DUNDEE-MEMORIAL PARK ASOCIATION



DMPA Meeting

This Month's Meeting April 12th

Speaker: Connie Spellman Director of Omaha by Design

Location and times:

Dundee Presbyterian Church 53rd & Underwood Ave 7:00 PM - Social 7:30 Program 8:00 Business Meeting

Bring a friend or two.

Happy Spring



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President's Message

Te did it! The flower baskets are planted, all 475 of them. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Millie Miller who organized the crew and secured the terrific lunches provided by the 1020 and Subway Sandwiches and Salads. Now the baskets will be tended by the Indian Creek Nursery staff until we hang them, probably on the days just preceding Mother's Day. If you would like to help hang baskets, call Dan Rock at 558-4913...and, by all means, if you would like to get first pick of dates on the "Water Brigade", call Dan. Again this year, you will be able to follow the growth of the begonias and ivy by logging on to the Indian Creek Nursery web site. Check it out!

Historian Jeff Barnes provided a very interesting, illustrated talk for our March meeting entitled "The Forts of Omaha and Council Bluffs". If you missed it, I'm sorry. How many of you know that two forts/military installations are still active? Can you name them? We had two other guests at the March meeting; Captain Keith Harris and Bridget Fitzpatrick of the Omaha Police Department were in attendance, made presentations and answered questions. In the "Midtown Monitor" you will find a sample of the type of information that Bridget presented as a guide to homeowner safety. Captain Harris commands the Northwest Precinct and Ms. Fitzpatrick is the Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist.

The April and May Association meetings should prove to be interesting and informative. On May 10 our guests will be officers of the Orange Development Company, Nebraska developers for CVS Pharmacies. Orange is in the process of planning the development of the property on the northeast corner of Dodge and 49th Streets as the location for a new CVS Pharmacy. Plans are currently being developed in preparation for seeking a building permit from the City of Omaha prior to beginning construction. The approval process includes discussions with the Planning Department and appearances before the Design Review Board, the Planning Board and the City Council. Orange and CVS have told me they wish to fully inform the neighborhood of their plans and to seek our cooperation. At the May meeting you will be able to view architectural drawings and sketches of the building and ask questions of the developers.

As preparation for the May meeting I have invited Connie Spellman, Director of Omaha by Design, to attend our April meeting. As some of you may remember, the area of Dodge Street from Saddle Creek Road to 69th Street has been designated as an Area of Civic Importance (ACI) by the City. This designation means that additional design and planning guidelines, beyond typical zoning restrictions, apply to construction in this area. The

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May 10th

Last meeting until Sept.

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design and planning guidelines were developed by the City in cooperation with Omaha by Design, a civic planning organization that focuses on the development, implementation and monitoring of urban design and environmental policy in the metro area. The organization facilitates partnerships between the public and private sectors to execute projects that improve the quality of the natural and built environments. Connie, with the use of illustrations, will review for us, the ACI design standards and how they apply to the CVS building site. CVS has acquired this site from willing sellers and is currently working with their designers and the Omaha Planning Department to meet the ACI design standards. The Orange Development team tells me that this will be a CVS like no other you have seen. Do come in April to inform yourselves about the ACI design standards so as to be able to fully participate in monitoring urban design and environmental policy in our neighborhood.

We are in a warming trend, the winter's accumulation of snow has melted (if snow returns, which it might, it won't last more than a day or two) and we are preparing for several other spring events. May 15 marks the return of Neighborhood Cleanup Day (more familiarly known in our fair part of the city as "Dumpster Day"). Plans are still under development so we are not ready to announce which and how many recyclers will be present but watch the May Newsletter for information. The next weekend, May 21, 22, 23, it will be time for the neighborhood "Garage Sale Weekend". See the announcement elsewhere in this Newsletter for all the details, but be sure to sign up by May 7, not May 14 as was announced last month. The earlier deadline is necessary to prepare our newspaper ads and flyers. That same weekend, May 22, you will again be able to participate in the Dundee Merchants' "Spring Fling". Underwood Avenue will be closed from 50th to 51st Street; morning/afternoon activities will include a pancake breakfast in the 1020 parking lot, a barbecue competition in the Creighton Clinic parking lot, displays and food booths, a

Reminders.

DMPA Meeting - April 12th DMPA Meeting - May 10th Cleanup Day- May 15th Garage Sale - May 21, 22, 23rd Spring Fling - May 22nd Ice Cream Social - June 13th

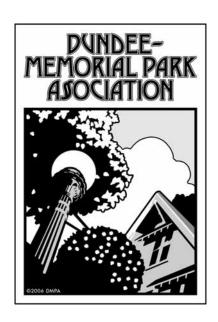
plant sale, kids rides, cookie decorating, a bike decorating/maintenance event, (I heard some talk of a pie eating contest) and a kids band; evening activities include a beer garden which will be open until 11:30 pm and three local bands will play for your dancing pleasure until 11:00 pm. Again this year, in the weeks prior to "Spring Fling", watch for the ballots boxes on several of the merchant's counters for the election of the "Honorable Mayor of Dundee". The sole duty of the winner is to be Grand Marshall of the "Dundee Day" parade. Name your own candidate; being a resident of Planet Earth is required but being human is not. The winner last year was Rene, a loaf of bread from The Bread Oven. Locate a ballot at a merchant, fill in the name and phone number, attach a \$1.00 and drop it in a ballot can. Vote early and vote often...as often as you wish...as often as you attach a \$1.00....and buy your candidate a victory! Start working for a candidate today.

One of our neighbors, James Abbott, is seeking our help with a project in Memorial Park. James' wife, Rebecca Nahas Abbott, died last October and James, with her friends, is seeking to erect a small meditation garden in her honor in the park across the street from her childhood home. The Parks Department has approved the site in the south east corner of the park at the end of the ravine, between the bike trail and the park walk which leads north to the WW II Memorial. The garden will include a pieced of Maine granite, a granite bench, about 1000 daffodils and complementary ground cover. A gravel path will lead to the meditation area from the park walks. A community event for the planting of the daffodils is planned for fall, 2010. This month, from April 1 to April 15, over 50 of Rebecca's botanical pigment ink prints will be on display at Lauritzen Gardens. During this exhibition, most of these images will be for sale, along with Rebecca's most recent mixed media pieces, with the proceeds going to benefit the meditation garden. A date for the bulb planting event will be announced later.

I'm sure we are all pleased that spring is here and we can do the things that spring provides, cleaning yards, garages, patios, meeting and talking with neighbors on the street.....enjoy, and I'll see you all at our April and May meetings. One last note about the April meeting....the schedule will be slightly rearranged....Social time from 7 to 7:30 pm; Program—Connie Spelman—begins at 7:30; and then, about 8:00 pm, we will have the Business meeting, including hearing from several candidates for public office...the Primary Election fast approaching on May 11. May 11 is the day following our May meeting which seemed a little tight to wait to have candidates speak then.

Have a GREAT SPRING!

Bob Welk



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Dundee Elementary News for Neighbors

You can probably tell spring is here by the sound of children running through the neighborhood. Now that the snow has melted, kids are flocking to the new playground equipment. The Omaha World-Herald reported that it will take some time for the grass to recover this spring. As a gentle reminder, the new turf on the soccer field on the west side of the school could easily be damaged by over-use when it is wet. Thanks for your cooperation in maintaining our school grounds.

Things to crow about: The 5th grade Knowledge Masters Open Team became the 2010 winter contest Nebraska State Champions by answering 100 interdisciplinary curriculum-based questions. Three Dundee students made it past the tough Regional Spelling Bee to move on to the District contest. Twelve fifth graders showed off their best ballroom dancing moves in the Dancing Classrooms competition at the TAC building. Third graders will enjoy a day-long bus tour of Omaha's historic architecture thanks to a grant by the Target Field Trip fund.

There is so much happening at Dundee this time of year. Walking Wednesdays have resumed. You will likely see groups of students gathering at area corners so parents and/or teachers can walk with them to school. We are proud to work with ActivateOmaha! on this project to

encourage physical activity. Please be mindful of the additional pedestrian/bike traffic in the mornings and afternoons.

Toward the end of April, second graders will be taking a "Know Your Neighborhood" tour when they will walk to various Dundee businesses. A huge thank you goes out to the merchants who open their doors to our young citizens and the parents who assist with the supervision.

The Spring Flower Sale will be Friday, May 7. We are limiting the sale to one day this year and hope you can stop by to select your favorite annuals.

Dundee students will celebrate their successful direct giving campaign by walking to Memorial Park on Friday, May 14 for Field Day. Teachers, staff, and parents will escort the kids to this fun event.

Dundee Elementary is collecting Campbell's soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. Please consider sending yours with a neighbor or drop them off at the front office if you do not have a child at Dundee.

Happy Spring! Ginny and Mark Curley, PTA Presidents



It's a fact, renovating an old house can get expensive. But if you could find a source for building materials that cost only pennies on the dollar and at the same time you

were doing your part to save the planet and helping other people, would you be interested? I thought so.

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore is a gem of a resource for all homeowners and especially owners of older homes. The ReStore takes new, used and surplus building-related materials from contractors, individuals, property managers, remodelers and suppliers. Some of the materials are used in the construction of Habitat for Humanity Omaha homes, but most are offered to the general public to purchase at significantly reduced prices with savings of 50 to 70 percent. or more.

The ReStore is located at 1003 South 24th Street (one block south of Leavenworth on 24th Street) and is open to the public Monday through Saturday. Because the materials are donated, the stock is always changing. If you are a treasure hunter at heart and like a good bargain, then this is the place for you. It's an adventure to wander up and down the aisles at the ReStore to discover that just right item for your old house at a dirt cheap price.

What can you find at the ReStore? Well, just about anything. They have a whole section of doors, for example, with exterior and interior doors, hollow core doors, solid core doors, combination storm doors and even doors with fancy leaded glass inserts. Do you need plumbing fixtures? No problem. When I was there recently I saw dozens of functional toilets in excellent shape and bathroom and kitchen sinks for as little as ten bucks and that included the faucets, too.

If you're like me, you're always painting something. ReStore has paint for about five bucks a gallon. This is name brand paint from leading paint manufacturers and some of it was the exact same paint (that I recently bought) which retails for more than thirty dollars a gallon.

The ReStore even has appliances (which they guarantee to work) and some furniture. For example, Westroads Mall recently donated to the ReStore 200 tables and 600 chairs from its food court. Windows, cabinets, hardware, tools, tile, interior trim, light fixtures—the list of building items goes on and on. You just have to visit the ReStore to see all of it for yourself.

More than just offering money-saving bargains for homeowners, the ReStore is keeping tons of materials out of our landfills. David Klitz, the ReStore Director, says that last year through the Omaha ReStore "more than 1,000 tons of building materials were put to good use rather than being put into the Douglas County landfill." (David, by the way, is a Dundee neighbor and an old house owner. He finds plenty of materials at the ReStore to renovate his old house. For instance, he found a set of light fixtures. After a quick

spritz of spray paint—also from the ReStore—they fit perfectly with the style of his house.)

All the proceeds from the ReStore supports the mission of Habitat for Humanity: "Every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. Habitat builds for people in need regardless of race or religion." In Omaha, David points out that "Habitat is eliminating vacant lots and abandoned homes in the blighted areas of North and South Omaha while improving the overall appearance of our community."

A common misconception about Habitat is that the homes are given to people in need. Habitat homeowners purchase their homes through 25 or 30-year no-interest mortgages and they are required to complete 350 hours of sweat equity before they purchase their homes. Since it started here in Omaha in 1984 more than 275 families have realized the dream of homeownership and are ending the cycle of poverty for their children. The proceeds from the ReStore last year provided the funds to build two and one half of those houses.

I heard a radio commercial recently which contends that "frugal is the new cool". If that's so, then the ReStore is the very essence of coolness. Be cool. Check it out.

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If you have a question, or a subject you'd like addressed in a future column write to me at:

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Meet the Merchants

Monique Huston, the Diva in the Dell

"She has the most sophisticated palate," says BJ Reed in speaking of Monique Huston, general manager of the Dundee Dell, and he should know. What is this all about? Monique, who began her college years studying chemical engineering, took a right turn toward developing her interest in wines, and then, ultimately delving deeply into the many flavors, trace elements, and aromas of single malt scotch whisky (that's right, spelled without the "e").

On March 10, Monique left for Scotland, her third trip hosting scotch lovers on a tour of distilleries, covering some of the most untraveled terrain in the beautiful Scottish Isles, and tasting scotch whisky all along the way. She says of her time there, "I feel like we can always hear bag pipes." A solid core of locals have accompanied Monique on these trips, sampling the fare, and even sometimes sitting in with a local band making music.

Under the tutelage of Pat Gobel (the Dell's owner) and several local scotch aficionados, including Dundee's own BJ Reed, Monique has truly become the Diva in the Dell. Since Monique's 2000 arrival at the Dell, it has become one of the country's most recognized places where scotch is spoken – and tasted – with regularity, ceremony, and deep appreciation. Visitors to Omaha have learned to make a trip to the Dell for something wonderfully unique – and uniquely Omaha.

Monique's talents and knowledge have received attention from afar, and she has been recognized in "Malt Advocate" (Fall 2009 issue), America's leading whisky publication, where she was featured in a lengthy article in which she is described as "...the knowledgeable, personable, dynamic woman who is the general manager of Dundee Dell in Omaha, Nebraska...." It is true that sometimes one can make waves felt on distant shores, but barely felt at home.

Also in early March, Master Distiller, Dr. Bill Lumsden, the creative genius behind Glenmorangie and Ardbeg Scotches came to Omaha, not New York or Chicago, not San Francisco or Los Angeles, yes, to Omaha (known to both coasts as "flyover territory") to premier his two newest scotches. Why did he choose Omaha? Because of Monique and the Dell, where there is a true understanding of and love for the making of scotch, and one of the country's most sophisticated palates willing to share her knowledge and enthusiasm for the whisky treasures of Scotland. He presented his new scotches to a sold out audience of 42, all eager to expand their scotch experience and scotch expertise.

Monique grew up on the corner of 50th and Capitol, attended Dundee Elementary and remembers playing pin ball at the 7-11 (now Grandpa's C Store) and stopping by the Hinky Dinky (now Creighton Medical), and completed her

formal education at UNO with a Masters of Business Administration. She married Jake Smith last June, with a ceremony at her family's retreat ranch in British Columbia, where with her mom, she wandered the sunny hills early on her wedding day, picking wildflowers for her wedding bouquet.



If you become curious about scotch, find Monique and ask her for a tutorial – or bet- Pictued Monique Huston, ter yet, join her in one of their reg- Photo by Malt Advocate. ular tastings at the Dell – the first

Sunday of each month at 4:00pm or the Thursday following at 7:00 pm. Or, you may just drop in and ask to see the Dell's scotch list – it reads like a wine list, using similar descriptive terms, with a seemingly endless variety. The Dell has over 700 single malts ready to pour, and has been "discovered" by folks from all over the country – and from foreign lands. So stop by and meet Dundee's Diva in the Dell – and say "hello" to Pat Gobel, the forever generous and congenial host of the Dell.

Molly Romero, Marks Bistro 4916 Underwood Avenue

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John Kozlik

Contact my mother Emily Kozlik for more information. 556 6443.



2010 Flower Baskets Planted

By Millie Miller

he Dundee-Memorial Park flower baskets that adorn our historic street lights were planted on March 12 and 13 at Indian Creek Nursery, 303 N. Saddle Creek Road. Omaha World Herald reporter Michaela Saunders and photographer Jeff Beiermann spent part of Friday morning with us. They were getting the "dirt" on the unique planting of the flower baskets of Dundee for the "Slice of Life" series.

The DMPA would like to thank the hard-working volunteers who planted the baskets.

It takes the average volunteer about 20 minutes to insert the begonia plants in the liner of one basket and then, there is Mr. Heimuli who can plant a basket in less than 10 minutes. Volunteers were Paul Bashus*, Betty Bennett, Cheryl Brennan, Michelle Craig, Tom Craig, Michael Dappen, Chris Dinnin, Joyce Egan, Win Finegan*, Joyce Fitch, Marge Gillen, Joan Goldapp*, Joanie Haas, Chuck Haller, Carla Hanson, Jesse Harding, Addie Hayes, Sione Heimuli, Lisa Hobday, Jackie Hoyt, Mary Jetton, Tony Keber, Bill Kelly, Pat Knight, Brandi Kratowski, Emily Lacey, Carole Langan, Gordon Lee, Peter Manhart, Marty Meyer, Friz Miller*, Millie Miller*, Nancy Mulhall, Jodie Nolan, Diane Ordway, Rita Otis, Peg Pease, Marie Pletka, Phyllis Rhodig, Martin Richards, Dan Rock, Sue Scheller, Dave Schinzel, Denny Schroeder, Becky Shuster, Kay Streiff*, Sharon Telich, Bob Welk*, and Judith Welk.

* planted both days.



Indian Creek Nursery has an excellent greenhouse facility and staff. Owner Scott Ferrington heads up the Indian Creek staff. Assisting Scott is Amy Mefford, flower basket coordinator, and Vince Baker, Carole Haas, Nikki Johnston, Joel Kayser, Sarah Newman, Justin Rink, Denon Weihs, Diane Weihs. and Joe Williams. .

Every year area Sione Heimuli and Emily Lacey. restaurants donate lunch for the volunteers who plant the baskets. This year two downtown Dundee restaurants came to our rescue. The 1020, located at 5013 Underwood Ave., provided pizzas and salad on Friday. Subway, 5003 Underwood Ave., provided a variety of sandwiches on Saturday. The DMPA would like to thank these two fine Dundee businesses for their support and the wonderful lunches they donated.



It takes lots of concentration.

To check how the plants are growing, log on to www.indiancreeknursery.com and click on "Dundee Baskets". Pictures of the hanging baskets will be updated every ten

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Carla Hansen working hard.



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Movie Day: "Where the Wild Things Are" - Fri, April 30th @ 1pm

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Teen Book Club - Saturday, April 17th @ 2pm

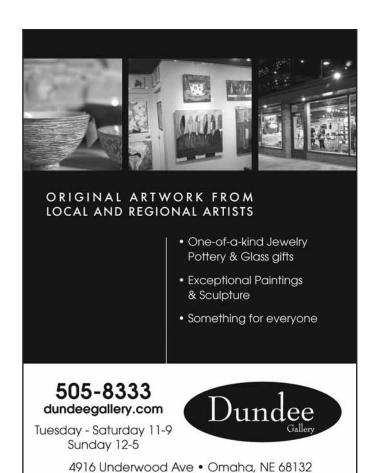
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TAB: Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, April 17th 3pm Enjoy snacks and refreshments while talking and sharing your ideas. Join to see what it's all about.

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Active Life Outdoor Challenge for Wii, Guitar Hero for Wii, Rock Band for PS2. A signed parent permission slip is required to participate!



Teen Movie Day: "Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant" - Saturday, April 24th @ 1pm

Adult Activities

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, April 10th @ 1pm Read and discuss "Ellen Foster" by Kay Gibbons.

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tuesday, April 6th @ 4:30pm

Read and discuss "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain.

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, April 17th @ 1pm Read and discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" by Mary Ann Schaffer.

Computer Basics - Friday, April 2nd @ 10:30am (Limit 3) Learn about the keyboard, mouse, monitor, printer; how to open and close a program; use menus and tollbars; and save a file. Please register online, in person or by phone (444-5274).

Internet Basics - Friday, April 30th @ 10:30am (Limit 3) Learn how to use the Internet to search effectively. Please register online, in person or by phone (444-5274).

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More details in the May newsletter

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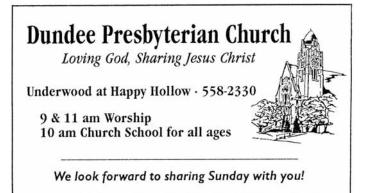
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