



DANA Update

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Important Dates to Remember

This is the most exciting, fun-filled summer that DANA has ever experienced. Mark your calendars and join us for the following events:

Saturday, June 23:

Annual Garage Sales, held throughout the neighborhood (see article on page 3)

Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 pm:

Annual Ice Cream Social, Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid (next to Hy-Vee), join us in air conditioned comfort, ice cream, drinks, plates, and cutlery will be provided. Bring your own (homemade or store bought) cake, pies, cookies, bars, etc to share with everyone.

Saturday, July 14, Dusk:

Free movie-night at Sargent Park. Bring your family and join your neighbors to watch Dolphin Tale in a beautiful outdoor setting. Co-sponsored by the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department. Dolphin Tale is a family film based on true events and tells the story of Winter, a young dolphin who lost her tale in a crab trap and Sawyer, the 11 year old boy who befriends her. Sawyer meets the rescued dolphin at a marine rehabilitation center and rallies friends and family to save the dolphin by convincing a pioneering doctor to create a unique prosthetic appendage to restore the dolphin's ability to swim. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Refreshments will be available for purchase or bring your own refreshments if you prefer.



Note: We are still looking for businesses or individuals who would like to help sponsor movie night, contact one of your Officers or a member of the Board of Directors if you are interested.

Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 pm:

National Night Out Free dinner to be held in the Euclid Room 2540 E. Euclid Ave. (see article on page 2)

August:

No General Meeting held this month.

Your officers and Board extend a sincere thank you to Polk County Supervisor Tom Hockensmith for awarding DANA a Polk County Betterment Grant. The award money will be used to print and distribute our newsletter and for additional signage. To send a personal thank you note to Tom, his address is:

Tom Hockensmith, Supervisor
Polk Co. Administrative Building
111 Court Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309

Don't forget that the third Saturday of the month* is "Scrub Day". General trash, tires, furniture, & appliances can be taken to the MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave and yard waste can be taken to the MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriet between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm

(*June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17)

Please drive by or visit the new Playground at Sargent Park. Thank you Des Moines Parks Department for making this possible.

National Night Out

Plan to join your neighbors on August 7 at 6:00 pm for a free dinner hosted by DANA at the Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid. Hy-Vee will provide the hamburgers and DANA will provide a side dish and drink. This fun event gets bigger every year and we hope to set a new record for attendance again this year.

A friendly reminder: because

DANA is a Designated Neighborhood through the Neighborhood Revitalization program, homeowners are eligible to receive a partially forgivable grant from the Neighborhood Finance Corp (NFC). The grant can be used to pay for certain home remodeling and other home improvement projects. To learn more, call NFC at 246-0010 or visit their very informative website, www.NeighborhoodFinance.org



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.

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.

If you have questions about DANA, contact Linda Westergaard, 515-988-4288

Have you driven past Sargent Park lately? DANA is the first neighborhood in Des Moines to have a newly designed natural playscape installed. Your DANA Board worked closely with the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department on this unique project and everyone agrees that it is something we can be proud of. Unfortunately, there was a vandalism incident earlier this year. If you drive past Sargent Park and see something suspicious, please call the police (911 or 283-4811).





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. You can also visit our DANA website, www.DouglasAcres.org

Neighborhood Inspection Division

Because DANA is a Recognized Neighborhood, we have a dedicated Inspector. If you have not already met him at one of our recent DANA meetings, his name is Justin Denning. The Neighborhood Inspector has 3 primary responsibilities: 1) rental inspections; 2) oversight of condemned buildings; and 3) abatement of junk and debris, including junk vehicles. If you have any concerns about these issues in our neighborhood, contact Justin by calling 237-1484. Some of Justin's other responsibilities include graffiti, illegal neighborhood businesses, parking in front yards, enforcement of noise and odor ordinances, illegal dumping, pest control, sewer line complaints, residential contract sales, and public nuisances. It has been great to have Justin at our DANA meetings because he is very friendly and dedicated to doing to working hard to keep our neighborhood looking good. He also provides us with a report showing the status of cases he has been working on in the neighborhood.

Your DANA Officers & Board of Directors

We welcome our new Board members and thank those who are willing to serve an additional term

*From your DANA Board:
Remember, if you would like to nominate a neighbor for the **Good Neighbor Award** call Betty Short at 266-8995. To nominate a neighbor for the **Yard of the Week**, 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.*

President	Linda Westergaard	988-4288
Vice President	Joe Youngwirth	266-2569
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Director	Margaret Heger	266-4181
Director	Jim Grove	250-9359
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Director	Henry Hawkins	
Director	Bill Martin	
Director	Marita Consolver	
Director	LaDonna Ousley	

Annual Garage Sale Saturday, June 23

Clean out your garages, empty your closets and take part in this fun event. We will advertise this as a neighborhood sale on Craigslist and we encourage others to also promote their own sales. Hours are Friday night 6-8 PM for neighbors only and Saturday from 8am to noon. In past years, most sales have gone well into the afternoon and each resident may certainly choose the times they would like to be open. Staves Methodist Church is having their annual rummage sale the same day and they will also be hosting a breakfast the same morning. Whether you're having a sale or not, come to Staves for breakfast (and to shop), then enjoy exploring your neighborhood to "pick" those special bargains.

Remember to Support our business neighbors

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4009 E 23rd Street
Des Moines, IA 50317

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You're Invited!

- What:** Douglas Acres Neighborhood
Ice Cream Social
- When:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012
7:00 PM
- Where:** Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid
(next to Hy-Vee)

(See page 1 for more important dates to remember)