



**Douglas
Acres
Neighborhood
Association**

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General Meeting

November 14, 2006

7:00 pm

Staves Methodist Church
2747 E. Madison Avenue

We will have a speaker from the
Neighborhood Finance
Corporation.

DANA Update

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The Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association (D.A.N.A.) 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.

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Corner of East 28th and Madison

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Find out more about the great
program and have your questions
answered.



Good Neighbor Award

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

The latest recipient of the Marjorie and
Warren White Good Neighbor Award goes
to:

Michael Grafton



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ November 13th, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library on East Hubbell
- ❖ November 13th, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Conference Room
- ❖ November 14th, 7:00 pm, DANA General Meeting, Staves Methodist Church, corner of East 28th and Madison.
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Yard of the Week

We have completed our Yard of the Week awards for 2006. We will again be awarding certificates for Holiday Light Displays. If you know of a really nice Holiday Light display, call Joe Youngwirth at **266-2569**. We will place a sign in the yard and the occupant will receive a certificate.

These are the final Yard of the Week recipients for 2006:
3903 East 25th Street
2603 East Madison
3820 East 27th Street
2740 East Douglas

Message from the Chair

Although it doesn't seem possible, another year is drawing to a close. I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped make Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association – DANA – successful in 2006. I especially thank the other officers and members of the Steering Committee for all their hard work.

As many of you already know, Douglas Acres has been selected as a "Designated" neighborhood by the Neighborhood Finance Corp. The NFC program was created to help keep neighborhoods strong, and IT IS A GOOD THING FOR EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN DOUGLAS ACRES! I am asking everyone to attend the DANA General Meeting on November 14 to learn more. We will be meeting at Staves United Methodist Church, E 28 & Madison, at 7:00 pm.

I have had quite a few people express their concerns about property values in the neighborhood, and NFC will be an important step in keeping Douglas Acres a desirable place to live, raise families, and retire. At the November 14 meeting, representatives from NFC will be present to explain their program in more detail and answer all of your questions. **Please put this date on your calendar right now and make plans to attend.**

To those of you who voted in the recent Des Moines School Board election, thank you! Our neighborhood had a great turnout when compared to some other areas. Please remember to vote on November 7. The local, state, and national officials that are elected really do make a difference in our daily lives. I encourage you to learn where the candidates stand on the issues that are important to you and then vote. If you don't vote, you don't count!

I'm looking forward to the coming year. Thank you again for helping make DANA great. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (515) 453-7339.

Linda Westergaard

Food Baskets

The city of Des Moines is beginning to plan for the Holiday season by calling on neighborhoods to support their efforts of distributing food baskets to low income families in the area. Last year the food baskets helped families enjoy a traditional holiday dinner and provided some other non-perishable food items for the holiday season.

This year with the help of Douglas Acres the city hopes to brighten the holiday season for 1,000 families. We would like to encourage the neighborhood to participate in the Holiday Food Project by:

Donating a non-perishable food item such as cereals, vegetables, fruits, soups, jello, pasta, instant potatoes, rice, stuffing, etc.

Making cash or check donations toward the purchase of food certificates to local groceries for participating families.

Please bring a non perishable food item or a cash/check donation to the neighborhood meeting November 14 and we will deliver the items to the Community Development Department for distribution.

The Community Development Department is also looking for volunteers to pick up the food donations and help with assembling and/or distributing the food baskets.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Jayne Breckenridge at 283-4180.

Jeff Foxworthy says you must be an Iowan if...

- ❖ You've never met any celebrities...and you don't really care.
- ❖ Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor on the highway.
- ❖ "Vacation" means driving through the Amanas or going to Adventureland.

Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association 2007

Election of Officers

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- Steering Committee (2nd Monday of the month). Meets at HyVee, 2540 E. Euclid.
- General Meeting (2nd Tuesday of every other month beginning in January). Meets at Staves Methodist Church, E 28th & Madison.

For more information, call Linda Westergaard at 453-7339.