

# 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.

### NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday Sept 9, 2008**

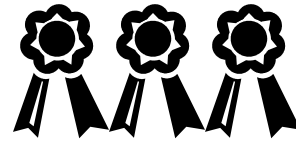
**7:00 p.m.**

**Staves Methodist Church  
2747 E Madison Ave**

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Aug. 26, 7:00 pm , School board candidate forum, North Side Senior Center, Park Fair Mall, 100 Euclid Ave
- ❖ Sept. 8, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Sept. 8, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ **Sept. 9, 7:00 pm, DANA membership meeting, Staves Church**
- ❖ Sept. 9, School board elections
- ❖ Oct. 13, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors, East Public Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave
- ❖ Oct. 13, 7:00 pm, DANA board of directors, Hy-Vee Store, 2540 E Euclid Ave, in the upstairs conference room
- ❖ 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**



### 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 following DANA residents have been awarded Good Neighbor Awards so far in 2008:

Christopher and Tamara Abma  
Jim Grove  
Marvin Brewer  
Chuck Jones  
Jim and Carol Cockerham  
Frank Murray

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### NEWS FROM OUR JULY 8 MEETING

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our last meeting was the annual ice cream social at Sargent Park. Approximately 40 persons attended the meeting, enjoying ice cream and other goodies provided by DANA and our neighbors. We announced the first Good Neighbor and Yard of the Week awards for 2008. Those award recipients are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Beautiful weather and great fellowship.

## EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

In a continuing effort to save money, DANA is now distributing this bimonthly newsletter and other information via email. Each newsletter that we print on paper and mail through the post office costs DANA approximately \$.60, which we can save for every household that subscribes to the email edition. Currently there are 52 households that receive the email edition. If you have access to email, please subscribe to the email edition by sending your name, mailing address, and email address to the following email address:

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## 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 web site. The following addresses have been designated as Yard of the Week so far in 2008:

- 3915 E. 32nd
  - 4136 E. 24th Court
  - 2429 E. Douglas
  - 3819 E. 32nd
  - 3234 E. Clinton
  - 3816 E. 32nd
  - 3257 E. Clinton
  - 2948 E. Shawnee
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Please remember to vote  
in the school board election  
on Tuesday, September 9.

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### **MANAGING STORM WATER IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Storm water can pose a risk to our water resources. Pollutants in storm water can impact lakes, streams and rivers. New programs to control storm water pollution are being adopted by our community.

### **WHAT IS STORM WATER RUNOFF?**

Storm water runoff is rainfall or snowmelt that runs off impervious surfaces like roads, buildings, and parking lots. Storm water runoff is collected and conveyed through storm sewers **directly** into streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated.

### **THE PROBLEM**

Pollutants accumulate on impervious surfaces between rainfall events. Frequent, small rains wash pollutants into streams, rivers, and lakes. These pollutants negatively impact water quality. As communities grow, impervious areas

increase. Greater impervious surfaces cause the volume and rate of storm water runoff to increase. This can result in localized flooding, stream channel degradation, and increased water pollution in our surface waters.

### **STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

The traditional approach to storm water management focuses primarily on flood control. Today, our city is required to manage for both water quality and quantity by using practices that infiltrate more rainfall and reduce the volume of storm water runoff.

### **STORM WATER REGULATIONS IN OUR CITY**

To comply with new federal regulations, our city is required to implement a new storm water management program. Some requirements include:

- Allowing only unpolluted storm water to enter the municipal storm sewer system (which includes storm drains as well as streets).
- Reducing sediment loss from construction sites.
- Inspecting storm drain outlets for unwanted discharges.
- Providing public education and involvement.

### **AWARENESS & RESPONSIBILITY**

Daily activities can impact water quality. Most rainfall enters streams and lakes through storm drains in neighborhoods without being treated. There are many ways you can prevent storm water pollution:

- Wash your car at a carwash or on the lawn, not the driveway.
- Redirect roof drains to gardens or other vegetated areas.
- Properly dispose of all hazardous household waste.
- Bagging leaves and lawn clippings can significantly reduce nutrient levels from yard runoff.
- If you have a drainage way that runs through your property, piling grass clipping, sticks or branches will not reduce erosion as it will choke out vegetation that prevents streambank erosion
- Fertilize and apply pesticides according to manufacturers' instructions. Sweep any spills away from or off of driveways, sidewalks, or streets.
- Cleaning up pet waste not only prevents excess nutrients from entering water bodies but also keeps harmful bacteria out as well.
- Never dump anything other than unpolluted storm water or groundwater into the street or storm sewer.

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL**

Please contact the Metro Waste Authority's Regional Collection Center for more information about proper household hazardous waste disposal at 967-5512.

### **REPORT SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS**

If you suspect illegal dumping or to report sediment laden runoff from construction sites please call the Public Works 24 hour complaint hotline at 283-4950.

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