

# DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



## DMPA Meeting

### This Month's Meeting May 10th

**Speaker:** Developers of CVS Pharmacies reveal and explain the plans for their new building at 49th and Dodge Streets

**Location and times:**

Dundee Presbyterian Church  
53rd & Underwood Ave  
7:00 PM - Social  
8:00 Business Meeting  
7:30 Program  
Bring a friend or two.

## Garage Sale Weekend

May 21, 22 & 23rd  
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## President's Message

What a wonderful month of April, at least up until the time of this writing...always have to hedge my bets, you know. Mostly sunny and warm, and the daffodils, tulips and crocus are beautiful...not to mention the redbud, magnolia and pear trees. And speaking of flowers, check out [www.indiancreeknursery.com](http://www.indiancreeknursery.com) to see how the flower baskets are coming along.

May is shaping up to be a real busy month here in the DMPA community. The first event, on May 15th, is "Dumpster Day", the annual neighborhood cleanup day. Brownell-Talbot is again the location, but instead of using the north-east parking lot, this year we will be located in the south entry drive, directly across Happy Hollow Boulevard from Chicago Street. The circle drive should make it easier to navigate around the various drop-off points. Check it out. And while you're there, look for the volunteers with the donation cans, receiving donations for equipment and summer programming at the Sorensen Library and Recreation Center. If you would like to be one of those volunteers, contact Kay Bashus, 553-5203, [pacbashus@cox.net](mailto:pacbashus@cox.net), to volunteer for donation collection duty.

The next weekend will be filled with two events, "Spring Fling" and the "Gigantic Garage Sale". "Spring Fling", the Dundee Merchants' annual salute to the season, will be held on May 22nd. The amateur cooking competition starts the morning with Protein, Side Dish and Dessert divisions (charcoal and wood fired devices only in the Protein division) accompanied by the Pancake Breakfast in the 1020 parking lot. Other events include displays, food booths, kids rides, cookie decorating, bike decorating/maintenance, a kids band and a pie eating contest. And of course, the beer garden returns with three local bands on stage for your musical and dancing pleasure until 11:00 pm. The beer garden will close at 11:30. And don't forget, the "Honorable Mayor of Dundee" election will be held in the weeks preceding "Spring Fling". This is your opportunity to get yourself, a friend or ?????, named as "Honorable Mayor"...and Grand Marshall of the "Dundee Day" parade in August (the sole duty of the "Mayor"). Locate a ballot can in a Dundee merchant establishment, fill out the ballot and attach a dollar. Vote early and often. Last year's winner, Rene, a loaf of bread from the Bread Oven, was a lot more than a "half-baked" mayor. Join the fun and buy your candidate a victory.

May 7th is the sign up deadline for participation in the "Gigantic Garage Sale". See the ad elsewhere in this Newsletter for all the details. And this is a goodtime to remind you to save any books you were think ing

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### May 10th

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No meetings until Sept.

**Enjoy your summer!**

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Now, some brief notes and reminders about future events. To check out the progress of the flower baskets go to [www.indiancreeknursery.com](http://www.indiancreeknursery.com) and click on "Dundee Baskets". The baskets go up around Mother's Day so after you have viewed the baskets give Dan Rock, 558-4913, a call to volunteer for the watering brigade. 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 your picnic safe. Anita Jeckley tells me that the Omaha Rose Society is again working with the city in the Memorial Park Rose Garden. The men and women of the Offutt Leadership School will be working with the Rose Society in the garden on May 8th and 15th to help create a space full of sustainable plants. Take the time to stop by and thank them for their efforts....and I'm sure they wouldn't reject any snacks and soda's you brought to sustain them, as well.

Marty Myers and Trilety Wade are again leading an effort to schedule volunteers to care for the public areas in Elmwood Park around the pool and the spring plaza. You will find a schedule and contact numbers elsewhere in the Newsletter. Volunteer a couple of hours and feel the better for it!

The April Association Meeting was a dual treat. We heard from a large majority of the candidates running for School Board, Learning Community Council and State Legislature in the Spring Primary, 9 out of 12. The Primary is May 12th; fulfill your civic duty, please. Secondly, Connie Spellman, Executive Director of Omaha by Design, explained the ACI-2 Planning and Design Guidelines that apply along Dodge Street; this in preparation for the May Association Meeting when the

Nebraska developers of CVS Pharmacies reveal and explain the plans for their new building at 49th and Dodge Streets. Please attend to have your questions answered and to share in the responsibility of monitoring the quality of this new construction in our neighborhood.

Check out the June issue of the Newsletter for information about the Association Ice Cream Social to be held in Elmwood Park on June 13th. Take care!

Bob Welk

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## Reminders ...

DMPA Meeting - May 10th

Cleanup Day- May 15th

Garage Sale - May 21, 22, 23rd

Spring Fling - May 22nd

Ice Cream Social - June 13th



# Gigantic Garage Sale

It's Back...

Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
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## Spring Cleanup Day ... May 15th 9 AM – 2 PM

**Where:** Brownell Talbot the south entry drive, directly across Happy Hollow Boulevard from Chicago Street.

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## AND THE BEAT GOES ON.....ELMWOOD PARK

Trilety Wade and I (Marty Myers) are once again taking on the park/stream project in Elmwood Park. Yes, it is the sixth year our volunteers and we have endeavored to clean-up and enhance the park. As you well know, the City is short on cash for the parks so we need to step up our effort!

The first meeting for our spring clean-up and flower planting will be May 15. Once again we will be planting flowers and mulching the flower beds at the pool and generally removing the winter sludge from the grotto area. We will meet at 9:00 in the grotto parking lot. Bring your favorite pruners and work gloves and we will have rakes, shovels, brooms and trash bags. The more hands we have to help makes the work go so much faster!

Trilety Wade will work on the stream on May 22. She too will be meeting her crew in the grotto parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Wear grubby clothes and sturdy boots and bring gloves as you will be pulling mustard weed and removing trash from the stream

For your calendars, the rest of the dates for this season are: June 12, July 17 and Sept. 18. Hope to see you on the 15th of May. ???? call Marty Myers at 556-2513

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**M**oving on is easy. It's what you leave behind that is more difficult. After nearly 23 years of old house ownership, my wife, Marj, and I have made the soul-searching decision to downsize. So the time has come after 18 years, 186 columns and more than 130,000 words (give or take a few hundred) to write the final Old House Mechanic column.

When I started writing The Old House Mechanic my plan was to write a monthly article for a year or two, but there was always something else to write about, some new problem posed by a reader to be solved or another story to tell about the joys and frustrations of living in an old house and the years just rolled by. (But, truth be told, I am almost always overly optimistic at estimating the time required for any project. My original idea was that we would have our old house renovated in 4 years or less and I missed that by a couple of decades!)

It is hard to leave behind everything we love about this neighborhood--the unique mix of architectural styles, the shady comfort of mature trees and the charming evening glow of our old-style streetlamps. But most of all, it is hard to leave behind all of you, the friendly, caring neighbors who make this neighborhood better than anyplace we've lived and likely better than any other place we'll go. If I had to put my finger on it, I would say the shared experiences of old house ownership and the collective will to sustain the distinctive personality of the Dundee-Memorial Park area creates a fertile soil for growing friendships.

As my final parting words, let me share with you what I consider the three most important lessons I've learned about old house renovation.

#1: The most important tool in your toolbox is patience. Glenn Haege who hosts a national radio talk show on home improvement called "The Handyman", says "the most powerful tool in your toolbox is your checkbook" and he's right, because we all have to hire help with our old houses at one time or another. But the most important tool for renovate-it-yourselfers is patience. If you slow down your work and don't try to rush through it, you'll be amazed at how much better your outcomes are. Over the years I have spoken with many old house owners, who tell me "I'd like to work on my old house, but I'm just not handy." But "handiness" is not genetic, it's learned. So I encourage you to try your hand on your old house projects. There are lots of how-to articles and videos on the web (including an Old House Mechanic archive at <http://www.dundee-memorial-park.org/> ). Just try to be more patient with your projects and yourself. When you get stuck, walk away from the problem and sleep on it overnight. The solutions to many of my old house dilemmas have come to me when I took a break and started fresh.

#2: Old house renovation is the ultimate in living "green". If you're trying to live your life "greener", what could be a better recycling project than recycling an entire house? As this year's keynote speaker at "Restore Omaha", Donovan Rypkema, principal of PlaceEconomics, a Washington, D.C.-based real estate and economic development consulting firm, pointed out: "Historic preservation reduces the need for land and materials; reuses embodied energy, skills, labor and knowledge.; and recycles the whole building."

#3: We are not the owners of our old houses; we are just the caretakers. Sure, we are the owners in so far as we get to send monthly checks to our mortgage companies, but if we do our part to restore and preserve our old houses, imagine how many future families will get to experience our same happiness and joy in living and raising our families here. In New England, where I vacationed a few years ago, I noticed that many houses had the year they were built proudly posted on their fronts and many dated back to the 1800s, the 1700s and even the 1600s. Yet, as old as these houses were, families still lived and thrived in them. I see no reason why the solidly-built older housing stock in our neighborhood cannot last for centuries, too. The biggest thrills we have had while living in our old house have come from hearing stories about our house from previous owners and adults who were once kids growing up here. So as you maintain and restore your old house, think of the many generations who will someday enjoy your house the way you do. I think it will change your perspective.

The Old House Mechanic column will live on, at least in a fashion. Beginning next month and continuing until who knows when, the DMPA Newsletter will reprint past columns from the Old House Mechanic archives. I will be editing the columns to revise and update them as needed, because...well...because it's difficult to leave things behind.

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# Meet the Merchants

## *Italian Sausage, 600 Children, \$2.00/lb Cheese and an Annual Pig Roast*

What do these have in common? Lou and Paula Hyland of Grand Pa's Food Store and Deli.

A month or so ago, I stopped in to see Lou (the Grand Pa of Grand Pa's) and he was elbow deep in making 50 lbs of fresh Italian sausage with his hand-crank machine. When I asked what made it Italian, he said "Tony Costantini's recipe" which calls for herbs and spices. Tony's recipe reached Lou the long way around; in 1954 Lou went to work at Grand Central Market, where Tony was a meat cutter – and sausage maker. Tony later bought the market, then even later, sold it to Lou, along with the Italian sausage recipe. This is how Dundee eventually acquired its very own meat cutter and sausage maker. Yes, Lou is a meat cutter, which explains how he can sell, on occasion, T-Bone steaks or New York Strips for \$5.99 per lb. These amazingly low prices have to do with a special buying relationship Lou has with his vendors, and the fact that he cuts and wraps his own steaks, and occasional roasts.

What is "Grand Pa's"? To be clear – it is a food store, not a convenience store. The difference is that Grand Pa's sells meats, cheeses, poultry, fruits, vegetables, freshly baked goods, and has a deli case with Paula's salads, sandwiches, and other deli items. There is so much that is made on site – in their commercial kitchen, that one of the best ways to shop there is just to come in hungry and see what they have. With respect to shelf items, when comparing his store to a large grocery, Lou explained, "We have almost everything, but only one brand of each thing." The other day a customer stopped by asking for ground ginger. Rather than turn the customer away, Paula shared some of her ground ginger, that she uses in her baking and cooking, by giving the customer enough to make the recipe she was preparing. "Why would I not give her some and help her avoid a long delay and an unnecessary drive to a supermarket?", said Paula. Customer service for Lou and Paula comes in many shapes and sizes, including the occasional home delivery.

While Lou makes sausages and cuts meat, Paula cooks and bakes, both for the store and for catering engagements. Paula describes her food as "old-style, family favorites" and has catered parties of up to 700 people. The catering menu includes Swedish meatballs, pork chops, lasagna, and roast beef -- a list of over 21 meat entrees and over 50 items total, including homemade breads and desserts.

Where do the 600 children come in? Lou and Paula over the years have been foster parents to over 600 children. Senator Gwen Howard sponsored legislation in the Nebraska legislature to honor Lou and Paula for their outstanding service to the community and to the foster parent system over the past several decades. "Many of the children," Lou says speaking of his huge foster family, "stay in touch with us. And the first thing they always ask when the

call or stop by is, 'Do you still go to Mt. Carmel bible Camp?'" And for 40 years, the answer has been, "Yes."

Lou and Paula have four children, "biological," as they said, and it was when three daughters decided to marry in the same year that Paula and Lou began their catering business, honoring the maxim of "necessity is the mother of invention."

And about the \$2.00 cheese? Lou can, on occasion, find wonderful bargains – he is a bargain hunter at heart. He may find a 30 lb block of cheese offered by a vendor that he can buy at a discount and resell at \$2.00 per lb, or a 20 lb pack of apples, or 20 lbs of potatoes. When he scores, he shares with his customers. Some customers do all their grocery shopping at Grand Pa's, saving money on the very competitively priced meats and produce, being flexible and buying what is available rather than coming in for the specific specialty item.

What about the Pig Roast? It is an annual event at Dundee Day. Lou and Paula roast a whole pig and sell it bar-b-que style in sandwiches, along with chips, \$1.00 sodas, and \$1.00 soft ice cream cones. Saturday, August 28 will be their 10th Dundee Day Pig Roast – but they expect to sell the whole pig, so don't wait too long to line up for your Grand Pa's bar-b-que.

With Spring Fling approaching, Saturday, May 22, Lou and Paula are planning to provide a special version of their pork bar-b-que for that event – so come and have a taste of Dundee's own "Grand Pa's Bar-B-Que" at Spring Fling.

At any time, whether during a special event or on just an ordinary day, stop in to say "Hi" to Lou and Paula; they are used to that kind of congeniality – and mention how much you enjoy the flowers and shrubs in their gardens around the store's parking. As I walked back up the street to Marks, I smiled at the tulips working their way toward the sun, and the forsythia bushes in bloom. Lou and Paula make great contributions to the neighborhood, and we are grateful for their presence.

By Molly Romero of Marks Bistro, Business Liaison

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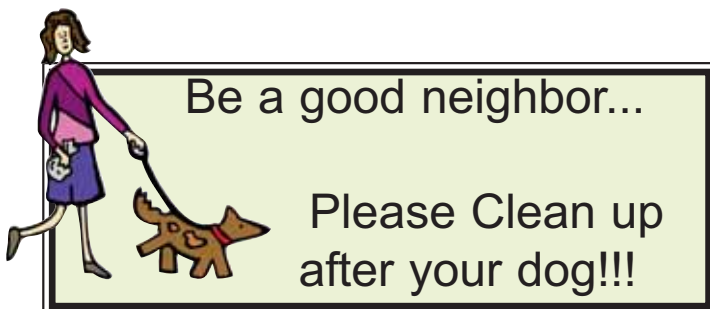
The final month of school will be a flurry of activity. We invite all neighbors to the Annual Flower Sale on Friday, May 7 on the blacktop. You are sure to find an excellent assortment of plants for your garden. We are limiting the sale to one day this year so come early and grab the best selection!

The Dundee Gardens are again flourishing. Thanks to the dedication of numerous families, each plot will receive tender care over the summer months. Families will work on the gardens every week and enjoy socializing in this beautiful space. We'd like to thank all of the folks who came to the gardens in April to help with the bed preparation. Once again, many hands make light work. (Okay, maybe not "light" work, but it was fun!) We'd also like to thank our Dundee neighbors who allow us to use their garbage pick-up for the yard waste. You are great partners!

The end of the school year brings lots of outdoor activities. From running club, Walking Wednesdays and Field Day to Know Your Neighborhood and art projects completed outside, Dundee kids will be seen and heard throughout the neighborhood in the weeks to come. Please be aware of these groups of kids as they cross streets and driveways.

This is the final letter from us as presidents of Dundee PTA. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our neighbors and families. Dundee Elementary is a wonderful place and it reflects the nature of our neighborhood. No matter the task, one phone call or email and folks were willing to pitch in to get the job done. A very special thank you to Kaye Goetzinger, Dundee Principal, for her tireless work on behalf of our kids and the Dundee businesses for their unending support of the school. Happy summer!

Ginny and Mark Curley, Dundee PTA Presidents

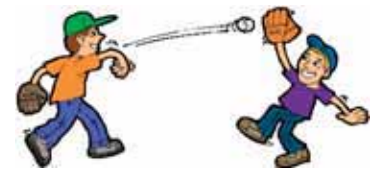


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**Game Time: "Just Dance"** - Wednesday, May 26th from 2-4pm  
Get up and get down! School is out for the summer so celebrate by coming to the library and dancing. Play "Just Dance" for Wii while having fun and hanging out with your friends. Compete to see who has the best moves!

**Movie Day: "Over the Hedge"** - Thursday, May 27th @ 1pm

(All Ages) Come to the library and enjoy the watching the crazy antics of woodland animals invading suburbia in "Over the Hedge" while enjoying a tasty snack!

### Teen Activities

**Game Time: "Wii Sports"** - Saturday, May 1st from 2-4pm  
Come to the library and get ready to play baseball, tennis, golf, bowling and even boxing! See if you can get the top score in your favorite sport!

**Game Time: "Just Dance"** - Wednesday, May 26th from 2-4pm

Get up and get down! School is out for the summer so celebrate by coming to the library and dancing. Play "Just Dance" for Wii while having fun and hanging out with your friends. Compete to see who has the best moves!

**Teen Book Club** - Saturday, May 22nd @ 2pm  
Read and discuss "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: A Novel in Cartoons" by Jeff Kinney while enjoying snacks and refreshments.

**TAB: Teen Advisory Board** - Saturday, May 22nd @ 3pm  
Enjoy snacks and refreshments while talking about issues and sharing your ideas. Join to see what it's all about.

**Teen Movie Day: "13 Going on 30"** - Saturday, May 29th @ 1pm  
Ever wish that you were older than you actually are? Watch the movie "13 Going on 30" starring Jennifer Garner while enjoying a tasty snack and see how one girl's wish turned out!

### Adult Activities

#### Book Clubs

**Sorensen Readers Book Club** - Saturday, May 1st @ 1pm  
Read and discuss "Cheyenne Autumn" by Mari Sandoz.  
**Under the Dundee Sun Book Club** - Tuesday, May 4th @ 4:30pm  
Read and discuss "A Bend in the Road" by Nicholas Sparks.

**Plains Pages Book Club** - Saturday, May 15th @ 1pm  
Read and discuss "Dreams from My Father" by Barack Obama.

### Computer Classes

**Computer Basics** - Friday, May 7th @ 10:30am  
(Limit 3) Learn about the keyboard, mouse, monitor, printer; how to open and close a program; use menus and toolbars; and save a file. Please register online, in person or by phone (444-5274).

**Internet Basics** - Friday, May 21st @ 10:30am  
(Limit 3) Learn how to use the Internet to search effectively. Please register online, in person or by phone (444-5274).

### Movie Days

**Adult Movie Day: "Mamma Mia!"** - Tuesday, May 5th @ 11am, May 8th @ 1pm

Bring your lunch to the library and watch the movie "Mamma Mia!" starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan and Amanda Seyfried. Coffee and popcorn will be provided.

## Friends of Omaha Public Library Book Sale

Friday, June 4th 10 AM to 8 PM

Saturday June 5th 10AM -5:30PM

Members of FOPL may attend the preview sale

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**Mini-Book Sales** during regular library hours:  
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### DMPA Sorensen Library – Center Committee

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