

DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



DMPA Meeting

**Next Meeting
March 8th**

Speaker: Historian Jeff Barnes, author of the travel book, "Forts of the Northern Plains."

And Captain Harris will be present to offer a few observations and to answer questions

Location and times:

Dundee Presbyterian Church
53rd & Underwood Ave
7:00 PM - Social
7:30 Business Meeting
8:00 Program

Bring a friend or two.

Think Spring



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President's Message

Writing in mid-February about early-March is really tough. You believe the temperatures will begin to warm and the snow drifts will melt but that is really difficult to predict...after you have spent part of the day shoveling snow and then thawing out. So let me just say... I'm looking forward to the spring that (even though it may last until May) the first sign of which will be planting our flower baskets on March 12th and 13th. You may still sign up to plant by calling Millie Miller, 558-6023. Millie has some great lunches lined up and the Indian Creek staff has their arms wide open, ready to greet us. Join some friends for a few hours of work and conversation...and help get the baskets ready for Dan Rock's Blossom Brigade which will hang, fertilize and water the baskets from Mother's Day until football season. More at another time about the opportunities for volunteering the Brigade presents.

There are other spring events to be noted. Spring Fling, May 22 and Garage Sale Weekend, May 21, 22, 23, are scheduled and currently being planned. Raquel Ahlvers and Ellen Zinn are planning the Garage Sale Weekend...watch future issues of the Newsletter for details and directions for sign-up. Parenthetically speaking, as the Newsletter goes to press, the date for Neighborhood Cleanup Day had not been selected by the city but it will be one of the Saturdays preceding May 22. Heike and Adam Langdon are again planning this event and details will be available in the April Newsletter. Spring Fling, the Dundee Merchant's annual Spring celebration and family day returns for another year...complete details will be available next month but you can expect rides for the kids, cookie decorating, a plant sale, displays, the pancake breakfast and, in the evening three local bands and a beer garden. New this year will be a band for the kids in the afternoon. And, similar to last year, in the weeks preceding Spring Fling, watch for the ballot boxes to vote for the Honorary Mayor of Dundee. March 5th and 6th mark the return of the Restore Omaha Conference. The Conference, to be held at Metro Community College South Campus, will include speakers, demonstrations, displays, as well as, vendors and exhibitors. Registration information is available at www.restoreomaha.com or call Nichole Malone, 968-3349.

The Midtown Neighborhood Alliance is entering the second year of its project to restore the tree cover on Omaha's neighborhood streets. The DMPA portion of that project in 2009 was the area from Cass Street to Underwood Avenue on 52nd Street. This year, the area to be addressed is 50th Street from Davenport Street south. Watch future Newsletters for further details.

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Lorraine Chang, District 3 member of the Learning Community Council of Douglas and Sarpy Counties....and DMPA resident, was our featured speaker for the February 8th Association meeting. It is not easy to sort out the rules, goals, and regulations of the Learning Community but Lorraine is a master of it...and those of us present are, I'm convinced, much better informed now than before the meeting. The Learning Community, still in its formative stages, will continue to develop, and we will continue to require Lorraine's explanations.

Our March 8th speaker will be historian Jeff Barnes, author of the travel book, "Forts of the Northern Plains." Jeff's illustrated lecture, "The Forts of Omaha and Council Bluffs" should interest not only Plains Indian Wars history buffs but the curious Omaha resident as well. Jeff tells me he has maps, images, photos and anecdotes that are rarely seen or heard. Preceding Jeff, we will hear from Captain Keith Harris, Northwest Precinct Captain of the Omaha Police Department. Some of you may remember Captain Harris from our February, 2009 meeting, when he had commanded our precinct for exactly one week. Captain Harris will be addressing neighborhood crime related issues, as well as, any questions you may wish to raise. No particular issue requires Captain Harris' presence at this time, rather this is part of our on-going effort to encourage and provide the opportunity for direct communication with our neighborhood police officers. See you all there...and don't forget, coffee, punch and cookies at 7p.m.

Bob Welk

Reminders ...

DMPA Meeting - March 8th
Garage Sale - May 21, 22, 23rd
Spring Fling - May 22nd
Ice Cream Social - June 13th
DMPA Meeting - April 12th

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Flower Basket Planting is Scheduled

Is it that time already? Yes, we are planning for the planting of the 475 flower baskets that adorn Dundee's historic street lights. Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, 2010, at the Indian Creek Nursery Greenhouse, 303 N. Saddle Creek Road. Planting starts at 10 a.m., and we finish up by 3 p.m. each day. A day at the greenhouse provides an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new people.

If this would be your first time planting the baskets, the Indian Creek staff will instruct you on how to insert the small begonia plants into the liner of the baskets. One by one the baskets are planted and hung in the greenhouse. It is a beautiful sight to behold when all the baskets are planted and they fill the greenhouse.

If you plan to volunteer, please call Millie Miller at 558-6023.

It's that time again...

Gigantic Garage Sale

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
May 21st, 22nd, 23rd



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Spring Class Registration has begun.

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If you're going to hire a contractor to renovate, repair or paint your old house, starting April 22nd the process is going to get more complicated and it's likely to be more expensive. On that date new, tougher regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency regarding lead paint take effect. As you might expect, contractors and remodelers are complaining that new rules are too stringent and some health home advocacy groups say the new rules don't go far enough. Regardless what you think of the new rules, I'll try to outline for you what you need to know as an old house homeowner.

I am appreciative of Rob Gibson, owner of R.G. Paint and Decorating, Inc., for bringing the new lead paint rules to my attention. Rob has been painting for a living for more than 25 years. He has painted too many houses in this neighborhood to count, so he knows his way around paint and old houses. Recently, we sat down at the Dundee Dell where Rob explained the new rules to me.

According to a press release from the EPA "under the "Lead: Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program" rule, contractors working in all rental housing built before 1978, as well as in older non-rental homes inhabited by children under age six or pregnant women will required to post warning signs, restrict occupants from jobsites, contain work areas to prevent the spread of dust and debris, conduct a thorough clean up, and verify the effectiveness of cleanup efforts. The new standards will extend to builders, painters, plumbers, and electricians. The standards will apply to any renovation, repair, or painting contract involving the disturbance of more than 6 square feet of lead paint in an interior room or 20 square feet of lead paint on an exterior wall.

Lead exposure can pose health risks to people of all ages, young children are most at risk because their nervous systems are still developing, and because they are more likely to ingest lead residue from interior surfaces such as walls and window sills." Adding lead to paint was banned by the federal government in 1978, so it is almost a sure bet that every house in Omaha's older neighborhoods has at least some lead paint somewhere.

Gibson, who has completed the EPA required training and certification program, says for exterior painting that involves scraping or sanding more than 20 square feet (which means virtually every exterior painting job) the contractor is required to spread plastic sheeting in a ten-foot swath around the house and securely tape it to the house. Then a perimeter of caution tape has to be placed ten feet beyond the plastic. At the end of the job, the plastic has been rolled up and discarded. During the job the painters must wear Tyvek suits and each time they are taken off--for a lunch break or at the end of the workday--they must be thrown away and replaced with a new suit. To prep surfaces, old paint must be wet-scraped, where the paint surface is

wet-down with a spray bottle before scraping. There are additional rules and techniques contractors must follow and interior remodeling work requires similar protective measures. All of this adds costs in time and materials for contractors, costs which will be passed on to you, the homeowner. The EPA estimate of an additional 65 dollars per remodeling project has been challenged by remodeling professionals. The real additional cost, according to Gibson, is more like 250 dollars per project. Expect renovation, repair and painting costs to increase. But there may be another side effect of the rule, Gibson says. "Many contractors, to avoid the restrictions of the new rules, will just choose to work only in west Omaha and not to work in older neighborhoods like Dundee."

While the EPA would like everyone to follow their procedures for working on surfaces coated with lead paint, the new rules apply only to contractors, not homeowners working on their own homes. Also, homeowners can "opt-out" of lead-safe practices if no children under six years old or pregnant women live in the house. (This provision is under scrutiny and the opt-out option may be rescinded by the EPA at some future time.)

There's a lot more to the story on lead paint and the Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Rules, so I encourage you to learn more at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/>

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Meet the Merchants

Abby Klusmire Jordan at eCreamery

As business liaison to the Dundee-Memorial Park Association, I am given the opportunity to share my thoughts, ideas and discoveries about our Dundee merchants with you readers. In that vein, I decided to create a monthly article, “Meet the Merchants,” and our first installment is focused on Dundee’s own Abby Klusmire Jordan, co-owner of eCreamery Ice Cream Shop on the 50th and Underwood corner. Abby, a native Omahan, comes from a large Italian family and from childhood knew she wanted to be in the food business in some way. In late 2007 along with business partners Becky App and Mark Hasebroock, she opened eCreamery in the former Ted & Wally’s store. It is a delight to see the lines flowing out the door in summer, and see a bustle of patrons inside in winter. We are grateful that Abby and her friends took the plunge to see that the tradition of an ice cream store in Dundee is carried on in the 21st century.

eCreamery is greatly appreciated not only by Dundee and other Omaha residents, but by ice cream aficionados across the country. Hence, the “e” in eCreamery’s name. They can and do ship unique and colorful flavors to all corners of the country. But there is only one store in which you can walk right in and ask for a cone, a cup, a pint or a gallon – and that store is in Dundee. Abby’s far flung customers include former Miss America, and current star of Ugly Betty, Vanessa Williams, who ordered an original eCreamery flavor called Vanessa Williams Holiday Mix to send to over 40 of her friends as holiday gifts. Another celebrity customer is chef Rachel Ray, whose favorite flavor is “Izzy’s Pick Me Up”- a flavorful coffee gelato embellished with chocolate chunks and pistachios.

By the time you are reading this, Abby will have just returned from a trip to the South Beach Food & Wine Festival, in South Beach, Florida where celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse asked her to join him in his “Bubble Q” event, involving quantities of champagne and eCreamery’s rum-laced “Drunken Monkey” ice cream. Abby returns home on March 1, so be sure to ask her about the event, or ask her to whip up a batch of the “Drunken Monkey” ice cream Emeril loved so much.

Speaking of “whipping up” a batch of ice cream, it may sound quick and easy, but doing it the eCreamery way involves quite a bit of labor. All their ice creams are hand made, hand mixed, and hand packed. They make their own flavors and even their own labels. For the first year, Abby did most of the kitchen work by herself, but

things have developed and now they have a chef, Ms. Kelley Steele, and a staff making up a 10 - person team. A batch can be as small as a gallon but no larger than four gallons, so every batch is given devoted attention.

Abby

says she likes to use local prod-

ucts, keeping as much of the business local as she can. For their Big Mama’s Sweet Potato Ice Cream, Abby gets the sweet potato pie filling from Big Mama’s and uses that as the flavor base. Abby also buys other ingredients from local and regional vendors, including nuts from Nebraska’s Heartland Nuts, and brownies from La Charlotte, owned by Omaha friend Jackie Caniglia.

Not only is Abby sending her ice cream across the country, she and her crew are getting significant national media attention, including a segment on “The View” with Barbara Walters, Whoopie Goldberg and others, which aired February 12, 2010. In all, the past two years have been quite a wild ride for Abby, who was married a few months ago to Scott Jordan, and capped off her wedding reception with an after-dance bowling party in the church basement.

Although eCreamery’s biggest business is creating special flavors for special orders, they cater to us in Dundee, where their hearts are, and where they can have some of that face-to-face time with their friendly Dundee neighbors. She is truly Dundee and she is ours! So, drop in for a special treat, or ask Abby to make up a batch of that soon-to-be famous “Drunken Monkey” ice cream.



Molly Romero, Marks Bistro
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Dundee Elementary

News for Neighbors

Dundee Elementary is buzzing with activity as we slowly move from winter into spring. Parent-Teacher Conferences and the Scholastic Book Fair ushered us from February into March, just in time to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2) and Teacher/Staff Appreciation week (March 1-5).

"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery."
~Mark Van Doren

- Thank a teacher: March 1-5 is Teacher/Staff Appreciation week at Dundee. Please join us as we thank our dedicated, creative, caring staff for the numerous ways they go above and beyond to create an excellent educational environment for our children. Dundee students consistently perform at the top of OPS elementary schools; this would not happen without the long-standing partnership between parents and staff. Honor today's teachers by thanking a teacher in your past.
- The saying, "It takes a village" must have been written for the Dundee Village. We are grateful to the many Dundee businesses that support excellence in education through their consistent donations and participation in various activities.

Items of Note:

- Thank you for continuing to clear your sidewalks of snow, ice and slush. The corners are especially dangerous as students navigate large snow piles that obstruct the view of drivers. Your cautious driving is appreciated.
 - You will again see the "Walking School Bus" as parents and teachers escort students to school. We are encouraging all children who live within ½ mile of school to walk. Activate Omaha! has been a great partner in this program.
 - Think Spring! The annual Dundee Flower Sale will be condensed to one day, Friday, May 7. It is not too early to start planning that garden!
 - A pipe burst in January causing significant water damage to the gym floor. The floor will be replaced this summer. We thank Harrison Elementary for being our "home court" during the 5th- and 6th-grade boys' basketball season!
 - OPS students will be on spring break from March 22-26.
 - We welcome donations of Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education; you can deliver them to the school front office or send them with a Dundee school student.
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Homework Hotspot

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(All Ages) Homework help, educational games, and Tutor.com will be provided during this time.

Girl Scout Reading Buddies - Saturday, March 13th from 2-2:30pm

(For children up to 2nd Grade) Help a Girl Scout earn a badge! Come to the library and listen to a Girl Scout read a story. Please register online, in person or by phone (444-5274).

Movie Day: "Princess & the Frog" - Thursday, March 25th @ 1pm and enjoy a tasty snack!

Young Adult Activities:

Homework Hotspot

Tuesday, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th & Thursday, March 4th, 11th & 18th from 3-6pm

(All Ages) Homework help, educational games, and Tutor.com will be provided during this time.

Make a Hacky Sack - Friday, March 12th @ 4:30pm
Come to the library and learn how to create your very own hacky sack!

Game Time: "Dancing with the Stars" for PS2. - Saturday, March 13th from 2-4pm Get your salsa on!

Teen Book Club - Saturday, March 20th @ 2pm

Read and discuss The First Part Last by Angela Johnson. Please register online, in person, or by phone (444-5274).

TAG: Teen Advisory Group - Saturday, March 20th @ 3pm

Enjoy snacks and refreshments while talking and sharing your ideas. Join to see what it's all about!

Teen Movie Day: "Planet 51" - Sat, March 27th @ 1pm
Watch the movie "Planet 51" while enjoying a tasty snack!

Adult Activities: Book Clubs

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tuesday, March 2nd @ 4:30pm

Read and discuss Cold Dish by Craig Johnson.

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, March 6th @ 1pm

Read and discuss The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, March 20th @ 1pm
Read and discuss A Beautiful Mind by Sylvia Nasar.

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Computer Basics & Mousercise - Friday, March 5th from 10:30am-12pm

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