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## **Letter From the President**

#### Adam Langdon 402-290-8084 aalangdon@cox.net

The investments in and around our neighborhood have never been stronger. Have you noticed all of the development at Nebraska Medicine – 42nd and Harney? Right now there are 3 major construction projects underway on the campus and a total investment of over \$1 billion. What's going on? How do we benefit?

First, let me provide some clarity:

The medical school located on the campus (UNMC) is one of the nation's top medical schools. It supports undergraduates and graduate students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry coursework. Tuition is \$28,000 a year for in-state and \$70,000 for out of state students. The school employs over 5,000 faculty/staff and has over 3,700 students enrolled. Their primary care program was recently ranked #4 in the country by U.S. News and World Report – out of 153 schools. Dr. Jeffrey Gold, MD is the Chancellor. These are great people to have around.

In addition to the school, Nebraska Medicine is also headquartered at 42nd and Harney. Nebraska Medicine is the hospital closely affiliated with UNMC. This facility houses over 600 beds and 1,000 physicians – and is the only remaining trauma care facility in Omaha. It has been ranked the top hospital in the State of Nebraska for many years in a row. (Our board member – Sara Nelson works there!)

On top of the direct investment in the school and medical facilities, there is significant peripheral investment. Two large hotels are scheduled to be built in 2016: one at 42nd and Farnam and one at 44th and Dodge. More details have yet to surface around the development plans for Saddle Creek between Dodge and Leavenworth Streets (on the west side). We do know the project will be big – likely to exceed \$100 million. Back to the current construction. The 3 big buildings going in are:

- Lauritzen Outpatient Center and Fritch Surgery Center -\$70 million building
- Lozier Center for Pharmacy Sciences and Education and Drug Discovery \$35 million building
- Fred and Pamela Buffet Cancer Center \$323 million building

If you are curious and want to read more about the growth and development, check out their website at: http://www.unmc.edu/publicre-lations/media/growth.html

All of this first rate medical care is just blocks away from Dundee and Memorial Park. Our neighborhood has also become a top choice for

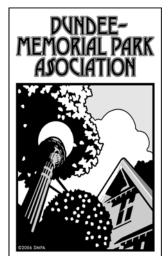
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## **President's Message**

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faculty, staff and students wanting to live close to work. Thanks UNMC and Nebraska Medicine for making our neighborhood better and better.

#### Graduation

On my way to the Happy Hollow trail the other day, I ran into Neely Kountze. He and his wife Mary live just off the trail north of Underwood Avenue. Some of you know, the Kountze's son Tower has been serving an internship / residency at Dundee Presbyterian Church. This is part of his process to becoming a full-fledged Presbyterian Minister. I asked how things were going – and was informed that he had just completed his final services with the Dundee Presbyterian Church (in May). Needless to say, he's done a great job – and been a big contributor to our neighborhood community. Thanks Tower! We will miss you.

#### Watering

We've had some questions around watering the flower baskets. When it's so rainy, why water? The trucks actually contain water AND fertilizer mixed. So, the baskets are getting water and needed nutrients. In addition, it's very difficult to schedule and change schedules due to weather – so, we don't change the schedule. Finally, some baskets get full sun. Some get partial sun. Some get full shade. Some are under heavy trees and get nearly no water – even if it rains. It's difficult to adjust to all these variables.

We do our best to get the job done with 100% unpaid volunteers – and donated equipment. There are 4 watering trucks used in Dundee to water the 400+ baskets. It usually takes about 60 people over the summer to volunteer to get the job done. The trucks are parked at "guest" homes over the summer who also fill our trucks from their own water source – often for free.

If you are interested in helping out, the watering team sure could use your help. Volunteers can work for a day or take a week. Please contact Dan Rock if you are interested: drock@elickjones.com or 402-558-4913

#### **Summer Happenings**

Have you noticed? - the business district looks better than ever. The trees are growing up quickly and more plants have been put in. Specifically, some additional hackberry trees were planted at 50th and Underwood where the rain garden was originally. Neighbor Jim Ducey asked about planting some additional plants. We would welcome the additional help and assistance securing plants or putting them in. email Jim if you are willing to help – jim.ducey@hotmail.com.

The Dundee Community Garden has many fun events throughout the summer including ice cream socials and informative talks. Ice cream socials are usually on Sunday afternoons – 3-5pm and offer ice cream sundaes for \$1 to benefit the garden. Please see their website at http://www.dundeegarden.org/ for more specifics.

Dundee Days will be August 29. Contact Sarah Troia at info@denimsaloon.com for more information about the event, a booth or general questions. Or you can call – 402-885-8880.

Heike and I survived the  $\frac{1}{2}$  marathon in Valentine. No snake bites. We're back to our own Happy Hollow and Keystone Trails. We hope to see you out on the trail or on the way to visit one of our local business friends. Please say "hello".

For more on our neighborhood history, events, important contacts, check out our website at www.dundeememorialpark.org. For up to the minute action – "like" our facebook page – www.facebook/Dundee Memorial Park Neighborhood Association.

# Dundee Day August 29th

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### Dundee Community Garden News

The Dundee Community Garden is in full summer swing! Members are harvesting from their plots, and we've been making weekly donations of produce including rhubarb, radishes, broccoli, and a variety of greens, to the Underwood Tower across the street. Our strawberry patch was bursting with berries in June—if you haven't had a chance to pick some berries, stop by in July and see if our Everbearing plants are still producing. (Half our plants are June Bearing, and half are Everbearing.) Our strawberry patch is along the north side of the garden, by the alley and under the fruit trees.

Thanks to generous neighborhood supporters, we have purchased and installed soaker hoses in both our "Neighbor Garden" area along Underwood Ave. (where anyone walking by the garden is invited to pick a handful of produce or herbs) and in our sweet potato patch along 49th St. This should help make watering much easier this season—and help us have a more productive harvest.

#### Please join us for these July events at the garden, 4902 Underwood Ave.

Kids in the Garden: Bugs! Wed. July 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children ages 5-12 are invited to identify insects (good and bad), release lady bugs, and more as we talk about the role of bugs in the garden.

Watermelon Feed, Sat. July 11, 3-5 p.m. Join us for a fresh slice of cold watermelon, 50¢ a slice!

Native Prairie Pollinator Wildflowers, Tues. July 28, 7 p.m. with Tom Lundahl of Meristem Farm and Nursery. Tom will show us native prairie perennials and talk about what he's learned about these plants in his years on the farm.

Mary Green facebook.com/DundeeGarden





### Dundee Community Garden Photos







Photos from the garden include neighbors enjoying ice cream and picking strawberries.

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Nothing beats the timeless beauty of a brick house. And nothing spoils the look of elegant brickwork like paint drips and spatters as a result of care-

less trim painting. After 70, 80 or more years and lots of paint jobs, maybe your brick exterior has more than it's share of paint spots.

Probably the best way of removing small areas of paint from brickwork is to apply a commercial paint stripper. It's better to dab the stripper on in big globs. Don't brush it back and forth that reduces the effectiveness of the stripper. Remember you are dealing with highly caustic chemicals here--lye or hydrocarbon solvents are the basis for paint removers--so wear a long sleeve shirt, chemical resistant rubber gloves and protect your eyes with goggles.

Be patient. Let the stripper work for some time until it softens and loosens the paint enough that it can be scraped off or removed by pressure from a stream of water. I would recommend limiting your stream of water to a garden hose sprayer. You can use a high pressure washer, if you exercise a great deal of caution and use a wide fan spray nozzle and keep the wand a foot or two away from the brick surface. Too much pressure can blast out old mortar and erode old, soft brick.

Sometimes a heat gun or a propane torch can soften old paint so it can be scraped from the bricks, but this works best on particularly thick paint globs. Other times paint can be successfully removed by burning it to ash and brushing it off with a wire brush.

Sometimes, despite all your best efforts, strippers will leave white shadows—hazy reminders of the original spots. Don Wells, a Dundee neighbor, sent me this slick tip he came up with for dealing with this problem:

I've been trying to clean spots of paint off of the bricks on my house. I tried paint stripper and although it works, it also leaves a white shadow that I can't remove. I don't want to try a power washer as they are very messy and can blow the grout out of joints along with the paint. I thought about painting over the spots with a brick colored paint but getting a color match is impossible and the color of the bricks varies as well. I finally came up with a solution that works pretty well. I just happen to have several bricks from the house that were removed during a previous owner's renovation. I simply chipped off a piece of brick and pounded it on a steel plate until it was fairly pulverized. I then rolled it with a piece of pipe to grind it further. I eventually ended up with a small amount of brick powder. I mixed it with glossy lacquer (I chose it because it's thick, clear and I had some lying around) and soon had paint that matched the brick perfectly. I painted it on with a very small (artist's) brush and soon, the spots were gone.

The gloss will eventually fade but it seems to match the brick better than if I used a no gloss lacquer. I'm sure you can use other clear finishes but I arbitrarily picked lacquer. Even if you don't have spare bricks, you could probably knock a chip off your house in some remote location, and make a small batch. And by small, I mean I mixed my concoction in an empty tuna can.

(This sounds like a great solution. I'm going to try this myself. Thanks.)

Another common paint-on-brick problem is paint residue on brick that is below painted shutters. This is caused by chalking of the shutter paint. For this problem try Prosoco Shure Klean Light Duty Restoration Cleaner. Locally, Prosoco products are carried by Watkins Concrete Block Company, Stetson Building Products, Lumberman's, and Larson Cement Stone Company. Although Light Duty Restoration Cleaner is considered a mild cleaner, you still need to protect plants, pets and yourself. And, do I really need to say this? Read and follow label instructions when using this or any other restoration product.



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### **Dodge Steet Subway Project**

By Dave Schinzel

In the coming weeks, you will be seeing construction crews installing the new LED lighting and doing the concrete repairs in the Dodge St. Subway. A special thank you to Scott McIntyre of the City of Omaha Public Works Department for his assistance in getting final City approval of the design for the project. Once construction begins, it will require the tunnel to be closed while the work is being done.

A special thank you to Terry Hurt of T. Hurt Construction for generously offering to do the concrete and masonry work at a significantly reduced cost in addition to having already donated financially to the project. DMPA is very fortunate to have such good corporate partners in our neighborhood.



The new mural is scheduled to be installed on October 17th to 20th as part of UNO's Three Days of Service. DMPA appreciates the assistance of the UNO Office of Civic and Social Responsibility for their help in arranging volunteers to install the mural. We are very fortunate to have such a great resource as UNO in our neighborhood.

### Master Swim Team at Brownell-Talbot

Masters is for anyone and everyone. More than anything, it is a welcoming environment where you can meet new people, learn new skills, and gain vital cardiovascular fitness and increase your skill in the water.

During June and July, our program is training at the Brownell-Talbot Pool on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:00-7:30, and at the 50-meter long Hitchcock Pool on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30. Fall hours will be posted on our website, www.b-taquatics.org. If you would like more information about the Masters Team or any of our other programs, please check out the Brownell-Talbot Aquatics website or email CoachCourtneyRogers@gmail.com.

### Dundee Day Book Sale Saturday, August 29

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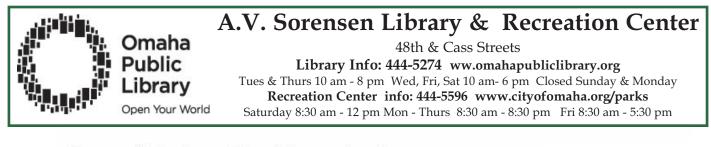
Your gently used books are needed for the annual sale which helps fund DMPA projects at Sorensen Library Community Center.

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#### Volunteers

for the DMPA book booth are needed for 2-hour shifts between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Don and Angie Wells 402-553-6057 or wellsarrow@msn.com



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### Kids' Programs

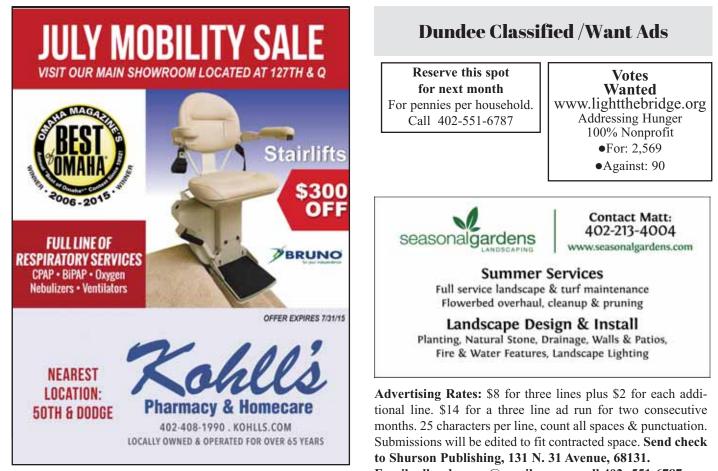
Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays | 10:30 AM Lego Club - Wednesdays, July 1, 15 & 29 | 4:30 PM Baby & Me Storytime - Fridays | 10:30 AM Kids Programs - Fridays | 2 PM July 3 | Learn About Mammals July 17 | DIY Superhero Bracelet July 10 | Superhero Gear July 24 | Super Craft & Photo Op Movie Days - Tuesdays | 1 PM July 7 | Brave July 21 | Kung Fu Panda July 14 | Despicable Me July 28 | Toy Story Minecraft Club - Tuesdays, July 7 & 21 | 4:30 PM Have fun playing Minecraft at the Library. Program limited to ages 8-18. Registration required. Fit Club - Saturday, July 11 | 2 PM

### Teen Programs

Teen Programs - Thursdays   1 PM (Registration rea	quired.)
July 2   DIY Superhero Masks & Shields	July 23   Superhero Jeopardy
July 9   Cooking for Teens: Quesadillas	July 30   DIY Origami for Teens
July 16   DIY Superhero Planter Pots	
Gr. 6-12 Girls Overnight Lock-In - Friday, July 17-	–Saturday, July 18   6 PM - 8 AM
Have fun with your friends playing games and watchir	ng movies. Registration & a signed parental permission slip are required.
Game Time: Star Wars - Saturday, July 18   2-4 P	M

### Adult Programs

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tuesday, July 7 | 4:30 PM Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, July 11 | 1 PM Magic: The Gathering - Saturday, July 11 | 6-9 PM Come visit the A.V. Sorensen Branch for an after hours Magic: The Gathering free play night! Snacks and door prizes will be provided. Registration required. Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, July 18 | 1 PM Basic Cake Decorating - Friday, July 31 | 6-7 PM Learn basic cake decorating skills. All supplies included. Registration required.



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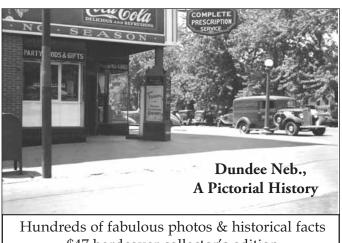
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