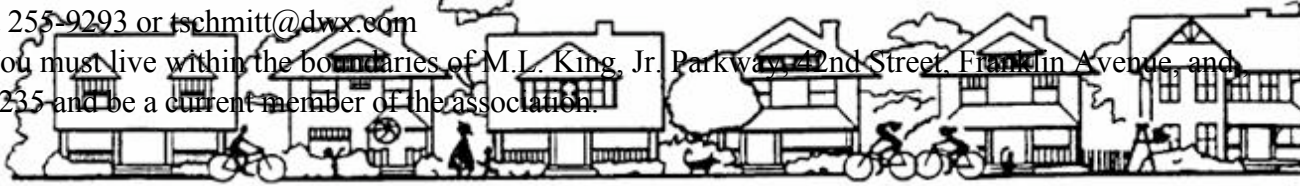


Anyone interested in Drake Neighborhood Association board positions should contact Marty Schmitt at 255-9293 or tschmitt@dwx.com

You must live within the boundaries of M.L. King, Jr. Parkway, 42nd Street, Franklin Avenue, and I-235 and be a current member of the association.



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President's Message~

It is summer in the Drake Neighborhood and it has been busy.

I want to thank all the wonderful people who agreed to open their home for the 21st annual tour of homes. It was a wonderful weekend and I heard nothing but great comments. The house tour is not only one the biggest fundraisers every year, it is a good way to get people to come into the neighborhood to see what a wonderful place this is live. The tour would not be possible without the home owners.

I also want to thank Carol Venhaus for heading of the tour this year and the committee for all their hard work. They not only have to solicit the home owner, they work on publicity, solicit sponsorships, put up signs and line up volunteers and do a hundred other things. It is a huge job and I can not thank them enough. I also want to thank all the volunteers to help the day of the tour, you not only mark tickets but you serve as ambassadors for the neighborhood. I also want to thank the many sponsors and promoters; Patty and Preston Daniels, Starch Pet Hospital, Welcome Home Magazine, Neighborhood Finance Corp., Carver Ace Hardware, Dick Pharmacy, Terry Taylor State Farm Insurance Agency, Zumi's Spencer Anderson Furniture Service, Inc., Iowa Bakery Café, Movie Gallery, Irene's Flowers, Court Avenue Brew Pub, Sammy Jacks, The Des Moines Register, KCCI, and KFMG 99.1 Radio. Be sure to support these businesses and tell them thank you for there support of the Drake Neighborhood.

However, that was not the only thing happening in the neighborhood that weekend; we had other volunteers working on planting flowers around the neighborhood, thank you also. Now if it would just rain!

Don't forget about the Farmers Market every Wednesday night behind the First Christian Church 4 to 7. With this heat there should be a good supply of produce in the coming weeks.

I also want to remind people that if you see illegal activity in the neighborhood try to note time, place, license plate numbers, descriptions and report it to the police. If you don't want to call 911, call Deb Richardson, her number is listed on back of newsletter or crime stoppers. If you see weeds growing and they need to be mowed you can call the Polk County Weed Commissioner 286-3005. Let's keep this a wonderful place to live.

Enjoy the summer in the city.

Marty Schmitt

DNA EVENTS

More info inside

Drake Farmers Market

Every Wednesday, 4-7 pm

Jazz in July

Tuesday, July 10^h, 6:30 pm

This year's Metro Arts Jazz in July concert behind the Shops at Roosevelt.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7th, 6-8 pm

A nationwide event to promote community.

Neighborhood Social

Thursday, July 26th, 6-8 pm

Drake University and US Bank will be co-hosting our next event.

Meet our new board member

Hi! I'm Betsey Qualley, the newest member of the Board of Directors. I have lived in the Drake Neighborhood with my husband, George, for four years. We have been restoring our current residence, 1008 26th Street, since we purchased it almost two years ago. Both my husband and I are Drake alumni and are interested in the continued rehabilitation of the neighborhood. I have been working on my master's degree in Architectural Studies with an emphasis on Historic Preservation at ISU, I plan to complete the degree in the upcoming year. I am currently working as the Executive Manager of Associations at Conlin Properties, Inc. and have received designations through the nationally recognized Community Associations Institute. I look forward to serving on the board and becoming more involved in our association!

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Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the DNA Board Meeting can be found on the DNA website at:
www.drakeneighborhood.org

The Drake Neighborhood Association,

Des Moines, Iowa, includes the area within I-235, 42nd Street, Franklin Avenue and M.L. King, Jr. Parkway. *Purposes of the association are: to gain awareness and instill pride in our neighborhood; to make our neighbors feel secure in their persons and belongings; to preserve and beautify our neighborhood; to promote a healthy business climate for area businesses; to encourage a self-help attitude in our neighborhood.*



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2007 Newsletter Deadlines:

If you would like to share information through our newsletter, please be considerate of the deadlines posted below. **Mail dates are approximate.**

ISSUE	DEADLINE	MAILDATE
Sept/Oct	August 13	August 17
Nov/Dec	October 15	October 19

The newsletter is a coordination of volunteer efforts.

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Save these dates: **Sunday through Saturday, July 8-14, 2007**

It's time for Roosevelt Cultural District Festival Week.

This year's festival will include two Jazz in July venues, Hubbellfest, two other music events, gallery open houses, the opening of "Disney's High School Musical" at the Des Moines Playhouse, AND the presentation of concept plans for the Roosevelt Cultural District, especially along the 42nd Street corridor, but also along Chamberlain and Crocker Avenues.

The calendar so far includes:

SUNDAY JULY 8: Roosevelt HighSchool String Quartet for Sunday Brunch at La Mie Bakery & Restaurant,
 11:30 am to 12:30 pm; *sponsored by La Mie Bakery & Restaurant and Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood Association*

MONDAY JULY 9: Elements, Ltd. Annual Summer Sale

Mon. – Sat., 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

TUESDAY JULY 10: Presentation of Proposed Improvement Plans for Roosevelt Streetscape to public for comment, between La Mie and Roosevelt Barbershop, 5 to 6:30 pm Jazz in July: Hot Club of Des Moines featuring gypsy jazz of Django Reinhardt on the back deck and parking lots of the Shops at Roosevelt, 6:30 pm; Rain Site: Hubbell Elementary School Gym; *sponsored by the Roosevelt Cultural District and Drake Neighborhood Association*

THURSDAY JULY 12: Gallery Open Houses: Elements, Ltd., Hentschel Art Gallery, Padma Gallery and Susan Noland Designs in Gold, 5 to 8 pm Presentation of Proposed Improvement Plans for Roosevelt Streetscape to public for comment, between La Mie and Roosevelt Barbershop, 5 to 8 pm Music: Ari Micich Fusion Band on the back deck and parking lots of the Shops at Roosevelt, 6:30 to 8:30 pm; Rain Site: Hubbell Elementary School Gym; *sponsored by Waterbury, North of Grand and Ingersoll Park Neighborhood Associations*

FRIDAY JULY 13: Opening of *Disney's High School Musical*, Des Moines Playhouse, 8 pm

SATURDAY JULY 14: Hubbellfest with games, food and pony rides on the Roosevelt High School Lawn, 5:30 to 8 pm; *sponsored by Hubbell Elementary School PTA* Jazz in July: Ashanti Latin Jazz on the Roosevelt High School Lawn, 6:30 pm; *sponsored by Waveland Park Neighborhood Association* **Sunday,**

More events and summer sales are possible. Elements, Ltd. will have a summer sale at that time.

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Mark your calendar now

September 7 and 8, 2007

ARTstop

--a cultural connection

The Drake Neighborhood Association will be joining neighborhoods across the city in celebrating **National Night Out**, a national event designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity.



Mark your calendars for
National Night Out (NNO)

Tuesday August 7th, 2007!
Drake Park Shelter House
6 to 8 pm

Join us for an evening of old-fashioned carnival activities, including three-legged races, a sidewalk decorating contest, ring tossing and a cakewalk.

Hotdogs and beverages will be provided.

The wading pool will also be open late, so bring a swimsuit and cool off!

Willing to volunteer at **NNO**? We could use your help! Contact Bonnie Hall (274-8901) or Trish Davis (255-3416) for more information. See you there!

Neighborhood House Sales

For May and June 2007

*House sales information compiled from the Polk County Assessor's Office.
For more information, please contact the assessor's website at www.co.polk.ia.us*

Address

Sale Date

Sale Price

Year Built

Square Feet

1730 22nd St	5/14/07	77,000	1911	864
1233 22nd St	4/25/07	102,000	1912	1456
1230 22nd St	4/21/07	122,000	1897	2678
1107 22nd St	4/13/07	87,500	1900	2201
1154 23rd St	4/12/07	63,000	1910	1057
1110 23rd St	4/24/07	50,000	1908	2016
1801 23rd St	4/19/07	42,000	1939	864
1076 24th St	5/14/07	82,000	1888	1876
1718 24th St	5/16/07	58,000	1907	1480
1102 25th St	4/24/07	165,000	1900	1802
1112 26th St	4/19/07	133,320	1900	2055
1517 29th St	5/4/07	79,900	1920	1152
1644 30th St	4/18/07	46,000	1915	877
1448 30th St	4/26/07	117,000	1900	1664
1423 31st St	4/30/07	75,000	1899	1823
1517 31st St	4/6/07	179,500	1910	1586
1519 32nd St	5/24/07	129,900	1914	1357
1618 32nd St	4/30/07	89,000	1917	768
1543 33rd St	4/18/07	75,000	1905	1011
1076 33rd St	4/30/07	105,000	1941	1336
1107 36th St	4/23/07	110,000	1908	1324
900 37th St	5/23/07	170,400	1928	2686
932 37th St	4/2/07	117,000	1921	1244
859 39th St	4/27/07	97,500	1923	816
1235 40th St	5/21/07	149,000	1984	1340
847 40th Pl,	4/12/07	112,000	1915	1328
1560 41st St,	5/7/07	125,000	1940	1020
1515 41st Pl,	4/30/07	219,900	1938	2138
1616 Beaver Ave,	5/7/07	150,000	1918	1479
2808 Cottage Grove	4/27/07	41,500	1908	1924
3307 Crocker St,	4/28/07	122,500	1911	1002
3225 Kingman Blvd	5/19/07	164,500	1919	2001
1626 Northwest Dr	5/24/07	130,000	1938	831
4021 Plainview Dr	6/4/07	117,600	1920	1689
3325 Rutland Ave	5/7/07	134,900	1920	1074
3827 University Ave	6/1/07	120,500	1923	1579



The Drake Neighborhood Association and the Drake Business Association have joined together to host monthly socials for both neighborhood residents and businesses. Our first social was on

June 28th and was a great success—many thanks to the Holiday Inn Express and manager Dave Dixon for the burgers, drinks and breezy patio--it was great to see old friends and make new ones!

The next social will be co-hosted by US Bank and Drake University and will be on the patio area near US Bank. Join us Thursday July 26th from 6-8 pm for another great evening!

Dressing up Your Neighborhood

On April 26th, the DNA had the pleasure of hosting Marcia Leeper, from Garden Gate magazine. Marcia gave a wonderful gardening talk entitled “Dressing up Your Neighborhood”, with advice targeted at our historic neighborhood and its mixture of sun and shade garden areas. Some of Marcia’s tips:

- n Historically, the neighborhood would have had front yards full of flowers with little or no grass. Consider incorporating some flowerbeds into your lawn areas, or if you’re tired of mowing you can replace your lawn with flowers (low maintenance perennials, if you want a minimal time commitment).
- n Look for possible ways to incorporate symmetry, which was popular historically. Also look for variety in the textures of the foliage of the different plants in the yard.



For interesting foliage in the garden, consider coleus (image at left) and caladium. Victorians used these as houseplants, and as tropical shade plants. Modern cultivars allow for use in sun or shade, depending on the variety chosen.

Containers allow flowers to be “planted” anywhere in your yard, even if you can’t dig any flowerbeds. And consider unusual container choices—old rain boots, hollowed out logs, whatever strikes your fancy.

Alyssum and petunias were commonly used historically, but are often now overlooked now – consider planting these classics to enjoy low-maintenance color all summer. Also consider modern varieties of historic favorites—you can often find the flavor of the old varieties with the convenience of new traits.

- n Lawns can be naturalized with crocus, by planting crocus bulbs throughout the lawn in the fall. In spring, your lawn will have beautiful color! Generally crocus are done flowering and have built up their energy reserves for next year before the first mowing. Marcia’s yard has crocus planted in a flowing river pattern—use your imagination to decide what you’d like to see each spring. Remember, if you naturalize you should not use herbicides on your lawn, as it will kill the crocus.
- n Tulips are popular now, just as they were when the neighborhood was built. The key to great tulips each year: plant in an area where they will be warm and dry in the fall—dampness (such as at the end of a drain spout) will often kill off tulip bulbs.

- n Time-release fertilizers are now available, which release nutrients for foliage growth first, followed by nutrients for flowering. These are especially useful in container gardening.



Recommendations for color in the shade: hyacinths, canna lilies (will not bloom in full shade, but get tall & interesting foliage), Japanese anemones, Ligularia (both the tall and low growing varieties), Buddleia (white), Tricyrtis or toad lilies (image at right), primroses, and daylilies.

With modern salting techniques, areas near roads are often coated in salt spray which many plants cannot tolerate. Some recommendations for areas next to road surfaces: sedums, thymes, pachysandras, mini daylilies, daylilies, Rosa rugosa “Curbside”.

- n For covering large areas, consider some of the large/giant hostas available now. One recommendation: Sum & Substance. Need hostas that can tolerate sun? Use the thick, blue-colored varieties.

Thanks for all the great advice, Marcia! And congratulations to all those who won door prizes—we hope to see you all at the next DNA event!



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