

# 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  
September 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm  
Staves Methodist Church  
Corner of East 28<sup>th</sup> and Madison



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- September 12<sup>th</sup> DANA Steering Committee – HyVee Conference room – 7 pm
- September 13<sup>th</sup> School Board Elections
- September 13<sup>th</sup> DANA General Meeting – Staves United Methodist Church – 2747 E. Madison Ave. – 7 pm
- October 10 DANA Steering Committee HyVee Conference room – 7pm
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Scrub Day – Old Dahls Supermarket parking lot – 3710 Hubbell Ave. – 8 am to 12 pm.

Have you checked out our web site?



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

*Thank You*

Special thanks to Dahl's for letting our neighborhoods use their old location for our Scrub Day.

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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.

### Comments for the Chairperson

The upcoming school board election is one of the most important elections in our neighborhoods history. As many of you know our neighborhood has spent the last two years working to keep our neighborhood schools open and working to do what is best for the children attending those schools. I am asking everyone to make every effort to go to the polls on Election Day and elect new school board members who are willing to work with the community and will listen to us. If anyone needs a ride to the polls please call me at 988-4288 and I will pick you up and take you to the polls. The school board election usually sees a very low turn out and we want this year to be different. Voting is the only way we have of showing the elected officials how we feel. It has been very disappointing to see the lack of support from our elected city officials and current school board members. We have the power to make a difference and voting will certainly let the district know how we feel. **Please vote on Election Day and remember there are new polling locations. If you previously voted at Hope Lutheran Church you will now vote at Four Mile Community Center located at 3711 Easton Blvd. If you previously voted at Adams Elementary School you will now vote at Logan Community Center located at 1740 Garfield Ave. If you previously voted at Staves Methodist Church you will now vote at the Mid-Iowa Scout Service Center located at 1659 E. Euclid Ave.**

Gratefully,

**Linda Westergaard  
Chairperson,  
Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association**

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Our ice cream social was a huge success with more than 50 people in attendance.



Mayor Frank Cownie also said a few words after throwing out the first pitch at the Iowa Cubs game.

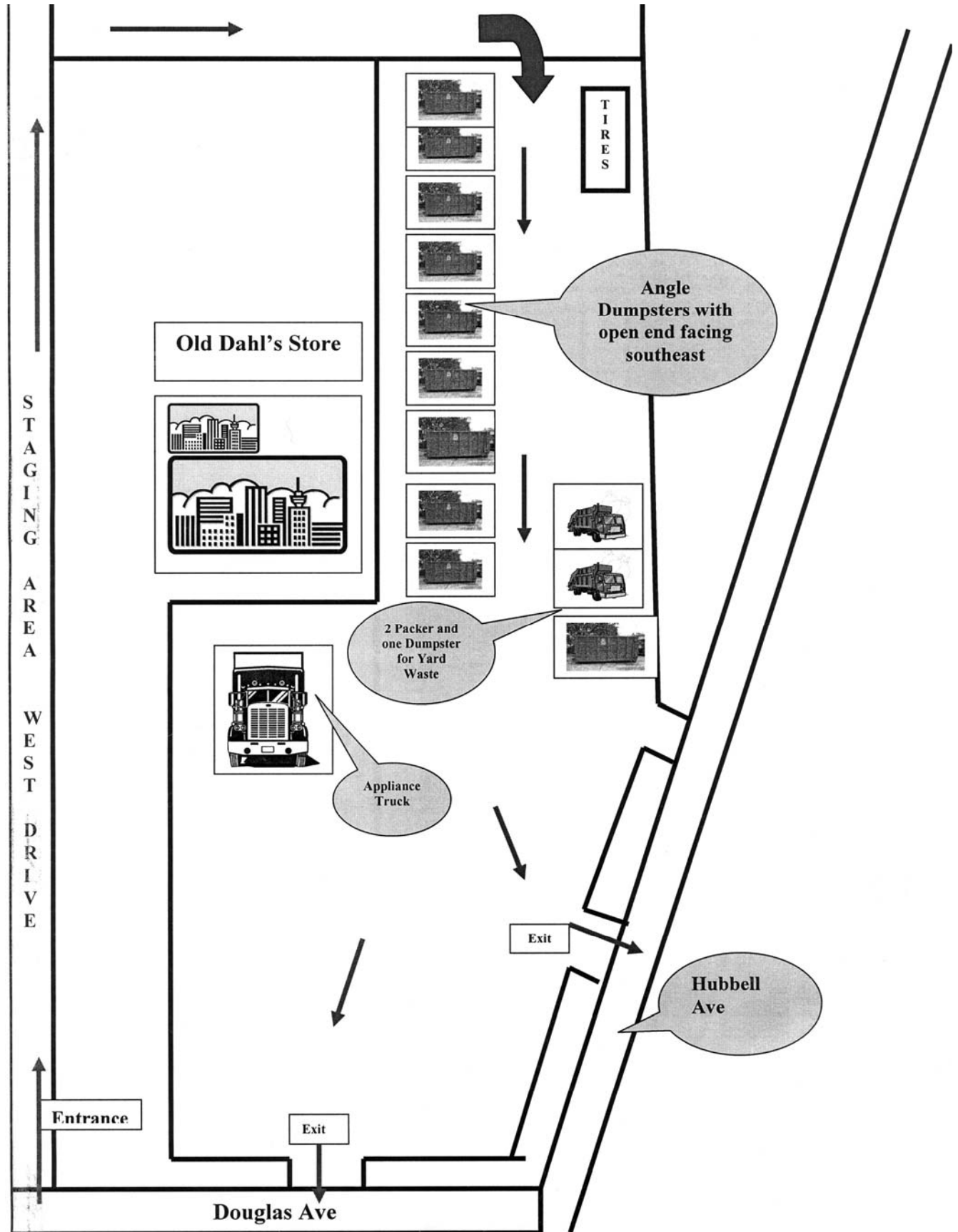


Speakers for the evening included Rick Olson, our representative in the State House of Representatives; Bob Mahaffey, City Council; Jonathan Narcisse, School Board candidate; Mike Kiernan, City Council; and Tom Hockinsmith, County Board of Supervisors.



Kelly Fisher, Neighborhood Area Resource Officer from the Des Moines Police Department helped Linda Westergaard serve the ice cream while neighbors helped themselves to the wonderful desserts.

DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD



# Scrub Day

Our annual Scrub Day will be shared with Fairmont Neighborhood and is set for Saturday, October 22nd. This year's scrub day will be held in the former Dahls Supermarket parking lot. The address is 3710 Hubbell Ave. Access will be from Douglas. There will be no access from Hubbell Ave. See map on facing page. If you are able to help with this event please contact Linda Westergaard at 453-7339

Appliances will be accepted for a charge of \$10 per appliance.

## Items that are accepted

- Tires
- Yard waste
- Household waste
- Furniture



## Items NOT accepted

- Hazardous materials
- Paint
- Batteries
- Chemicals

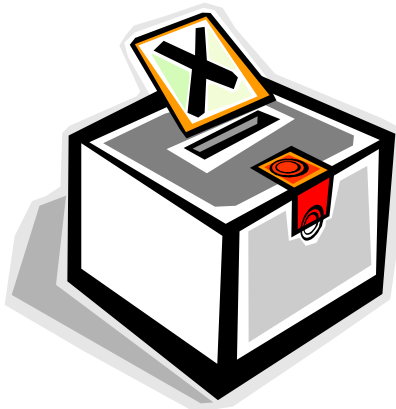
# School Board elections

**September 13, 2005**

**Get out and vote in this very important election for your selections for school board.**

## NOTE!

**Polling places have changed!!**



Let's elect candidates that will listen to what the community is saying and do what is best by considering options other than closing schools.

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If you live west of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street and previously voted at Staves Memorial United Methodist Church (DM-2), your new polling place is the Mid-Iowa Scout Service Center at 1659 E. Euclid.

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If you live east of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street and previously voted at Hope Lutheran Church (DM-1), your new polling place is the Four Mile Community Center at 3711 Easton Blvd.

## Yard of the Week

We will again be awarding certificates to those individuals with outstanding yards. If you would like to nominate someone, call Joe Youngwirth at 266-2569.

Pictures of recent recipients are posted at HyVee near the florists' cooler at the front of the store.



### 2005 Yard of the Week Recipients

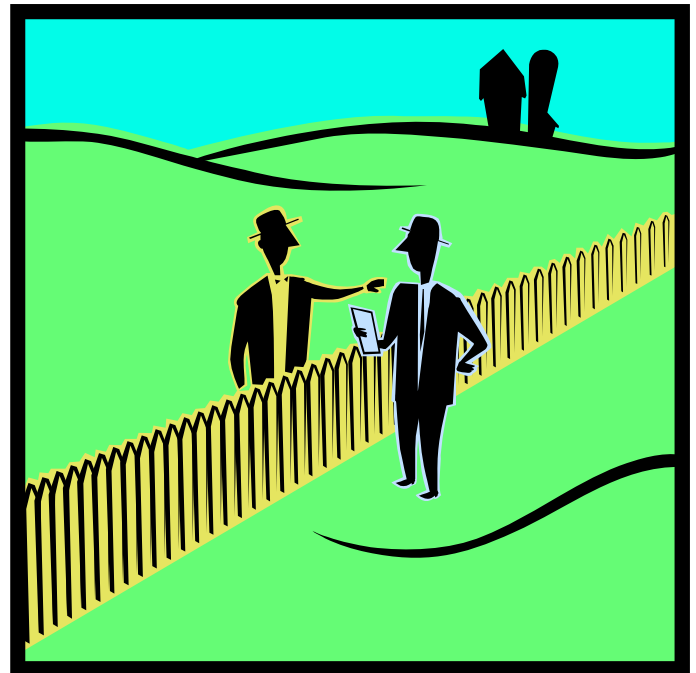
3266 E. Shawnee  
4134 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
3946 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
4018 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Court  
2512 E. Madison  
3831 Lay  
4135 E. 24<sup>th</sup> court  
3924 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
3928 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
2607 E. Madison  
2701 E. Madison  
3929 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
3009 E. Douglas  
3120 E. Shawnee

## 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.

Good Neighbor Awards presented at the Ice Cream Social included Tony Short, Ed Jacobe, and Robert and Jeannine Pfister.

Our latest Good Neighbor Award goes to Ralph Southern who helps his neighbors by raking leaves, shoveling snow and even interrupted a burglary in progress before too much damage was done or anything was stolen.



**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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**School Board election!**  
September 13<sup>th</sup>

**General Meeting**  
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**Scrub Day**  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**See inside for important information  
on all these events.**