

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

September 11, 2007

7:00 pm

**Staves Methodist Church
2747 E Madison Ave**

Des Moines Area Association of Realtors® (DMAAR) President Carolyn Helmlinger will share information about the Des Moines-area housing market, including local real estate trends and statistics. And there may be ice cream.



GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

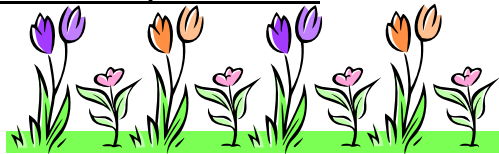
Do you know someone in our neighborhood who goes out of their way to be a good neighbor by mowing a neighbor's yard, removing snow, trimming trees, providing transportation, etc? If so, call Betty Short at **266-8995** to nominate that person for the Good Neighbor Award.

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

- ❖ Sept 10, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave. Guest speaker will be Dr. Nancy Sebring, Des Moines School District Superintendent.
- ❖ Sept 10, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ Sept 11, School board election. Please vote!
- ❖ Oct 9, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave.
- ❖ Oct 9, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Store, 2540 E Euclid, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ 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



YARD OF THE WEEK

Do you know of a yard that looks especially nice and well cared for? If so, call Joe Youngwirth at **266-2569**. He will place our Yard of the Week sign in the yard, and the occupant will receive a certificate. We will also post a picture of the yard in the HyVee store at 2540 E Euclid and on our website, www.DouglasAcres.org.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Tuesday September 11 is school election day. The Des Moines School District will vote to fill two board seats from a total of five candidates. Please vote.

WALKING CLUB

Dawn Stangl, DANA secretary, is looking for walkers to join an informal group called the Northeast Walking Club to walk for fun and exercise on the trails in and near Sargent Park on Saturday mornings beginning at 7:00 am. If you are interested, please drop by next Saturday morning and join in the fun. Call 265-7771 for more information.

CITY OF DES MOINES SCRUB DAY SCHEDULE

One Scrub Day remains to be held. It is scheduled as indicated below from 7 am to 12 noon:

Sept 22 St Anthony's Church parking lot
Indianola Ave & SE 1st

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN DES MOINES PARKS

Volunteers are essential to meeting the Des Moines Parks and Recreation mission of providing safe, clean and beautiful parks and open spaces, along with professionally-managed leisure activities for all people.

There are over 72 parks and many other green spaces that enhance the quality of life for all who live here.

Maintaining and improving our parks is a gift volunteers give to all!

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Department's new bi-weekly email gives us a chance to update you on current volunteer opportunities that will make a positive difference in our community. Please pass it on to others that you think might be interested. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parks and green spaces.

Sign up to receive free weekly e-mail notices of volunteer opportunities by sending your e-mail address to **JMLewandowski@dmgov.org** and requesting to be added to the recipient list.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT LEADERSHIP CLASSES

Des Moines Area Community College is offering a series of classes on management skills for persons serving nonprofit service agencies. A Neighborhood Resident Leadership Certificate is awarded upon completion of the required number of classes. For more information, call Des Moines Neighbors at 280-1807.

CONGRATULATIONS

DANA treasurer Phyllis Kellogg won 6 ribbons at the State Fair for afghans that she made. Congratulations Phyllis.

DANA OFFICERS

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

Webmaster Dennis Dyer
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DANA Website www.DouglasAcres.org

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.

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: _____

E-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

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