

DMPA Meeting

February 12th

Speaker Topics
UNMC, Blackstone &
Crossroads
developments

Location and times:
Brownell Talbot School
400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd
7:00 pm Meeting
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Meetings will now be held quarterly the second Monday of the month.

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Dundee-Memorial Park Association Newsletter

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Letter From the President

John Ashford Johnnyash5@gmail.com

Hi Neighbor!

I have had the opportunity to be in a group that has put together a plan to revitalize the "North Saddle Creek Corridor". Yesterday, I had the privilege to meet with our city council representative, Pete Festersen. First and foremost, Councilperson Festersen is a wonderful person that listens, cares and most importantly gets things done in our community. He gave me an hour to walk me through the most recent update to the North Saddle Creek project. North Saddle Creek's BID (Business Improvement District) would stretch from the end of the "peanut" 8 way roundabout (no, its staying, I asked) and stretches to Hamilton Street where one of the two street accesses will be permanently closed.

The project contemplates 8 -10 foot sidewalks, historic lighting, signage/historical markers, green spaces and trees. The goal is to transform the area from a hot concrete thoroughfare to a pedestrian friendly neighborhood commercial area where we can stroll down the promenade and get coffee, a slice of pizza, flowers or a beer. There are also rumors of a beer garden/green space for our beloved Homy Inn. There is also a plan, with enough funding, to add a brick alleyway behind the Homy Inn which is really cool visually and could be used for any different commercial purposes as well as create access to the adjoining neighborhood. I told Pete that it would be great to link up our bicycle route that runs through the heart of Dundee for further connectivity. That idea was deemed too expensive in this round. We have also discussed a community center/business incubator for the neighborhood that could also provide services to some of our first generation neighbors living in nearby apartments.

So what should we call this thing? My vote is for North Saddle. We also have North Saddle Creek, NoSad, or something way cooler I haven't though of.... Whatever we call it, if funding, construction and government approvals happen on schedule, we will be calling it a new destination in November!

John

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The National Register of Historic Places: The Dundee-Happy Hollow Historic District

The Dundee-Happy Hollow Historic District includes 2,302 properties and is located approximately two miles west of Omaha's downtown. There are two distinct areas of the district that are considered the Happy Hollow neighborhood; they are located directly northwest of Dundee.

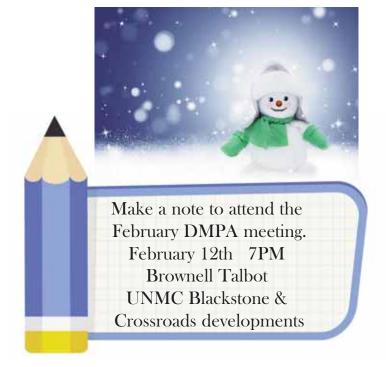
The historic district extends from the City of Omaha's grid system and is superimposed with curvilinear streets. Most of the district is considered residential, although commercial areas are located at 50th and Underwood streets, 49th/50th and Dodge streets, and 52nd and Leavenworth streets. Original streetcar routes are still evident along Leavenworth, Dodge, 50th, 51st, and Underwood streets, where multiple-family dwellings such as duplexes, rowhouses and apartment buildings along with commercial areas remain extant from the early part of the twentieth century.

Dundee was built in sections starting with the area between Underwood and Dodge streets and from 48th to 52nd streets. Then came the Happy Hollow development. Different styles of homes reflect the various developments, architects, covenants and trends of home building.

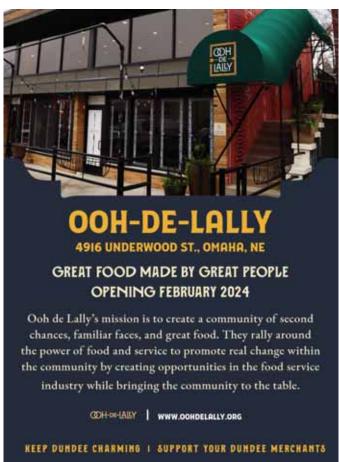
The 1888 covenants of Dundee Place called for all structures to have a minimum construction cost of \$2,500. Compared to Walnut Hill, the neighborhood to the east of Dundee where homes were selling for \$500, Dundee homes were considered expensive. Other covenants included the placement of the garage, how many bays were allowed in the garage, and how many feet the front door of the home had to be set back from the street. Dundee homes also had unique features, including sleeping porches, coal chutes, gas lights and gas burners, clothes chutes, and dust chutes where persons could sweep dust into a chute that collected in the basement. Some homes had buried trash receptacles in their backyards where trash cans were buried and then popped up when needed.

Major residential planning innovations arrived in Omaha during the 1910s and 1920s. In these neighborhoods, curvilinear streets followed the topography of the site; landscaped islands and parks were created by the street system; and a consistent architectural image was pursued. The garden suburbs, created philosophically by the Garden Cities of Ebenezer Howard in England, were originally conceived as self-contained communities. However, they rapidly became suburbs or subdivisions of their respective central cities. The garden suburb design guided the development of Omaha subdivisions such as Happy Hollow. These subdivisions, continuing to develop through the 1940s, provided an important arena for the work of Omaha's major residential designers. Their architects, practitioners of various Period Revival styles, included George Prinz, F.A. Henninger, Burt Hene and Birger Kvenild.











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The Boulevards

Jim McGee

The need for breathing spaces was growing with the industrial revolution and the Omaha Board of Park Commissioners sought advice from H. W. S. Cleveland, the designer of Minneapolis's park-and-boulevard system. Cleveland recommended that Omaha to look to the future. In 1889, H.W.S. Cleveland proposed that Omaha develop a series of European-style "broad ornamental avenues, known as boulevards or parkways" designed "with a tasteful arrangement of trees and shrubbery at the sides and in the center."

The Dundee Sunken Gardens sits along Happy Hollow Boulevard north of Underwood extending to Izard. The Sunken Garden has had several forms ranging from a high-maintenance formal garden to the low-maintenance green space that it is today. There was a small pond with a fountain on the north end.

Omaha's parks and boulevards, including the Sunken Garden, were tended by Works Progress Administration workers during the 1930s.. Sometime after World War II, the garden was replaced by green space "as neighborhood needs changed to a more open space to run and play."

Today, a busy whiffle ball field occupies the site in the summer and a skating rink in the winter. Flag football is popular in the fall.

A formal sunken garden originally featured a pond with a fountain spray on the north end. In the 1930s, the high maintenance gardens were tended by Works Progress Administration workers. The Sunken Garden was turned into a low maintenance green space known today as the "Sunks."

Omaha's early boulevard system was viewed as an extension of the parks system. The Park Commission hoped to develop a string of "outer parks" connected by landscaped boulevards that would rival those in Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis and the big eastern cities. Omaha's parkland acreage of 980 acres compared favorably to Chicago and Kansas City.

Florence Boulevard was first boulevard, Hanscom Boulevard was next. Happy Hollow, Fontenelle, and Turner Boulevards followed.







Dundee's Streetcar Wall

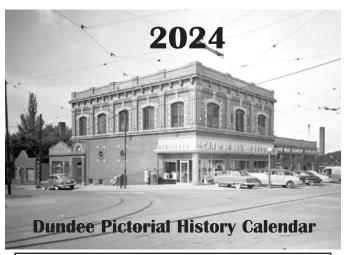
The Dundee Line was jam packed on Friday, March 4, 1954. The passengers were streetcar buffs, sentimentalists, and souvenir hunters. It was the end of Omaha's 86-year streetcar history.

The ten by twenty-foot wall on the southwest corner of Happy Hollow and Underwood depicts a man and two children waiting for a woman getting off of a streetcar. The streetcar represents the past. The people represent Dundee's family values. Dundee's three-dimensional Dundee Streetcar Wall is ten feet high and twenty feet long. The hand carved, numbered, kiln-fired bricks were installed on site. The bricks were carved in Lincoln by Susan Horn and Jay Tschetter. By March, the artists were installing the wall. The month-long project was followed by landscaping for the mini park, the brick walkway, and lighting. The dedication ceremony for the Streetcar Wall was held on Dundee Day, September 21, 2002.

Neighborhood leaders wanted an outdoor sculpture and mini park that would be a "must see" attraction dedicated to Dundee's history and family values. The wall was the Dundee Memorial Park Association's biggest project costing about \$130,000. \$50,000 was raised quickly, thanks to large gifts from Association members and profits from the successful history book, "Dundee Neb., a Pictorial History."

An article in the June 18, 2001 Omaha World Herald was instrumental in creating interest. An anonymous donor's promise to match all donations received by September 1, 2001 spurred the campaign. The Association was nearing the \$100,000 mark needed to commit to the artist on Dundee Day, 2001 when the groundbreaking was held. The project chairs, Jerry and Heddy Ahlvers credited numerous generous donors for the success of the project.

Gifts of \$150 or more were acknowledged on a permanent wall plaque. Gifts of \$250, \$500, and \$1000 were specifically acknowledged. Donations received by April 15, 2002 were acknowledged on the plaque.



2024 Calendar Get One Before They Are Gone!

There are still a limited number of calendars available.

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RAGEISM

by Jean Sigler

OK. Listen Up.

I am tired of all the old people cracks made by newscasters, pundits, and comedians.

This morning on the happy news, all the anchors got a huge laugh out of a story about grandparents mistaking a gift card for Disney+ with a Disneyland gift card. They paid \$10,000 for a card their grandchildren could use for a blow-out trip to Disneyland. They learned about their mistake when the kids opened the gift. The closing comment of one of the happy news anchors was, "Get with the Internet, Grandma and Grandpa!"

On another show I watched a while ago, someone cracked wise about placing bets on whether Grandma and Grampa could find the flashlight on their phone without their grandkids' help.

Newscasters are always referring to anyone past 62 as "an elderly man" or "elderly grandmother." I have informed my children that if I should buy the farm in some sort of newsworthy way and end up as a story on the local news, they are to inform the reporters that if they refer to me as an "elderly grandmother," they will be sued 8 ways to Sunday by my family.

I've noticed that all the commercials advertised on the shows I watch are for Assisted Living Centers and Funeral Homes and hearing aids. The ones advertised on the primetime shows are for anti-aging cream (that ship sailed somewhere during the Obama Administration), cool looking glasses, and Peloton. The Peloton commercial gives a nod to the fact that it is remotely possible for a woman over 58 to exercise. It is a pitiful nod, though. It shows a mature man and woman running on two Peloton treadmills. The man is slender, distinguished looking and decked out in a cool warm-up suit. The woman had 4 chins and is wearing pedal pushers, no, not yoga pants, pedal pushers, with rolled down anklets. She is waving her hands in the air as if she is ecstatic that the postal delivery person is coming up the walk with her Social Security Check.

There is one great commercial currently running, portraying older people. It shows 3 elderly women (they really are – probably upper 80's – sitting on a bench in the snow. Another woman comes along and gives them all pads to sit on. We, the viewing audience, are to believe that the pads are to cushion their elderly, bony bums. But, in the next scene we see them flying down the hill on sleds laughing all the way. I like this commercial a lot. Full discloser, however, I do wonder how they got back up that hill.

Of course, I feel my age sometimes. When I was last at the doctor, the nurse asked me if I was "having pain anywhere today." I said, "Ma'am I'm 76 years old. I have pain somewhere every day." But I soldier on.

My friends and I play pickleball, swim, hike and bike on a regular basis. We might even use the GPS (without tutoring by the grandkids) to get where we are going to participate in these activities.

I resent being lumped into some big blob of people of a certain age as if I am sitting on my porch in the rocking chair complaining about all those dang kids over there. "Can't tell if they're boys or girls with their long hair and tattoos!"

It makes me feel as if I am just days away from the children asking, "Mother, have you showered this week?"

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Introducing Ooh De Lally: Where Community and Cuisine Come Together

By Amanda Failla

Dinner for a Cause

In the heart of Dundee, a new culinary star is set to shine, and it's unlike anything you've ever experienced. Welcome to Ooh De Lally, where great food meets a great mission, and where every bite is a step toward a brighter future.

Nestled in the vibrant Dundee neighborhood, Ooh De Lally is housed in the iconic former Marks location, 4916 Underwood Ave. This much-anticipated restaurant, opening its doors in early 2024, promises a delightful journey through New American Cuisine while paying homage to some beloved Marks classics. Just imagine indulging in that famous bread pudding or savoring creamy mac and cheese once more.

But Ooh De Lally isn't just another restaurant. It's a nonprofit eatery with a purpose that warms the heart as much as its delectable dishes. Committed to giving back, Ooh De Lally has partnered with Metropolitan Community College's 180 Re-Entry Assistance Program. This unique collaboration offers formerly incarcerated adults a pathway into the culinary world through a food-service training program.

Each month, three enthusiastic trainees will join the Ooh De Lally team. Working alongside seasoned professionals, they'll learn the art of cooking and hospitality while gaining skills that transcend the kitchen. It's not just a meal they're preparing; it's a fresh start, a future filled with promise.

Beyond the Plate

Metropolitan Community College's 180 RAP program has an impressive track record of assisting over 9,000 individuals since 2015, with a remarkable 99 percent job placement rate. Their mission is simple yet profound: reduce barriers, offer education and training, and ultimately empower participants to rebuild their lives.

Director Diane Good-Collins emphasizes that with the right support and opportunities, individuals can successfully reintegrate into society. It's a message of hope, and Ooh De Lally is thrilled to be part of that journey.

Strengthening Communities

Ooh De Lally isn't just changing lives; it's also uplifting the restaurant industry itself. By nurturing much-needed talent at all levels, from hosts to servers to chefs, the restaurant contributes to a thriving culinary landscape. Those with bigger dreams will even have the chance to attend the MCC Institute for Culinary Arts.

As Tim Steinbach, Executive Director of Ooh De Lally, says, "We are excited to bring a new high-quality restaurant to the welcoming community of Dundee and to help our neighbors and the restaurant industry at the same time. This is a win-win for everyone."

Get ready to dine with a purpose; a seat at Ooh De Lally's table is an invitation to make a difference. Follow @OohDeLallyOmaha on social media and their website for updates, hiring information, and be part of this exciting journey!



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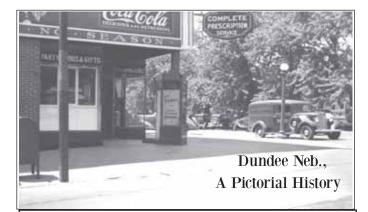
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