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Meetings
Until September**

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August 25th**

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President's Report

We know summer has finally arrived as we look back on another successful neighborhood garage sale weekend and we see all of the flower baskets adorning our historic street lights. With the arrival of summer, that also means I will be turning over the duties of President to Molly Romero for the 2012-13 year. I have thoroughly enjoyed this past year as President and I know that Molly will do a great job. I want to thank everyone on the DMPA Board for all of their hard work this past year. All of these people give countless hours to making our neighborhood such a great place to live so please be sure to thank them. We have accomplished a great deal this past year. These accomplishments include:

- Recognition as a Great Neighborhood in America by the American Planning Association
- Installation of a plaque at 50th & Underwood recognizing our Great Neighborhood designation
- Planting of 475 flower baskets in March
- Hanging and maintenance of 475 flower baskets throughout the neighborhood
- Repair of the Streetcar Monument and lighting fixture
- Received \$4,500 grant from Kiewit Foundation for installation of neighborhood entrance signs
- Received \$1,030 grant from Mutual of Omaha Foundation for new water pumps and safety equipment for flower basket watering trucks
- Digital scanning project of original building permits of Dundee to preserve and make available on website
- 2011 Mayor's Grant of \$1,115 was used for new plantings of fruit bearing plants along Happy Hollow Trail in Memorial Park
- 33 new trees were planted along S. 50th Ave. and S. 51st St. through Re-Tree Midtown at no cost to property owners
- Clean up efforts and flower planting in Elmwood Park at the pool and grotto
- Street island flower plantings and maintenance

As you can see, your neighborhood association has been very busy this past year and it is all done by volunteers willing to give back to their community.

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President's Message

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The flower baskets went up on the Mother's Day weekend. Because we had such a warm spring, there was no danger this year of frost. The goal every year is to have flower baskets on every block in Dundee-Memorial Park. In order for that to happen, we need block captains on every block to collect donations to cover the costs of the flower baskets. Each basket costs about \$70 which includes the basket, flowers, water/fertilizer and the operation of the two watering trucks. Unfortunately there are several blocks that did not collect funds for flower baskets and therefore do not have flower baskets. If you live on one of these blocks, please consider collecting donations from your neighbors so that we can get baskets on every block. As I have mentioned many times, we always need volunteers to go out and water the baskets in the watering trucks. So please call Dan Rock at 558-4913 to volunteer.

At the May Association meeting, we had a presentation by Councilman Pete Festersen on the \$2.5 million renovation project for the Dundee Business District. This is going to be a much needed remodel of the parking and street scape that has been ignored for too many years. We are very fortunate that through donations by the business owners, private foundations/donors and the City, we will see a significant investment in the future of the heart of our neighborhood. Councilman Festersen said that engineering/design work should begin in the coming weeks with the hope of construction next spring. Public input is going to be an important factor in the final design so there will be opportunities in the coming months for residents to be involved in the process.

Remember the next Association meeting will not be until September 10th. Have a great summer and hopefully we will see everyone at Dundee Day in August!

Dave Schinzel

DMPA Receives Mutual of Omaha Grant

The Dundee-Memorial Park Association was awarded a \$1,030 grant from the Mutual of Omaha Foundation. These funds will be used to purchase new water pumps and safety lights for the watering trucks as well as new brackets and tools to maintain the flower baskets. We are very appreciative of the generosity of Mutual of Omaha in supporting our neighborhood!

Ice Cream Social June 16

Join the Dundee Community Garden for an ice cream social and garden tour, Saturday June 16, 3-5 p.m. Sundaes are \$1. We'll be scooping delicious ice cream donated by e-Creamery, and we'll have all the toppings! Garden tours and face painting are free, and we've got sturdy tomato cages, mesh produce bags, and t-shirts for sale. Come see what's new at the garden, at 49th & Underwood.

CLEAN-UP PROJECT IN ELMWOOD PARK

The first Adopt-Elmwood-Park of the Season was held on May 12th.

Volunteers accomplished the following activities using equipment from the VIP trailer:

- ♥ Planted the flower bed at the pool-house with bedding plants provided by the City and applied a layer of mulch
- ♥ Pruned, weeded, and cleaned up the grotto
- ♥ Picked up trash throughout the park (7 big bags)
- ♥ Cleaned off/unblocked 15 storm sewer grates
- ♥ Photos are provided at the end of this email as well as documentation about a flooding/mosquito concern in the parking lot along the street side of the park.

A big thank you to the following people who generously gave their time to help clean up the park this morning:

Peg Pease, Peg Gibbs, Bobby Gibbs, Rob Harms, Dave Sutherland, Heike & Adam Langdon, Ken & Helen Deffenbacher, Mary Ferer, Nancy Ryan, Hannie Kenniffick, Marty Myers and me

We will meet in the Elmwood Park grotto parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on June 9, July 14 and Sept. 8. We have the tools and trash bags. All you need to bring is a trowel for planting or trimmer and gloves.

Our park does not receive much attention other than mowing, so some helping hands can make a huge difference.

The dates will be posted on the DMPA website. If you have questions, call Marty Myers, 556-2513. Trilety Wade is also helping with this project.

“Here’s to Your Health”

By Jean Sigler

Every time I drive by the grotto in Elmwood Park, I am reminded of how lucky we are to have so many places in our neighborhood where we can work on being physically fit. A few years ago, some of the neighbors signed up for “Boot Camp.” I was hesitant as these gals were younger and way, way fitter than I, but I was assured that the exercise program was designed for people of all ages. I paid the fee, signed on the dotted line and went to my first sunrise session at the grotto.

Everyone there was skinny, young and cheerful. It was almost as if they enjoyed getting up at daybreak and taking an hour out of their lives to cause themselves physical pain. I could understand it if they looked like me and were trying to shed that extra baby weight I put on thirty five years ago, but the combined percentage of body fat in that group (minus me, of course) was 13.5%. I just didn’t get it.

We began each session with some stretches. The instructor told me not to worry about the fact that I couldn’t touch my neighbor’s toes much less my own – it would come in time. I looked around, assuming that some of my fellow campers would be a little stiff at first, just like me. The woman on my left was on her back with her toes touching the ground behind her head. Across the way, a woman well into midlife had grabbed ahold of her ankles and was touching her nose to the ground. I tried to ignore them as I grabbed my thigh with my right hand and touched my nose with my left pointer finger.

Next, we were told to do a lap around the middle part of the park where the baseball fields and playground are. The coach said it was perfectly fine to walk, but to wait until the runners had taken off and then follow along at the back. I waited until it looked like I could safely merge with the group and began walking, in my estimation, real fast. As the peloton disappeared over the horizon, I continued to plug along fighting through the shortness of breath and chest pain. I arrived back at the grotto just as the group was finishing up their water break and was moving on to free weights. Although heartbroken, I wasn’t surprised. I learned a long time ago that the punishment for being the slowest at any group fitness activity is that you get no rest breaks. The breaks are always over by the time I get there. This results in me having to keep on keeping on with absolutely no oxygen in my bloodstream.

I did what I could with the weights, which was mostly strain and/or sprain things in my body. Following the weights there was usually a creative exercise like getting in a harness and pulling as hard as one could against

a fellow camper at the other end of a long strap. What with the difference in weight between me and the other girls, when I pulled, my counterpart was usually catapulted forward so hard she body slammed me. When the other person pulled against me, I stood there like the Rock of Gibraltar while she ruptured tendons and wept.

On the last day of camp, we were told to meet at the top of the Memorial where we were supposed to spend thirty minutes pushing the coach’s SUV around the circle drive. I immediately positioned myself at the back of the pack where I could cut across the memorial unseen, and fall in behind the group on the other side. I am proud to say that my hand never touched that guy’s car.

I have not, nor do I ever intend to repeat the Boot Camp experience. While the youngsters seemed to thrive on sweatin’ with this oldie, I have chosen the road less traveled and wave at the campers as I ride by on my bike,

The bike trail is another great contribution to the overall health of Dundee Memorial Park residents. A biker can get on the trail at any point along Happy Hollow and ride through the park to connect with the Keystone Trail. From there it is possible to ride all the way to Bellevue if you are headed south. I have never made it past Culver’s. For me biking makes sense only because, if you plan your route carefully, there is always food at the end. Culver’s ice cream and burgers make most rides well worth the trip. Unless the wind is blowing. I have found that on most summer days, the wind is up around 300 knots by about 7:45 am. Luckily I like to get my exercising out of the way during the first part of the day, so I am usually headed back north by the time the blow kicks up. Eating a burger at 6:15 is not as enjoyable as eating it for lunch, but you never have to worry about having a heart attack on the way home because you just grab hold of the handle bars, sit back, and let the wind carry you northward while you digest your breakfast.

If biking and outdoor calisthenics aren’t your cup of tea, there is always the Masters Swim program at UNO. Just up the hill from Elmwood in the new fitness center of the university is a very nice Olympic sized pool. Several times a day there are workout sessions complete with a coach to help you with strokes and you keep you moving. My first attempt at swimming in the program was just a few weeks after I had quit smoking, thirteen years ago. The coach told me that the key to becoming an efficient swimmer is proper breathing technique. In order to regulate the breathing, the swimmer should think of the lungs as a bank. Inhaling is like making a deposit, and exhaling is like making a withdrawal. The trick is not to withdraw more than has been deposited.

“Here’s to Your Health”

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My problem was that during my many, many years as a dedicated smoker, I hadn’t really saved up any oxygen for a rainy day. Consequently, I withdrew more air during my first few laps in the pool than I had deposited in my lifetime. Once, I reared up so far out of the water in my desperation to get air that it created a sort of tsunami effect for my lane partner. She looked for all the world like she was shooting the curl on the Bonsai Pipeline. As I got in better shape, I was able to at least complete the workouts. I was always last and always out of breath, but I finished. In the last few years I have continued to swim, but at my own pace at the 24 Hour Fitness Center on Cass Street.

If none of these methods appeal, just take your dog to Memorial Park for exercise. There is an undocumented off-leash area in the center of the “bowl” of the park where you can get a quite strenuous workout chasing down your dog when it is a) time to leave or b) there is a police car at the top of the hill. Here’s to your health!

Plan Now to Attend Dundee Day

August 25th

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- ◆ Pancake Breakfast 7-11 am
 - ◆Dundee Parade 10:30
 - ◆Exhibitors and Artists
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 - ◆Face painting, Balloons
 - ◆Dundee Olympics 1-2 pm
 - ◆Beer Garden
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In their own way old house owners are evangelists. We preach the virtues of old house living, sermonize on the inherent goodness of crown molding or proselytize those who have wandered away from the true faith of steam heat.

So we usually are quite pleased when we gain a convert, when a friend or relative buys an old house. And why not? It means one less house is headed toward the perdition of urban renewal.

Awhile back a friend and former co-worker, bought a charming home in the Ak-Sar-Ben area. It's a lovely English cottage-style home that doesn't need too much work. But she wanted a little how-to advice on repairing the windows, in particular how to replace the broken sash cords. It's been a while since I've done that, and maybe it has been for you too. So a little refresher course may be in order.

The first step is to remove the lower sash. Around the window frame is a molding called window stop that holds the sash in place. In most cases it will be nailed in place, but sometimes it will be held in place with screws. If the window is painted score the paint along the front edge of the stop using a utility knife. Work slowly, make your first scoring cut very lightly and follow with progressively deeper cuts. If you don't use a light touch the knife will skid across the stop and create some dandy gouges you'll have to repair later.

Then if the stop is screwed in place, back out the screws and remove the stop. If it's nailed, start to separate the stop from the frame with a thin bladed tool—a putty knife is a good choice. Work the stop loose and follow with a thin-bladed pry bar. To keep from breaking the stop work up and down the stop and try to keep the pressure from the pry bar only under the nails.

Once you've removed the stop, pull the nails, but pull them out with pliers from the back, that way you won't tear out big divots on the visible side of the stop. As you're removing parts it's a good idea to mark them so they can be returned to their exact same position.

Many old windows have a metal channel that provides a guide for the window and weather stripping. If there is no metal channel, the window will pivot out of the frame. If there is a metal channel, look for the small nails holding it in place and remove them to pivot the window out.

Under the channel you'll find a small door cut into the frame. This is the access panel for the weight pocket. Remove the screws holding the panel in place and now you can access the weights for re-stringing.

If you want to remove the upper sash you'll see a thin piece of trim (about 1/2" by 3/4") holding it in place. This is the parting bead. There is no easy way to remove this without it breaking. The best way I've found is use a pair of locking pliers to pull it away while carefully prying with your small pry bar. In actual practice, the parting bead will break almost every time. So either leave it alone or plan on replacing it.

While you have the sash(s) out it is good opportunity to reglaze the glass and strip and refinish them. Restraining the sash is pretty obvious. The sash cord is secured to the window with a knot pressed into a hole cut into the edge of the window and usually secured with a small nail. (I recommend using a box nail, a nail with a head, rather than a finish nail. It doesn't take much effort to pull the rope through a finish nail.)

While we're on the subject of rope, use only sash cord. It is of the size you need and the durability to last for many years. Don't use plastic coated cords like clothesline cord, it will stretch and deteriorate under the sun. I'm also not a big fan of replacing the cord with chain. Chain was used on very large commercial windows in the past, but in a house you don't need the extra strength. The chain is noisy and not very attractive.

Re-installation is pretty much the reversal of the removal process. Lubricate the window channel with silicone spray. Don't use grease or oil—it attracts dirt. Don't use soap—it's not very effective and may rust the metal channel.

Some people believe that the best way to deal with old house windows is just to replace them, but I disagree. Most old house windows can be saved with a little bit of work. Typically old windows look a lot worse than they really are. So save your windows and save yourself a big pile of money. Plus it will give you something to add to your sermon about how "they don't make things the way they used to."

For a window repair tutorial illustrated with photos of an actual window repair job, go to the Dundee Memorial Park Association website, dundee-memorialpark.org, and click on "Old House Mechanic Window Restoration Tutorial" on the home page.

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SRP Kickoff Party - Saturday, June 2 | 10 am-6 pm

Have fun playing games, singing karaoke and getting your face painted!

Fit Club - Saturday, June 2 | 2 pm

Try yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. Registration required.

Movie Day - Tuesdays | 1 pm Enjoy popcorn All ages.

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June 19: "The Princess & the Frog" © Walt Disney Pictures

June 12: "Toy Story 3" © Walt Disney Pictures/Pixar Animation

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Storytime - Wednesdays | 10:30 am

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

Lego Club - Wednesdays, June 6 & 20 | 4:30 pm

Snack provided. All ages.

Dream Interactive Theater - Friday, June 8 | 1 pm

Help tell the story of how the star constellations came to be with costumes and props.

Babysitting Clinic - Friday, June 15 | 10:30 am-4 pm

This all-day workshop teaches valuable babysitting skills. Bring a sack lunch. Registration required. Ages 11 & up.

Summer Craft for Kids - Friday, June 15 | 1 pm

Have fun creating a summer-themed craft. Registration required.

Learn About Being a Clown - Friday, June 22 | 1 pm

Watch the process of how a person turns into a clown.

Learn About Reptiles - Friday, June 29 | 1 pm

Get a hands on experience with the reptiles and amphibians of Nebraska.

Teen Activities

Make Your Own Hacky Sack - Thursday, June 7 | 1 pm

Registration required.

Game Time - Saturdays | 2-4 pm

Have fun with your friends while trying out some of the Library's Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect games! All ages.

June 9: "Michael Jackson: The Experience"

June 23: "Kinect Sports"

Sign Language for Teens - Wednesdays, June 13 & 27 | 1 pm

Learn the basics of American Sign Language. Registration required.

Kite Making for Teens - Thursday, June 14 | 1-3 pm

Have fun assembling, decorating and flying a kite at

Memorial Park! Look for the table with balloons or get a signed parent permission slip to meet at Sorensen Branch and walk to Memorial Park and back. Registration required.

Spoons Tournament - Saturday, June 16 | 1 pm

Play spoons and see if you can win a prize! Registration required.

Glow-in-the-Dark Bandanas - Thursday, June 21 | 1 pm

Design your own bandanas with glow-in-the-dark paint. Registration required.

Gr. 6-12 Overnight Boys Lock-In - Friday, June 22 | 6 pm - Saturday, June 23 | 8 am

Enjoy fun and games all night at the Library. Food and refreshments will be provided. A signed permission slip is required.

Henna for Teens - Thursday, June 28 | 1 pm

Design & apply your own henna tattoo. Registration required.

Card Game Time - Saturday, June 30 | 2-4 pm

Have fun with your friends playing a variety of card games.

Adult Activities

Zumba for Adults - Saturdays | 10:30 am

Try out Zumba on our Xbox 360 Kinect. Registration required.

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, June 2 | 1 pm

"Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See.

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tues, June 5 | 4:30 pm

Read and discuss "The Echo Maker" by Richard Powers.

Movie Day for Adults - Tuesdays | 5:45 pm

Enjoy popcorn while watching a movie!

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June 19: "The Pursuit of Happiness" © Columbia Pictures

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June 26: "Under the Tuscan Sun" © Touchstone Pictures

Adult Game Time: Scrabble - Thursdays | 1 pm

HisMys Book Club - Saturday, June 9 | 10:30 am

Read and discuss "A Murder on London Bridge" by Susanna Gregory.

Get a Clue Mystery for Adults - Friday, June 15 | 6:30-9 pm

A famous local coin collection is on display at Omaha Public Library, but something goes wrong on opening day of the exhibit. The attendees arrive to find that the collection has been stolen! Participate in this version of "Clue" to help solve the mystery. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. Registration required.

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, June 16 | 1 pm

Read and discuss "Atticus" by Ron Hansen.

Crocheting for Beginners - Saturdays, June 23 & 30 | 1 pm

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