



# DANA Update

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Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association

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## Mark Your Calendar

Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association will host a free neighborhood dinner Tuesday January 13, 2015 at 6 PM. Please join us for dinner as we celebrate our neighborhood and our accomplishments. The event will be held at The Euclid Room located at 2540 E. Euclid. Please plan to attend this neighborhood event. Come and get to know your neighbors, this is always a popular fun event to attend.

## DANA President's Message

We hope you will join us on Tuesday January 13 at our lasagna dinner to celebrate our neighborhood and all that we have accomplished. Please let your board members know how much we appreciate all they do for us. The neighborhood is looking good and it is so exciting to see so many homes being listed and sold. Welcome to all our new neighbors, we are glad you chose to live in the neighborhood. We have several new Free Little Libraries located in the neighborhood and we encourage everyone to take a book to read or leave a book for someone else to read. We have a lot of things planned for the DANA neighborhood in the coming year and we hope that you will keep the calendar that is included in this newsletter so you won't miss an event. We will again host our neighborhood Garage sale, ice cream social, and National Night Out. There is always plenty to do. We were very lucky to be picked to host a Movie in the Park last summer and we are sure going to try to host this fun event again this year. Please feel free to call me should you ever have a question about anything in the neighborhood.

Linda Westergaard

## The Emerald Ash Borer is Coming

*(adopted from the City of Des Moines website)*

The Emerald Ash Borer is an insect of Asian origin that is rapidly making it's way across Iowa, threatening all Ash trees. By tunneling under the bark of the Ash tree, the insect cuts off all nutrients and water, causing the tree to die.

### Why Trees Are Important

In addition to bringing beauty and character to our neighborhoods, trees increase property values, save energy by reducing air condition and heating costs, clean pollutants from the air and water, reduce storm water runoff, buffer and reduce noise, promote community interaction and renewal, and provide habitat for birds and wildlife.

### If there is an Ash tree in your Right of Way or "Parking"

The public right of way or "parking" is the area between the street and the public sidewalk in front of your home. If there is an Ash tree in the parking in front of your home, the decision for what to do with that tree rests with the city. The City Forestry Department has inspected those trees and some Ash trees have already been removed. It is our understanding that the Forestry Department will return and remove the stumps left behind when the Ash tree was cut down. It is also our understanding that the City will plant a new tree in the right of way only **IF IT IS REQUESTED BY THE HOMEOWNER**. A TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM needs to be completed and returned to the Des Moines Public Works Forestry Division. In other words, if you don't request a new tree, you will not get a new tree. There will be a supply of Tree Planting and Request Forms at the Annual meeting on January 13, please pick up a form and come prepared with any questions you might have.

### If there is an Ash tree in your Yard

Several options are available to the homeowner who has an Ash tree in their yard. The best recommendation is to contact an Arborist or tree service who can evaluate the overall condition of your tree and whether you should consider treatment or removal (see article on page 2). Several types of treatment are available and most experts are advising that this is a job that should be performed by a professional.

Additional information is available on the City of Des Moines website, go to [www.DMGOV.org](http://www.DMGOV.org) and look for Emerald Ash Borer in the "Quick Links" box on the left side of the home 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. Call Neal Westergaard at 988-4288 or send an email to [nealwes@gmail.com](mailto:nealwes@gmail.com)

Of course I/we want to join DANA (or renew my/our membership)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$5 Individual  New Member

\$10 Business  Renewal

Send information on Business Advertisements

I am interested in helping:

Officer  Board of Directors

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to DANA and bring to the next DANA meeting or mail to: Phyllis Kellogg, DANA Treasurer, 2920 East Douglas, Des Moines, IA 50317

## Hiring a Tree Service

If you need to contact a tree service, either for routine tree care/pruning or to discuss options for treating Emerald Ash Borer, here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Owning a truck and a chainsaw does not mean that someone is a tree care professional
2. Make sure that the tree is on your yard. If the tree is on the public right of way between the street and the sidewalk, contact the City of Des Moines at 283-4950 to inquire about pruning or removal
3. Beware of people knocking on your door, especially if they claim that they were working in the neighborhood and can offer you a bargain rate to take care of your tree. Most established tree services are busy and do not solicit business by going door-to-door
4. Check with friends or neighbors who have had work done by a reputable professional
5. Make sure the company has insurance, including coverage for personal and property damage and worker's compensation. Ask whether they are a licensed contractor with the State of Iowa and ask to see their State registration
6. Ask for and check references from past clients

## Your DANA Officers and Board Members

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Chair	Linda Westergaard	988-4288
Vice Chair	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
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Board Member	Bill Martin	
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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.

# 2015 DANA Calendar

## Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association

*Lasagna Dinner, Euclid Room*

**January**

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*Plant Exchange*

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*Neighborhood Garage Sales*

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*Ice Cream Social*

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*National Night Out*

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- Board of Director's Meeting (usually on the 2nd Monday of each month or the Monday preceding the DANA General Meeting) Meetings held at 7:00 pm at The Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid (next to Hy-Vee)
- General Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings held at Staves Methodist Church 2747 E Madison **except** January and July meetings which are held at Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid (next to Hy-Vee)

For more information, contact Linda Westergaard, 515-988-4288

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Local  
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## You're Invited!

**What:** DANA Annual Meeting & Election  
**When:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
6:00 PM  
**Where:** The Euclid Room  
2540 E Euclid (next to Hy-Vee)



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