



# DANA Update

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Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association

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## Coming Events

### Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 9,  
7:00 pm

**Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid  
(next to Hy-Vee)**

Join your neighbors and friends for our annual Ice Cream Social. HyVee has generously offered us use of the event center and we are grateful to them for letting us use the room. Ice Cream and toppings will be provided by DANA and we are asking you to feel free to bring a dessert to share. Entertainment will be provided by Jennie Gervais. Thank you Jennie!



### National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6

Please join communities all across the country celebrating neighborhoods and those that protect our neighborhoods by celebrating with a free dinner. HyVee and DANA invite you to join us for hamburgers and hot dogs in the air conditioned Euclid Room located at 2540 E. Euclid on Tuesday August 6. The event will be from 6 to 8 PM. This is a wonderful event and the Police Department always stops by as do our elected officials. So come and have dinner and have some fun. If you are unable to attend please show your support by turning on your porch lights for the evening.

## Neighborhood Garage Sales

Clean out those closets, garages, and basements and get ready for the annual garage sale coming up on Saturday June 8 and Saturday June 15. Hours will vary by each household and everyone is encouraged to put up signs advertising their own sale. This has been a great event and what a wonderful way to let folks know about our neighborhood.

*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.*

## **Community Betterment Grant**

Thank you to Tom Hockensmith, Polk County Supervisor, for awarding Douglas Acres a Polk County Community Betterment Grant. The money will be used to print and mail our newsletters and we will purchase additional signage for the neighborhood. Watch for our new signs coming soon.

## **Are You A DANA Member?**

Please renew your DANA membership. Now is the time to send in your renewal membership or become a member for the very first time. It is easy, just mail a check to our treasurer Phyllis Kellogg at 2920 E. Douglas, Des Moines Iowa 50317. \$5.00 is all an individual membership is. If you are a business please mail \$10.00 (with a paid business membership you will receive one ad in our newsletter. Go ahead and mail the check today!

DANA can always use more volunteers. 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.

## **Yard of the Week**

Now is the time to nominate that great looking yard for our "Yard of the Week" award. Please call Joe Youngwirth at 515.314.9620 or Phyllis Kellogg at 262.5132 and let them know the address of the home you would like to nominate. Look for the Yard of the Week signs as Joe and Phyllis have already been busy sighting those nicely kept lawns.

## **Do You Know Any Good Neighbors?**

Of course we all do. Nominate your neighbor for our Good Neighbor Award by calling Betty Short at 266-8995. If you know of someone who goes out of his or her way to be a good neighbor please nominate that person. DANA will then present that neighbor with a certificate of appreciation.

## **Business Owners**

DANA is now offering to sell advertisements in our newsletter. If you live in the neighborhood or have a business in the neighborhood you may advertise. \$10.00 will pay for a business card size ad. Larger ads may be purchased for an additional cost.

*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 Linda Westergaard at 988-4288 or send an email to [Linda@LindaWestergaard.com](mailto:Linda@LindaWestergaard.com)*

# More Upcoming Neighborhood Events

## **Vacation Bible School June 14 – June 18 Age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Staves United Methodist Church 2747 E. Madison Ave.**

We start each night at 5:45 pm, with a meal, followed by games, lessons, and crafts. This year we will be traveling the world as a part of the "Everywhere Fun Fair." Our evening ends at 8:15pm

Thursday night the whole family joins together for a meal, review of the week and outside games including water slide and bounce house obstacle course.

Call the church today to sign up, to make sure we have enough food and crafts for everyone. Church phone number is 515-266-0265. Or you can call our coordinators Debbie and Bruce Wise at 515-360-2840.

## **Gospel Music, Ice Cream and Desserts, the perfect Sunday afternoon at Staves United Methodist Church 2747 E. Madison Ave.**

Sunday, July 21, from 4:00 pm until the music stops. Join us in our air condition fellowship hall for a great afternoon of music and ice cream. Free will offering

## **Staves United Methodist Church Offers Fun Summer Events for youth in grades 6 through 12**

*(Grade you will be going into next year)*

Join us on Sunday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Call the church office (515-266-0265) to get a summer schedule of the special events.

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## Do You "SCRUB?"

Did you know that "SCRUB" originally meant "Spring Cleanup to Remove Urban Blight?" SCRUB Day has become one of the most popular programs in Des Moines and has been successful in keeping our neighborhoods looking clean and well-kept. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from March through November, Des Moines residents can bring their unwanted trash, furniture, appliances, and tires to one of several SCRUB locations. The MWA Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware Ave is available each month. This is just north of Euclid and is a very convenient location for DANA residents. You can also bring yard waste (grass clippings, tree branches, etc) to the MWA Compost Center at 1601 Harriett St (behind LaPizza House on SE 14<sup>th</sup> St.)

There are also "MEGA SCRUB" locations that vary from month to month. The MEGA SCRUB locations also accept some household hazardous waste (including motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides, oil based paint, and pool chemicals). DANA's MEGA SCRUB is Saturday, June 15 at Capitol Complex Lot #3 (west of East 14<sup>th</sup>, south of Court Ave).

Your DANA website, [www.DouglasAcres.org](http://www.DouglasAcres.org), has links with more SCRUB information, including a complete schedule, more detailed lists of household hazardous materials, and other important information. You can also call Neal Westergaard, 991-8772, if you have more questions.

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