

# DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## 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.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

#### NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

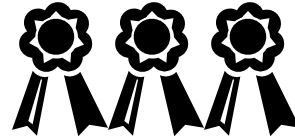
**Tuesday Nov. 11, 2008  
7:00 p.m.**

**Staves Methodist Church  
2747 E Madison Ave**

Speakers

County Supervisor Tom Hockensmith  
City Councilman Bob Mahaffey

- ❖ Nov. 4, ELECTION DAY - PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE
- ❖ Nov. 10, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Nov. 10, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ **Nov. 11, 7:00 pm, DANA membership meeting, Staves Church; see details above**
- ❖ Dec. 8, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Dec. 9, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ Jan. 12, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Jan. 12, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ **Jan. 13, 7:00 pm, DANA membership meeting, Staves Church. Election of officers.**



### GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

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

The latest Good Neighbor award recipients are:

Ray and Sharon Nelson 2422 E Madison Ave	John and Trudy Hodson 3904 E 26th St
Don and Marilyn Davis 2521 E Garden Ave	Kermit Hyler 3848 E 27th St



### YARD OF THE WEEK

Do you know of a yard that looks especially nice and well cared for? If so, nominate that property for the DANA Yard of the Week award by calling Joe Youngwirth at **266-2569**. He will place our Yard of the Week sign in the yard, and the resident will receive a certificate. We will also post a picture of the yard in the East Euclid Hy-Vee store and on our website. The latest Yard of the Week recipients are:

4010 E 24th Court  
3826 E 26th St  
3808 E 28<sup>th</sup> St  
4325 NE 29th St Lot 45  
3029 E Aurora Ave  
3235 E Aurora Ave  
3311 E Aurora Ave  
2723 E Douglas Ave  
2937 E Douglas Ave  
2748-50 E Madison Ave

## NEWSLETTER CHANGES

At its September 8 meeting, the DANA board of directors approved a change in the frequency of publication of this newsletter due to rising printing costs. Beginning in 2009, the DANA Update will be published 4 times per year, in January, May, July, and November. The email edition will follow the same schedule. Information of interest to the neighborhood can always be found at [www.douglasacres.org](http://www.douglasacres.org).

We will continue to send a newsletter to every household in the neighborhood, either via postal mail or email. To subscribe to the email edition, send your name, street address, and email address to the following email address:

[schulstang@aol.com](mailto: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.

## !RECYCLE DES MOINES! BLUE CART RECYCLING PROGRAM

To make recycling more convenient the City of Des Moines Department of Public Works will be replacing green bins with Blue Carts.

How do you participate? Place your green bin with recyclables on the curb to indicate your desire to receive a Blue Cart. Delivery of the blue 96-gallon wheeled carts will take 7 weeks. You should receive your cart on a recyclables collection day sometime between Sept 22 and Nov 14. Don't have a green bin. No problem! Place recyclables in a cardboard box or paper sack on the curb, and they will leave a BLUE CART. Discontinue using your green bin after receiving your Blue Cart. Please recycle the same paper, metal, glass, and plastic products as before. No more sorting required. Collection is biweekly. If you want a cart but have not received one by November 14 or if you have a question, call the Public Works Department's 24-hour Customer Service Center at 283-4950.

Neighborhood Finance Corporation  
Douglas Acres Lending Activity  
9/1/06-9/30/08

Purchase, including 20% 2nds			
	#	\$ Lent	\$ Forgivable
80% 1sts	7	\$642,908	\$84,500
20% 2nds	3	\$60,734	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$703,642</b>	<b>\$84,500</b>
Home Improvement			
	#	\$ Lent	\$ Forgivable
	6	\$226,403	\$42,266
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$226,403</b>	<b>\$42,266</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$930,045</b>	<b>\$126,766</b>

## NEWS FROM TAYLOR HOUSE HOSPICE Open House/Bereavement Services 5:30-7:30 pm Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 3401 East Douglas Des Moines 557-3111

Visit our beautiful 12-bed hospice facility, where a home-like setting provides a comfortable and peaceful place for our patients and their families. Our open house will provide an opportunity to showcase not only our services, but the philosophy of hospice care. The public is invited to light a candle in honor of their loved ones who have passed away. In addition, our bereavement counselor will present "Grief during the Holidays," which will provide helpful insight for those dealing with the loss of a loved one at 7 pm. For more information, please contact Laura Holms at 633-1119.

## COMMENTS FROM THE DANA PRESIDENT:

Thank you to everyone who has made the neighborhood such a great place to live. As I look around the neighborhood I see homes that are well cared for and neighbors who care about each other. We have been so fortunate this year to have become a designated neighborhood with the city of Des Moines. We are now eligible to receive Neighborhood Finance Grant money, and several residents have taken advantage of this great program. Our general meetings are well attended and we have a fantastic Board of Directors. Thanks to everyone. As we come to the close of another year it is time to think about 2009 and what our goals will be. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available so if you have some free time please consider helping your neighborhood organization. At our November meeting we will be discussing our agenda for 2009 so please attend the meeting as everyone is welcome. Linda

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**REQUEST FOR DUES**

This is a friendly reminder to pay dues for 2009. Payment is a voluntary tax-deductible contribution to DANA. Please fill out this form and return it with your payment. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

- Yes, I/We value the neighborhood and want to contribute to DANA**
- \$5 Individual**       **\$10 Business**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

- Email** (please provide an email address in the space above)
- Postal mail**
  
- Send Information on Business Advertisements**
  
- I am interested in helping:**
  - Officer**       **Board of Directors**
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phyllis Kellogg  
2920 E Douglas Ave  
Des Moines, IA 50317  
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A business member may receive one free advertisement in this newsletter and on the DANA website in return for payment of dues as a business (\$10). Other ads can be placed in each newsletter for a \$5.00 charge per newsletter. Please contact the Treasurer, Phyllis Kellogg, for more information.

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