# DUNDEE-Memorial Park Asociation



# **DMPA** Meeting

### **No December Meeting**

Next DMPA Meeting January 12th

UNO will share plans for the new Arena near Aksarben Village.

#### Location and times: Dundee Presbyterian Church 53rd & Underwood Ave

7:00 Social 7:30pm Meeting Bring a friend or two.

Meetings are always held the second Monday of the month.

Jan - May and Sept - Nov.



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# **Letter From the President**

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Happy New Year!

2015 – does it roll off your tongue yet? We are now half-way through the decade! Soon, we'll be in the roaring 20's. If you're like me - Assess, regroup, plan, and attack!

It's easy to just roll into the new year – keeping your day to day activities going without any changes. But why not shake things up a little? Have you made plans for the new year? Spice it up! Challenge yourself. Step outside your comfort zone. Try something new. I'm challenging you. I'm daring you. One thing – just try one new thing.

### I've got some ideas for you.

All work and No play.....

Don't end up like Jack Nicholson in "The Shining". We've got plenty to do in the neighborhood.

**How about ice rinks?** Thanks to Dundee Bank, we have great little neighborhood ice rink in the "sunk" across from Dundee Presbyterian Church. Bring your own skates. Watch out for hockey players. Anyone can use this rink. There are no specific rules (other than to be nice to the Dundee Bank team). There's also a really nice attended rink over at UNMC http://www.unmc.edu/cfhl/romotions/skating.html). The UNMC rink costs \$7 and includes skate rentals. Take a picture ID!

**Pageturner's Lounge** (5004 Dodge Street) – check out the tunes on Music Monday's at Conor Oberst's very cool Dundee hotspot. Thursday's are usually piano night too. For the most up to date information on who's playing, check out their facebook page: Pageturners Lounge

UNO – so, I've lived in Dundee for over 20 years, and not until recently did I discover all the cool things going on at the University. Most of the activities are open to the public. Many are free or cost very little. Here's a couple for you to try out:

**UNO Theatre** – located in the Weber Fine Arts Building on the Dodge Street Campus, this spring there are 2 different productions: "Freakshow" by Carson Kreitzer begins the last week in February and "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare starting April 15. Tickets are \$5 or \$15 depending on the night and show. Buy tickets online at http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-communication-fine-arts-and-media/theatre-productions/index.php

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# **President's Message**

Continued from front page.

UNO's Mallory Kountze Planetarium – On the first Friday and Saturday of each month at 6:30pm and 8pm they have public shows. They also have a 2pm public matinee on Sundays. On selected Friday nights, they have rooftop observatory time for students and the public from 7:00-8:30pm. The planetarium is in the heart of the Durham Science Center at UNO's Dodge Street campus. More information can be found online at: http://aimforthestars.unomaha.edu/Planetarium/

UNO art gallery and art shows – This is also in the Weber Fine Arts Building. I've seen some really good shows over there highlighting art faculty, students, and general supporters. The juried shows are usually up for about 6 weeks. More can be found at http://www.unomaha.edu/fineart/art

/unoartgallery/welcome.htm A "hidden gem" is the Masters and Music Program brought to us by Friends of Art – a support group for the UNO Department of Art and Art History.Our friend and artist Sue Knight will be featured at on Sunday March 1 with Soprano Amanda DeBoer Bartlett. Their online site is at: http://foaomaha.org/masters-andmusic.php

UNO Music – The department of music has an active schedule with more than 100 shows per semester including ensembles, student and faculty recitals, and guest performers. Most events are hosted in the Strauss Performing Arts Center – on the Dodge Street Campus. Many of the student events are free – and other events are inexpensive - \$5 to \$15 depending on the performer and venue. More can be found online at: http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-communication-fine-arts-and-media/music/index.php

Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center – DMPA board member and UNO Vice Chancellor BJ Reed was recently quoted as saying - "Ask not what your community can do for you, ask what you can do for your community". Ok, he didn't really say that – I just made that up. But he would suggest that you go visit this new campus Gem. It's open for all to see. The art collection in and around the facility is incredible. The work that the 24 non-profits do for the community is priceless. By the way, DMPA has our monthly board meetings at the CEC the first Monday of each month. You are more than welcome. More online at: http://www.unomaha.edu/community-engagement-center/



# DMPA MEETINGS CALENDAR

January 12th February 9th

### 70th and Cass Redevelopment (former Temple Israel)

A modification of the plans has been made to nix the planned apartments on the former Temple Israel site. The apartment developer, Bluestone has sold the property to the Omaha Conservancy of Music (OCM) who will move forward immediately with renovations of the existing property. We in the neighborhood are thrilled to have such a great new neighbor (OCM). We again thank the generous neighbors in the Fairacres neighborhood and the OCM board for their tremendous investment in our community. Thank you all. To support OCM, please contact Kevin Mahler at kevinmahler@omahacm.org. То get in touch. trv: www.omahacm.org or call 402-932-4978 or facebook at omahacm or Twitter: @OmaConservatory

Garbage - pick-up will move to a different day on January 15. Most of us in Dundee and Memorial Park will have our trash picked up on Wednesday under the new schedule. Changes were made by Mayor Jean Stothert with Deffenbaugh (our trash company) to add route efficiencies and fuel cost savings. For more details, see www.newday.wasteline.org

2015 Flower basket donations: We are ordering the baskets for next year and we need a count for the neighborhood. All donations will need to be collected before the planting begins in March. Your block captain will be collecting if you prefer cash or checks. You can donate online – at www.dundee-memorialpark.org Your donation will be connected back to your block. Thanks to Peter Manhart for working with our block captains to collect and track donations!

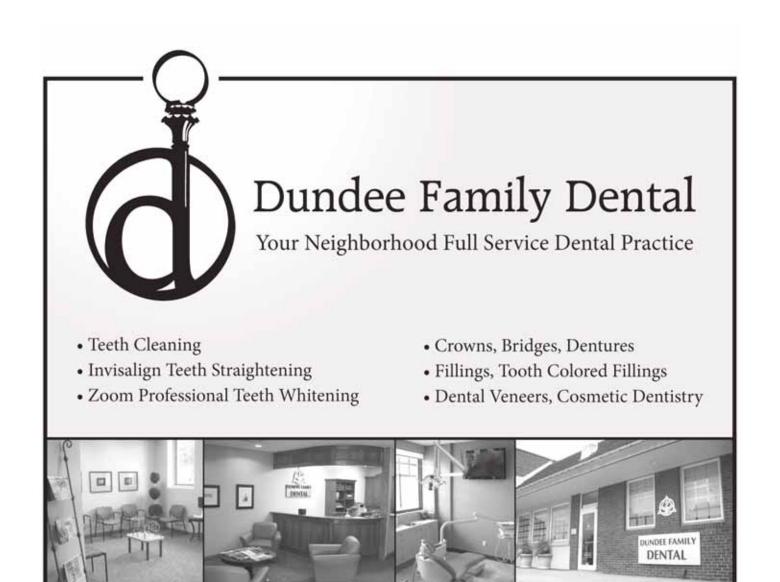
January's neighborhood meeting:at Dundee Presbyterian Church on Monday January 12 – with UNO who will share plans for the new massive arena just to the south of Aksarben Village. It's taking shape and should be open in the fall of 2015. Representatives from UNO will share plans and answer questions.

**Subway!** – Dave Schinzel continues to drive this project. "Groundbreaking" should take place this spring with most of the work to be completed by May/June at the latest. We need your support. Donate online at www.dundee-memorialpark.org or call / email Dave at drschinzel@hotmail.com for more information.

I did a little reflecting on 2014 over the last few days. Home has been a key part of our lives. We live in an awesome neighborhood – with some really great neighbors who care and are interested in making the world a better place. Life is Good. See you around the neighborhood. Be sure to say "hello"!

For more on the neighborhood, events and happenings, see www.dundee-memorialpark.org

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# Flower Basket Planting: Volunteers Needed!

The DMPA's annual flower basket planting event will take place on Fri. and Sat., March 20 and 21, at Indian Creek Nursery Greenhouse (303 N. Saddle Creek Road.) We'll need lots of volunteers to plant our 475 baskets of begonias! Indian Creek Nursery will care for the baskets through the spring. In May, the beautiful baskets will be hung on the historic Dundee street lights, spreading the unique charm that says Dundee all through the neighborhood.

Planting starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until about 3 p.m., with a mid-day break for a lunch donated by neighborhood restaurants. This is a great way to beautify the neighborhood, catch up with old friends, and make new ones!

To volunteer for one or both days, sign up at the next DMPA meeting, or e-mail Mary Green at megreen4@cox.net, or call 402-556-1830.

Mary Green, Flower Basket Chair

Photos from last year... Join the fun!



# A Way to Help Preserve an Important Part of Dundee History.

In 1934, a "subway" was constructed at 51st & Dodge St. as part of a New Deal public works project that widened Dodge Street. The subway was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2010. It is the last remaining pedestrian tunnel in Omaha. The primary reason for the subway was to provide a safe way for school children to cross Dodge

Street. .

As the tunnel reaches 80 years old, it is in need of renovation. The Dundee Memorial Park Association has decided to take on a renovation and rejuvenation of this historic landmark. This is where we need your help.

The project will do the following:

Install brighter, longer lasting, energy efficient LED lighting, install new historic signage, skid-resistant coating on the ramps, make minor concrete and masonry repairs and install a mural designed by Dundee School students inside the tunnel

The overall project is estimated to cost \$30,000.

This is where we NEED your financial support. Dundee-Memorial Park has always been willing to come together to financially support projects that better our neighborhood like the flower baskets, the Dundee Clock and the Streetcar Monument.

There are two ways you can donate:

1. Online at www.dundee-memorialpark.org by clicking on Donate at bottom of the Home Page and selecting "Dodge St. Subway/Tunnel"

2. Write a check payable to Dundee-Memorial Park Association and mail to: Dave Schinzel 319 South 50th Avenue Omaha, NE 68132 All donations of \$250 or more will be recognized on a special plaque in the tunnel.

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"Buy land," my grandfather told me countless times. "They aren't making any more of that." The same can be said for old house parts, too. They aren't making any more of those either.

It has always been challenge to find replacement doors, windows, hardware, flooring, and you-name-it to fix up your old house. In the past few years, with several local architectural salvage companies closing their doors, it has gotten even harder to find old house parts. But now there is a new resource: Omaha's Habitat ReStore is now stocking architectural salvage.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Habitat

ReStore, it is a wide-ranging source of both new and gently used millwork, appliances, cabinets, tools, paint, tile, carpet and hardware – all kinds of building materials – for sale to the public at deep discounts. The two Omaha Habitat ReStore locations (24th Street south of Leavenworth and just north and west of 108th and Maple) accept donated building materials including use-



able materials removed during home improvement projects and excess materials from contractors or remodelers. When these materials are sold (for a fraction of the cost of new materials) the money is invested into building Habitat houses for deserving families right here in Omaha.

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha obtains many derelict houses, some of which are rehabbed and others, which are too far gone, are torn down to make way for the construction of new houses. In a new initiative, Habitat Omaha in partnership with Reclaimed Enterprises is either "soft stripping" these dilapidated houses, (carefully salvaging architectural elements) or "deconstructing" them, (completely disassembling the house board by board to save

as much of the building materials as possible). Many of these old house parts are now available to purchase at the



24th Street ReStore. Currently, the ReStore has some vintage doors, millwork, bathroom fixtures, hardware and some interesting mission-style built-ins and a really good supply of old oak flooring. The flooring can be especially beneficial if you have some damaged floors in your old house. Habitat ReStore Director (and Dundee neighbor), David Klitz says "there are no minimums on the amount of flooring you have buy. You can buy the reasonably priced flooring (\$1.12 per linear foot) a stick or two at time, if you wish."

Ken Mar, Chief Operating Officer for Habitat Omaha, says "we are excited about the potential for the deconstruction initiative. We started this year with a pilot program and our plan is to get to a point where we are deconstructing as many as five houses a year." But because

> it is a time and labor intensive process, deconstructing a house can cost twice as much as bulldozing it. "The extra cost, we believe will be offset by the sale of architectural salvage at Habitat ReStore," Mar says. "The big plus here is that we are keeping tons of materials out of the landfills and that's good for the environment and good for all of us." It is good news for old house owners, too. They have a new

source of old house parts.

If you haven't been to the two Habitat ReStores yet, check them out. I think you will be pleased with what you find. The newly remodeled 24th Street ReStore has 14,000 square feet of merchandise and the 108th & Maple ReStore is a huge building material warehouse at 28,000 square feet. Both locations are places to get many of the materials and tools you need for home improvement and you can save lots of your hard-earned money. They are fun places to shop, too. Because the merchandise is always changing, it is a bit like a treasure hunt. You never know what you will find. If you want a "heads up" on what merchandise is newly arrived at the Habitat ReStore sign up for the Bargain Beat, an emailed newsletter on the latest and greatest deals. Just visit omahahabitatrestore.org, click on store information and scroll to the bottom of the page.



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### Kids' Programs

### Baby & Me Storytime - Fridays | 10:30 AM

Parents & babies will enjoy this program with rhyming games, puppets, songs & musical instruments.

Fit Club - Saturday, January 3 | 2 PM

Have fun while working out! Play video games that will get your heart pumping.

Minecraft Club - Tuesdays, January 6 & 20 | 4:30 PM

Have fun playing Minecraft at the Library. Program limited to ages 8-18. Registration required.

Let's Celebrate the New Year Storytime - Wednesday, January 7 | 10:30 AM

Do you know what a New Year's Resolution is? Join us today as we learn about resolutions through fingerplays, stories, music, and more. Listen to stories about the Chinese New Year, too. Get ready for some musical instrument fun as we ring in the New Year. Create a New Year's resolution poster to take home.

### Clothespin Commitments Craft - Thursday, January 8 | 4:30 PM

Create a fun New Year's resolution craft with elementary-aged children that will help remind them of their goals all year long.

Movie Day: Planes Fire & Rescue - Saturday, January 10 | 1 PM

Enjoy popcorn while enjoying a movie about a plane who decides to join a fire and rescue unit when he's told he can't race.

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays, January 14 & 21 | 10:30 AM

Read books, sing songs, play games and make crafts. Fun for toddlers/preschoolers.

Lego Club - Wednesdays, January 14 & 28 | 4:30 PM

Use your imagination to build anything you want with Legos. Snack provided.

Biscuit Visits Sorensen Branch - Wednesday, January 28 | 10:30 AM

Biscuit wants to meet the kids at Sorensen Branch, so he's joining us for a special storytime! Remember your camera!

### Teen Programs

Game Time - Friday, January 2| 2-4 PM

Have fun with your friends playing one of the Library's Wii or Xbox 360 Kinect games.

Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, January 17 | 2 PM

Enjoy snacks & refreshments while discussing issues and helping out at the Library!

Game Time: Just Dance 2015 - Saturday, January 31 | 2-4 PM

See who has the best moves while playing Just Dance 2015 at the Library on the Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends!

### Adult Programs

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, January 3 | 1 PM

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tuesday, January 6 | 4:30 PM

Technology Corner - Tuesdays, January 13 & 27 | 6:30 PM

Receive assistance with uploading a resume, downloading an eBook or free music, creating an email account, or almost anything else technology related—for free. Our tech savvy staff is here to help. Registration required.

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, January 17 | 1 PM



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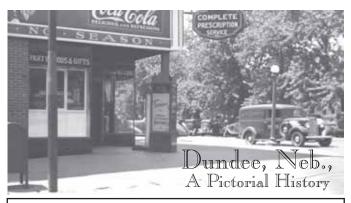
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