

# 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  
November 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm  
Staves Methodist Church  
Corner of East 28<sup>th</sup> and Madison

### Speakers:

- ❖ Tom Hockensmith, County Supervisor
  - ❖ Daiynna Brown, Norwoodville Community Center
  - ❖ Share program
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## Yard of the Week

We have ended our Yard of the Week program for this year.

### 2005 Yard of the Week Recipients

3111 E. Clinton  
3040 E. Shawnee  
2926 E. Shawnee  
3019 E. Shawnee  
2937 E. Shawnee  
3020 E. Madison  
2519 E. Madison  
4100 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Court

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Conference Room
  - ❖ November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election day
  - ❖ November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, DANA General Meeting, Staves Methodist Church
  - ❖ December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, DANA Steering Committee meeting, HyVee Conference Room
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Have you checked out our web site?



[www.douglasacres.org](http://www.douglasacres.org)

To see the latest news, upcoming events, and other information about our neighborhood.

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

Check out the pictures of all this year's Yard of the Week recipients.

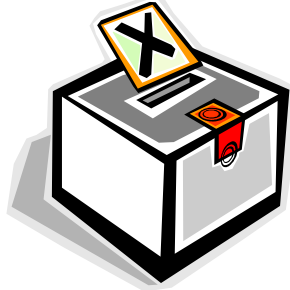
Also all the Good Neighbor Award recipients.

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# General elections

**November 8, 2005**

**Get out and vote.**



Let's elect candidates that will listen to what the community is saying and take an interest in our area.

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If you live west of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street vote at Staves Memorial United Methodist Church (DM-2).

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If you live east of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street vote at Hope Lutheran Church (DM-1).

## Comments from the Chair

The Save Our Schools (SOS) committee wishes to thank the voters of Des Moines for participating in one of the most important school board elections in recent years. We also call on all who are concerned about the future of our schools to join our grassroots organization and work together to improve the education of Des Moines students. The voters agreed with the SOS movement that it is time for change, and we sincerely hope that all members of the Des Moines school board heard that message. We are disappointed to hear one of the defeated candidates complain that the voters were narrow minded and focused on only one issue. While Save Our Schools was formed in response to the plan to close neighborhood schools, our efforts were focused on a wide variety of issues, including responsible fiscal planning and equitable allocation of resources. We believe that school board members should be accountable to the community and do more than simply rubber stamp the recommendations of the Superintendent. We look forward to working with the entire School Board to make certain that the Des Moines Public School system serves the needs of all Des Moines students.

Linda Westergaard  
Save Our Schools Member  
President, Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association  
Board Member, Northeast Neighbors, Inc.

## 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 to nominate them for a Good Neighbor Award.



## Holiday Lights

We will again be awarding certificates for outstanding Holiday displays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you wish to nominate someone, please call Joe Youngwirth at 266-2569.

## Adams PTA

Let's give Adams Elementary PTA our support. Bring your redeemable cans and plastic pop bottles to the next general meeting and we will donate them to Adams PTA. Please bring clean cans/bottles in plastic sacks.

**DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD**

**2005 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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**General election!**  
November 8<sup>th</sup>

**General Meeting**  
November 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm

**Stave's Methodist Church**  
2747 E. Madison Avenue

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