

# DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



**No DMPA  
Meetings Until  
September 14th**

**Have a Great Summer!**

**1st Annual Association  
Picnic- September 6th**



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**Dundee Day  
August 29th**

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## Dundee-Memorial Park Association Newsletter

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### President's Message

**T**he dog days of summer are here...but I have to say, so far it has been terrific! Not too hot for too long and with decent amounts of rain. I was talking with a new neighbor up the street the other day, who moved in from Kansas, and she said she loved Omaha and Nebraska weather! I informed her that she had not experienced Omaha and Nebraska weather to this point. She laughed and said, "But I know it will come." Yes, it will come...and I'll bet it is in August!

In July I introduced the idea of an Association gathering/picnic to be held on September 6 from 2 to 4 pm in Elmwood Park. Planning is continuing for games/activities. We have rented the pavilion in case of rain or the need for shade. The Association will furnish ice cream and a selection of toppings, along with cones, cups and spoons...also iced tea, lemonade, glasses and water. Bearing in mind the mid-afternoon timing of the event, bring the food of your choice and picnic with your neighbors. This is a first time, trial event...we'll see what develops for future years. Contact Ben Rouch ([ben-dadarouch@cox.net](mailto:ben-dadarouch@cox.net)) with questions, comments, suggestions or ideas about the event. Additional details may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Dundee Day celebration is fast approaching and planning continues. August 29th is the date. The Dundee Merchants Association is planning an event which begins with a pancake breakfast, followed by a parade with Rene, from the Bread Oven, (elected during SPRING FLING as "Mayor of Dundee") as Grand Marshall. Displays, games, crafts, live music, and food and drinks are among the many activities planned for the day. Mark your calendar and plan to attend and enjoy this event. Details and schedule appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

The flower baskets are beauuuuuutiful...and so are all of the street island flower beds. The folks that till, plant, weed, water and otherwise maintain these beds deserve a HUGE thank you. I hate to miss someone but I want to recognize the folks who's names I have...so give an enthusiastic ATTABOY/GIRL to the following: Jan Neuman, Joyce Egan, Bob Burback, Lauren Kotulak Bartels, Thomas Kenny, Nick and Caroline Manhart, The Hustons, Jon Gawecki, Dan Rock, Friz and Millie Miller, Ellen Zinn, Brandy Nygaard, Sarah Haskell, Connie and Damon Osborne, Lisa and Gregg Hobday, John and Jackie Gerard, Don and Rita Otis. Elaine Pohren, Joe Hazel. If you are part of this group and I left you out, I'm sorry, but I didn't know...and thank you! Take some time and drive around...you'll be amazed. Locations include: 48th and Underwood, 53rd and Davenport, 54th and Chicago, Chicago and Underwood, 52nd and Nicholas,

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The Dundee NCE (Neighborhood Conservation Enhancement) is moving toward an appointment with the City Council. An NCE is an overlay of base zoning and applies for new construction and major rehabilitation. NCE districts vary in size, depending on location, but are primarily intended to help conserve neighborhood commercial centers which evolved along historic streetcar lines. An NCE might help to allow a more historic form of development not allowed by current zoning. This district plan is intended to "fine tune" zoning regulations for certain areas to promote development which preserves and enhances the existing character of the area and encourages an active pedestrian environment. Stay tuned.

Several days ago I received an email from Jed Moulton, Manager of Urban Design for the Omaha Planning Department, inquiring as to whether the Association might wish to partner on a project to bring street trees and pedestrian scale street lighting to a section of Dodge Street from Happy Hollow Boulevard to about 60th Street. Having walked this section of Dodge from my home to my job at UNO for many of the past forty years, I thought...great day in the morning!...what an opportunity to improve the quality of life in this area. Having now polled the Board of Directors, we think we would like to move forward with this project. There are many questions to be answered and much work to do and we will be calling on the membership for many forms of help but we think this is a terrific opportunity to help implement urban design zoning for this significant corridor. Stay tuned!

Finally, a word about fall programming...September will be here soon. On September 14 our guest will be Maria Zellmer, Coordinator of Volunteers, Interns and Community Events for the Omaha Police Department. Come and find out about opportunities to interact in a positive way with our police officers. On October 12 we will hear from former Husker line backer and new UNO Athletic Director, Trev Alberts. Hear what Trev has in mind as he goes about revitalizing the Maverick Athletic program and continuing the development of the hockey program, including a new conference affiliation. On November 9

we will be honored to host Hal France, former Artistic Director of Opera Omaha, who has a new position as Executive Director of The Kaneko, a new creative arts center in the Old Market, which houses the "Bow Truss Room", a fine, new home for gallery, performance, conference and entertainment events. Be stimulated with Hal's observations on the creative environment.

I hope your beautiful summer continues into a fine fall. See you in September...and take care.

Bob Welk

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## Doc on the Block

What is ADHD? (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)

ADHD is a biological brain disorder. The exact cause is not known, but it does tend to run in families. Everyone has symptoms of ADHD, especially children, but people with the condition have more chronic symptoms that interfere with their daily life at work, home, or school. There are two basic types of ADHD, inattentive and hyperactive. People can have one or the other, or both combined. The inattentive types are often distracted, careless, disorganized, and forgetful. The hyperactive types fidget, squirm, run about or climb too much, and have trouble being quiet.

ADHD is diagnosed by doctors who use questionnaires, medical history, physical exam, and an established set of diagnostic criteria. To meet the criteria the behaviors must not be age-appropriate, they must appear before age 7, they must interfere with performance in at least 2 settings such as work, home, or school, and the behaviors must be present for 6 months or longer. ADHD often co-exists with other conditions such as learning disorders, oppositional defiant disorder, anxiety, and depression.

ADHD is treated with a combination of strategies. Behavioral therapy helps the person learn new and more effective habits and skills, using specific behavior

goals. Counseling can help with self-esteem and negative feelings that may come with ADHD, and which can affect the entire family. Education of everyone involved about ADHD is very important. Medications are not used to treat everyone with ADHD, but it is a common treatment, and studies show that it works well for most people, especially when combined with the other treatments. Most medications for ADHD are stimulants which help the brain's chemical message carriers (neurotransmitters) work better. They are very safe and carry no long term side effects. Medications can help a person focus their attention but they don't cure ADHD or teach the person new behaviors or skills.

ADHD is a real disorder supported by years of medical research which occurs in people of high and low intelligence. It is not caused by poor parenting. It is probably under-diagnosed, as it affects 3-5% of school-aged children, and many adults as well. Ignoring ADHD is not a good idea because studies show that people with ADHD are more prone to alcohol and drug abuse, school and work problems, difficulty with personal relationships, and even criminal behavior. If you think that you or your child may have ADHD, you should consult with your doctor.

Pat Specht, M.D.

Children's Physicians Dundee



I have a quibble with the architectural design of most new houses. It's the garages. Have you noticed how the garage dominates the façade of the average suburban home?

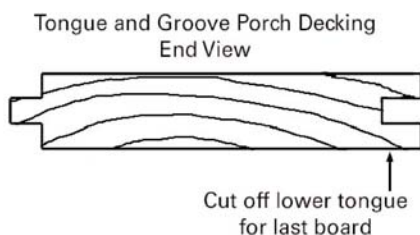
Typically, a double, triple or even a quad bay garage juts out from the house while the front door is almost hidden, tucked away from the front of the house and sometimes located at the end of a narrow corridor. It's as if to say: "Cars are welcome here, but not people."

Despite some of the inconveniences, I like the old houses with old detached garages parked on the back property line. What I like even better is an expansive front porch on an old house. A house like this says: "People are welcome. In fact, why not sit a spell and have a glass of lemonade."

But front porches take a lot of abuse exposed as they are to the tough Nebraska weather. If you have an old porch with a wood deck that has some soft, punky, rotting wood you need to repair it right away. If you don't then water can get to the joists supporting the floor deck and when those rot your problems have increased exponentially (and the cost of repairs is going to skyrocket, too).

Luckily, repairing a section of bad porch deck is within the capabilities of any homeowner who is comfortable operating a circular saw. So let's get started.

Most vintage porch floors are covered with 1 X 4 tongue and groove decking boards which look like this:



First you'll need to remove the damaged boards, and because the tongues and grooves interlock, you'll need to make a circular saw cut the length of one of the damaged boards. Set the blade depth to the thickness of the deck boards (so you don't cut into the joists). Rip the entire length of one of the damaged boards. (If you just cut out the dam-

aged length you'll have an unsightly patchwork of small lengths of wood.) Cut in the middle of the board to avoid hitting nails. The bottom plate of the circular saw will stop the cut a few inches from the side of the house, so use a wood chisel to split the remainder of the cut board. Then work a narrow pry bar into the saw kerf and pull up one of the board halves. With the first board out of the way, you can get to the other damaged boards with a hammer and a crow bar and pull them out.

Pre-prime the replacement boards with an oil-based (alkyd) primer. I like to prime both sides of the boards and the edges, even though they won't be seen, because it provides a little extra protection from the elements.

Cut your first board to length and place it into the board on the side of your opening with the groove visible. (We want to end up with the last edge as a groove, not a tongue.) Apply construction adhesive on the tops of the joists with a caulking gun. Gently tap the new board into place using a hammer and block of scrap wood. Toenail (drive at an angle) 8d finish nails into the tongue at each joist. By toenailing into the tongues the nail heads will be hidden. As you lay in each additional board make sure it fits in tight. You may have to coax it with a clamp or a pry bar to compensate for warp.

When you get to the last board, cut off the lower tongue using your circular saw fitted with a rip guide or a table saw with a rip fence, so this last board can drop into place. This board will have to be face nailed with the nail heads counter sunk and filled. You may need to sand the new boards with a power sander to level them with the existing floor. Re-prime the sanded boards, top coat with two coats of an oil-based deck enamel and make a pitcher of lemonade.


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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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# Dundee Community Garden

## Dundee Community Garden August Update

The Dundee Community Garden, at 49th & Underwood, is thriving! Stop by to see the tremendous variety of vegetables we've got growing. Our corn is tall, and our teepee is covered with gourd vines. Be sure to check out the scarecrows we made at our July watermelon party.

Our gardeners are reaping their crops, and we're making weekly donations of fresh produce to local food pantries from the community plots.

Last but not least, visit our booth at Dundee Day to purchase some fresh, local produce. We'll have a gardening expert at our booth who can answer your gardening questions. And we'll have Chico re-usable bags for sale for \$5 as an eco-friendly fundraiser.

Sharon Conlon and Mary Green, co-directors



Above: Jo Bartikoski severs watermelon to community members.

Upper Left: Produce donated to Food Bank

Lower Left: Patrick Nolan (left) and Eric Williams hold up tomatoes from their gardens.





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Contact: Sherri Petersen 402.932.7200

## 2008 DUNDEE DAY SATURDAY AUGUST 29th

### PARADE APPLICATION

Please help us have a happy, well-organized Dundee Days Parade. We plan to start the parade at 10:30 A.M. at the entrance to Memorial Park. Participants need to fill out this application and return it to the Dundee Dell as soon as possible along with your check. Each participant group must pay \$10.00 with checks payable to Dundee Merchants Association.

### Everyone is welcome!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DMPA Library Community Center Committee

### Community Matters!

Our center has been bursting at the seams this summer. Children, teens, and adults are using the services reflecting increasing needs during the current economic downturn.

The city budget is being finalized. The public hearing is August 11th. Let your city council representative and the Mayor know how important it is to maintain current services not to cut hours or close facilities. Councilmen serving the Dundee area are:

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## Dundee Day Book Sale

to benefit Sorensen Library-Center  
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Book donations are needed for this annual event  
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Books may be delivered to the Dundee Bank  
beginning August 24th.

(Please do not deliver to the library  
as there is no storage space.)

Volunteers will be needed at the Book Booth on  
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with questions or to volunteer for a shift.

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