

DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



DMPA Meeting

This Month's Meeting Sept 13th

Speaker: Sarah Johnson
Omaha Chamber of
Commerce's Young
Professional Organization

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

Bring a friend or two.



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President's Message

I hope everyone's having a pleasant summer. I know I have but it sure is going by quickly. By the time you read this letter, Dundee Day and the rest of the festival season will have come to an end. The swimming pools will have closed and the first week of school will have come and gone, too. Football and fall yard work will be here before we know it.

There's still time this season to be part of the Blossom Brigade. Dan Rock will need volunteers through October to help water the flower baskets so please sign up if you can lend a hand (Dan 558-4913). I had the opportunity to ride around in the Big White Truck just last week. It was hot but well worth it. It's fun to tour the neighborhood with a friend and nothing feels as good as hearing someone say "Thank You" for your efforts. And as an FYI for parents, we always give the flowers a little extra water when children are present. They seem to like the show!

Our first Association meeting will be held at Dundee Presbyterian Church on Monday, September 13th. As in previous years, the social will start at 7:00 pm with the meeting proper starting at 7:30. Folks, this is your neighborhood so come on out, see what's going on and get involved. Bring a friend along for company and meet some new ones while you're there. We have some great speakers scheduled this fall that you won't want to miss. I hope to see you there.

First off in September is Sarah Johnson. Sarah is the new manager of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals. Sarah will be giving an overview of the Young Professionals organization as well as some of the group's community involvement initiatives. On October 11th, our featured speaker will be Captain Trevor Towey of the Omaha Fire Department. Capt. Towey will be discussing the Fire Department organization, how the department serves you, the need for 4 on a truck, staffing, budget, and pension issues. This should be a very informative meeting as we are also planning to dedicate some time for candidates to address the Association prior to the November elections. The fall program ends on a high note with Creighton University's Athletic Director, Dennis Rasmussen. There have been a number of changes in Bluejay land over the past year and fans will be able to get the scoop when Rass comes to visit on November 8th.

Thanks to everyone who submitted programming suggestions. Please keep them coming, as we will start planning the spring schedule soon. Enjoy the rest of your long, hot summer. I'll see you on September 13th if not out and about in the neighborhood.

Ben Rouch

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News from Dundee Elementary

Dundee Elementary students will lace up their shoes Sept. 23 for a Walk-a-thon in support of Dundee Direct, the Dundee PTA's annual fund-raising event.

The walk will start at 9:30 a.m. and take students in grades one through six across Happy Hollow Boulevard at Chicago Street and through Memorial Park. Kindergartners will follow a shorter route. Please be on the alert for students along the walk route.

Dundee Direct supports the activities of the PTA, providing funds for enrichment activities, family event nights and teacher grants. Past contributions helped fund the construction of the school's new playground. Anyone can give _ parents, grandparent, neighbors and friends. Donations to support the walk and Dundee Elementary can be made to Dundee Direct, Dundee Elementary School, 310 N. 51st St., Omaha NE 68132-2846. Questions can be directed to Kim Craig, event co-chairperson, at kimvtcraig@gmail.com

Students also will be out and about before school Oct. 7 for a Walk to School event, which is intended to promote physical activity.

Meantime, change is in the works along the south side of the school property. The Garden Committee has cleared out many plants along the wall below the playground. The group will replace them this fall with new plantings, including roses and daylilies.

Julie Anderson
Dundee PTA



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The 15th of the preceding month
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Thursday, October 7th

Starts at 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Free testings. Many vendors .

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Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 9th
 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

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Join us for the last clean-up of this season at the grotto at Elmwood Park. We will need to do deadheading of some perennials, weeding and trimming and readying the area for winter. Lots of hands makes the work go so much faster. It is fun and so gratifying. Bring your favorite pruners and gloves.

See you at the grotto parking lot at 9:00 on Sat., Sept. 18.



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It was a story I had heard many times. Sure there are variations, but the story still goes something like this:

"It was a great old house, ninety years old. I bought it from the grandson of the original owner. The woodwork was all bird's eye maple and walnut and it had never been painted."

It's that last line that always kills me. I am so envious, because all the character of the fine oak woodwork in our old house was lost under uncountable coats of paint. until we stripped all of it. And the paint hadn't just been brushed on, it had been slobbered, smeared and, I swear, poured on the wide mop boards, the intricate crown moldings, and, well, everywhere.

A friend of mine told me this most recent "bird's eye maple and walnut woodwork" story. He was describing a house he previously owned in Texas. But this was not just idle chatter. We were discussing the pros and cons of the various chemical paint strippers on the market.

Until recently nearly all paint strippers had the same active ingredient--a chemical called methyl chloride. M.C. is mixed in a veritable witches brew with other "hot" solvents like acetone, methanol, and toluene.

I can only presume that the differences among competing brands are the ratio of these chemicals, but they all still rely on methyl chloride.

Now, I'm not knocking methyl chloride strippers. They get the job done. You can purchase them in paste or liquid forms. They are relatively inexpensive. And they are widely available. Home Improvement stores sell gallons and gallons of the stuff.

However, M.C. is a potent chemical with many drawbacks. The smell is quite strong. The stripper will easily cause second-degree burns if it comes in contact with your skin. (You don't even want to think about what can happen if you splash it into your eyes.)

Based on tests with laboratory animals M.C. is suspected of being a carcinogen. Another problem I have read about in renovation articles is that the fumes can corrode your furnace enough to cause it to fail prematurely.

All of this suggests (actually it's much more than a suggestion it's an exhortation) if you use methyl chloride strippers use them with extreme caution.

Make sure you have lots of fresh air when you are using this stripper. Open windows. Use a window fan. Even better, if the weather allows, strip outdoors. Remember that M.C. and the other chemicals are highly volatile--no matches, no cigarettes, and turn off pilot lights. Believe me, chemical resistant gloves, long sleeve shirts and goggles are the fashion statement to make when using methyl chloride strippers.

If all of this sounds a bit extreme to you, consider trying one of the non-methyl chloride strippers.

Safest Stripper is a product from 3M. It has a pleasant smell (okay, at least a non-offensive smell) and is not caustic like conventional strippers. (However, all chemical strippers should be treated with respect. Read and follow all label directions.)

Another less caustic stripper is Citristrip. Citristrip has an orange color and even smells like oranges. It is pleasant at first, but after several hours of using the stuff you may come to hate the smell of oranges.

Some people have complained about "Safest Stripper" and Citristrip, saying they are too wimpy. They work, but they are slow acting. These strippers should be applied and left to sit for hours (up to 24 hours for several layers of paint).

You have to rethink how you use a chemical stripper with the new formulations. Most of us are used to applying the stripper and then scraping it and the paint off in about twenty minutes. With the new strippers you have to plan your work differently. Apply the stripper and then walk away. Check your project every few hours to make sure the stripper hasn't dried out and reapply fresh stripper to keep the surface wet. If you can, move your work outdoors. Even though these stripping chemicals aren't as smelly, lots of fresh air will make the work a little more enjoyable. (Okay, maybe not enjoyable but at least less noxious).

Even with the less caustic strippers, pick up some chemical resistant gloves at one of the big box home improvement stores. Stripper chemicals will quickly disintegrate ordinary rubber or latex gloves.

So there you have it, some options for removing paint and varnish--some old, some new. Or you can choose the best option--buy a house with bird's eye maple and walnut woodwork that has never been painted.

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Meet the Merchants

By Molly Romero, Marks Bistro

Bringing New Life to Things

Stroll down Underwood toward 51st Street, and stop at Scout – often. That is the message from Kelly Newell, founder and owner of Scout Dry Goods & Trade. It is there that Kelly “brings new life” to “cool” clothes and other things. A simple idea born of a desire to shop in a store like Scout gave rise to Dundee’s hip clothing store.

Scout buys, sells and trades dry goods – clothing, accessories, and other hip items – with an ever-changing inventory (really – new items daily) and a team of fashionistas to make sure the best of the recent fashions are available at affordable prices, along with some vintage treasures (at least 20 years old). The mere presence of Scout invites me to examine the back of my closet for that pair of 1970’s tapestry bell-bottomed hip huggers that were too cool to commit to the fate of a thrift store. There is now hope that they can find a new life on a younger, slimmer, active body that will enjoy being crowded into a packed Slow Down some evening, surrounded by loud music and friends of like mind and age.

Scout caters to young people, 18 to 34 years old, both men and women, and is fun for all. Kelly is so pleased to see some high-end clothing find its way to Scout, where she can sell it for a small fraction of its original price, which makes Scout the perfect place for budget-minded “gen-whatevers” to build a wardrobe of great stuff while staying within budget. That is to say that Scout is particular about what it buys and sells. What you will not find on their racks – athletic, maternity, or children’s wear, or items torn, stained, or missing buttons. In short, Scout is focused on ready to wear, cool clothes suitable for work and socializing, and acts as a conscientious curator of up-to-date fashions and unique and cool vintage wear.

That describes their racks, but then there are the bins that so many Scout patrons have discovered. Every Sunday, noon to 5 pm, Scout fills bins with “rack-reject” clothes – here you will find the over-stock clothing along with athletic, children’s and maternity clothes, and some clothes that just never did find their mates while strutting their stuff on the racks. And all the “bin” clothes are just \$1 per piece, with what is not sold going to a non-profit the next day, just like day-old bread. Kelly says she has some customers who arrange their Sundays around a visit to Scout to scour the bins.

What Scout has given to Kelly is “creative freedom,” allowing Kelly to express her fashion voice.



Before Scout, Kelly was the membership director for all 11 Omaha YMCA’s, which tapped her talent and training for marketing. Prior to her position at the “Y,” Kelly worked for several other non-profits, which explains her inspiration for, and commitment to, helping others build a wardrobe on a “non-profit” salary. With the difficulty of building her wardrobe, Kelly thought, “There have to be people out there with clothes they aren’t wearing. How can I get those clothes?” With that as the catalyst, Kelly said. “It became clear that this was where I needed to be.” She thinks of Scout as a “for profit that gives, doesn’t just take – similar to a non-profit.”

And that led to Kelly seeking the right place for her Scout, and it was just the right time, too. With the old Dundee Dinner Theater building renovation nearing completion, Kelly found the right spot, knowing that Dundee, with its sense of community and its own special culture, was the place for Scout. She says Dundee has a European feel – an artistic and creative energy.

What sets Scout apart from consignment shops is that Scout actually buys clothing, right on the spot. No need to make an appointment; just bring your items in, and whoever is there is authorized to buy, and you can choose cash or store credit, in which case, the recycling continues! Kelly said she would love to have a history of some of the items she sells, as she is sure they have many stories to tell. Some of the clothes have traveled far to arrive at Scout – starting out in New York, California, Amsterdam, Vancouver, and other far-flung places.

Kelly’s parents, both from large families, learned to reuse and reuse and reuse until there was no more use left, and then recycle, and they passed these principles on to the Kelly and her siblings. In addition to reusing and recycling, they learned to get the most for their spending dollar. Kelly and her sisters would have only \$100 for new school clothes each year – and they experimented with creative ways to build their school wardrobes. In describing those days, Kelly credits those experiences with helping define her vision for Scout, the store she wished she could find many times through the years.

So, when Kelly was ready, she lovingly – and courageously – created Scout, the kind of store she likes to visit, a place where she can find her wardrobe pieces – Banana Republic pants, interesting vintage pieces along

Meet the Merchants

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side great fitting jeans, soft T-shirts and cool shoes – and still be able to save money for her next trip.

Scout is open seven days a week, and can buy, sell or trade at all times they are open.

Check out her website at www.ilovescout.com and catch a feeling of her generous, fun and creative spirit. And, if you don't receive the semi-monthly Scout emails, sign up for them; they are a delight and will bring you a smile, no matter what your age.

It is always a treasure to share the experience of someone fulfilling her vision grounded in principles based on community, creativity, recycling and aesthetics, and that is what Scout is for Kelly. Scout opened in January 2008 with the primary goal to be environmentally responsible and to provide a lively environment for customers to buy, sell and trade their cool clothes. Stop by and meet the Scout fashionistas – and if you are lucky you may meet Kelly with her new baby, Owen, who is enjoying Kelly's world with wide-eyed wonder.

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Family Storytime - Saturday, September 11th, 18th & 25th @ 10:30am

Enjoy a storytime filled with lots of fun, songs and crafts.

Very Hungry Caterpillar Storytime - Thursday, September 9th @ 1pm

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LEGO Club - Wednesday September 8th & 22nd @ 4:30pm

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Movie Day: "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory" - Friday, September 24th @ 1pm

Celebrate Roald Dahl Month by coming to the library and watching the classic children's movie "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory" starring Gene Wilder. Popcorn and a special treat will be provided!

Family Book Club - Thursday, September 16th @ 6:30pm

(Gr. 3-6) Join our brand new Family Book Club for parents and kids in Grades 3-6. Bring your mom or dad or even both and enjoy talking about Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney. Snacks & refreshments will be provided.

Teen Activities

Wii Fit Club - Saturday, September 4th @ 2pm

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Teen Book Club - Saturday, September 18th @ 2pm
Read & discuss Island (Book One: Shipwreck) by Gordon Korman. If you would like to choose your own book, you can still come and talk about what you have read. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) - Saturday, September 18th @ 3pm

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.

Game Time: "Big Brain Academy Wii Degree" - Saturday, September 25th from 2-4pm

Challenge and weigh your brain at the library by playing "Big Brain Academy Wii Degree"!

Adult Activities

Adult Movie Day: "The Blind Side" - Wednesday, September 1st @ 12pm

Bring your lunch to the library and watch the movie "The Blind Side" starring Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw. Coffee and popcorn will be provided.

Adult Game Time: "Scrabble" - Friday, September 3rd, 10th & 17th @ 1pm

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

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tuesday, September 7th @ 4:30pm

Read and discuss *Old Jules* by Mari Sandoz.

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, September 11th @ 1pm

Read and discuss *Black Elk Speaks* by John Neihardt.

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, September 18th @ 1pm

Read and discuss *Perfect Match* by Jodi Picoult.

Adult Computer Class: "Basic Internet" - Thursday, September 23rd @ 1pm

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