



# DANA Update

The newsletter of the  
Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association

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## Mark Your Calendars for These Coming Events

Please plan to attend the DANA Ice Cream Social on **Tuesday, July 8**, at 7:00 PM. We will meet in air conditioned comfort at The Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid (next to Hy-Vee.) Ice cream, drinks, plates, and cutlery will be provided. If you want, feel free to bring cake, pie, brownies, cookies, or bars (store-bought or homemade) to share with the group. Tom Hockensmith, Polk County Supervisor will attend and provide the neighborhood with his semi-annual Polk County update.

National Night Out will be recognized throughout Des Moines on **Tuesday, August 5**. Please celebrate this annual event by joining your neighbors for a free Hamburger and Hot Dog cookout. We appreciate the hospitality from Hy-Vee who allows us to hold this event at The Euclid Room. Dinner is served from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and everyone is welcome.

## DANA President's Message

Since summer is here, did you know that the Des Moines Police Department offers a "Vacation Watch" program? If you will be away from home, you can let the police department know of your absence by calling the non-emergency number (283-4811). A territory officer will note your absence and perform extra patrol from time to time while you are away.

A sincere note of thanks to our Polk County Supervisor, Tom Hockensmith, who graciously awarded DANA a Polk County Betterment Grant. With this money we received from this grant, we are able to continue mailing our newsletter to all residents in the neighborhood. We are also able to purchase additional signage promoting our events. New this year, we will also be able to purchase additional Free Little Libraries for our neighborhood.

## The Emerald Ash Borer is Coming

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is coming to Central Iowa and has been spotted as close as the Newton area. EAB kills all Ash trees and is considered the most destructive tree pest ever seen in North America. There are quite a few Ash trees in the Douglas Acres neighborhood, both on City property and in private yards. The City has begun the process of identifying which trees need to be removed from City property and have actually removed some of them this Spring. The City intends to notify the homeowner at least 3 days before removal. Once the tree has been cut down, another contractor will return at a later date and take out the remaining stump.

If you have an Ash tree on the City "parking" in front of your home and it is cut down, you can request that another tree be planted by the City. For more information, go to the City website (<http://www.dmgov.org>) and look for the "Emerald Ash Borer" link in the Quick Links section on the left side of the webpage. When you visit that website, you can read the City of Des Moines Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan and find links to a variety of resources regarding this topic.

Most people agree that trees increase our property value and if you want to save your Ash tree, treatment options are available. You can learn more at the website above.

*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)*

## "Free Flicks" on Friday, July 25

Free movie-night at Sargent Park! Bring your family and join your neighbors to watch **The Blind Side** starring Sandra Bullock. The Blind Side is a sports drama based on the real life story of a homeless teenager who is taken in by a family and helped to realize his dream of becoming a professional football player. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and relax while watching the movie on a 25' inflatable screen under the stars. Feel free to bring your own refreshments. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department. For a schedule of other free movies this summer, go to [www.dmgov.org](http://www.dmgov.org), click on the "Search" link in the upper right corner, and enter "Free Flicks" in the search box.

Note: we are still in need of individuals or businesses who are able to help DANA co-sponsor Movie Night. Thanks to the following who have helped make this event possible this year:

- Drs Kent & Corwin Brady  
Brady Dental Care  
3375 E 33rd St  
515-422-9888
- Staves Methodist Church  
2747 E Madison  
515-265-0265
- Linda Westergaard, Realtor  
The Westergaard Group/BHHS First Realty  
4009 E 23  
515-988-4277
- Henry Hawkins  
(Long time DANA resident)

## Brady Dental Care

Kent Brady, DDS Corbin Brady, DDS  
3375 E 33rd St  
515-422-9888

Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Emergency care available

Accepting new patients of all ages

(Paid Ad)

## Free Little Libraries Update

Have you noticed the "Little Libraries" in our neighborhood? Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association has purchased 3 Free Little Libraries and they have been placed at the following addresses:

- 2480 E Douglas
- 3944 E 26th St
- 4009 E 23rd St

Free Little Libraries are designed to encourage literacy and help residents become more involved with their neighborhood. As children or adults walk past the library, they can borrow a book and it is hoped that they will return the book when they are finished reading it. We would like to see more Little Libraries pop up around the neighborhood and have recently received a generous donation from Richard Schulze and Dawn Stangl that will allow for the construction and purchase of several more units. If you would like to have a Little Library in your yard, or if you have books that you would be willing to donate, contact one of the DANA Board Members or call Linda Westergaard at 988-4288. Of course you are welcome to build your own library. A variety of plans can be found online at [www.LittleFreeLibrary.org](http://www.LittleFreeLibrary.org)

Northeast Neighbors and Friends, a coalition of Neighborhood Associations in NE Des Moines, has purchase 3 additional Little Libraries and they can be found at the following locations:

- 3607 Park Side Dr
- 1519 York St
- 3322 E 25th St

## Show Me My House

Do you forget which day your trash or recycling is picked up? Can't remember your City Council representatives? Want to know more about the zoning ordinance for your home? Curious about your census tract? All of this and more (including an aerial photo) can be found on the City website, [www.dmgov.org](http://www.dmgov.org), then click on the "Show Me My House" link (found in the "Quick Links" section.)

If you ever have questions about City rules or services, the City's website is a great place to look.

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.

# 2014 DANA Calendar

## Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association

**January** Lasagna Dinner, Euclid Room

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**May** Plant Exchange

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**June** Neighborhood Garage Sales

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**July** Ice Cream Social, Euclid Room

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**August** National Night Out

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Board of Director's Meeting (2nd Monday of each month) Meetings held at 7:00 pm at the Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid (next to Hy-Vee)

General Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of every other month beginning in January. 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)

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Postal Customer

## You're Invited!

**What:** DANA Ice Cream Social  
**When:** Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
7:00 PM  
**Where:** The Euclid Room  
2540 E. Euclid (next to Hy-Vee)



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. You can also visit our DANA website, [www.DouglasAcres.org](http://www.DouglasAcres.org)