

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.

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday

May 9th

7:00 pm

Staves Methodist Church
Corner of East 28th and Madison

Plant exchange – bring your extra bulbs, flower starters, vegetable starters to exchange with your neighbors.

Tom Hockinsmith will update us on county news.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ May 8th, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Senior Citizen Center on the corner of E. 26th and State St.
- ❖ May 8th, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Conference Room
- ❖ May 9th, 7:00 pm, DANA General Meeting, Staves Methodist Church
- ❖ May 20th “Clean Up Day at the Bike Trail”, 8 am in the Dahls parking lot, E. 33rd and Hubbell.
- ❖ June 12th, 5:30 pm, Northeast Neighbors meeting, East Side Senior Citizen Center on the corner of E. 26th and State St.
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- ❖ June 17th Neighborhood garage sale

Have you checked out our web site?



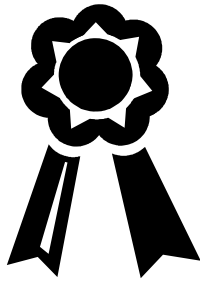
www.douglasacres.org

At this website you will see the latest news, upcoming events, and other information about our neighborhood.

Included are many links to additional information about our neighborhood, schools, and city, important information and advice.

Yard of the Week pictures will be posted here.

The Good Neighbor Award recipients are announced here also.



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.

Would the person who called Betty with a nomination for Good Neighbor, please call again. We misplaced the name.



Yard of the Week

We will start awarding certificates for Yard of the Week soon. 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.



Garage Sale

Clean out your closets!

Clean out your basements!

The DANA garage sale is coming soon to our neighborhood. Again this year DANA is supporting a neighborhood wide garage sale. The date is set for **June 17 from 8 am – noon**. We encourage households to also be open on Friday night so “neighbors” can shop.

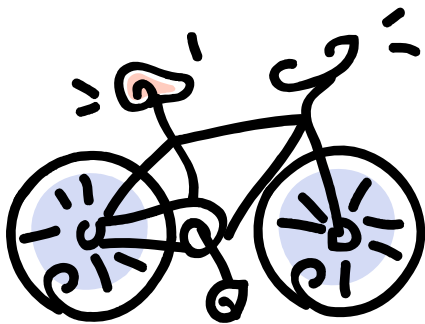
If you are interested in participating in this event please give Linda a call at 453-7339 (to skip the long voice mail message just press 1) and provide me with your name, address, and what you would like to advertise. Each participant will also need to pay \$3.00 to go toward advertising. We also encourage households to run their own ads in the shopper or newspaper. We will run one ad advertising this as a neighborhood sale and will provide general directions to the homes. Every home that advertises will also receive a flyer on the Friday before the sale giving the addresses of all the participating homes. We will also have copies made so you can hand them out to the shoppers. If you would rather mail or drop off the information to Linda Westergaard, the address is 4009 E. 23rd Street.



Plant exchange

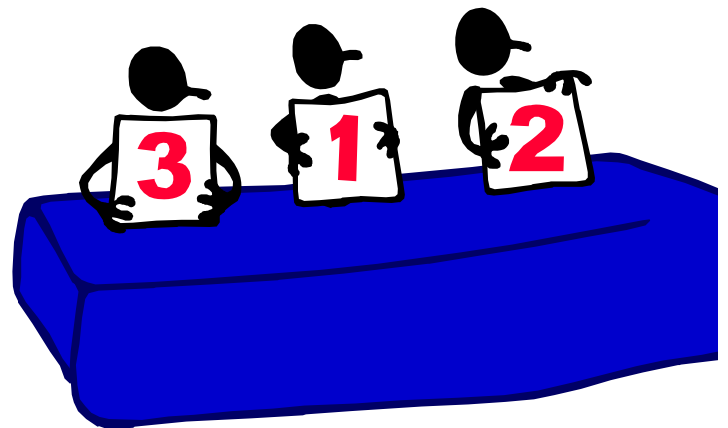
Remember the May meeting will also be our “plant exchange”. Please bring any extra garden plants or seeds to trade or give away. This is a popular event and fun.

Mark **May 20** on your calendar to help with a “Clean Up Day at the Bike Trail”. Several neighborhood associations are working together this year to clean up the bike trails in our area. We will be meeting at 8 am in the Dahls parking lot, E. 33rd and Hubbell. We will plan on working until 10 am and afterwards enjoy food and beverages complements of area businesses. Please bring bug spray, and gloves. Bags will be provided. We will be working along Four Mile Creek from Hubbell Ave. going north toward Sargent Park.



August 1 is “National Night Out” and we encourage neighbors to hold block parties to celebrate our support of the neighborhood we live in. Check out our web site for information how to organize such an event.

The next Northeast Neighbors, Inc. meeting will be Monday **May 8** at the East Side Senior Center located at 1231 E. 26th Street (corner of E. 26th and State Street). Rick Clark from the City Managers Office will be present to hear citizens concerns and answer questions. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm. Northeast Neighbors meets the 2nd Monday of the Month at the location mentioned above. Everyone is welcome



Northeast Neighbors, Inc. will again be sponsoring a School Board Candidates forum On **August 29, 2006**. This is a very important issue for us as Adams Elementary School will be closing in one year, and Goodrell is no longer our “neighborhood school” as students must apply to the school. I would very much like to hear from anyone who has any information about the schools and what your experiences have been. Please call Linda at 453-7339.

SCRUB program for 2006

Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association will not be having a separate Scrub Day this year. Instead the City of Des Moines will have both the Metro Waste Authority's Metro Transfer Station and the Compost Center open several Saturdays this summer and fall.

❖ Both facilities will be open from 7 am to 1 pm on each of the following dates:

May 13, 2006	June 10, 2006	July 22, 2006
August 16, 2006	September 16, 2006	October 7, 2006
		October 21, 2006

❖ Both facilities are open to residents of Des Moines only. Proof of residency (photo ID or current utility bill) is required.

❖ No commercial haulers: Commercial haulers are required to haul to the metro park east landfill.

The Metro Transfer Station is located at 4198 Delaware Avenue.

❖ **Items allowed:**

General Trash: furniture, lawn mowers without fluids, televisions, computers.

Appliances (disposal fee \$10 cash): air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, furnaces, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.

Tires

❖ **Items NOT allowed:** Car batteries, propane tanks, toxic liquids such as oil, paint, etc, toxic or hazardous chemicals. Call the Metro Waste Authority's Regional Collection Center at 515-967-5512 for disposal information.

The Compost Center is located at 1601 Harriett Street.

❖ This facility allows disposal of the following items: yard waste containers, brush, tree limbs (24" diameter or less, maximum length 10'), loose grass clippings, straw and hay.

Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association

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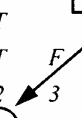
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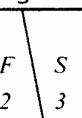
Plant Exchange



Neighborhood Garage Sale

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Ice Cream Social



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National Night Out



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Steering Committee (2nd Monday of the month). Meets at HyVee, 2540 E. Euclid.



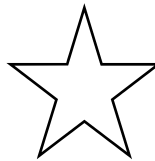
General Meeting (2nd Tuesday of every other month beginning in January). Meets at Staves Methodist Church, E 28th & Madison.

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

National Night Out August 1, 2006

The community plays a vital role in assisting the Des Moines Police Department in crime, drug, and violence prevention efforts. We would encourage neighborhood associations, neighborhood watch groups, businesses, civic groups, schools, and churches to make a special effort to get to know your neighbors and the police department. For many years groups have had block parties, cookouts, and other special events, with a special emphasis on our police-community partnership. If your organization or group is planning an event please contact us.

We will make every effort to have a
police officer stop at your
National Night Out event and say
hello!



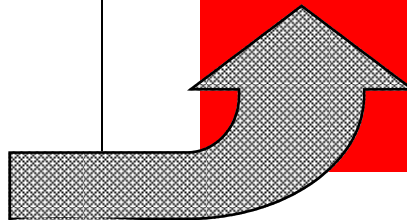
Contacts:
Sgt. Larry Davey
Officer Kelly Fisher
Officer Larry D. Rogers

Des Moines Police Department

Vice and Narcotics Control Section
Neighborhood Area Resource
Coordinator's Office
#25 E. 1st Street
Des Moines, Iowa
50309-4891

Phone: 515-237-1565
Fax: 515-237-1702
E Mail: ldrogers@dmgov.org

McGruff
The Crime
Dog



DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD

Chair	Linda Westergaard	453-7339
Vice-Chair	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
Secretary	Linda Northouse	265-3478
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-Emergency Number)	283-4811
Neighborhood Resource Officer – Larry Rogers	237-1517
Action Center (junk cars, weeds, etc.)	2834500
Des Moines Public Works 24-hour hotline	283-4950

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.

Rex Vance
The Little Old Man
 A little old man willing to do most
 any little old job.
 No job too small.
 Call 515-266-8294

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.

DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD



**Douglas
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Association**



General Meeting

May 9, 2006

7:00 pm

**Staves Methodist Church
2747 E. Madison Avenue**

Tom Hockinsmith will speak

Don't forget our plant exchange!