

Next In Person DMPA Meeting November 14th

Speakers:

City of Omaha

The mayor, council members in our district and city engineers are invited to talk about the roundabouts planned for Farnam. As of press time we don't know who will be there.

Location and times:
Brownell Talbot School
400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd
7:00 pm Meeting
Bring a friend or two.

Meetings will now be held quarterly the second Monday of the month.



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December 1st, 2022
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Letter From the President

John Ashford Johnnyash 5@gmail.com

Hi Neighbor!

How does the city of Omaha city government work? I have always pictured something akin to the NBC comedy show Parks and Rec, but embarrassingly I must admit I don't know much about the mechanisms and structures in place that run our city. This is even made more embarrassing by the fact that I am a lawyer that works for The City of Omaha. I watch virtually every city council meeting on Tuesdays. I know quite a few folks that work at the City. However, I have no idea who decides most things including where roundabouts will be built.

Peter Manhart, Adam Langdon, Jim McGee and the DMPA started the "Fix Farnam" safety campaign over six years ago. I was a part of the meetings and the simple ask was to make Farnam "2 way all day!". We met with neighbors, city leadership, UNMC leadership and paid for signs that were placed along the Farnam Street corridor. Years passed and the signs had mostly been taken down and neighbors had moved on. Most people conceded Farnam would remain as it was since 1958 with temporary one way travel during the week.

Early last year a safety study was conducted on the corners of 50th and 52nd and Farnam Streets. Next, a meeting was held at UNO with city engineers laying out 3 options for fixing Farnam. The two that were most discussed were adding roundabouts at 50th and 52nd and adding a turn lane. The option that was not presented was two way all day with no build. In response, the DMPA authored a letter in May to all city leadership and city engineers that stated we wanted what we dubbed "option 4".

Option 4 was our proposed pilot program that simply made Farnam like every other neighborhood street in town with 2 way traffic and removal of the one way signage. Our pitch was that if it didn't work in a year we would ask to look at options and if it did work the city would save millions of dollars and not have to take property from homeowners. Our local council members had a meeting with city leadership the day before the mayor announced the roundabouts and Councilmember Begley inquired about our proposed pilot program. The city's response was Option 4 wasn't a feasible option. I believed at the time that this was the end of the story and started focusing on how we can make the roundabouts as safe and aesthetically consistent with our historic neighborhood as possible.

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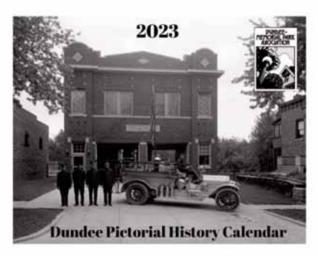
So is it over? Does the mayor's office have unilateral power to make the decision? What I have learned is yes and also no. My understanding is the city council can only vote up or down on who builds the roundabouts. They can not vote for other construction alternatives. In essence, if the council votes no on all builders, the project does not move forward, but then nothing will be done to address the intersections that have been proven to be twice as dangerous as an average intersection in Omaha. If the council approves a builder, the roundabouts move forward.

Therefore, we have invited the mayor, council members in our district and city engineers to come to our next in person DMPA meeting on November 14th at 7PM at Brownell Talbot to help our membership understand the process and the reason for the decisions that have been made so far. We would love for you to come and have the opportunity to have your questions answered by the folks that have the answers.

*CORRECTION: Last month's newsletter stated that there were no State Senators up for reelection in our neighborhood. Incumbent Senator Megan Hunt is running against challenger Marilyn Asher for a legislative seat that represents part of the DMPA boundary. I personally apologize to both candidates and wish them both the best of luck in our upcoming election!

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Announcing the 2023 Historic Dundee Calendar



Dundee History Calendar

13 photos plus lots of historical facts by Jim McGee

Calendars will be sold at the November 14th DMPA meeting for \$15 cash or check and at Lights on Dundee for \$15 cash, check or credit card. They will be \$15 at AB's, the Bank, and Elmwood Pharmacy. They will be \$20 via the website and mailed.

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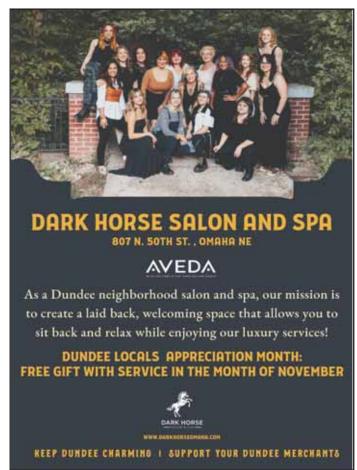
"Lights on Dundee - Gingerbread

House"

Facebook event.

- 1. Create a Gingerbread House (or whatever structure inspires you!) out of any edible* materials of your choosing. *75% of materials used must be edible. They won't be eaten but this is the concept of a Gingerbread House!
- 2. Submit a picture of your creation to LightsonDundee@gmail.com before November 29 at Dundee Candle Co. Include the name and age. These pictures will be your official entry and displayed in merchant windows.









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Sweet Potato Harvest at the Community Garden

by Mary Green

Happy November from the Dundee Community Garden! We wrapped up our gardening season with a fantastic sweet potato harvest at the end of September—harvesting 950 pounds of sweet potatoes! We donated 300 pounds of sweet potatoes to our neighbors at the Underwood Tower. We also filled the "produce donation box" at the community garden a couple times over with sweet potatoes for the community. Moreover, we donated an additional 260 pounds of fresh produce including tomatoes, squash, beans, collards, kale, and radishes to our Underwood Tower neighbors over the growing season.

With the onset of fall we've cleared out the vegetable plots to protect against overwintering diseases and pests, composting as much as we can but putting any diseased plants in our yard waste cart. We leave the vegetation in the flower beds standing over the winter, as it provides food and shelter for overwintering wildlife and insects.

This year we made a \$1500 restoration to our iconic entranceway, with a better outdoor stain applied to the wooden supports, so that our entranceway should last for a long time. We're also in the process of replacing our yellow wooden sign along Underwood Ave. with a nearly identical baked metal sign with a permanent finish. This new sign should last for many years without necessitating the frequent touch-up paint jobs of the current sign. We're grateful to the Sherwood Foundation for their grant of \$1000 towards the sign replacement, and we'll be matching that with another \$1200 from donations.

Our membership fees cover only our basic necessities: water, insurance, website, and if we're lucky, snow removal. Anything beyond that, including maintaining our entranceway, replacing our yellow sign, providing plants, seeds, compost, and straw for our donation plots and neighbor garden, comes from donations. We're grateful to the community for their ongoing support, and we're always accepting donations through our website or the Share Omaha site. Please consider DCG when making your Giving Tuesday donations in November.









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Thank you to all that helped remove 490 Flower Baskets before 10am today(Oct 8th). Volunteers included Dan Rock, Kenny Champoux, Matt Conn, Ryan Hart, Craig Maher, Joe Eby, Chad Ahlvers, Gene Gard, Dave Schnizel, Cody Raml, and Andy Kane.

Great workout and the weather warmed up nicely. We will start the campaign for collecting donations for the 2023 baskets in November. You are welcome to give as little or as much as you like on our website... https://www.dundee-memorialpark.org/donate





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Fall Cleanup

We survived another clean up day with very little hitches. Unlike the years past where we had 50-100% precipitation, the weather was wonderful. The city has changed some components for the day such as metal recycling. In the past, we would ask a scrapper to supply trailers and take all metal, this year the city contracted with Abe's trash service to accept all metal and appliances. We also were designated as the appliance drop off so you can imagine the efforts on all of the volunteers backs were stretched to the max. Unfortunately we will not have an option to waive this service in the future and it will float from neighborhood to neighborhood.

We initially thought that football Saturday and being the fall, cleanup traffic would be slower and I said that out loud so you can imagine what happened, we got slammed. We filled 3 - 20 yard roll off dumpsters with appliances and metals and 3.5 city trash trucks. This year we had 2 individuals from the city there all day and they were keeping stats on appliances. I didn't get the final #'s but will tell you that portable de-humidifiers were the hot item of recycle this year. We had to start turning people away around 1:45 or we would have never gotten out of there. We did empty the final vehicle at 2:00 so we did fulfill our time obligation. In the end we raised \$850.00 and will be depositing today. I would like to thank Peter Manhart, Larry Rowland, David Schinzel, Nate Dickerson and Clay Wulf for their wonderful efforts. Everyone had prior obligations but they juggled all to participate. Jokingly I think that some of the donations should go towards the participants and getting massages!!!!

Thank you all, Wiff

Additional Security Camera Added to Dodge St. Subway

By Dave Schinzel

A 4th security camera was installed over the summer at the south interior entrance of the Dodge St. Subway. There had been some incidents and unwanted activity taking place at the south entrance because people realized the interior camera on the north end was too far away to capture this activity on camera. The new camera now provides complete coverage of the interior of the tunnel.

During the installation, there were some electrical issues that resulted in power being lost to the tunnel for nearly two weeks in August. Through the efforts of Councilman Danny Begley, the City and OPPD worked to fully restore power to the tunnel.

Special thanks to the Omaha Community Foundation which generously provided a \$3,500 grant to DMPA for this project. The Midtown Neighborhood Alliance also provided \$700 through a neighborhood mini-grant and long-time DMPA supporter and past president Bob Welk gave \$100. Without their generous support, this project would not have happened.

DMPA also wants to express our on-going appreciation for the camera monitoring services generously donated by Carlson, West & Povondra Architects for the subway cameras.

Camera Project Financials

Income

Omaha Community Foundation Midtown Neighborhood Alliance Bob Welk	\$3,500.00 \$700.00 \$100.00
DMPA	\$63.00
Total Expenses	\$4,363.00
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Total	\$4,363.00



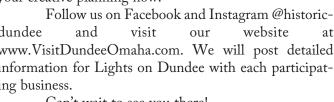
Lights on Dundee

The Dundee Merchants Association invites you to take a stroll through Dundee and check out your local businesses at our annual Light's on Dundee, a free event on Thursday, December 1st from 4pm-8pm.

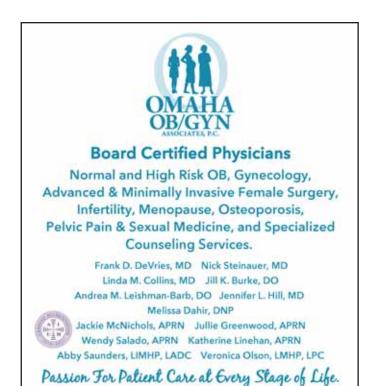
Our kickoff to the holiday season will include pictures with and letters to Santa, hayrack rides, holiday window displays, and lots of Holiday sweets!

Many businesses have teamed up with local charities and will be giving out drinks/food in return for your donations. Several school choirs, including St. Cecilia's, Omaha Central, Marian, and Brownell Talbot will treat crowds with Christmas caroling throughout the evening, And finally, the Annual gingerbread house contest, open to all ages, will be displayed throughout the area so begin your creative planning now!

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Historic Dundee Calendar

The limited edition 2023 DMPA Dundee History Calendar will be ready for Christmas.

Dundee's 152-year history began in 1870 when John Nelson Hayes Patrick built's 33-room mansion west of Omaha. Patrick decided to cash in on the 1880s land boom and hired Shannon Brothers of Kansas City to build six homes. They selected the name Dundee Place from a successful Kansas City development which was named after Dundee, Scotland. On December 8, 1894, Dundee was incorporated as a village. Dundee became part of Omaha on June 15, 1915. Dundee's streetcar history began with a mile-long horse line in 1891 and ended in 1955. Business districts developed near the streetcar lines.

Dundee's oldest park, Elmwood Park, was acquired in 1889. Memorial Park was dedicated in 1948. The Dundee-Happy Hollow Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. The Historic District's period of historical significance began in 1870 and ended in 1854.

The 2023 Dundee history calendar includes an array of historic Dundee photographs that were recently acquired from the Durham Museum, the Truman Museum; and a1955 Dundee photo of a streetcar on Underwood by William Kratville, Omaha's renowned streetcar photographer.

The 2023 Dundee History Calendar will be available

- for \$15.00 cash or check only at the November 14, 2022 Dundee-Memorial Park Association's meeting at Brownell Talbot;
- for \$15.00 cash, check, or credit card at Lights on Dundee December 1, 2022 where association volunteers be assisting Eric Kaplan, the event coordinator of merchant's materials.
- for \$15.00 purchase at AB's and the Dundee Bank on Underwood; and the Elmwood Pharmacy, 5203 Leavenworth;
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"\$295,000 "	529 S 51st Avenue	2	2	0		"1,828"
"\$331,510 "	5022 Izard Street	4	2	2		"2,330"
"\$401,500 "	5152 Jones Street	3	3	1		"2,376"
"\$415,000 "	6492 Cuming Stre	et	3	2	2	"1,836"
"\$455,000 "	120 S 50 Street	4	4	2		"2,544"
"\$455,000 "	6241 Underwood	Ave	4	4	2	"2,922"
"\$467,000 "	6901 Cuming Stre	et	3	4	4	"2,095"
"\$475,000 "	5120 Izard Street	4	5	2		"2,517"
"\$545,000 "	5122 Nicholas Stre	eet	3	3	3	"2,543"
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"\$260,000 "	4853 Cuming St	3	2	0	2.5 Story	"1,533"
"\$260,000 "	1101 N 50 Avenue	e3	3	1	1.5 Story	"1,525"
"\$263,200 "	4807 Webster St	3	2	1	2 Story	"1,558"
"\$330,000 "	4825 California St	3	2	1	2 Story	"1,920"
"\$345,000 "	5107 Nicholas St	3	2	1	2 Story	"2,245"
"\$375,000 "	1124 N 60 Street	4	3	3	R Ranch	"2,904"
"\$400,000 "	712 Sunset Trail	3	3	2	R Ranch	"2,062"
"\$425,000 "	610 S 57 Street	5	3	2	2.5 Story	"2,345"
"\$455,000 "	6241 Underwood	4	4	2	2 Story	"2,922"
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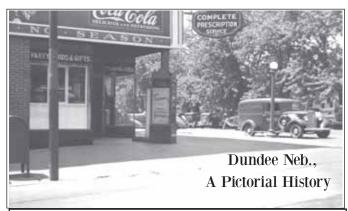
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