

Drake Neighborhood News



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The best thing about living in the Drake Neighborhood is that we are one of the highest places in Des Moines.

The Drake Neighborhood Association held one of the best House Tours ever on June 7 and 8. Hundreds of people from all over Iowa came to see what living in the neighborhood is like and I heard lots of positive comments.

Thank you Carol Venhaus and your committee for all your hard work organizing this important event for our community. Thanks also to the home owners who open up their homes to visitors. Without you this would never be possible.

We also need to thank all the sponsors and ticket outlets:

NFC	The Playhouse
Welcome HOME	
Patty and Preston Daniels, Prudential First Realty	
Starch Pet Hospital	Jethro's
Campbell's Nutrition	Irene's Flowers and Exotic Plants
Bijoux Grafix	Carver Ace Hardware,
Elements, Ltd.	Harvest Printing
Jester Insurance Services	Court Ave. Brewery
Mars Cafe	The Judicature House
And to Jolene E. for hosting post tour party	
To our ticket outlets - Dahls Foods on Beaver and Ingersoll, Uptown Hy-vee, Mars Cafe and Drake Diner	

Please support the business in the area that supported us.

Planning for next years house tour starts now, if you think you would like to have your house on the tour or would like to get involve in planning next years tour please call Betsey Qualley at (515) 333-4620 or email at betseyfrench11@mac.com. The DNA will celebrate our 30 year anniversary next year so we want to make sure this is a wonderful celebration of all the changes the neighborhood has had since 1978.

--Marty Schmitt, President

DNA EVENTS

June- September

Beginning June 4th
Drake Area Farmer's Market
First Christian Church Parking Lot
25th & University
Every Wednesday, 4-7pm

July 15th

DNA Co-Sponsored Event
Jazz in July "Giants of Jazz"
Shops at Roosevelt, back deck
6:30- 8:00pm

July 12th-18th

Roosevelt Cultural District
Festival Week

July 31st

DNA Quarterly Meeting

August 5th

National Night Out
Drake Park, 6-8pm

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**Roosevelt Cultural District
Festival Week
Saturday, July 12th - Friday, July 18th**

Saturday: Hubbellfest, food, popcorn, games, children's activities, horseback rides, Roosevelt High School front lawn, 5:30-8:00 pm
Jazz in July, Brazilian Sunset with Don Brown & John Scott, Roosevelt High School front lawn, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sunday: Brunch at La Mie, 8am-1pm, Roosevelt High School String Quartet, 11:30am-1:00pm,; Visual Arts Exhibition: Drake Fine Arts Students, Ashley Marie Machacek and Roosevelt High School students—Des Moines Playhouse Lobby through August 11—open Sunday, July 13th, 10 am-2 pm, Monday-Friday, 4-7 pm

Monday: Visual Arts Exhibition: Drake Fine Arts and Roosevelt student art, Des Moines Playhouse, 4-7 pm;
Tropical Steel, 5:30-7:00 pm, Back Deck, Shops at Roosevelt; Gateway Dancers, 7:00-7:30 pm, Back Deck, Shops at Roosevelt; Food by Taste! to Go, 5:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday: Jazz in July "Giants of Jazz" Fats, Billie, Ella and Irene with Tina Haase Findlay and band, back deck, Shops at Roosevelt, 6:30-8pm; Face Painting by Sacred Diamond-5:30-8 pm; "Circus, Circus" Hair and balloons for kids by Halo Salon-5:30-8pm; Visual Arts Exhibition- Des Moines Playhouse lobby from 4-7pm Food/Picnic Style by Le Jardin-5:30-8:00 pm
Post Jazz in July Party-Meet the Musicians- Le Jardin, cash bar, light cheese menu, free appetizers, 8:00-10:00 pm

Wednesday: Visual Arts Exhibition: Drake Fine Arts and Roosevelt High School students, 4-7pm;
Reception for Artists 5:30-7pm, Des Moines Playhouse lobby; Roosevelt High School Debate - back deck, Shops at Roosevelt 5:30-6:30 pm; Roosevelt High School Drama-6:30-7:00 pm, back deck, Shops at Roosevelt; Max Wellman Trio with Roxie Copeland and Steve Charlson- 7-9pm, Back deck; Face Painting by Sacred Diamond 5:30-8pm, back deck, Shops at Roosevelt; Food by Taste! to Go, kid friendly, and Le Jardin, bistro dining, 4:00-10:00pm, Reservations recommended.

Thursday: 50's Car Show, front of Shops at Roosevelt and along Chamberlain Ave, 5:30-8 pm;
Isiserettes, Shops of Chamberlain and 42nd Street, West Side of 42nd St. 5:30-6pm; Family BBQ by el Bait Shop, Parking lot by Boulevard Sports, 5:30-8pm;
Le Jardin-bistro dining, 4:00-10:00 pm, reservations recommended; North of Grand Band in front of Boulevard Sports, 7-9pm; 42nd Street Firehouse Truck and Display, west side parking lot; Visual Arts Display, Des Moines Playhouse, 4-7pm
Face Painting by Sacred Diamond, 5:30-8:00 pm; "Grease", Preview, Des Moines Playhouse, 7:30 pm-Limited tickets available at Playhouse ticket office on night of preview; Ice Cream cart.

Friday: Gallery Openings and Open Houses, 5:00-8:00 pm, Wine and Cheese; Opening Reception for Alejandro Mazon & Bill Hamilton, Hentschel Art Gallery; Opening Reception for Joe Muench, Elements, Ltd.
Open House, Susan Noland Designs in Gold; Roosevelt High School Debate-5:30-6:00pm; Opening of musical, "Grease", Des Moines Playhouse, 8:00 pm; Le Jardin, bistro dining, reservations recommended, 4-10pm

It is recommended that you bring your own chairs for most of these events. The rain venue for all events Monday through Thursday is the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre at the Des Moines Playhouse.

These events are funded in part by a grant from the Iowa Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. For questions, contact Sheena Thomas at 515-277-7421 or Kathi Slaughter at 229-9627.

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

****NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT****

<http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/>

CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS...
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS
 AUGUST 5TH 6 – 8 PM
 DRAKE PARK 24TH AND
 COTTAGE GROVE
 JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR
 AN EVENING OF
 FOOD--FUN--GAMES--PRIZES
 ENTERTAINMENT AND MUSIC
 WADING POOL WILL BE
 OPEN BRING YOUR SUIT
 QUESTIONS CONTACT TRISH
 AT 515-255-3416
 SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Notice from Drake University

July 1, 2008 Drake University will officially become a smoke free campus. Notice is being sent out to all students, faculty members, staff and other groups and organizations that come onto campus to use our facilities about the smoking ban. This smoking ban also involves all visitors who would occasionally stroll through our campus.

Block Party Season Is Here!

To help you get to know your neighbors better the DNA would like to encourage you to plan a block party on your block. The DNA can supply you with a 10'X10' tent, 5 gallon drink cooler and neighborhood brochures for your get together. Just call Marty at 255-9293 to reserve.

DID YOU KNOW??

WHAT CAN I PUT ON THE CURB?

Des Moines City ordinance prohibits the placement of junk, debris, branches, limbs abandoned furnishings, or other property on any City right-of-way. This includes the curb in front of your property **and the alley behind**. The exception is regular weekly refuse pick up. Garbage cans may be placed on the right-of-way for regular pick-up 12 hours before collection and remain on the right-of-way for no more than 12 hours after collection.

SEC. 98-54.3 (d). No person shall deposit solid waste or solid waste containers upon the parking or terrace of the street in front of premises more than 12 hours before the date designated for solid waste collection. No person shall allow solid waste containers to remain on the parking or terrace of the street in front of that person's premises for more than 12 hours after the date designated for solid waste collections.

You must use city supplied containers only. Materials that do not fit in containers: furniture and big items bundled wood etc must have purchased stickers on them before they will be picked up. "Large Item" stickers are \$5.00 ea. You would need one per each large item and you can only have up to 5 large items per week. For yard debris you must use marked "metro waste authority" bags or put a "yard debris sticker", \$1.00 per sticker, on any other bag. You must also put a yard debris sticker on bundles of limbs or branches to be picked up. These stickers can be purchased at Dahls, Hy Vee, City Hall, and some hardware stores. Be sure to designate large item sticker or yard waste sticker.

Anything on the curb/alley "public right of way" other than the designated hours of pick-up will be considered "abandoned property" and in violation of city ordinance. Once the city becomes aware of a violation it will be tagged with an orange sticker and, if not removed by the owner in 4 days the city will remove and dispose of the material at the expense of the abutting property owner.

Sec. 42-361. Abandoned property in the right-of-way.

- (a) *Property left in the public right-of-way of any road or alley, including but not limited to any personal and household items, furniture, appliances, machinery, equipment, building materials or other items shall be deemed abandoned and shall constitute a violation of this article and are hereby declared a public nuisance. Property left on the public right-of-way as a result of an eviction or a forcible entry and detainer action shall be deemed abandoned and are hereby declared a public nuisance.*
- (b) *The abutting property owner is required to maintain all property outside the lot lines and property lines and inside the curb lines or the travelled portion of the public streets or alleys. Any items which remain on the public right-of-way or any road or alley for a period of 48 hours shall be deemed abandoned and to constitute a public nuisance subject to removal from the real estate by the city with or without notice.*
- (c) *It shall not be a defense to this article that the public works department of the city has been contacted for a bulk waste pick up, if the items were placed on the curb or right-of-way prior to the pick up date assigned by the public works department.*
- (d) *The costs of the abatement will be assessed against the abutting real estate from which the nuisance was abated for collection in the same manner as a property tax if notice has been served.*
- (e) *Service to the notice shall be by regular mail, addressed to the owner of the real estate abutting the property and/or the person deemed responsible for the real estate abutting the public right-of-way four days in advance of the abatement. The notice shall contain information, which reasonably appraises the party notified of the nature of the nuisance.*

If you have any questions on the above ordinances please call me.

--Ed Leedom, 515-283-4183, elleedom@dmgov.org

Reasons to Buy Iowa-Grown Food at Your Farmers' Market

- ▶ **Locally grown food is better for you.** The produce for sale at the Market was picked just hours before you buy it, not days or weeks before and then shipped here. It is crisp, sweet and loaded with flavor and nutrients.
- ▶ **Locally grown food tastes better.** Commercial fruit and vegetables are hybrid types with tough skins that are grown for looks and shipping, not for flavor.
- ▶ **It's a part of green living. Less fuel is used to get locally grown food to the Market.** Food at the Market is grown within easy driving distance of Des Moines.
- ▶ **Buying locally grown food supports nearby producers and farm families.** Your money goes right to the grower, instead of to large corporations and freight companies.
- ▶ **Shopping at the Market builds community.** You get acquainted with the growers, learn about the produce, and often see friends and neighbors here.
- ▶ **Locally grown food preserves our open spaces.** Because buying locally grown food is increasing, selling farmland for development becomes less likely.
- ▶ **Local food keeps your taxes in check.** Farms contribute more in taxes than they require in services.
- ▶ **Local food supports a clean environment and benefits wildlife.** Family farms value the resources of fertile soil and clean water.
- ▶ **Local food is about the future.** By supporting local farmers today, you can help ensure that there will be farms in our area tomorrow, and that future generations will have access to nourishing, flavorful, and abundant food.

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DNA Environmental Responsibility

In an attempt to educate and keep our neighborhood green, we have started a new column packed with green tips for you. These tips have been found in a variety of sources all of which will be cited. If you have some tips to share or questions that you would like to pose, please send them to schabel.claudia@principal.com.

Flood Clean-up

Homeowner's checklist

Start cleaning immediately since mould will start to develop within 48 hours of flooding. Before you start cleaning, put on a pair of rubber boots and shut off the electricity in the flooded area. Turn off the power, and then pick up any extensions cords or electronic goods.

Stay away from bleach

Our first instinct to bring out the chlorine to disinfect and kill mould. But a study conducted by Professor Jeffrey Morrell, Dept. of Wood Science, Oregon State University found that bleach "doesn't eliminate the surface micro flora." It doesn't kill the roots of the mould, only bleaches it so we think it's been cleaned away, when it hasn't. So not only is it ineffectual, its fumes are harmful to both humans and the environment.

Alternatives

A mixture of 56 grams (two ounces) of borax and one quarter litre (one cup) of white vinegar can be sprayed on the mould. Leave it sit for up to 60 minutes and then wipe the area. The mixture will prevent mould from growing back.

There are also several new products out on the market that are natural mould suppressants. **Concrobium** is a non-toxic anti-mould product available at The Home Depot that is quite effective.

Sources: Lynnae Hentzen- Center on Sustainable Communities
<http://www.icosc.com/>

Liam McCann is a Toronto writer who posted his article on
<http://www.greenlivingonline.com/HomeGarden/after-the-flood>

Special thanks to Beth Hicks, a neighbor who read her DNA newsletter, and shares the following site for recycling ideas:

For recycling questions and information, Metro Waste Authority in Des Moines is the best and most accurate local resource (www.mwatoday.com).

Crime Alert!

The police have caught and arrested another person in connection with the recent increase in home burglaries but that does not mean we do not have to use our heads. Some advice from the Des Moines Police to protect our property is:

1. Know your neighbors and let them know if you see something suspicious.
2. Keep a list of the model and serial numbers from your home electronics. In case you ever need to recover your stolen property.
3. Lock your doors and windows; the number one way they get in is through an unlocked door or cutting a screen.
4. Home security systems that make a lot of noise will wake you up and scare off the intruders.
5. Register your electronics when you purchase them, if they are stolen the company can supply you with the serial number.

Use outdoor lights and be sure you do not leave things lying around that someone can use to access your home, tools, ladders etc.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE SALES

House Sales in the Drake Neighborhood Area for April 11, 2008 through May 31, 2008

Address	Sale Date	Sale Price	Year Built	Square Feet
1055 22nd St.	05/13/08	43,800	1917	2180
1804 23rd St.	04/21/08	68,000	1918	1007
1605 23rd St.	04/14/08	12,000	N/A	N/A
1155 23rd St.	04/08/08	65,500	1898	1560
1100 26th St.	05/29/08	38,000	1893	1408
981 27th St.	05/22/08	40,000	1903	1019
1723 38th St.	05/19/08	224,000	1928	1800
929 39th St.	05/21/08	122,000	1911	896
911 39th St.	04/24/08	111,000	1918	1272
1646 Beaver Ave.	05/16/08	211,500	1918	2323
4033 Cottage Grove Ave.	05/09/09	133,000	1921	1924
3211 Crocker St.	05/01/08	68,000	1916	882
3521 Iola Ave.	05/28/08	194,000	1916	1906
3203 Mondamin Ave.	05/09/08	57,000	1913	1530
1689 Northwest Dr.	05/13/08	145,000	1923	1462

LET US EMAIL YOU!

Please send your email address and any other updated information to info@drakeneighborhood.org. All information provided to the DNA will be used only to provide you with pertinent neighborhood information and will not be sold to anyone. By providing the DNA with your email address will ensure that you receive up to date information regarding the neighborhood and volunteer opportunities. Help us save some trees by allowing us to email you!

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FARMERS' MARKET NEWS

Drake Neighborhood Farmers Market ... It's a green thing to do!™

WEDNESDAY, 4-7 PM ♦ 25TH & UNIVERSITY ♦ JULY - AUGUST, 2008

Market's 12th Season!

EVERY WEDNESDAY, FREE PARKING

The Market is open every Wednesday, June — September. The hours are 4 – 7 p.m. We're in the parking lot of First Christian Church, at 25th and University. Easy, free parking is just across the street.

We're Open — Rain or Shine!

It's summer, it's Iowa, and the weather can be guesswork! Unless there's a bad storm, the Market is open. Just bring your umbrella, and have a good time!



▶ Blood Pressure & Sugar Checks

Free screenings every week in the **for your health** tent. Plus, visits from various health agencies.

▶ Free Stuff and Kids' Activities

Coloring pages & books, crayons,

recipes, and information at the First Christian Church table. And, there's the free Veggie Toss Game (everyone wins a prize!), free face painting and crafts.

▶ Recycle Glasses & Hearing Aids

Bring your eye glasses and hearing aids to the collection box in the **for your health** tent, for distribution around the world by the Lions Club.

Credit, Debit, & EBT Cards

Four vendors use wireless equipment which accepts bank debit cards, and VISA, Discover, and MasterCard credit cards, and EBT cards.

The cards may be used for purchases only, with no "cash back".

The participating vendors have special signs at their stalls.



Volunteers Welcome!

The Drake Neighborhood Association is proud to be a sponsor (since '97) of this farmers market. Each week, the Market needs the help of 20 volunteers. That's 20! For 17 weeks.

Tasks include set-up (3-4 p.m.), traffic guard (1 or 1.5 hr. shifts), take-down (30 min.), and face painting. As a DNA member, please help with this event.

Call Ginny Gieseke, 277-6951, for more information.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Cooking Demos — July 2, 16, 30 and August 6

Chef Joe Godfroy will demonstrate easy and delicious dishes with produce available at the Market. Free samples & recipes. Funds for this project were provided through the Specialty Crops Grant Program from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

Free ID Kits for Children — July 9

ID information kits include child's weight, height, photo, and fingerprints. ID kit will be given to the parent.

Free Root Beer Float — July 9

Our friends at First Christian Church are hosting a free root beer float party!

Meet the Iowa Energy — July 30

Come visit with reps of Iowa's professional basketball team! Meet the mascot. Pick up some great gimmees!

Sweet Corn Festival! — July 23

Get a free, just-roasted ear of Iowa sweet corn! Funds for this project were provided through the Specialty Crops Grant Program from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

Drake Neighborhood FARMERS' MARKET COUPON

50¢

This coupon is good for 50 cents toward any purchase at the Drake Neighborhood Farmers' Market.

Valid July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 or August 6, 13, 20, 27 2008. Not redeemable for cash.

One coupon per vendor. DNA



Market Vendors



Angie's Market — Wonderful & nutritious produce grown here in Des Moines by the Scavo family, who has a long garden history.

Anna's Place — Ron's chickens are meaty & full of flavor. He has them packaged whole, or cut up. And he has fresh eggs from happy chickens, too!

Bibbs So' Food — Classie's famous sandwiches include grinders, brats, and polish sausages. Terrific for supper or a snack!

Burr Oak Farms — This family farm raises all kinds of produce & herbs, a variety of fruits, & they bring fine baked treats (many include their fruit!).

Cortez Gardens — Dixie & Walter bring beautiful garden vegetables from their farm. Dixie is also terrific baker, plus jam & jelly, & crafts.

Grandpa Daye's Open Pit — Get satisfied with Grandpa's juicy home-style ribs, chicken, & all the extras for a great supper.

Guerra's Pupusas — You'll love Edgar & Laura's variety of pupusas and natural drinks, plus empanada!

Ho-Ho-Ho — Steve & Mitzie bring adorable birdhouses, planters, & more. They have one of the best selections of basketware & crafts *anywhere*.

Hmong Lao Foundation — Treat yourself to fresh egg rolls, spring rolls, crab Rangoon, fried rice and chicken-on-a-stick.

Iowa Orchard — The Etchen family is famous for their many kinds of lowa-grown apples, delicious pies & cobblers, jams & jellies, & cider.

Leonard Farms — Vikki brings luscious produce from her garden farm, and she bakes delish breads, pastries, cookies, & more!

M & D Sales — You'll smell this mouth-watering, crunchy kettle corn before you see it! Get a bag to munch on, & take a big one home.

Ponderosa BBQ — Moe has a reputation for delicious bbq. See what the talk is all about!

Shutt's Garden Center — This family operation produces gorgeous, tasty vegetables & herbs.

Stickel Chiropractic — Dr. Matt Bohnenkamp and his staff offer free spinal screenings.

3 Bee Honey Farms — Nature's best sweetener is honey! Enjoy the goodness in jars, candles, lotion & lip balm, & healthy bee pollen from Donna's hives.

Valley Junction Gardens — Helen grows your favorite lowa vegetables, and brings their juicy & healthy goodness to you.

When Pigs Fly BBQ — Enjoy a variety of fresh grilled food, including walking tacos, hamburgers, & sweet potato fries.

Summer Produce

Iowa's fruits and vegetables really get going in July and August!

Get your fresh, tasty, and healthy produce from local growers at the Drake Neighborhood Farmers' Market!

JULY PRODUCE

- ◆ Broccoli
- ◆ New potatoes
- ◆ Cabbage
- ◆ Peas
- ◆ Cauliflower
- ◆ Sweet corn
- ◆ Green beans
- ◆ Kale
- ◆ Tomatoes
- ◆ Greens
- ◆ Kohlrabi
- ◆ Okra
- ◆ Herbs
- ◆ Beets
- ◆ Squash
- ◆ Peppers
- ◆ Plums
- ◆ Peaches
- ◆ Summer apples
- ◆ Onions
- ◆ Carrots
- ◆ Cucumbers
- ◆ Turnips
- ◆ Melons
- ◆ Blackberries
- ◆ Red raspberries

AUGUST PRODUCE

- ◆ Potatoes
- ◆ Broccoli
- ◆ Cabbage
- ◆ Carrots
- ◆ Cauliflower
- ◆ Sweet corn
- ◆ Eggplant
- ◆ Green beans
- ◆ Kale
- ◆ Tomatoes
- ◆ Greens
- ◆ Kohlrabi
- ◆ Okra
- ◆ Herbs
- ◆ Beets
- ◆ Summer squash
- ◆ Peppers
- ◆ Plums
- ◆ Peaches
- ◆ Summer apples
- ◆ Onions
- ◆ Cucumbers
- ◆ Turnips
- ◆ Zucchini
- ◆ Muskmelon
- ◆ Cantaloupe
- ◆ Watermelon
- ◆ Grapes
- ◆ Plums

ALSO AT THE MARKET

- ◆ Flowers
- ◆ Jams & Jellies
- ◆ Farm-raised chicken, eggs
- ◆ Supper
- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Kettle corn
- ◆ Baked goods
- ◆ Baskets
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Crafts
- ◆ Honey
- ◆ Bees wax products
- ◆ Fresh bread
- ◆ Lotions

RECYCLE! HELP THE EARTH AND THE MARKET

The Market recycles...*working or not...*

- ◆ cell phones
- ◆ ink jet printer cartridges (this size cartridge fits in your hand)
- ◆ laptop / notebook computers
- ◆ iPods
- ◆ digital cameras

100% of the proceeds help fund the Market's activities. Bring your items to the collection box at the Market.



THANK YOU!

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