

DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



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DMPA No December Meeting

**Next Meeting
January 14th**

Meeting Topic:
The Dundee Community
Garden - Securing the
Garden's future in Dundee

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

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



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Letter From the President

As Season's Greetings to All,

As we approach the end of another year, it is a time for reflection, family gatherings, celebration and planning for the coming year. December always seems to be a very busy month.

From the board members of the association, we send you all our warmest holiday greetings.

November's neighborhood association meeting was very informative. Linda Lovegren (a consultant and former Dundee association board president and resident) and Tim Papstein (with city Public Works Department) gave the group a detailed explanation of the "CSO" – combined sewer separation project that is in process in various parts of the city, with several streets in the southeast portion of Dundee planned for 2013. This project is being publicized as much as possible, and is a huge engineering feat, not to mention, expensive. When completed, we will have done our duty in reducing raw sewage flowing into the Missouri River and many homes will no longer have sewage back up into their basements. When we think of the infrastructure of our city and how long ago some of it was built, it makes sense that replacement is required eventually.

Speaking of replacing some infrastructure, when construction begins on the Dundee streetscape project, MUD will be coordinating with the contractor to replace the water lines from 49th Street to 51st Street, along the north side of Underwood Avenue. The original lines were put in place when the first Dundee residents moved in expecting running water in their kitchens and bathrooms. This will be a "once in our lifetime" part of the project, and should serve us for another 100 years.

And speaking of 100 years, in mid-November, Dundee lost one of its centenarians, Evie Zysman. In early October, Evie celebrated her 102nd birthday with a gathering of friends and family. Evie lived in Dundee for almost her entire adult life and was well known to many generations of educators, politicians, social activists, and all stripes of "movers and shakers." On a shelf in her home, she proudly displayed a photo of her with Hillary Clinton. She was deeply loved and admired by many and will be greatly

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Holiday Lights and Decorations

On a beautiful November night with a magnificent full moon lighting the way, the panel of judges set out to find the best available light displays and decorations.

We started our adventure south of Dodge and quickly found a grove of multicolor lighted trees at 303 S. Happy Hollow Blvd. We meandered down each street and found the house at 5225 Jackson with beautiful bright colored packages, wreaths and trees, while at 528 S. 55th St. we saw red and white candy cane lit columns, and snowflakes falling on the inflatable pig with multi-colored trees and bushes at 5605 Jones. On S. 57th Street, three homes, 640, 636 and 607, were all beautifully done in twinkly white lights. Lots of red and multicolored lights adorned the bushes at 317 S. 57th. We found red and green spiral trees and multicolored lights displayed at 316 S. 51st St. and red and white lights wrapped columns with lots of Christmas packages on the porch. It was a white light splendor at 115 S. 51 Ave.

Our tour took us across Dodge where we saw side-by-side marvels at 123 and 119 N. Happy Hollow Blvd. and 107 N. Happy Hollow Blvd. provided us with a green and white tree-lit delight! Pale blue snowflakes adorned the trees at 115 N. 54th while at 109 N. 54th glittering white lights twinkled and abundant snowflakes were displayed in the trees. At the house, 105 N. 54th, we spied Santa Claus on the roof with multi-hued bushes and trees decorating the yard below.

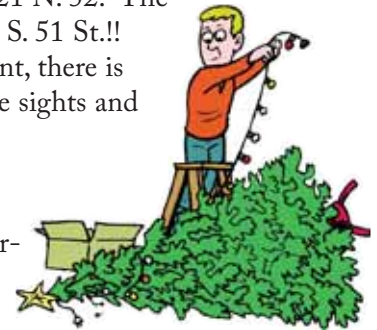
The 5100 block of Cuming always has the tastefully decorated homes at 5114 and 5123, and 5109 Cuming displayed red and white lighted trees with snowflakes. A unique Christmas tree outlined in green lights with packages beneath the tree delights the eye at 5109 Lafayette Ave.

In the Memorial Park area, N. 58th St. was the street with the most decorations at the time of the judging. At 656 N. 58th St. you will find a natural wonderland while up the street, at 664, Santa and his elves will greet you with lots of white lights. The traditional brightly lit Husker goal post can be seen at 674 N. 58th St. and at 731 N. 58th St. white lights adorn a picket fence with red and green lit trees. At 652 N. 59th St. there were beautifully lit blue trees, and lots of holiday lights and multicolored Christmas balls decorated 689 N. 59th St.

Everyone will love the eye-popping display of retro multicolored bulbs at 521 N. 52. The kids will adore the displays of "everything Christmas" at 5120 Underwood and 113 S. 51 St.!!

Whether you are new to the neighborhood or have been a long-time resident, there is nothing like a stroll or drive through the Dundee-Memorial Park area to take in the sights and sounds of the holiday season. It is magical. ENJOY!!!

P.S. Make a special trip to see the magnificent, brightly lit green and blue forest of trees on Hackberry Street between Underwood Ave. and Cuming St. It is a wonderful sight to behold!!



President's Message

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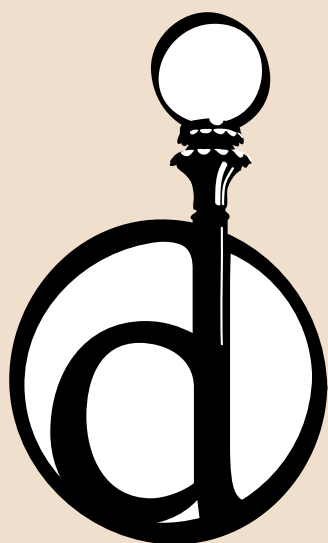
others will stay with us as a benevolent energy for a long time to come. The family is planning a January memorial service for Evie.

In this issue of the newsletter is an exciting announcement from Mary Green about the Dundee Community Garden. The group is raising funds to purchase the corner parcel on which it sits to preserve as green space and a productive garden contributing to the neighborhood and its residents. I encourage you to read Mary's brief article and be as generous as you can be to help the garden secure its future.

One final note, there will be one more public meeting about the streetscape. It will be in January at some date to be determined. At this meeting, the final plans will be shared, with Snyder & Associates making a presentation. There will be announcements, so keep your eyes on the Omaha World-Herald, and if the timing is right, we will announce it in the newsletter.

Have a wonderful holiday, keep safe and warm.

Molly Romero, DMPA President



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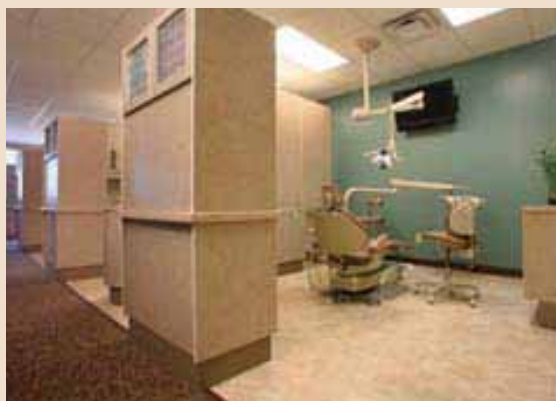
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The Re-Gifts that Keep on Giving...



By Jean Sigler

As I write this, there are only forty-two shopping days until Christmas and I am already close to being finished. In light of the floundering economy, I did all my shopping at garage sales during the summer months, so I not only saved a bundle; I will avoid all the last minute insanity at the malls. I found quite an amazing array of recyclable jimcracks, geegaws and sit-upons on sale for a mere fraction of their real value. I know my loved ones will feel special this Christmas knowing I spent hours searching for the perfect gift for each one of them.

For my husband – a small snow globe with about sixteen flakes of glitter swirling around an old man who is supposedly saying, “I want my “SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT” right friggin’ NOW!” I like this gift as much for the joviality as for the incredibly rich use of style, grammar and punctuation. In one short sentence there is a set of unnecessary quotation marks, an apostrophe to indicate that the old codger dropped his ‘g’, and four words in all caps. This versatile gift could be used for a paper weight or AN “ENGLISH” LESS’N!

For my eldest – a statuette of a dentist, which he is not, and a miniature root beer mug engraved with illustrations from the Virgin Island, where he hasn’t been. Why, you ask? Because when he came back from Ireland where they have lovely woolen sweaters and Belleek giftware, he brought me a Chia Potato. When his travelling companion questioned his choice, my son responded, “Stupid goes a long way in our family.” I guess we’ll see just how far it goes, huh Potato Boy?

For my Irish daughter-in-law – a macramé Celtic knot. I have no idea what earthly use it has, but I couldn’t pass up a knot made out of knots.

For my second son - a lovely shellacked wall plaque which reads, “MOTHER – To one who bears the sweetest name And adds luster to the same, long life to

her, for there’s no other, who takes the place of my Dear Mother.” I guess some would think that this is a gift that should be given to me by my son rather than visa versa, but I think it should hang in his house as a constant reminder of his undying devotion to me. I’m sure he will agree.

My goal when I get gifts for my grandchildren is to find things that will drive their parents to distraction, so. . .

For my six-year-old grandson, Jake – a little battery operated joke teller. Part of the magic of Christmas for me this year will be picturing my son and daughter-in-law grinding their teeth down to tiny nubs as they listen to the same ten knock-knock jokes over and over and over.

For my granddaughter, Izzy – a heart-shaped dish with a frog sitting atop. Embossed along the edge of the heart are the words, “My Prince.” Izzy’s mom is an ardent feminist and sees a great future for her daughter in the business, legal, medical or political world. I think she will be thrilled with a dish that can sit on Izzy’s dresser and hold her notions and girlie what-nots -- a constant reminder that her life will begin when that frog is finally transformed and comes to sweep her away to happily ever after.

That leaves only my daughter. I’m not sure what I’ll give her, but it will be a real gift. Stupid goes absolutely nowhere with her. For a member of this family, she has a woefully underdeveloped sense of the ridiculous.

Happy Holidays to All!

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sparkle can make an old house so much more livable. Just ask Don Wells who lives on South 51st Avenue. Here's Don's story:

Our house was built in about 1922 and the upstairs bath had been remodeled to the point that the tub was the only original item left in it. The toilet, lavatory, tile floor, radiator and tube fixture had all been replaced with second-rate products installed in a shoddy fashion. I started planning in the fall with the intention of taking the bathroom out of service the following summer for remodeling.

The first thing I did was layout the mosaic floor tile design on my computer at work. (I'm a plumbing designer. An unfair advantage I know.) I assembled the pieces on my basement floor so I could simply lay them at the right time. I selected Kohler Memoir style plumbing fixtures that came in the matching tub, toilet, and pedestal sink models. I already had the sink faucet and found a matching tub faucet from Eljer.

The demolition was pretty normal; except that when I broke into the wall at the back of the tub I found a closet that had been covered over. I was glad to have some additional space to work with, as the room isn't too large. The cement subfloor had been removed so I nailed new floor joists to the original ones to bring the floor height to level with the adjacent hallway. I re-piped the sink and the shower and added wiring and a GFI before I put up new drywall. I was able to save two walls of original plaster but I had to drywall the exterior and sink-side

Per square foot, bathrooms are easily the most time consuming and expensive old house renovation projects. But upgrading a bathroom that has lost its

wall after adding insulation, plumbing and wiring. I broke up the tub with a sledgehammer and had absolutely no frustrations left after smashing on that thing for a few hours.

I installed new sub-floor, Durock around the shower, dry-wall and framing at the back of the tub. My neighbors helped me move the new cast iron tub upstairs but I have a feeling they will never help me again after that chore. Still I couldn't have done it without them. After finishing the drywall and Durock, I tiled everything I could without using cut pieces. I then rented a tile saw and cut over 200 pieces in two days to fill in the odd spaces. The motorized tile saw was really fun and I recommend it for all tile jobs, no matter how small. The aggravation it prevented was worth the cost.

The floor tile went in easily after which I grouted the whole room. Then came installing the toilet, sink, lights, medicine cabinet and storage cabinets (which I reused after painting them). I refinished the door and had the door and window hardware re-chromed because they were pretty rusty. I heat-stripped the door trim and window trim and simply repainted them. The bathroom was out of service for about two months but we managed.

Of course, there were about a dozen things that went wrong during the project. There were some spots that didn't turn out as well as I would have liked and I spent more than I had planned (no surprise) but the results were well worth it. My family helped out by being patient and non-judgmental, so I'm allowing them to use the room whenever they please. We'd like to entertain company in this room since it is now the nicest room in the house, but the seating is inadequate.

Only eight more rooms to go!

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On October 28th, over 20 new trees were planted along 52nd Street between Farnam Street and Leavenworth Street through funding from Re-Tree Midtown. A variety of species were planted including Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Autumn Spire Maple, Honeylocust, Linden and Ginkgo. Special thanks to Boy Scout Eli Sturek who organized the planting of the trees.

Dundee-Memorial Park is very grateful for the generous donations to Re-Tree Midtown from the Mayor's Neighborhood Grant, Kiewit Foundation and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. Previous projects funded by Re-Tree Midtown in Dundee-Memorial Park include 52nd Street (Underwood Ave to Capitol Ave), 50th Street (California St. to Leavenworth St.) and 50th Ave & 51st Street (Dodge St. to Howard St.). In 2013, plans are to plant new trees along Capitol Ave, Davenport St. & Chicago St. (50th St. to 52nd St.). These projects guarantee that the tree lined streets for which Dundee-Memorial Park is known, will continue well into the future.



Dave Schinzel

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The Dundee Community Garden has exciting news to share: after four successful years as a garden on the corner of 49th and Underwood, we're going to become a permanent part of the neighborhood! We'd like to announce the kickoff of our Growing Roots campaign to purchase the garden site, keeping a little corner of Dundee as a green space for the entire neighborhood to enjoy.

Over the past four years we've become an integral part of the neighborhood. We offer garden spaces to individuals and families who want to grow their own produce. Each year we donate 10% of the produce from the garden to underserved populations. In 2012, we donated over 450 pounds of fresh organic vegetables to the residents of the Underwood Tower, across the street from the garden. In the four years since we started the garden, we have donated over 1500 pounds of fresh produce to underserved populations.

Each gardening season we offer a series of garden-related workshops that are free and open to the public. In 2012 our workshops included What to Plant and When, Raw Foods, Edible Weeds, and Seed Saving. Additionally, we host public events such as our annual Ice Cream Social and Watermelon Feed, and participate in Dundee Days and the Dundee Day Parade.

With the new Dundee Streetscape, the garden becomes the eastern face of the entrance to the Dundee business district. Won't you please join us in our goal of becoming a permanent part of the neighborhood?

We have a fundraising goal of \$65,000, which will enable us to purchase the property, install water at the site, and make a few other improvements. You'll have a chance to learn more about the garden at the Jan. 14 Neighborhood Association meeting.

Please help the Dundee Community Garden become a permanent part of the Dundee neighborhood. And you can be a permanent part of the garden with a donation of \$150 or more. Donors at the \$150 level will have their names inscribed on a permanent plaque in the garden. Join us in making the Dundee Community Garden a lasting part of the historic Dundee neighborhood by supporting Growing Roots!



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Please make checks payable to DMPA Garden Project. Donations are tax-deductible.

Please return donation form to: DMPA Garden Project, c/o Rose Edzie,
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(While the DCG's application for tax-exempt status is pending [it is applied for], the Dundee-Memorial Park Association (DMPA) has agreed to act a fiscal sponsor for the fundraising activity, so donations made to the DCG are being made to the DMPA on behalf of the garden, and are fully tax deductible.)



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Holiday Crafts for Kids - Saturdays | 1 PM

Have fun at the Library making holiday-themed crafts.

December 1: *Greeting Card Ornaments*

December 15: *Popsicle Stick Names*

December 8: *Christmas Tree Cones*

December 22: *Pipe Cleaner Ornaments*

Fit Club - Saturday, December 1 | 2 PM

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

Science Club - Tuesdays, December 4 & 18 | 5 PM

(Gr. 2-6) Have fun learning about science and doing experiments! In December, we will learn about weather.

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays | 10:15 AM

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

Movie Day - Thursdays | 1 PM

Enjoy popcorn while watching a movie.

December 6: *Arthur Christmas*

December 20: *A Christmas Carol*

December 13: *Elf*

Corduroy Storytime - Friday, December 7 | 10:15 AM

Meet Corduroy at the Library! Read books and sing songs before you get to take a picture with Corduroy at storytime.

Padmini Yoga Storytime - Friday, December 7 | 4:30 PM

Storytime comes alive as we illustrate books with yoga. Suggested for kids up to age 6.

Lego Club - Wednesdays, December 12 & 26 | 4:30 PM

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

Baby & Me Storytime - Fridays, December 14, 21 & 28 | 10:15 AM

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

Teen Programs

Holiday Crafts for Teens

Have fun at the Library making holiday-themed crafts. Registration required.

Wednesday, December 5 | 4:30 PM - *Chocolate-Dipped Candy Canes*

Saturday, December 8 | 1 PM - *Christmas Tree Cones*

Wednesday, December 19 | 4:30 PM - *Oreo Pops*

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) - Saturday, December 15 | 3 PM

Enjoy snacks and refreshments while talking about issues, sharing your ideas and helping out at the Library.

Game Time | 2-4 PM

Have fun with your friends at the Library playing our Wii & Xbox 360 Kinect games.

Thursday, December 27: *Kinect Star Wars*

Saturday, December 29: *80s Classics*

Board Game Day - Friday, December 28 | ALL DAY

Have fun with your friends playing board games like *Monopoly*, *Apples to Apples* & *In a Pickle*.

Adult Programs

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, December 1 | 1 PM

Read and discuss *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James.

Movie Matinee for Adults - Tuesdays, December 4, 11 & 18 | NOON

Enjoy popcorn while watching a classic holiday movie from our holiday movie collection.

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

Read and discuss *The Dogs of Riga: A Kurt Wallender Mystery* by Henning Mankell.

Adult Game Time: Scrabble - Thursdays | 1 PM

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

Handmade Holiday - Saturday, December 8 | 10:30 AM

Learn how to create holiday bows using paper and ribbon. Registration required.

Holiday Music - Tuesdays, December 11 & 18

December 11 | 4 PM—*Mark & John*

December 18 | 4:30 PM—*Robert Glaser*

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, December 15 | 1 PM

Read and discuss *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger.

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