

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.

School Board election September 12, 2006

**There will not be a Douglas Acres
General Meeting this night.**

**Instead, please get out and vote in
this very important election.**

Polling Places

**If you live East of E. 29th St.,
Your polling place is Hope
Lutheran Church on E. 42nd St.**

**If you live West of E. 29th St.,
Your polling place is Staves
Methodist Church on E. Madison.**



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ September 11th, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Senior Citizen Center on the corner of E. 26th and State St.
- ❖ September 11th, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Conference Room
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- ❖ September 12th,
School board election
- ❖ *****
- ❖ September 16th, **SCRUB DAY**, Metro Transfer Station on Delaware and Compost Center on Harriett Street open 7 am to 1 pm.
- ❖ October 6th, **SCRUB DAY**, Metro Transfer Station on Delaware and Compost Center on Harriett Street open 7 am to 1 pm.
- ❖ October 9th, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Senior Citizen Center on the corner of E. 26th and State St.
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- ❖ October 21st, **SCRUB DAY**, Metro Transfer Station on Delaware and Compost Center on Harriett Street open 7 am to 1 pm. **NOTE: This is the last SCRUB DAY of 2006.**

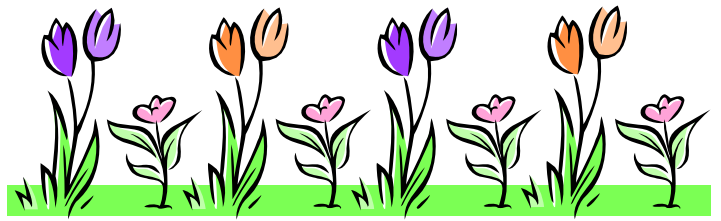
DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD

In July the Douglas Acres Neighborhood was chosen as a “designated” neighborhood in the city of Des Moines. What does this mean exactly? From April 1997 until July we were considered a “recognized” neighborhood with set borders, an association board that meets regularly and open meetings to all residents. A “Designated” neighborhood now means that we will be working very closely with the City of Des Moines and all of the professional resources they have available.

On July 25, 2006, Linda Westergaard and Mary Whisenand represented D.A.N.A. at the first meeting with the Neighborhood Revitalization Board, the committee for the City that will oversee our development. Essentially what will happen is that each of the five chosen neighborhoods will work with the city to conduct a complete survey of needs, wants and future planning. Everything from sidewalks (or lack of), streets, sewers and lighting can be part of the review. A visible example of a designated neighborhood’s accomplishments includes the street light and signage over 6th Avenue in Highland/Oak Park.

There are two neighborhood associations who will begin immediate planning with the City. They are the Waterbury Association and South Park. It is not known when DANA will have their turn, but there is one thing we can access right now. We are eligible to meet with the Neighborhood Finance Corporation to apply for loans. This is public money that is given to the city and the county for distribution to qualified citizens. To date they have given almost 130 million. Of course it isn’t free. There are parts of the loan money that is “forgivable” but you do need to repay the remaining balance. Some types of financing also require residency guidelines to qualify. Typical recipients have used the money to do roof repairs, foundation repairs, AV/HV or other energy efficiencies in the home.

Please contact Linda Westergaard at 453-7339 for more information about this new program. DANA will continue to keep everyone informed of our progress as we take on this new level of recognition by the City of Des Moines.

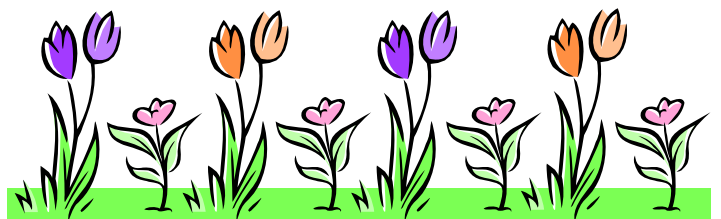


Yard of the Week

Do you know of a yard that looks especially nice and well cared for? If so, call Joe Youngwirth at **266-2569**. We will place a sign in the yard and the occupant will receive a certificate. A picture of the yard will also be posted in the HyVee store and on our web site.

Recipients thus far:

2809 Aurora
3000 East Douglas
3111 East Madison
3811 East 30th Street
3824 East 29th Street
3914 East 29th Street
3939 East 29th Street
4101 East 25th Street
4212 East 29th Street
3818 East 30th Street
3820 East 25th Street
4024 East 30th Street
3911 East 25th Street
2512 East Madison



DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD

Chair Linda Westergaard 453-7339
 Secretary
 Treasurer Mary Whisenand 264-8760
 Steering Tony & Betty Short 266-8995
 Committee Skip Moore 263-0934
 Members Margaret Heger 266-4181
 Phyllis Kellogg 262-5132

Webmaster Dennis Dyer
 Webmaster @Douglas Acres.org

NEIGHBORHOOD NUMBERS

Police Department info (Non- 283-4811
 Emergency Number)
 Neighborhood Resource Officer 237-1517
 – Larry Rogers
 Action Center (junk cars, weeds, 2834500
 etc.)
 Des Moines Public Works 24- 283-4950
 hour hotline

CONTINUING REMINDERS

METRO WASTE AUTHORITY INFO

The metro Recycling Center is located at 1817 Euclid Avenue. They accept all items normally picked up with the green recycling bins (cardboard, plastic, glass, etc) as well as scrap tire, wood and metal.

Hours: Sunday & Monday: CLOSED
 Tuesday – Friday: 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 Phone: 262-4040

The Hazardous Materials Disposal Center is located at 225 Prairie Drive in Bondurant. They are open Tuesday – Friday from 1-5 p.m. and on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Call 967-5512 for more information, including their mobile pickup service.

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

Name: _____

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 checks payable to DANA and bring them to the next DANA meeting or mail to Mary Whisenand, Treasurer, 4134 East 30th Street, Des Moines, IA 50317. Phone number: 264-8760.

Dues are for one year and are renewed each January

ADVERTISEMENTS

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, Mary Whisenand, for more information.

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**Douglas
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Association**

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PERMIT NO 5697**

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

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