

# DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



## DMPA Meeting September 14th

**Maria Zellmer**, Coordinator of  
Volunteers, Interns and  
Community Events for the  
Omaha Police Department

### 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.

## 1st Annual Association Picnic- September 6th



Look for details insided

## Dundee-Memorial Park Association Newsletter

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## President's Message

*Bob Welk has asked me to write the President's Message this month while he enjoys an extended stay in Wisconsin.*

With the fabulous weather we have enjoyed during the last three months, it is hard to believe that summer is over. The children are back in school and Dundee-Memorial Park Association is gearing up for another year.

The first event will be the Association gathering/picnic which the DMPA board has planned. The date is Sunday, Sept. 6 from 2-4 in the Elmwood Park pavilion. The Association will provide ice cream and selected toppings and ice tea, lemonade and water. Feel free to bring any food that you and your family or friends would like to eat. Games and activities have been planned for those neighbors in attendance. As Bob Welk stated in his last month's message, this is a first time, trial event. Plan to attend this fun Sunday in the park and help make this an annual event!

August 29th was Dundee Merchant's annual Dundee Day which I hope you were able to attend. All of the merchants worked very hard to make this a day which the whole family could enjoy. It was a day of celebration of all that is Dundee. Thank you to the merchants!

As you are getting your calendars organized for the rest of the year, please designate the second Monday of the each month for the Dundee-Memorial Park Association meeting. As you know we meet at the Dundee Presbyterian Church in the dining room. We have 3 interesting topics for Sept., Oct. and Nov. On Sept. 14 Maria Zellmer, Coordinator of Volunteers, Interns and Community Events for the Omaha Police Department will inform us about opportunities to interact in a positive way with our police officers. On October 12 we will hear from former Husker line backer and new UNO Athletic Director, Trev Alberts. Hear what Trev has in mind as he goes about revitalizing the Maverick athletic program and continuing the development of the hockey program. On November 9 we will be honored to host Hal France, former Artistic Director of Opera Omaha, who has a new position as Executive Director of The Kaneko, a new creative arts center in the Old Market. Enjoy Hal's observations on the creative environment.

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# President's Message

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Two projects will be wrapping up this month for the year. Our flower baskets which have been beauuuuuuuutiful (according to Bob Welk) this season will continue to bloom if we water them. Dan Rock can always use help in Sept. and Oct. watering the baskets. Please call at 558-4913 to volunteer. On Sept. 19th the Adopt Elmwood Park/Stream will be meeting for the final time this season. The group always meets in the grotto parking lot at 9:00 with their favorite pruners and gloves ready to tackle the weeds of the park or the stream.



Questions can be answered on the DMPA website. Please join the fun!

In last month's message Bob Welk thanked all of the volunteers in the neighborhood who plant and maintain the street island gardens. Bill Kelly, who keeps our website up-to-date, has wonderful photographs of many of the lovely island gardens on the website with a link to "street island gardens." If you haven't had a chance to see the gardens, enjoy the virtual tour. Thanks Bill.

Have a great Labor Day weekend and if you are in town, stroll or bike on down to the DMPA gathering on Sunday, September 6 from 2-4. It will be the place to be! Marty Myers

## Reminders ...

Association Picnic- September 6th  
DMPA Meeting - September 14th  
DMPA Meeting - October 12th



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Perhaps one of the nicest old house aromas is the tart fragrance of a cedar closet. While the most commonly touted benefit of cedar is that it forestalls damage to your clothes from creepie-crawlies, in reality clothes moths and silverfish—common pests at one time—are rarely found these days. Synthetic carpeting and dry cleaning have reduced their habitat. However, a little extra protection for your fine wool and silk clothing is still a good idea and there is that extra benefit of the smell of cedar. Upgrading an existing closet to a cedar closet is an ideal home improvement project because it adds value to your home, has immediate benefits, and is within the capabilities of most do-it-yourselfers and the cost is reasonable.

The cedar you want for a closet lining is a very specific kind of cedar: aromatic Eastern red cedar. Theories differ on why this particular cedar prevents insect damage. Some say moths and silverfish are repelled by the cedar aroma. Others say cedar masks the natural smell of wool and silk. Cedar won't kill the moths like mothballs will, but on the other hand you won't reek of naphthalene and paradichlorobenzene (say that fast five times) when you wear clothing taken from a cedar closet.

Eastern red cedar is readily available in a couple of forms. The first is cedar flakeboard—sheets of particle board with big chips of red cedar in them. This may be the best option if you are trying to save money (the cost is about 50 to 75 cents a square foot) or if you have large areas to cover. But cutting the sheets to fit into smaller closets can be tricky and the surfaces of the sheets are rough and not very aesthetically appealing. A second option is cedar planks. The big box stores sell tongue and groove cedar boards that show the nice grain and figure of cedar. Tongue and groove cedar is not hard to install and is easier to handle in confined spaces. Tongue and groove cedar runs about a dollar and a half a square foot.

To install cedar planks on the walls of an existing closet, start by locating the studs with an electronic stud finder. (You can also locate the studs by trial and error: hammering in a nail every couple of inches until you hit the stud. Sure it looks sloppy, but you're going to cover the wall

and the holes anyway.) Attach the planks horizontally on the wall starting at the floor. Cut your first board to length and hold in place with a level on top. If it's level, you're ready to attach it to the wall. If the floor isn't level (and what are the odds of an out-of-level floor in an old house?) you may have to taper the bottom edge of board (the groove edge) to get the first board level. Now lay a bead of construction adhesive (Liquid Nails is one brand) on the back and face nail the first board in place with five penny finish nails into the studs.

Cut the next plank, apply the adhesive and tap the groove side into the tongue of your first board. You can face nail this one and all the rest if you like, but you'll get a nicer-looking job if you toenail into the tongue; the nails will be hidden by the groove of the next board. If you are hand nailing, drill small pilot holes for your nails so you don't split the thin planks. If you can rent or borrow a finish nail gun, the whole job will go a lot faster and pilot holes won't be necessary. Lay boards all the way up the wall and rip the last board to fit next to the ceiling. If there is a little gap at the ceiling, you can cover that with a cove molding to give your project a finished look. Depending on your preferences you can cedar line one wall, two walls, or all the walls and even the ceiling.

Do not apply varnish or any other coating to your new cedar walls—that will prevent the cedar from releasing its fragrance. To refresh a cedar closet sand the surface with a fine grit sandpaper every couple of years or so. (This also works to revive an old cedar closet or chest.)

That's it. All that is left is to inhale the sweet aroma of a job well done.

### Connections

If you have a question, or a subject you'd like addressed in a future column write to me at:

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# Doc on the Block

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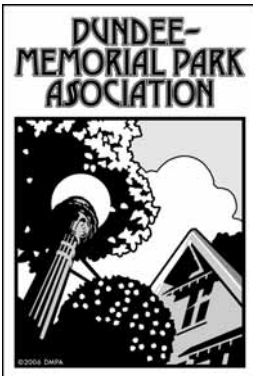
- Screen for obesity or malnutrition. An unintentional weight loss of 10 pounds in 6 months can indicate malnutrition or a serious hidden illness.
- The prevalence of high blood pressure increases with advancing age. The treatment of high blood pressure reduces strokes and heart attacks.
- Undetected hearing loss may lead to social isolation.
- The most common reasons for vision defects are long sightedness, glaucoma, cataracts and macular degeneration.
- Depression is easily missed in the elderly and may manifest as problems with memory, weight loss and difficulty sleeping.
- All older adults should be screened for alcohol abuse.
- There is good evidence that in elderly persons with prior heart attacks correcting cholesterol abnormalities lowers the risk of recurrent heart attacks.
- All men aged 65-75 who have ever smoked should have a one time screening for an abdominal aortic aneurysm by an ultrasound.
- All women aged 65 years and older should be screened routinely for osteoporosis by the use of bone density measurements. They should also be counseled about adequate calcium intake, smoking cessation, exercise and avoidance of falls.
- Breast cancer screening should be done by mammography every 2-3 years for older women with a life expectancy of 5 or more years.

- Nearly half the new cases of cervical cancers and deaths due to them occur in women aged 65 years and over. Regular pap smears every 1-3 years are recommended for all women who are or have been sexually active and who have a cervix.
- Screening for colorectal cancer by colonoscopies is every 10 years.
- Smoking cessation counseling may reduce the rates of lung diseases and heart attacks.
- Many common dental problems may be detected and effectively treated by regular dental visits.
- Diet high in fruits and vegetables, low in fat and salt, and adequate calcium intake is important. People who are frail and underweight should not have a restrictive diet.
- Physical activity is important for improving mobility and lowers the risk of heart disease and osteoporosis. Stretching exercises, walking, biking, weight training and Tai Chi or dance therapy is helpful.
- Lower hot water temperature to prevent serious burns, install smoke detectors and safely store firearms. A home safety checklist or formal environmental assessment by a physical or occupational therapist can facilitate injury prevention.
- All patients aged 65 and over should be immunized annually for influenza. They should also receive the pneumococcal vaccination once at the age of 65 and a booster for tetanus every 10 years.

The other preventative services to consider are screening for diabetes, thyroid disease and prostate cancer.

Shalia Shenai, MD

Creighton Medical Associates, Dundee Clinic



## Dundee-Memorial Park Association 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Picnic

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Farewell,

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aka "Miss Kay" /Mother Goose

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