



# DANA Update

The newsletter of the Douglas Acres  
Neighborhood Association

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Please plan to attend the next Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association Neighborhood meeting Tuesday September 13 at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at Staves Methodist Church, 2747 E. Madison. Please bring your neighborhood questions to the meeting. Jim Nelson our city inspector will also be in attendance to provide us with a neighborhood update.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

General Meeting  
Staves Methodist  
Church 7:00 PM  
September 13

November 8-Tom  
Hockensmith will be the  
guest speaker

DANA Board of  
Directors Meeting  
HY-Vee Grocery Store  
7 PM  
Sept. 12  
October 10  
November 7

Northeast Neighbors and Friends is pleased to announce that Police Chief Judy A. Bradshaw will be the guest speaker at the next Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting that will be held on Tuesday September 6 at 5:30 PM at the East Side Library located at 2559 Hubbell Ave. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.** Chief Bradshaw will provide the neighborhoods with an update of what is happening within the Police Department and in our neighborhoods. All are welcome to attend this special meeting. Boundaries for Northeast Neighbors and Friends are as follows: The River on the West, the River on the South, city limits on the North, and the city limits on the East.

Did you know we are now on Facebook and we have our own web site. Find us at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for "Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association" or visit [www.DouglasAcres.org](http://www.DouglasAcres.org)

### Officers and Board of Directors

Feel free to contact any of the DANA officers or Directors:

President	Linda Westergaard	988-4288
Vice President	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
Secretary	Matt Evans	262-3952
Treasurer	Phyllis Kellogg	262-5132
Director	Tony Short	266-8995
Director	Betty Short	266-8995
Director	Margaret Heger	266-4181
Director	Jim Grove	250-9359

### City of Des Moines Parks Dept. News

Douglas Acres Neighborhood is fortunate to now have a Park Department Liaison for our neighborhood. Larry Edris, Park Planner II will be our liaison. As many of you know Larry has made several presentations to our neighborhood over the years and we are pleased that he will now be attending our meetings. Welcome Larry and we look forward to seeing you. Also, at our National Night event Larry donated several items to us raffle off.

Please plan to attend the November 8 DANA meeting. Polk County Supervisor Tom Hockensmith will provide the neighborhood with an update regarding County issues. This is also a good opportunity to tell Tom thank you for all that he does for us.

It's not too early to remember that our neighborhood is signed, "Snow Ordinance Streets-No Parking until Plowed" and wing plows will be used to clear our streets this winter.

Please remove your cars from the streets during and after a snow storm.

*Let us know if you are new in neighborhood and we will provide you with information about our neighborhood and the services offered to our community. If you know of a new home owner that has moved into the neighborhood let us know and we will be sure they know about DANA.*

**Des Moines Police Officer Phoukham Tran is our neighbor who was critically injured while directing traffic at the Iowa State Fair. Please keep Officer Tran and his family in your thoughts and prayers.**

### Are you a DANA member?

Show your support for your neighborhood organization by becoming a member. The annual membership cost is only \$5.00 per individual or family. Business memberships are also available at a cost of \$10.00 per year. To join, please make your check payable to DANA and bring to the next DANA meeting or send to:

Phyllis Kellogg, DANA Treasurer  
2920 E Douglas  
Des Moines, IA 50317

Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address as we often communicate with members by email.

If you would like to become an officer, member of the Board of Directors, or volunteer in some other capacity with DANA, please include that information with your membership fee or contact one of the current officers.

DANA held their second National Night Out event on August 2. HyVee and DANA offered a meal of Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cookie, and drink.

The evening was wonderful with over 100 people attending the event. The Police Department was present and we were lucky enough to have several elected officials also attend our meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended the event.



**Remember to Support our business neighbors**

Are you on Facebook? Search for “Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association” then click “Like” so you can keep up on what’s happening in your neighborhood.



Thanks to the staff at Project Recovery Iowa for attending our DANA Ice Cream Social and National Night Out. They are always welcome to attend our meetings. Counseling through Project Recovery Iowa is always free and Confidential. This organization helps Iowans impacted by the 2010 natural disasters. Counselors help with needed support during a persons recovery process. For more information please call them at 1-800-447-1985.

Just a reminder where the high risk intersections with red light cameras are located:

- East 15 & Maple
- 19th & University
- Martin Luther King, Jr Pkwy & School St
- SE 5th & Army Post Rd
- 9th & Grand

### Scrub Day

There are 3 Scrub Days remaining this year. This is a great chance to clean out the garage, shed, or basement. Just take your general household items to the MWA Transfer Station which is located at 4148 Delaware. You can also get rid of yard waste, tree branches, grass clippings, etc at the MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett. Both facilities are open from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month (September 17, October 15, and November 19.)

### From your DANA Board:

*Remember, if you would like to nominate a neighbor for the Good Neighbor Award call Betty Short at 266-8995 and for the Yard of the Week Award please call Joe Youngwirth at 266-2569 or Phyllis Kellogg at 262-5132. Once again we will be honoring those who decorate their homes for the holidays. Please Call Phyllis or Joe with homes that are decorated and we will put a sign in their yard.*



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## You're Invited!

**What:** Douglas Acres Neighborhood  
General Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, September 13 , 2011  
7:00 PM

**Where:** Staves Methodist Church  
2747 E. Madison Ave