



DANA Update

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Please plan to attend the DANA General Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Staves Methodist Church, 2747 E Madison.

DANA President's Message

As we come to the end of another fabulous year I wanted to provide everyone with a quick recap of our year. 2013 was busy for DANA and we continue to grow and make contact with more and more residents. Our annual Meeting in January was well attended and we had an even bigger crowd at our ice cream social and then an even BIGGER crowd at our National Night Out event in August. A huge thank you to Hy-Vee for helping sponsor the events with DANA. Tom Hockensmith and Bob Mahaffey attended several of our meetings and provided us with an update on what is happening in our neighborhood and city. We reached out to those in the neighborhood by holding our annual garage sale event in June, the weather was good for the event and we seemed to be busier than we were the previous year. We would like to grow this event so hang on to those garage sale items until June 2014. Our ever popular Yard of the Week and Holiday Lights award continue to grow in popularity. As I walked the neighborhood this summer it was so much fun to look at all the beautiful flowers and yards. Also, fun is the yard art hidden away in neighbors yards. Did you know there is a turtle that lives in the neighborhood and a crocodile with sunglasses is hidden away in a yard. Not sure what happened to the Micky mouse art work, I miss it! Thanks to Phyllis Kellogg and Joe Youngwirth who do such a great job with putting the signs out and taking pictures of the yards. My sincere thanks go out to everyone who has made 2013 a great year for DANA and I'm looking forward to next year.

Last Scrub Day of 2013 on November 16

The final Scrub Day for 2013 will be on **Saturday, November 16**. The MWA Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware Ave will be open from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm and Des Moines residents can drop off trash, furniture, televisions, tires, lawn mowers (with all fluids drained), and appliances. The Compost Center at 1601 Harriett (just north of the Des Moines River and east of SE 14th St) is also open from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm and residents can drop off yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, etc. Please remember to bring proof of Des Moines residency (driver's license or current utility bill).

Business Spotlight

Brady Dental Care is located in a new state of the art facility at 3375 E 33rd St, Des Moines. Kent Brady, DDS, and Corbin Brady, DDS, are both graduates of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and provide a full range of dental services to patients of all ages from infants to seniors. New patients are accepted and emergency care is available. Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 to 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Business Spotlight

Financial Plus Credit Union is building a new branch office at the corner of East 29th and Euclid. Construction has already begun and the Credit Union anticipates being open for business in May, 2014. Welcome to the Douglas Acres Neighborhood!

If you know of a business that should be featured in the DANA Update, contact Linda Westergaard, 988-4288, or send an email to Linda@LindaWestergaard.com

Business Advertising

If you live in the Douglas Acres neighborhood, you can advertise in the DANA newsletter. Business card ads are available for \$10 per issue. Larger ads are also available.

Please visit our website, 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.

Des Moines Community Action Agency

Des Moines Community Action Agency (DMCAA) works with low-income residents to provide crisis assistance and provide tools to help low-income residents gain personal and economic self-sufficiency. Most low-income programs are available to households with annual gross income meeting 150% of federal poverty guidelines.

One popular program offered by this agency is LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) which is designed to assist low-income families meet the cost of home heating. Application are accepted on a first come first-served basis from November 1 to April 30.

Other programs offered by the DMCAA include:

- *Aging Resources*
- *Assessment & Resolution (Utility Resource & Referrals)*
- *Emergency Home Repair Program*
- *Financial Wise/Energy Wise Classes*
- *Food "Choice" Pantry*
- *Furnace Repairs*
- *Holiday Foods/Holiday Toys*
- *Jobs Employment Search*
- *Personal Pantry*
- *Weatherization*

More information about LIHEAP and the other DMCAA programs is available by contacting the agency office at 1618 6th Ave, Des Moines. Office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Mon-Wed-Fri and 8am to 7 pm Tue-Thur. The office phone number is 248-6216 or you can visit the website, www.dmgov.org/hs/dmcaa

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

DANA Meeting Schedule

The DANA Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held in the Euclid Room next to Hy-Vee, East 25th & Euclid. All Douglas Acres residents are welcome to attend.

General DANA meetings are held every other month (January, March, May, July, September, and November). Meetings are usually held at 7:00 pm at Staves Methodist Church, 2747 E Madison. Meeting times and locations are subject to change and a current schedule can be found on the DANA website, www.DouglasAcres.org

For more information, contact any of the following Officers or Board Members:

Position	Name	Contact
Chair	Linda Westergaard	988-4288
Vice Chair	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
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Trail & Dog Park Updates

The long awaited extension of the Gay Lee Wilson Trail has finally opened. The new trail section can be picked up at Sargent Park and extends north to Ankeny. This trail is part of the 110 mile Central Iowa Trail Network.

Area dog owners are excited about the opening this year of Des Moines' third dog park. Reno Memorial Dog Park is located at 3533 E Douglas, across from Sargent Park. The park is named in memory of Reno, a decorated Des Moines police dog who died last year. Permits are required to enter the 3.2 acre park and can be purchased at the City Clerk's office for \$20. Current dog license and rabies vaccination are required. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at any of the City Dog Parks, please send an email to parksvolunteer@dmgov.org

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You're Invited!

What: DANA General Meeting
When: Tuesday, November 12, 2013
7:00 PM
Where: Staves Methodist Church
2747 E Madison



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