

DANA Update

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The Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association (DANA) exists to preserve the quality of the Douglas Acres Neighborhood, promote the area as desirable for family living, foster neighborhood fellowship, and serve as a vehicle by which problems are resolved and neighborhood goals are achieved.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

November 13, 2007

7:00 pm

**Staves Methodist Church
2747 E Madison Ave**

We will discuss and plan a calendar of events for next year. Please come to the meeting and bring any suggestions for DANA activities.



GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Do you know someone in our neighborhood who goes out of their way to be a good neighbor by mowing a neighbor's yard, removing snow, trimming trees, providing transportation, etc? If so, call Betty Short at **266-8995** to nominate that person for the Good Neighbor Award.

DANA MEMBERSHIP

Please consider joining DANA if you are not already a member or consider renewing your membership if you are a member. You can use the form printed in this newsletter. The cost is \$5.00, and the money that we collect covers part of the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter. We want to continue to provide this newsletter to every household in the neighborhood.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ Nov 7, 12:45 pm, Goodrell Middle School Open House
- ❖ Nov 12, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Nov 12, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ Nov 13, 7:00 pm, DANA general meeting, Staves Church, 2747 E Madison
- ❖ Dec 10, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
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EMAIL MAILING LIST

In an effort to save a bit of money, DANA is proposing to distribute this bimonthly newsletter and other information via email. If you would be willing to receive this newsletter by email instead of by postal mail, please send your name, mailing address, and email address to

schulstang@aol.com

Please type "dana email" in the subject line.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS

We will again be awarding certificates for outstanding Holiday displays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. To nominate a display, please call Joe Youngwirth at 266-2569.

ADAMS SCHOOL PICTURE

DANA is selling an 8 ½ x 11 inch version of the picture of Adams School taken by Neal Westergaard that is displayed on the next page of this newsletter. The cost is \$5.00. To order, please call 453-7339.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department announces two grant opportunities for groups interested in beautifying the public spaces in their neighborhood. Funds are available for perennial plantings on City, State, or School property through the Lillian Swartzel Perennial Planting program. A total of \$8000 is available for planting projects. Streetscape improvements that build neighborhood cohesion, have high public visibility, improve the environment and are located on City of Des Moines property will be funded through the new Neighborhood Streetscape Grant Program. A total of \$25,000 is available for streetscape projects. There is no minimum or maximum amount that can be requested. Grant guidelines and applications can be found on the department website at www.dmparks.org. Applications are due on November 16th.

For more information, please contact:
Teva Dawson
Des Moines Parks and Recreation Dept
2501 SE Maury
Des Moines, IA 50317
Phone: 515-323-8907
Cell: 515-208-0308

2007 HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The City of Des Moines, through its Archie Brooks, Forest Avenue, and Logan Community Services Neighborhood site offices, is beginning to plan for the holiday season by calling on you for your support.

Last year, through the generous support and participation of local schools, businesses, and organizations like yours, over 1,000 low-income Des Moines families received a Holiday Food Basket. The food baskets help these families enjoy a traditional holiday dinner and provide some other non-perishable food items for the holiday season. Families receive a box of nonperishable food and a \$15.00 food certificate to purchase the meat and produce of their choice.

This year we again hope to brighten the holiday season for 1,000 families in Des Moines. Together we can make this project possible.

We encourage you to participate in the Holiday Food Project by:

- 1) Conducting a food drive for non-perishable food items such as cereals, vegetables, fruits, soups, Jello, pasta, instant potatoes, rice, stuffing, etc.
- 2) Making a cash or check donation toward the purchase of \$15.00 food certificates for participating families. Send donations to:

City of Des Moines Holiday Food Project
c/o Community Development Dept
602 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

- 3) Helping assemble and/or distribute food baskets.

We would like to pick up food donations this year according to the following schedule:

Dec 3	Principal Companies
Dec 4-5	West Metro Area, south of University
Dec 5-6	North Metro Area, north of University
Dec 7-8	South Metro Area
Dec 10-11	East Metro Area

For more information, contact the Community Services Division at 283-4180

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

- Yes**, I/We value the neighborhood and want to join DANA (or renew my/our DANA membership)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Send the DANA newsletter to me by:
(please choose one)

- Email** (please provide an email address in the space above)
 Postal mail

- \$5 Individual** **New Member**
 \$10 Business **Renewal**

- Send Information on Business Advertisements**

- I am interested in helping:**
 Officer **Steering Committee**
 Other: _____

Please make your check payable to DANA.
Bring this form and your payment to the next DANA meeting or mail them to

Phyllis Kellogg
2920 E Douglas Ave
Des Moines, IA 50317
(515) 262-5132

Dues cover membership for one year and are payable each January

DANA OFFICERS

Chair	Linda Westergaard	453-7339
Vice-Chair	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
Secretary	Dawn Stangl	265-7771
Treasurer	Phyllis Kellogg	262-5132
Steering Committee Members	Tony & Betty Short Richard Schulze Margaret Heger Jim Grove	266-8995 265-7771 266-4181 250-9359

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ADVERTISEMENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Business Members receive one free advertisement for their paid membership each year. Other ads can be placed in each newsletter for a \$5.00 charge per newsletter. Please contact the Treasurer, Phyllis Kellogg, for more information.

ADAMS SCHOOL PICTURE

This picture is for sale by DANA. For more information, please see the article on the previous page of this newsletter.



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