

# DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



## DMPA Meeting

### This Month's Meeting Nov 8th

#### Speakers:

Captain Trevor Towey of the  
Omaha Fire Department 7:30pm

Creighton Athletic Director  
Bruce Rasmussen at 8pm

#### Location and times:

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

Bring a friend or two.

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



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## President's Message

Autumn is in full swing. My family is now firmly back in the school year routine, football season is halfway over (the Texas loss still stings!), and the Charlie Brown specials are back on the air. I have some serious yard work to do, too, but it's a small price to pay to live in the Dundee-Memorial Park neighborhood. They say New England is the best place to see the leaves change but I wouldn't trade our beautiful fall color for the world.

I want to thank everyone who attended as well as all of the candidates who spoke at the forum during our October meeting. I always find these meetings valuable and a good use of DMPA time. I think it's important to know the candidates as well as the issues. I was pleased we had such a good turnout, as it shows our residents and our neighborhood is engaged. We had such a good turnout that all of Carole Langan's cookies were gone by the end of the night!

Due to the large number of candidates who agreed to participate in the forum, we asked that night's featured speaker, Captain Trevor Towey of the Omaha Fire Department, to reschedule his presentation. Capt. Towey graciously agreed to give his presentation at our November meeting and he will now present at 7:30pm. Creighton Athletic Director Bruce Rasmussen will follow at 8pm. I am really looking forward to this program, as it will be a great double bill! I hope to see you there.

Dave Mullins, our new Program Coordinator, has been hard at work putting together all of our future programs and he has scheduled some fantastic speakers. Here's a quick update on what's coming up. In January, we will have another double bill with Katie Weitz of Building Bright Futures and Karen Eastman of the Healthy Kids Alliance. In February, Omaha-World Herald editorial cartoonist Jeff Koterba will present. This is sure to be an informative as well as entertaining evening. The Joslyn Art Museum's new Executive Director, Jack Becker, will give an update as well as his vision for the museum in March. In April, Silicon Prairie News founders Jeff Slobotski and Dusty Davidson will give us some insight into Omaha's entrepreneurial spirit and maybe even a preview of their well-regarded annual conference, Big Omaha. In May, MECA board member Jim Vokal will give an update on what's happening in north downtown. We will look to get this schedule posted in the newsletter as well as on our website for your reference.

In other news, Pete Manhart has just begun our fall fund raising campaign for next year's Flower Baskets. Pete will again be collecting

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and  
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Bruce Rasmussen

No meeting in December  
**Happy Holidays!**

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# President's Message

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via our Block Captains so be on the lookout for their communication. Jen Goodman will be heading up this year's flower basket planting. If you're interested in participating please reach out and let Jen know (jen.goodman@cox.net).



The Association will be having their annual Holiday Lighting/Display non-contest again this year. There are no prizes but there is recognition and the pride that goes with it. In order to include the "not to be missed" list of beautifully decorated homes in the

December newsletter, the judging

will be held on November 28th, or the Sunday following Thanksgiving. I know it's early but you'll be happy you decorated when you did and avoided the winter chill. While we're on the topic, the Dundee Merchants will host their Tree Lighting Party on Thursday, December 9th. Rumor has it that Santa and his reindeer will be making an appearance so be sure to be present when the business district magically turns into a winter wonderland.

Finally, there were two Snow Informational Open Houses that the Public Works Department held in October in between DMPA meetings and newsletters (we did post them to our Twitter account @dundeememorial). I have electronic brochures so if you are interested in learning more about the City's 2010-2011 snow operations please let me know (benjamin.rouch@tdmameritrade.com) and I will forward you the information.

Now about that yard work...

Ben Rouch

## Reminders...

DMPA Meeting - November 8th  
Lights on Dundee - December 9th  
Underwood Ave 4-7 pm

# News from Dundee Elementary

Neither storm clouds nor sprinkles stopped Dundee Elementary students, staff and supporters from reaching the finish line Sept. 23 in the 2010 Dash for Dundee Direct.

Because of the weather, the walk \_ part of the Dundee PTA's Dundee Direct fund-raising campaign \_ detoured from its original route through the neighborhood. Students instead completed several laps around the school. The walk also helped fulfill the school's goal of having each child exercise at least 15 minutes four days a week, part of the school's new Move-It Challenge wellness effort.

Most importantly, the Dundee community has dashed directly to the PTA's goal of raising \$18,000 to support programs at Dundee.

Special thanks go to Principal Kaye Goetzinger and Jeanne Simmons, assistant principal, for their creative thinking in finding an alternative route. Kudos also go to the volunteers who wrangled and handed out donated food and other items, decorated the entryway, tracked donations and completed countless other tasks.

Please thank the area businesses that support Dundee Elementary by supporting them: Ideal Pure Water, Whole Foods, Mama's Pizza, Dundee Dell, Dundee Family Dental, Kohll's Pharmacy, Neff Towing, Wanda Construction and Chris Kilroy - Edward Jones.

Another neighborhood business, eCreamery, now has been added to the list of Family Night participants. When you visit the icecreamery and gelato shop at 50th and Underwood Streets between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month during the school year, 10 percent of sales that night will be donated to the school.

For those who follow happenings on the hardwood, Dundee this fall is launching a basketball team for fifth and sixth grade girls. The girls will compete against teams from other schools within the Omaha school district. Home games will be played at Dundee, starting at approximately 4:30 p.m.

You can follow these and other happenings at Dundee through its website \_ <http://www.dundeepta.org/> and on Facebook.



# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM AUTOMOBILE THEFT?

Excerpts AAA Nebraska

The Insurance Information Institute calculates that a motor vehicle is stolen in the United States every 24 seconds. There are many things you can do, however, to protect your investment and reduce your chances of being the victim of theft.

**Use Your Key** - Never leave your keys in your car as nearly 20% of all vehicles stolen had the keys in them.

**Never Leave it Running** – Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATM's etc. Approximately 50% of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.

**Hide Your Stuff** – Don't make your car a desirable target by leaving valuables in plain sight.

**Double Protection** – When parking in a garage, lock the garage door and your vehicle.

**Buying a Used Car From a Stranger?** – If you are buying a used car from a stranger, be suspicious of any deal that sounds too good to be true as the vehicle may be stolen. When buying from a private individual, make sure the title and registration match the name and address of the person selling the car. Be cautious of a seller with no fixed address or phone number.

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The VIN on the dash must match the VIN on the registration and title on the driver's door. If the VIN plate is scratched, bent or missing rivets, tampering may have occurred.

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# Dundee Community Garden

Our second year at the corner of 49th & Underwood was even more lush than our first year in 2009. We have 44 plots for gardeners, and all plots were productive. We also had four “communal plots” where we grew food for Together, Inc.’s food pantry. This year, we donated 640 pounds of fresh-picked produce to Together. Our final donation to Together, after our fall clean-up on Oct. 17th, was 180 lbs. of sweet potatoes, dug from the parking area between the sidewalk and the street on 49th St.

Garden volunteers had a booth at both the Dundee Spring Fling, where visitors could make tie-dye t-shirts, and at Dundee Day in August, where we sold produce and flowers from the garden. You might have seen us walking in the Dundee Day parade carrying a giant carrot! In June we had an ice cream social, in July a watermelon feed and scarecrow making party, and August was our potluck dinner at the garden. We also held three free “Introduction to Gardening” sessions, open to our members and the public, at the Sorensen Library about

garden bed preparation, growing tomatoes, and heirloom plants and open pollination.

We would like to thank the following people for their time and donations to the garden: to Paula and Lou at Grandpa’s Food Mart for the birdbath in the southwest end of the garden; to Alex Myers and Monica Erickson for making and painting the sign at the 49th Street corner; to James Dahlin for use of his flatbed truck again this year for hauling away a ton of yard waste; to Chip James for allowing us to use his property; and to our many neighborhood sponsors: Bread Oven French Bakery, Dundee Bank, Dundee Dell, Pitch Coal-Fired Pizzeria, Holland Basham Architects, Indian Creek Nursery, Barbi Hayes/Hayes Environmental, Dario’s Brasserie, Blue Line Coffee, and Amsterdam Felafel.

“Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest.” -Douglas William Jerrold. We are all grateful for the bounty we have harvested with our Dundee community this second year.

Sharon Conlon and Mary Green  
and the Dundee Community Garden Board



Photo by Eric Williams







Our previous home was Mediterranean style. I'm convinced it was the very last house ever in the world done in this peculiar style. What I remember most about it was the dark, rough, cheap wood wainscoting and ceiling beams. So I know bad woodwork. We tore it all out and replaced it.

I think I also know good woodwork after owning our old house. It has beautiful eight-inch wide oak baseboards topped with a gracefully curved cap molding. The doors and windows are cased with the same nicely figured oak wrapped with an "L" shaped back banding which adds subtle depth and shadowing. The crown moldings are an elegant way to transition from the walls to the ceilings.

When you have to repair or replace some of your millwork or when you're building an addition to your old house the stock moldings for today's houses are a poor substitute for this "good wood". But you don't have to settle for less, here are some solutions to matching your woodwork.

If you only need a few feet of replacement woodwork, sometimes you can find it a seldom used upstairs room or in the back of a closet. I haven't used this for baseboards or door casings, but there is a door in the back of a third story closet leading to the attic which will be promoted to replace a missing and more visible closet door on the second floor.

If you're even just a little bit handy you can recreate many moldings with an electric router and a few bits. You may find that no single bit will match the profile on your woodwork, but often times a combination of bits will get the job done. Experiment.

Even those stock lumberyard moldings I put down a couple of paragraphs ago, may replicate your woodwork if used in combination. Examining your woodwork closely, you may be surprised to learn it is not just one piece of lumber, but several different pieces layered one on top of the other. Our crown molding, for example, is actually built from six separate pieces of wood each a unique shape and size. For the woodwork you want to match, find a section in an inconspicuous part of the room and carefully remove it. Then take the individual pieces to the lumberyard or home center, show them to the man or woman at the counter and they may be able to match them.

As for where to go, I've had my best luck at Millard Lumber. They seem to stock the largest selection of stock moldings among the lumberyards and home centers.

A specialty company like KayDeeWoodworking has an even wider selection. In several instances after I had all but given up on finding what I needed I have found the profiles that matched my woodwork at KayDee. One cautionary note, however. KayDee is used to filling orders for an entire house or office building. Nevertheless they have sold me the small quantities I have needed, but I had to endure the grumbling and snide remarks from the yard foreman.

Maybe there is a reason they call it woodwork because it does take some work to keep it looking good, but it's worth the effort don't you think? If you don't think so, perhaps I could interest you in some very nice Mediterranean style ceiling beams?

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# Meet the Merchants

## Dundee Gallery

A Delight for the Eyes – and You Can Take Some Home

By Molly Romero, Marks Bistro

On one of those last days of Indian summer, on the patio at Marks, Jean Imray and I sat down to chat about her venture into entrepreneurship and the art world.

The Dundee community is so lucky to have its own neighborhood shops with diversity, ingenuity, commitment, and courage. Yes, courage. It is courageous to invest in one's self, one's ideal, and one's community. And Dundee is Jean Imray's community. She lives in the neighborhood and loves her very short commute, enjoys engaging with neighbors, and giving those who walk past her store window something delightful to see, an ever-changing view of aesthetic pleasures.

Jean's Dundee Gallery is just about four years old, having opened in March of 2007. She had been working in the non-profit sector for years, doing event planning and other fundraising activities, prior to taking the plunge and opening her own art gallery. With a bachelor's degree in psychology and a masters in public administration (with an emphasis on non-profits), Jean acquired some retail and a lot of non-profit experience. Over the years, through her non-profit event planning and other activities, she developed relationships with local artists, which rekindled her interest in art and operating a gallery to the point she took the plunge.

When she was in her early 20's, in Laguna Beach, California, one of her brothers was in graphic design and the other was doing framing. She was there and suggested they open a gallery – which did not happen, and she says now, "That was a good thing." The timing was not right, and at the age of 21, was not equipped to handle such an adventure. But as the years passed, she never let go of her interest in art – continuing to read about the arts, visiting museums and galleries while on vacation, and placing herself in a position to learn all about the Omaha art community while she helped non-profits fund their operations.

Then came December 2005, when she left her employment and began to consider what to do with the next phase of her life. A friend

owned a gallery in Benson that was coupled with non-profit-type programming, and she needed help. Jean stepped up and agreed to run the gallery for a few months, and discovered that the gallery business is what she truly wanted to do.

With luck, the Underwood Avenue space became available just as she was beginning her search, and the pieces fell into place. Her philosophy was clear: (1) make art accessible to all; (2) make art affordable to as many as possible; (3) serve local artists by providing a venue for their work; and (4) keep a visually interesting place that enhances the neighborhood.

In making art accessible, Jean keeps day-into-evening hours – no small chore. Being a sole proprietor, she has taken on a significant task of keeping her store open to 9pm Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday afternoons. She does so cheerfully, encouraged by her customers' interest and enthusiasm for what she is doing.

In making the art affordable, she carries items for every size wallet – beautiful note cards for as little as \$2.50, unique jewelry items ranging from \$16 to \$500, functional and non-functional ceramic pieces ranging in price from \$15 to \$300, and paintings, along with other two-dimensional works, ranging in price from \$32 (for the mini paintings) to \$4,000 and more (for standard-sized works).

The artists Jean represents are primarily local, with 90% from the Omaha area. She also includes artists from Lincoln, Des Moines and Kansas City, but emphasizes the talent of our own fair city. In speaking of Omaha's own, she says, "There is so much local talent here, and there are so few venues to see their work. I truly enjoy sharing the high quality work of Omaha artists with potential and current art collectors."

To give exposure to as many quality artists as possible, Dundee Gallery arranges shows that showcase individual artists, sending out invitations to the community, encouraging everyone to come





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and meet the artist and see the work. She also keeps a substantial mix of art objects on display, changing the window at least weekly if not daily to keep a constantly changing display of color, art type, imagery, texture and size in the window. In my experience, it is a challenge to walk by her window without stopping to enjoy the changing window scene Jean creates.

With Jean's many years in the non-profit sector, she understands the value of giving back to her community. For the past four Dundee Days, Jean has donated her time to assure the success of the art and craft fair. "It took me a while to get the whole event organized, but this past summer was the best," she said. It is a huge undertaking and she is working on expanding it, particularly to make the Spring Fling event as interesting and abundant as the August Dundee Day.

For the holiday season, Jean will bring many seasonal items into her store, glass ornaments, holiday note cards, ceramics for entertaining and gift giving, and note card sets, some with images of Dundee on them. For those who wish to give a gift, but want to let the recipient choose, Jean is delighted to offer gift certificates.

Jean plans an open house to coincide with the "Lights on Dundee" holiday event, scheduled for Thursday, December 9, from 4 to 7 pm. She hopes many will stop by and share the holiday spirit.

Jean loves Dundee and is pleased to be able to have her store here. It is close to home and she loves the sense of community, getting to know the neighbors and being active in the community. For Jean, Dundee is the perfect spot for her; she views her neighbors as extended family.

Visit the Dundee Gallery on the web at [www.DundeeGallery.com](http://www.DundeeGallery.com), or visit her on Facebook. If you would like notices of her upcoming shows and activities, give her your email address (sign up on her website) and she will keep you up to date – or check out her Facebook page often, as she frequently updates it.

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**Craft Time for Kids** - Wednesday, November 3rd, 10th & 17th @ 10:30 am

Come and create TWO fall/Thanksgiving themed crafts: one you can keep and the other will be given to a lucky recipient from an assisted living home!

**LEGO Club** - Wednesday, November 3rd & 17th @ 4:30 pm

(All Ages) Play the board game LEGO Creationary or use your imagination to build anything you want with regular LEGOs.

**Storytime with Clifford** - Wednesday, April 7th @ 10:30 am Bring your camera and meet Clifford at storytime! Enjoy a storytime filled with lots of fun, songs, and crafts.

**Read to Dogs** - Saturday, November 6th, 13th & 20th from Noon-2 pm

Come spend some time reading to Penny (a German Shepherd), Spike (a Shih Tzu), or Belle (a Lab Retriever)! Every child will have a 15-minute one-on-one reading session with one of the dogs, all of which are certified therapy animals. As this is a literacy program, the child needs to have basic reading skills. The library will provide a selection of books from a range of reading levels, or you can just bring your favorite book to read! Preregistration is required.

**Gr. 3-6 Family Book Club** - Thursday, November 18th @ 6:30 pm

Read & discuss The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman. Snacks & refreshments will be provided.

**Toy Story Movie Marathon** - Popcorn will be provided!

Toy Story - Wednesday, November 24th @ 11 am

Toy Story 2 - Wednesday, November 24th @ 1 pm

Toy Story 3 - Wednesday, November 24th @ 3 pm

## Teen Activities

**Homework Help** - Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th and Thursday, Nov. 4th & 18th @ 4:30 pm

(Gr. K-12) During this time, get basic homework help, use Tutor.com, research or type a paper on one of our Teen computers.

**Wii Fit Club** - Saturday, November 6th @ 2 pm

(Gr. K-12) Have fun while working out at the library! Try out yoga, do strength training, aerobics and even balance games.

**Game Time: "Link's Crossbow Training"** - Saturday, November 13th from 2-4 pm

Compete against your friends to see who can get the highest combined score! Prizes will be awarded!

**Gr. 4-12 Runescape & Adventure Quest Lock-In** - Friday, November 19th from 6-9 pm

Come to the library and hang out with your friends! Enjoy snacks and refreshments while playing Runescape and Adventure Quest. A signed parent permission slip is required.

**Teen Book Club** - Saturday, November 20th @ 2 pm

Read & discuss The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan or choose your own book. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** - Saturday, November 20th @ 3 pm

Join TAB and see what it's all about! Enjoy snacks and refreshments while talking about issues, sharing your ideas and helping out at the library.

## Adult Activities

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

Read and discuss Big Stone Gap by Adriana Trigiana.

**Adult Game Time: "Scrabble"** - Thursday, November 4th & 18th @ 1 pm

Join us at the library for some fun with the classic board game Scrabble!

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

Read and discuss The Samurai's Garden by Gale Tsukiyama.

**Adult Movie Day: "Julie & Julia"** - Wednesday, November 10th @ 1 pm

Bring your lunch to the library and watch the movie "Julie & Julia" starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams. Popcorn will be provided.

**Adult Computer Class: "Computer Basics"** - Friday, November 12th @ 10:30 am

(Limit 3) Learn about the keyboard, mouse, monitor, printer; how to open and close a program; and use menus and toolbars.

**Plains Pages Book Club** - Saturday, November 20th @ 1 pm Read and discuss Left to Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza.

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