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**No DMPA
Meetings
Until September**

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**Dundee Day
September 28th**

Watch for details next month.

Pancake breakfast

Parade starts at 10:30 A.M.

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Letter From the President

As we head into the Dog Days of August, it is hard to believe school will be starting in a couple of weeks. Again this year Dundee has been so fortunate to have our flower baskets adorning our neighborhood this summer. None of these flowers baskets could have been possible year in and year out without the many volunteers who give their time to serve as block captains to collect donations, plant over 450 baskets in March and provide water and fertilizer through the heat of summer. I especially want to thank Jen Goodman who has headed up the planting of the baskets, Peter Manhart who coordinates the block captains and the collecting of funds to pay for the baskets and Dan Rock and the entire Rock Family who have given countless hours hanging and watering the baskets. Without their dedication, we could never pull this large of a project off each year.

After coordinating the flower basket plantings the past couple of years, Jen Goodman has decided to step aside. Thank you Jen for a job well done! This means we are looking someone to step up and take on organizing the flower basket planting which takes place on a Friday and Saturday in the middle of March at Indian Creek Nursery. This position entails coordinating with Indian Creek Nursery, arranging for food and drink donations from area merchants and organizing volunteers to do the planting. Jen has graciously offered to assist in helping answer any questions the new coordinator may have. If this is something you might be interested in taking on, please let me know at drschinzel@hotmail.com or 402-551-3742. This is a great way to get involved with one of the signature projects of Dundee-Memorial Park.

DMPA re-started in June our Welcome to the Neighborhood packets which are sent out to new residents of Dundee. We all know what a great neighborhood we have and the DMPA Board thought it was worthwhile to re-start this effort to connect with our new residents to let them know what DMPA is doing in the neighborhood and to get them involved. My wife Mibby has agreed to take on this project as Welcome Chair. I want to thank the Dundee Dell, eCreamery, the Healthy Kids Alliance, the Dundee Gallery and Denim Saloon for providing welcome gifts for the packets.

DMPA completed another successful tree planting project on June 22nd. This is the 5th tree planting project that we have completed in Dundee in connection with the Re-Tree Midtown project of the Midtown Neighborhood Alliance. A special thanks to Jake Runyon of Troop 42 and all of the volunteers who showed up to plant trees. We were able to get 23 new trees planted in about an hour.

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President's Message

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One thing that has become very clear through these five projects is the strong interest in Dundee for more tree planting. While the Re-Tree Midtown project has been a great benefit to our neighborhood, we still have a tremendous need for additional plantings. Because of the strong interest I have received for expanding our plantings, DMPA is going to look at possibly taking this type of project on our own. There are many obstacles that will need to be overcome, not the least of which is finding funding for such a project. We have a large neighborhood with many desirable locations for tree plantings. There is no question that such a project would cost at least \$100,000 based on what the costs have been for the previous plantings. The first step will need to be a professional planting plan for each block in the neighborhood (minus the blocks that have already been planted) in order to get an idea of what our costs will be. Where we save significant money is having volunteer labor plant the trees which is no small undertaking. Our neighborhood is at an important crossroads as the aging Silver Maples reach the end of their life spans. We faced a similar situation in the 1960's when the

Elms were wiped out by disease. If we want to continue to have a great tree canopy, we will need a neighborhood-wide commitment.

Normally as we head into August we are looking forward to the annual Dundee Day celebration at the end of the month. Because of the renovation project in the Dundee Business District, this year's Dundee Day has been moved back to Saturday, September 28th. We normally have the best weather of the year in late September so hopefully we will not have the scorching heat we have had in past years for Dundee Day. Before you get worried how you will watch the Husker football game and be at Dundee Day at the same time, there is no Husker game on September 28th so you can spend the entire day in Downtown Dundee.

As always, if you have any neighborhood concern or issue, please do not hesitate to let me or any other board member know.

Dave Schinzel

Dundee Community Garden

DCG Ice Cream Social & Tour de Garden

Join the Dundee Community Garden for our annual Ice Cream Social on Sat. Aug. 10, 3-5 p.m. at the DCG, at 49th & Underwood. We'll have delicious eCreamery ice cream for making your own sundaes with all the toppings, including homemade hot fudge sauce, for \$1. We'll also have free face painting for the kids. Thank you to eCreamery for donating the ice cream for this event.

This will be a great opportunity to see what's new at the garden. In addition, you're welcome to visit the garden at any time to see what's growing.

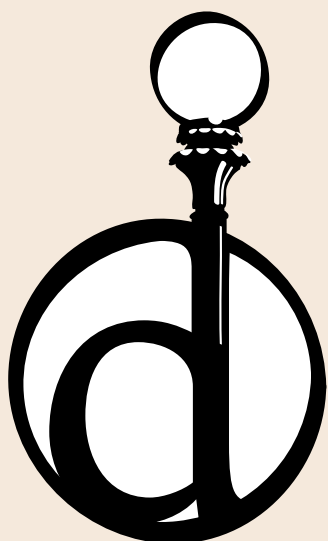
We're looking forward to hosting cyclists at the DCG for the second annual Tour de Garden on Sept. 1. Climb on your bicycle and come see what's growing all over Midtown! There is more information on the Tour de Garden in this newsletter.

We send a big "Thank You" to Indian Creek Nursery and Cirian's Farmers Market for their donations of flowers and vegetables used in planting the new "Neighbor Garden" along the Underwood side of the garden. Need a pepper or tomato for dinner? Maybe some fresh basil or other herb? This section of the garden will be a place where neighbors, and people walking by the garden, will be welcome to pick a handful of herbs or a couple of vegetables for their own use. Just planted mid-July, this garden area should have things ready for picking by mid-August.

Thank you to the many community members who have supported, and continue to support, the garden. We are continuing to accept donations, which will be used for additional improvements that were not part of our original grant request. It's not too late to support the Growing Roots campaign, and your donation will make a difference! Donate on-line at dundee garden.org or send checks, made out to DCG, to DCG c/o Jo Bartikoski, 1614 N. 53rd St., Omaha, NE 68104.

Dundee Community Garden is a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Donations of \$150 and over will earn you a spot on the permanent plaque in the garden.

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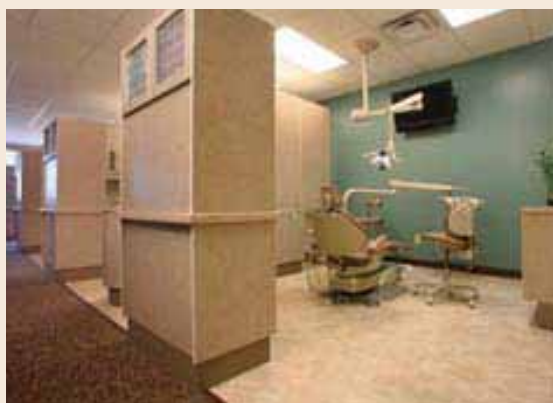
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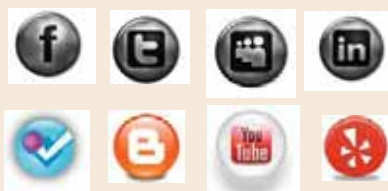
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Happy Hollow Blvd & Dodge Island Renovation Completed

Work was completed by Indian Creek Nursery the first week of June on the renovation of the island at Happy Hollow & Dodge. Funding for this project was provided by the Mutual of Omaha Foundation which we are very grateful. New soil and edging was installed along with new varieties of plantings and mulch. A special thanks to Joe Hazel who has been watering the new plantings as they get established.



New Trees for Dundee

The 5th Re-Tree Midtown project in Dundee was completed on Saturday, June 22nd. Boy Scout Jake Runyon from Troop 42 organized about 30 volunteers to plant 23 new shade trees along Capitol Avenue, Davenport Street and Chicago Street between 50th St. and 52nd St. All trees were provided to homeowners free of charge. The project was funded through a \$4,000 Mayor's Grant and a grant from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. A special thanks to Jake and everyone who helped out to plant these new trees!





It's the seemingly simple repair jobs in an old house that can drive you crazy. (As my wife would say, "Short drive, huh?"")

Take doors, for example. There doesn't seem to be much to them—a slab of wood pivoting on hinges. How complicated can that be? Actually, door geometry can be complex and at times downright frustrating. All the parts have to fit just right or maybe the door won't swing correctly, or perhaps the lock won't latch, or possibly you're having the same problem as Joe, a reader of this column:

Dear OHM,

When we moved into our house we decided to reverse one of the bathroom doors-re-hang it so it opened to the left instead of the right.

We took the hinges off, switched the knob mechanism (and disabled the lock so our little boy can't lock himself in) and mortised the hinges into the jamb on the opposite side. It hangs great and shuts, but the hinges seem to be "spring loaded" now, like there is a slight tension pushing back when we close the door. Nothing really binds or rubs that I can see and the door shuts and latches just fine, I just can't figure out what's up. Any ideas??

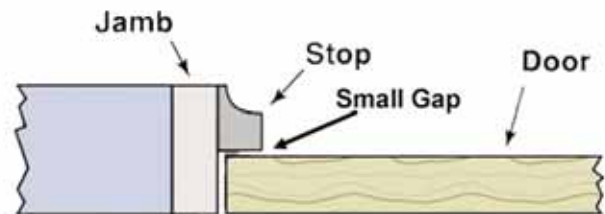
I enjoy the column in the DMPA newsletter-I always look to see if there's something I can use.

*Thanks
Joe Holm
50th & Izard St*

Hi, Joe....

There are a couple of things I would look at on your door. One, is the door binding a little against the stop? The stop is the thin wood trim that limits the swing of the door,

hence the name stop. There should be a small gap between the door and the stop all the way around the full perimeter of the door. I use a matchbook cover to set the gap. To check this close the door and slip a matchbook cover between the door and the stop and then slide the cover all the way around the door. If it won't slide past any point, this is where it's binding. To correct the problem carefully pry the stop loose and then re-nail it in the proper position again using the matchbook cover to set the gap. Even a little binding can cause the "spring-loaded effect you are experiencing.



If the stop is okay, then the second place I'd look is at the hinge mortises. (The hinge-sized spaces chiseled into the doorframe.) If they are too shallow or too deep, this can also cause the door to spring back a little. Look closely at the hinges when they are closed. There should be a small gap between the hinge leaves. And when the door is open, typically the hinge leaves should be flush with the door-jamb. You can adjust the mortises by chiseling out a little wood if they are too shallow or shimming them out if they are too deep. A thin piece of cardboard cut to the size of the hinge leaf makes a good shim.

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Yoga Storytime - Thursday, August 1 | 10:30 AM

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Movie Day - Tuesdays, August 6 & 13 | 1 PM

Enjoy popcorn while watching a movie at the Library. (All Ages)

August 6: *Wreck It Ralph*

August 13: *Brave*

Fit Club - Saturday, August 3 | 2 PM

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

Lego Club - Wednesdays, August 7 & 21 | 4:30 PM

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

Battleship Tournament - Friday, August 9 | 1 PM

See if you can outlast all of your friends in a Battleship tournament! Registration required.

Back to School Craft for Kids - Tuesday, August 13 | 3 PM

Have fun making a back to school craft at the Library. Registration required.

Game Time - Saturday, August 24 | 2-4 PM

Come to the Library and select which of our Xbox 360, Kinect or Wii games you want to play with your friends!

Teen Programs

Apples to Apples Tournament - Friday, August 2 | 1 PM

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Battleship Tournament - Friday, August 9 | 1 PM

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Cooking for Teens: Pancakes & Waffles - Saturday, August 10 | 2 PM

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

Game Time - Saturday, August 24 | 2-4 PM

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Adult Programs

Scrabble - Thursdays | 1 PM

Join us at the Library for some fun with the classic board game Scrabble!

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

Read and discuss *Lust for Life* by Irving Stone.

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

Read and discuss *The Home Place* by Wright Morris.

HisMys Book Club - Saturday, August 10 | 10:30 AM

Read and discuss *Clea's Moon* by Edward Wright.

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

Read and discuss *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* by Lorna Landvik.

Movie Day: Downton Abbey

Join us at the Library for snacks & refreshments while watching the 1st season of Downton Abbey. Each episode will be shown twice during the same week.

Thursdays, August 22 - September 26 | 6 PM

Fridays, August 23 - September 27 | 1 PM



The Greater Beth-el Temple church family welcomed Elder Calvin J. Gould, Sr. and his wife, First Lady Valerie Gould, as our new pastor and wife. Our Pastoral Installation Service with the theme Serving God's People: A New Day, A New Beginning, was held on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Our speaker was Bishop Edward C. Price. Elder and First Lady Gould are excited and happy to serve Greater Beth-el Temple and the Omaha metropolitan community.

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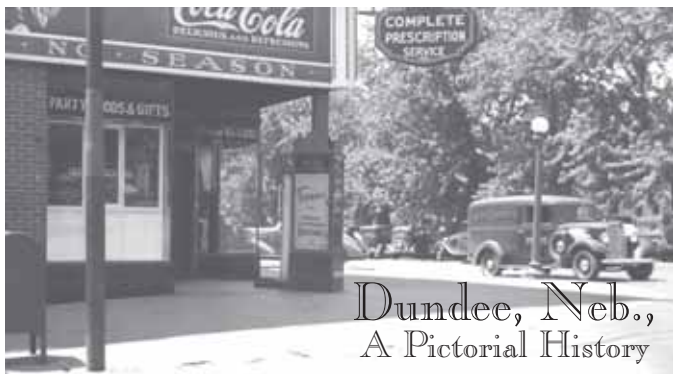
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