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## Dundee-Memorial Park Association Newsletter

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### President's Message

Summer is in full swing...now that we have had some 90 and above degree days...and the calendar tells us so as well. And what a beautiful spring we had, ...if you doubt me, look at the flower baskets...they loved the damp, not overly hot weather.

Last year, as I began my sojourn as President, I wrote that June is renewal month as the Association welcomes the incoming board president. Not quite so this year, as I will be continuing as President, but we have two others taking on leadership positions. First, let me recognize Ben Rouch as President Elect. Ben will be handling new neighbor membership, programming, an Association Picnic (more later), and will become President in June, 2010. Thanks Ben, for taking on these duties and ...welcome aboard. Like Ben, Carole Langan has been a board member for about a year but is also taking on more specific duties. I have asked Carole to be our social chairperson and she began by hosting the sculpture dedication reception on June 6. Thank you Carole for your efforts as well. The rest of the board members will continue to sally fourth for another year and I thank you all for your service...see page two for a complete list.

But there is a whole host of what I call, "difference makers", in addition to the association board members in this Dundee/Memorial Park neighborhood, who carry on, largely unnoticed. We just completed successful Garage Sale and Dumpster Days, both operated by unsung neighbor/volunteers. Our wonderful flower baskets would not be there but for the efforts of our planting brigade, hanging brigade and watering brigade. And then there are those street island flower beds, all tilled, planted and cared for by neighborhood volunteers. We have conducted two Elmwood Park clean-up days and there are two more to follow. Here is another chance to be a volunteer "difference maker." Not to be forgotten in all this are those neighbors who provide "a joy to behold" floral/foilage beds around their homes and those who labor annually with holiday decorations. Our neighborhood is what it is because of this host of unsung but active "difference makers." Thank you one and all!!!

And now, here are some dates to get on your calendars if you have not already done so.

July 4: UNO has invited neighborhood residents to a Carillon Concert at 9 AM on July 4th. Bring your lawn chairs and find a spot on the grass between the University Library and Strauss Performing Arts Center. This concert of patriotic melodies, free and open to the public, is performed annually by UNO carillonneur James Johnson from high atop the 168 foot tower in the center of the Dodge Street Campus. This is a rare treat, not to be missed. See our web site ([dundee-memorial-park.org](http://dundee-memorial-park.org)) for additional details.

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# President's Message

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**August 29:** Dundee Day. Rene, from the Bread Basket, was elected "Mayor of Dundee" during SPRING FLING and will serve as Grand Marshall of the Dundee Day Parade. Following the 10 AM parade you will find children's activities, arts and crafts displays, entertainment, food, a book booth, drinks and live music. Further details will follow in the August Newsletter.

**September 6:** Association wide picnic in Elm wood Park. The Board has rented the Pavilion and will provide ice cream and a selection of toppings, along with cones, cups and spoons...also iced tea, lemonade, glasses and water. Bring the food of your choice and picnic with your neighbors. Email Ben Rouch (bendanarouch@cox.net) with suggestions, comments, ideas for the picnic. Additional details will follow in August.

Fall Association meeting dates and programs: September 14-TBA; October 12-new UNO Athletic Director Trev Alberts will be the speaker; November 9-Hal France, Executive Director of KANEKO will speak.

Let me remind you as well, the street barricades for your block parties are available by calling B. J. Reed at 556-5509. Dates are filling quickly.

For a pleasant little outing, take some time to stop by the Rose Garden in Memorial Park and see the results of the spring refurbishing activities...and see the new sculpture, ASCENSION, commissioned by the Association with funds from an anonymous donor.

I hope a wonderful spring continues into a beautiful summer for you. ENJOY!!!

Bob Welk



**1st (annual ??)  
Association Picnic**  
Sunday Afternoon,  
September 6  
Elmwood Park

Watch the newsletter for further details

## Reminders ...

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**Association Picnic**- September 6th  
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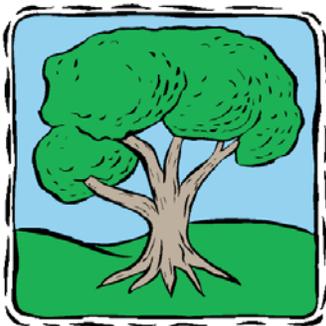
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## Doc on the Block

### Fainting

Have you ever been at Church or at a concert when someone faints? Usually someone rushes to help and lays the person on the ground. In most instances, the person regains consciousness relatively quickly and then feels better. This article will explain what happens during the simple fainting spell.

There are multiple reasons for fainting, which is the temporary loss of consciousness associated with loss of muscle tone. Anything that causes decreased blood flow to the brain can cause fainting. Some examples include an irregular heart rhythm, a diseased heart valve, blockages in the arteries of the brain, and certain medications. However, in over 50% of cases, a trigger causes abnormal stimulation of the vagus nerve. This leads to decreased blood flow to the brain--either because of decreased blood pressure, a slow heart rate, or both.

There are many different triggers of the vagus nerve which may cause fainting spells; oftentimes, the triggers are consistent in an individual. Common causes include pain, nausea, an unpleasant stimulus such as getting blood drawn or watching a medical procedure, feeling overheated, or standing for prolonged periods of time with the knees locked. Actions such as urinating, defecating, or coughing can also result in fainting.

If you were to faint because of a vagal response, you would probably experience some warning symptoms

prior to losing consciousness. These symptoms might include feeling clammy, nauseated, and dizzy. Tunnel vision and ringing in the ears are also common. The actual duration of the fainting spell ranges from seconds to a couple of minutes, and when you regain consciousness, you will be oriented to where you are and what happened.

The danger of fainting is that you may injure yourself during the fall or put yourself and others at risk if performing an activity such as driving.

How do you prevent fainting? If you have the sensation you might faint and have enough warning time, lie down as soon as possible and raise your legs to restore blood flow to the brain and also to avoid falling. Another option is to sit down and lower one's head between the knees to improve blood flow to the brain. The best situation is to avoid triggers of fainting. For example, those who know they faint with blood draws may request that their blood be drawn while lying down.

A thorough history and physical exam is important in trying to investigate the cause of fainting. The medical workup of a fainting spell may include testing to rule out a cardiac cause. In many instances, no definitive cause of fainting is found.

Carolyn Manhart, M.D.

Creighton Medical Associates-Internal Medicine, Dundee



Once had a boss who was fond of saying: “You can’t manage what you don’t know.” He was a guy who wanted to hear the bad news early and he wasn’t afraid to face it because he knew the

consequences of ignoring reality. The same is true of old houses: You can’t manage what you don’t know, because what you don’t know can be annoying, inconvenient or even dangerous.

Under the dangerous category are the big three: Mold, lead paint, and asbestos. But you can manage them if you know about them. Of the three, asbestos can often be the hardest to identify because there was a time when it was routinely added to many building products. The white asbestos found wrapped around pipes—especially steam heat pipes—is easy to identify (and probably the most dangerous because it is often found in a deteriorating condition where it is flaking off and almost any contact will release airborne fibers.). But you may not know that asbestos was added to products like insulation, (one brand name was Zonolite), roof shingles, siding, floor tile (called VAT for vinyl asbestos tile), ceiling tile and even lawn furniture. Kent cigarettes used a form of asbestos in its early “Micronite” filters! Exposure to asbestos can cause asbestosis—a medical condition causing shortness of breath—or mesothelioma—a type of cancer that attacks the lining of the lungs. An estimated 100,000 deaths in U.S. have been attributed to asbestos.

Recently, we faced the task of removing an old worn out vinyl floor in a third floor bathroom and we were concerned that the flooring contained asbestos. So the situation posed a number of dilemmas. Would we have to hire an asbestos removal contractor? (One contractor gave an estimate of \$500 for this room that is less than 90 square feet.) Or would we have to buy Tyvek hazmat suits and respirators, find a HEPA filtered vacuum cleaner, and pay the hazardous waste dumping fees to do it ourselves? (Under Nebraska regulations, non-friable asbestos floor tile can be removed by anyone provided notification is made to the Nebraska Asbestos Control Program and the correct removal procedures are followed. For a detailed explanation go to

this Nebraska Health Human Services web page: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/puh/enh/asbestos/non-friablefloortile.htm>.)

But we needed to know for sure what we were dealing with before we could properly manage the project. The solution was to get the flooring material tested. That turned out to be a surprisingly easy and inexpensive procedure.

We took a fifty-cent size sample of the flooring to a local company, AQS Environmental at 11069 I Street. (AQS Environmental was named Air Quality Service until recently and you can still find them in the phone book and on the web under the old name.) For \$30 they tested the sample and they phoned us with the results in less than 24 hours and they followed up by mailing a written report. They were friendly and helpful. The good news is that the sample tested negative for asbestos, so it saved us money and a lot of hassle. No hazmat suits or “pig mask” respirators (as a friend of mine calls them). You can also buy an asbestos test kit at big box home improvement stores like Lowe’s or Home Depot, but the cost is the same—about 30 bucks—and you have to wait two weeks for the results. If you have flooring tested, also get the mastic (glue) used to fasten it the floor tested. Many types of old flooring mastics contained (you guessed it): Asbestos.

We also have some acoustic ceiling tiles in our basement we were suspicious about them because of their age. We had a tile sample tested at the same time and luckily the ceiling tile was 100% cellulose with no asbestos. It was another \$30 well invested.

So my advice is: Always manage your old house from a knowledgeable position and testing for potentially hazardous materials should be at the top of your list.

### Connections

If you have a question, or a subject you’d like addressed in a future column write to me at:

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Plan on joining us Sunday, July 19th from 3-5pm. We'll be having a Watermelon Feed and Scarecrow-making Party. We'll have the wooden frames of various sizes available and the stuffing, you bring the clothes and accessories. Use your "brain" to think of some creative characters to keep watch over the garden. (Myself, I like the idea of a prom queen).

Sharon Conlon & Mary Green

## UNO Carillon Concert

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## Dundee Days

Planning is currently underway for Dundee Days 2009, so mark your calendars for August 29th. Planning

for the music, food, kids activities and of course the parade are all underway. More to follow next month – and look for posters and flyers in the local businesses.

## The Architectural Offices is moving

If you have not heard, The Architectural Offices is currently in the process of renovating and moving to 4610 Dodge Street. It is a bittersweet move, as we are excited about the opportunity to rehabilitate another building in Midtown, but love our neighbors and neighborhood. Dundee Bank has purchased the building at 5015 Underwood and will be moving people up from the basement (I bet you didn't even know they were there) as they continue to grow. Follow the renovation progress on our Facebook Page and see photos and drawings related to the rehabilitation of the building.

Bill Stott

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## 2008 DUNDEE DAY

SATURDAY AUGUST 29th

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### Explore the Arts @ Your Library

Tues @ 1:00 (June 9 -30, July 7,21,28) no class on July 14

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**Babysitting Clinics** Thursday, June 11 or July 9 10:30-4:00

Presented by the Douglas County Extension Office

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**Hands on Herps** Friday, July 17 @ 1:00

Snakes, snakes and more snakes. Presented by the Douglas County Extension office.

**Get Creative with Music @ Your Library** Fri, July 24 @ 1:00 New Horizons, a five piece clarinet ensemble with the US Air Force Heartland of America Band, will perform live music.

**LEGO Building @ the Library** Friday, July 31 @ 10-2

Design and create your own work of art using LEGO bricks. Prizes will be awarded for three different grade levels: K-3, 4-6, 7-8. No model kits may be used only LEGO bricks and your imagination. Call Kay Scarpello for more information.

## Teen Programs

10:15-11 am Mad Science Meet a famous scientist from past while doing super-sized scientific experiments!

July 9 (THUR)

1-2pm Hardware Jewelry Come to the library and learn how to make jewelry out of hardware. Limited to 10-15.

July 16 (THUR)

1-3 pm Twilight Movie Day How much do you know about Twilight? Test your Twilight knowledge by playing the Twilight trivia game before watching the movie. Popcorn will be provided.

July 18 (SAT)

2-3 pm Teen Advisory Group Party If you've attended at least one TAG meeting, you are invited to a party for our Teen Advisory Group! Enjoy snacks and refreshments while decorating your own TAG t-shirt.

July 23 (THUR)

1-3 pm Get Active @ Your Library Come to the library and try out our newest Wii game "Active Life Outdoor Challenge".

July 31 (FRI) For all ages!

1-3 pm Sorensen SRP Finale Party Join us for the A.V. Sorensen Branch's SRP Finale Party where you can enjoy games, refreshments, and even give Kris a pie in the face if you're a teen and you have finished at least 3 levels in the program!

**Summer Reading Program** volunteers and Junior Friends are needed to march in the Dundee Days parade on Saturday, August 29 to represent Sorensen Branch Library. If you are interested please contact Kay Scarpello @ 444-5274 or [kscarpello@omahapubliclibrary.org](mailto:kscarpello@omahapubliclibrary.org) for more information.

We are still in need of LEGO bricks for our program on July 31. If you find any old LEGO's that your children no longer use, please consider donating them to the library this summer.

**Spring Clean-up Day** generated a whopping \$425.00 in donations which is helping summer youth programs at the Center and new books for the Library.

Thank you to all you generous donors and especially volunteers Denvia Capozio, Marie Kubat and Jane Erdenberger.

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