

DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



DMPA Meeting May 11th

Dundee Presbyterian Church
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7:00 PM - Social
7:30 Business Meeting
8:00 Program

Speaker: Scott Farrington
Indian Creek Nursery

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Dundee-Memorial Park Association Newsletter

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President's Message

After false starts in February, March and April, I think Spring is Here! I'm never quite sure whether I prefer spring or fall...they are both great...one a time of renewal, the other of fading slowly to conclusion...and both are most enjoyable. But...with so many Associations events to report about, I had best move on.

May 15, 16, 17 is our annual Garage Sale Weekend and if you are going to participate you need to register by May 4, on line or with Gene or Raquel. See the notice elsewhere in this Newsletter for complete details...but you have no time to waste to get on the list...even though you still have time to get your goodies organized.

Marty Myers and Trilety Wade met with neighbors from the Aksarben/Elmwood and Elmwood Park N. A's. to make plans to collaborate on a once a month clean-up in Elmwood Park and stream. Each Association is to be responsible for one month with Dundee/Memorial Park sponsoring the May 9 work day. Volunteers are asked to be present from 9 to 11 am on that date. Contact Marty at 556-2513, myers5107@cox.net, or Trilety at 289-4714, trilety@hotmail.com, with questions or see the Association web site, www.dundee-memorialpark.org, for additional information.

Speaking of the DMPA website, Bill Kelly has added a new page to the site with its own navigation link called 'useful links' on the left side bar. Click on 'useful links' and discover many useful links and phone numbers, including the Omaha Police Department Neighborhood Watch guidelines, the Nebraska State Patrol sex offender registry and the Mayor's Hot Line.

May 16 marks the return of another traditional Dundee event, "Spring Fling". The Dundee Merchants have put together what appears to be a fun family event with kids rides, a hot dog booth, face painters, balloons, a cookie decorating contest from 3 to 5 pm, The Omaha Mounted Patrol, a fire truck and ambulance available for tours, along with food vendors, a bingo tent, a beer garden and an amateur cooking contest with Protein, Side Dish and Dessert divisions (charcoal and wood fired devices only). The music is to conclude at 11 pm with the beer garden closing at 11:30 pm. New this year will be the election of 'The Mayor of Dundee'. In the days leading up to "Spring Fling" you will be able to find, in many Dundee business establishments, cardboard boxes and glass jars with ballots for the election. You will be able to "buy your, his or her way into office." Each vote costs \$1.00 with the winning candidate being named the Grand Marshall of the Dundee Day Parade. Anyone of any age, sex, hair color, disposition, shoe size, etc. (need not be human) is eligible to be



Garage Sale Weekend

May 15, 16 & 17th
for more info look inside
or go to
www.dundee-memorialpark.org
to register!

**Spring Fling in
Dundee
May 16th**

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President's Message

a candidate. As they say in Chicago, Vote Early and Vote Often ...but here it's legal!!! See you at the "Fling".

DMPA will conduct the annual Clean-up Day, often referred to as 'Dumpster Day', on June 6. As has been true for several years, the dumpsters will be located in the parking lot east of Brownell-Talbot School on Underwood Avenue. There will also be drop-off points to recycle electronics and metals. Full details may be found in a notice elsewhere in this Newsletter. As was announced previously, June 6 is also the date for the dedication of the new sculpture in the Memorial Park Rose Garden. The sculpture, "Ascension", by Lincoln artist Jake Balcom, was commissioned by the Association in partnership with an anonymous donor and will be dedicated in a brief ceremony at 10 AM that day. Please come and be a part of this gifting ceremony by the Association to Omaha's signature park. Finally, you need to be aware that June 6 is also the date for Mayor Fahey's Concert in the Park which will take place during the late afternoon and evening, the exact time as yet, unannounced. As is usual for these concerts, certain neighborhood streets will be one way for the day, beginning at 8:00 AM. Underwood Avenue will remain two-way and, therefore, this activity should not interfere with depositing trash and recyclables at Brownell-Talbot.

Let me close with several brief reminders about future events. Check the progress of the flower baskets by going to the Indian Creek Nursery web site, www.indiancreeknursery.com, and click on 'Dundee Baskets'. After you have looked at the baskets you might next call Dan Rock, 558-4913, to volunteer for the basket watering crew. Spring is the beginning of the block party season; call B. J. Reed, 556-5509, to sign up for the free use of our street barricades to help keep you picnic safe. If you are thinking of selling used books at the garage sale in May, please save those books for a donation to the Library Book Sale to be held on 'Dundee Day' in August. You are asked to drop the books at Dundee Bank. And remember that all proceeds from the sale go to the Sorensen Branch of the Omaha Public Library.

The program for the May Association meeting will feature Scott Farrington, owner of Indian Creek Nursery. As is traditional at our May meeting, Scott will entertain us by showing new varieties of annuals and perennials to beautify our lawns and gardens. Remember, this is our last meeting until September.

CALENDAR ALERT 1: Tuesday, May 12, is ELECTION DAY. Please take the time to darken two ovals that day, one to vote for a City Council candidate and one to vote for a Mayoral candidate. No one is too busy to

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ignore this important civic duty. The 18% of registered voters, city wide, who took the few minutes necessary to participate in the primary election is an absolute disgrace.

This election is too important to the maintenance and growth of our city for any citizen to take a pass. Let's all help to rectify the April disaster by VOTING on MAY 12.

CALENDAR ALERT 2: Watch summer issues of this Newsletter for information about an Association wide picnic the DMPA Board is planning to hold in September. See you all on May 11th.

Bob Welk

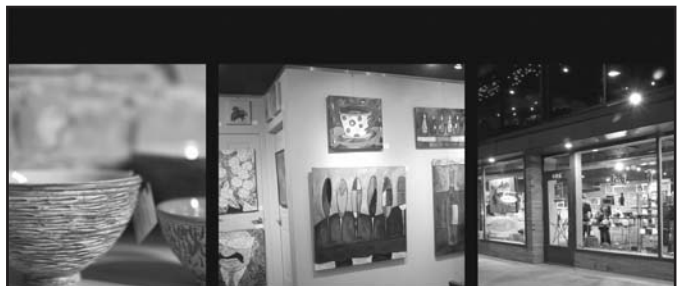
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Clean Up Day -- June 6th

Sculpture Dedication -- June 6th



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Midtown Neighborhood Alliance Report

The Midtown Neighborhood Alliance held its monthly meeting on April 15th at the Neighborhood Center.

The MNA website will soon be up and running and planning has begun for the annual 4th of July fireworks show at Filed Club. The MNA Board voted to donate \$500 to the Carrie Howard Memorial Scholarship at Central High School.

The Re-Tree Midtown project has received notification that the Kiewit Foundation has awarded a \$7,000 grant and OPPD has also notified us that they have also approved our grant application. We will find out by the end of the month the amount of the OPPD grant. In addition, we should learn about the Mayor's Grant and the Mutual of Omaha Grant in the coming weeks. Requests for bids from nurseries to do the planting will go out May 1st. The plan is to select a contractor in June with planting to take place this fall.

Update on Infinite Store (52nd & Leavenworth)

At the start of March, the County Treasurer offered the Infinite property at a tax lien sale because the owner had failed to pay any of the property taxes due last year. The first half of the property taxes due March 31, 2009 was not paid so the owner is yet again delinquent. You may have noticed people clearing out merchandise the first week of April. The graffiti still remains on the north side of the building. Earlier this year, the Liquor Control Commission ordered the Infinite stores to pay over \$600 to the neighborhood associations (including Dundee-Memorial Park) to cover court costs we incurred fighting the liquor license. The owner has ignored this ruling and the neighborhoods will be filing a claim in Small Claims Court.

Dave Schinzel

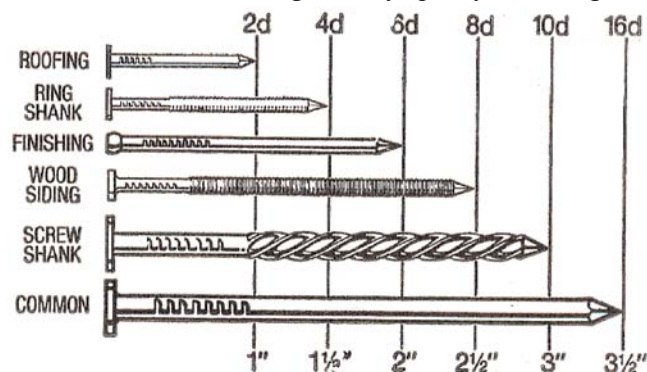


Put in the kindest terms, my dad was thrifty. As a kid one of my least favorite memories is pulling nails out of old lumber, pounding them straight with a hammer and saving them in old coffee cans.

When my dad was building something one nail was pretty much as good as the next so he'd grab any old nail out of one of those coffee cans.

But selecting the right nail—by length, type and coating—for a particular project can make your old house project easier and more successful.

Nail sizes are designated by “penny”—the larger the



NAILS SHOWN NOT ACTUAL SIZE

number the longer the nail. A 2-penny nail is about one inch long and a 16-penny nail is about three and one half inches long. The penny designation dates back to the 1400s. In those times it was how many pennies it would cost to have a blacksmith make 100 nails of a certain length. Even though this pricing system was out of date by 1500, this archaic sizing system has survived for over 500 years, oddly enough.

To meet different construction needs, manufacturers have created many different types of nails. The most common is, well, the common nail. Common nails have a large head and are used for mostly for framing where appearance is not important. Box nails also have large heads but the shafts are more slender. As the name suggests at one time they were primarily used in building wooden boxes and crates. The slender shafts of box nails make them less likely to split thin wood. But box nails bend more easily and for this reason are more suitable for soft woods.

Finish nails (sometimes called brads) have a very small head and are used when a big nail head would be unsightly. The heads of finish nails can be set below the surface with a few hammer taps on a nail set and are used for trim work, cabinet construction, and similar projects. For soft roofing materials like builder's felt (tar paper) and asphalt shingles, the large head and short length of a roofing nail is your best choice. Drywall nails are like roofing nails without the galvanized coating, but most drywall installers now use drywall screws.

Nails are either coated or non-coated. Coatings include zinc and adhesives. Zinc coated nails are a good choice for exterior applications where the nails will be exposed to the elements. Zinc can be applied either with electrostatic process or hot-dipped. Hot dipped zinc nails have a heavier coating, so are the best choice for things like fences, exterior house trim and so on where your project will be exposed to a lot of rain. (Although not really a coating, but a basic material, stainless steel is being used more and more. More expensive than conventional nails, stainless steel nails won't rust, stain or streak the lumber in your project and make sense for outdoor furniture, flower boxes, and decks. Although the big home improvement centers are now stocking a limited selection of stainless steel nails, you may have to special order some specific sizes and types.) Adhesive coatings help keep nails from working loose.

Ring shank (wood siding) and screw shank nails don't work loose because their shafts have grooves or threads. They are especially good choices for projects subject to repeated stress like exterior stairs and railings. But if you're using these nails be sure to put them exactly where you want them. They are all but impossible to pull them out once they are driven into place. There are also dozens of other specialty nails.

Here are some nailing tips: To keep from splitting your wood, either drill a pilot hole or clip the point off the nail with a pair of side cutters. A nail point separates the wood fibers as it's driven home, but a clipped nail will cut through the fibers. To protect a wood surface from an errant hammer blow lay down a scrap of pegboard and drive your nail through one of the holes. You'll be less likely to smash your fingers (and use bad words) if you keep your eye on the nail head not the hammer. And finally, throw away that coffee can of old nails. I did. Forgive me, dad.

Connections

If you have a question, or a subject you'd like addressed in a future column email me at: dbrowers@cox.net
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Thursday, June 4th 6 PM to 8:30 PM

Swanson Branch Library, 90th & West Dodge

Memberships available at the sale, starting \$15.

Mini-Book Sales during regular library hours:

Check out the Book Cart at Sorensen, Florence, Willa Cather and Washington branches and "Honors Sales", lower level at Swanson Branch.

Neighborhood Clean-Up Day

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

Presented by the Douglas County Extension Office
 This class is designed to develop or improve your babysitting skills. For ages 11 years and up. Please bring a sack lunch and drink. Limit 25.

Wildlife Encounters Friday, June 5 @ 1:00

Learn more about wild animals up close. The program includes ten different live animals : birds of prey, a snake, an alligator, a kinkajou, a serval (wild cat), a tortoise, a fox, a kangaroo and a skunk.

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Jeff Quinn's Magic and Fun Friday, June 19 @ 1:00

Enjoy the magic of Jeff Quinn. A longtime favorite, this magic man is back again for "Be Creative @ Your Library"! A must-see-what's-up-his-sleeve adventure. No registration required.

Mad Science Friday, June 26 @ 10:15-11:00

High energy program with "Supersized" experiments with many relating to art and music. There will also be at least one "guest appearance" by a famous scientist of the past.. No registration required.

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.

Free Teen Programs

June 4 (THUR) 1-2pm **Decorate Flip-Flops** Summer is here and it's time to break out the flip-flops! Come to the library and decorate your very own pair. Limited to 15.

June 11 (THUR) 2-3:30pm **Found Sounds** Musical instruments come from other people's creativity, but in this program you will learn how you can find sound almost anywhere. Be sure to bring something with you that you think will make an interesting sound. Limited to 20.

June 18 (THUR) 1-2 pm **Sidewalk Chalk** Graffiti Art Contest Come to the library and participate in our first ever Sidewalk Chalk Graffiti Art Contest. 1st 7 2nd place will win a prize!

June 25 (THUR) 1-2 pm **Make a Balloon Animal** Learn how to create different balloon animals, hats and swords. Limited to 25-30.

June 26 (FRI) 10:15-11 am **Mad Science** Meet a famous scientist from past while doing super-sized scientific experiments!

DMPA

Sorensen Library – Center Committee

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Dundee Community Garden

We're making progress on turning the dream of a community garden in Dundee into a reality! By the time you are reading this, we hope to have signed a contract to use the site at 4902 Underwood. Come to our next meeting to add your ideas and join the gardening community. We will have plenty of opportunities for volunteers to help with working on the site, and neighbors, individuals and families will be able to sign up for their own garden plot. This will be a great way to get more fresh fruits and vegetables into your home this summer! Our next meeting is Monday, May 11th, 6pm at Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Ave, in the church basement (before the Dundee Memorial Association meeting).

If you are interested but unable to attend our May 11 meeting, contact Sharon Conlon at 558-6598, or Mary Green at 556-1830.

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