASE

The Des Moines City council, councils in other Polk County cities, and the Polk County board of supervisors have taken the necessary actions to hold a special election on March 6, 2018, to vote on a 1% local option sales tax increase. Approval of this ballot issue would increase the sales tax in each city and the unincorporated areas of Polk County from 6% to 7%. The tax will be implemented in Des Moines if a majority of voters in Des Moines and contiguous cities approve it.

For the City of Des Moines, the tax increase is expected to generate approximately \$37 million in additional annual revenue. Of the additional revenue, one half will be used for property tax relief in the city; one fifth will be used for street improvements in the city; one fifth will be used for neighborhood improvements in the city; and one tenth will be used for public safety improvements and expenditures in the city.

For Polk County, the tax increase is expected to generate approximately \$11.5 million in additional annual revenue. Of the additional revenue, one third will be used for property tax relief in unincorporated areas; one third will be used for capital projects in unincorporated areas; and one third will be used for mental health services in Polk County.

DANA encourages you to vote on March 6, 2018, on this important issue for our city and our county.

## JOINT FIRE STATION

Fire departments in Des Moines and Altoona are exploring an idea to share emergency services between the cities by building a shared fire station instead of building two to provide improved emergency services in both northeast Des Moines and northwestern Altoona. If a proposal is agreed to, both cities hope to save millions of dollars.

The joint fire protection idea is still in its early stages of development. A possible location for a new station is where the current Delaware fire station is located (3992 E Broadway).

The Des Moines and Altoona fire departments want to submit plans for a joint fire station to their city councils as a part of the next budgeting process.

### USE THIS FORM TO SUPPORT OR TO RENEW YOUR SUPPORT FOR DANA

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**Phyllis Kellogg, DANA Treasurer**  
**2920 E Douglas, Des Moines, IA 50317**

### DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

(current as of February 2018)

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# 2018 DANA CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Board of directors meeting: NOTE **January 8** and **February 12** meetings will be held at 7:00 at HyVee upstairs conference room. Board meetings for the remainder of the year will be held at 7:00 pm at HyVee with the exact location to be determined
- General members meeting: held at 7:00 pm at Staves Church, 2747 E Madison, except for the following meetings:  
**January 9:** Annual members meeting, election of officers, and dinner at Staves Church, 2747 E Madison, at **6:00 pm**  
**July 10:** Ice cream social at a location to be determined, at 7:00 pm
- △ Other important events

PLEASE NOTE that this calendar is printed in late 2017 and is subject to change

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Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am (spring forward 1 hour) March 11

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Primary Election  
Day June 5

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Ice cream social  
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National Night Out  
6:00 Aug 7

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Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am (fall back 1 hour) Nov 4

Election Day  
Nov 6

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30	31	2019 Annual Meeting Tuesday Jan 8, 2019				

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## You're Invited!

**What:** DANA Neighborhood Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018  
7:00 PM

**Where:** Staves Methodist Church  
2747 E Madison



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