



DANA Update

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Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Please join your friends and neighbors at DANA's annual meeting to be held on Tuesday January 10. This is a free lasagna dinner provided by our generous business partner Hy-Vee and by DANA. The dinner will be served at Staves Memorial United Methodist Church, 2747 E Madison. Join us beginning at 6 PM for lasagna, bread, salad, and cookie.

Snow Ordinance Streets – No Parking

Please remember to move your vehicles off our neighborhood street after a snow storm. Our neighborhood is now signed, "Snow Ordinance Streets – No Parking until Plowed", and wing plows will be used to clear our streets this winter. Of course, cars parked on the street during plowing operations will be ticketed \$35. Permitting the use of wing plows increases overall efficiency, and as a result, streets will be plowed after every storm following the snow routes.

We will post information about the plowing on the DANA facebook page and on our website. You may also visit the City of Des Moines website for additional information. When snow accumulations exceed four inches, Residential plowing will commence after the completion of snow route plowing.

This is DANA's third year in the program and we get our streets plowed very quickly. We are fortunate to be a part of this program.

Don't forget to clear your sidewalks also!

Did you know we are now on Facebook and we have our own web site. Find us at www.Facebook.com and search for "Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association" or visit www.DouglasAcres.org

Officers & Board of Directors

Feel free to contact any of the DANA officers or Directors:

President	Linda Westergaard	988-4288
Vice President	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
Secretary	Matt Evans	262-3952
Treasurer	Phyllis Kellogg	262-5132
Director	Tony Short	266-8995
Director	Betty Short	266-8995
Director	Margaret Heger	266-4181
Director	Jim Grove	250-9359

City of Des Moines Parks Dept. News

Have you driven by Sargent Park lately? It looks great, as our new playscape is just about finished. Larry Edris, our Parks Dept. liaison will be on hand to give us an update on the progress that is taking place in the park.

Many thanks to Polk County Supervisor Tom Hockensmith for his continued support of our neighborhood. You are receiving this newsletter because of a grant that DANA received from the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

Are you on Facebook? Search for “Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association” then click “Like” so you can keep up on what’s happening in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood News! It is great to see so much going on in the neighborhood. As I drive through the area I am seeing plenty of updating being done to our homes. New siding, new windows, even some room additions. Remember, Douglas Acres is a Designated Neighborhood and residents are eligible for grants from Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) to use for these types of home improvements. Neighborhood Finance is easy to work with so be sure to visit with them when thinking of doing your remodeling projects. NFC’s phone number is 515-246-0010 or visit their web site at www.NeighborhoodFinance.org.

Let us know if you are new in neighborhood and we will provide you with information about our neighborhood and the services offered to our community. If you know of a new home owner that has moved into the neighborhood let us know and we will be sure they know about DANA.

Are you a DANA member?

Show your support for your neighborhood organization by becoming a member. The annual membership cost is only \$5.00 per individual or family. Business memberships are also available at a cost of \$10.00 per year. To join, please make your check payable to DANA and bring to the next DANA meeting or send to:

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

Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address as we often communicate with members by email.

If you would like to become an officer, member of the Board of Directors, or volunteer in some other capacity with DANA, please include that information with your membership fee or contact one of the current officers.

From your DANA Board:

Remember, if you would like to nominate a neighbor for the Good Neighbor Award call Betty Short at 266-8995 and for the Yard of the Week Award please call Joe Youngwirth at 266-2569 or Phyllis Kellogg at 262-5132. Once again we will be honoring those who decorate their homes for the holidays. Please Call Phyllis or Joe with homes that are decorated and we will put a sign in their yard.



Remember to Support our business neighbors



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Thanks to the staff at Project Recovery Iowa for attending our DANA Ice Cream Social and National Night Out. They are always welcome to attend our meetings. Counseling through Project Recovery Iowa is always free and Confidential. This organization helps Iowans impacted by the 2010 natural disasters. Counselors help with needed support during a persons recovery process. For more information please call them at 1-800-447-1985.

Just a reminder where the high risk intersections with red light cameras are located:

- East 15 & Maple
- 19th & University
- Martin Luther King, Jr Pkwy & School St
- SE 5th & Army Post Rd
- 9th & Grand

Scrub Day

There are 3 Scrub Days remaining this year. This is a great chance to clean out the garage, shed, or basement. Just take your general household items to the MWA Transfer Station which is located at 4148 Delaware. You can also get rid of yard waste, tree branches, grass clippings, etc at the MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett. Both facilities are open from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month (September 17, October 15, and November 19.)

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You're Invited!

- What:** Douglas Acres Neighborhood
Lasagna Dinner
- When:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012
6:00 PM
- Where:** Staves Memorial United Methodist
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