

Drake Neighborhood News



Drake Neighbors,

First off, I would like to thank you for electing me as the new Drake Neighborhood Association president. I consider it a great honor and privilege to represent the neighborhood and to help it grow and thrive. I am a previous DNA board member and past co-chair of the Home Tour. I left the board and the neighborhood in 2003 when my husband, Mike, and I moved to a different neighborhood. I think we were gone about a month before we started missing it. We made a go of it, and in 2004 welcomed our son Maguire into the world. He kept us busy, but we always missed the close-knit neighborhood we used to live in and the active, passionate members of the Drake Neighborhood Association. So in 2007, when we learned that a home we long admired was up for sale (just around the corner from our old house), we jumped on it. Now, after having moved back, we feel once again at home in the Drake Neighborhood. I am committed to the neighborhood now more than ever. By working together I know we can make our piece of Des Moines a vibrant community and home for all of us.

That's why I am looking forward to the Neighborhood Planning Project we have just embarked on with the City of Des Moines. I want to thank all the neighbors who attended the January 20th meeting and all those who have expressed interested in joining one of the working subcommittees. Over the next year we will be working closely with the City Planning staff to generate goals and strategies centered around seven areas. From March through July we'll focus on housing, parks and trails, neighborhood identity and our relationship with Drake. Then in August begin work on infrastructure, commercial and crime and safety. Out of the subcommittees will come focused plans for improving our neighborhood. Your active involvement is very much needed and appreciated. If you haven't yet signed up, there is still time. Just email me at info@drakeneighborhood.org and let me know which committee you are interested in.

So as we move through 2009, I hope to bring you some new ideas, new events and a new sense of pride in our neighborhood. I am always looking for your thoughts and ideas, so please share willingly, often and honestly.

Kendall Dillon
President,
Drake Neighborhood Association

DNA EVENTS

April

Scrub Day, April 18th
Drake Parking Lot

DNA Quarterly Meeting, April 24th
40th & School, 6:30- 8:00pm

DNA Plant Sale, April 25th & 26th
Papa John's Parking Lot
42nd & Crocker, 9:00am - 4:30pm

Drake Relays Parade 19th
Drake Relays, 23rd- 25th

May

2nd DNA Quarterly Meeting
Date & Location TBA

June

DNA House Tour, 6th & 7th
Greek Food Fair
Greek Orthodox Church, 6th & 7th

Drake Farmer's Market Begins
First Christian Church

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Drake Neighborhood Businesses Win “Best Of”

By Ginny Gieseke

Fifteen businesses and events in the Drake neighborhood took honors in the annual *Cityview* Best of Des Moines readers’ poll. The winners were announced February 17th at a reception at Prairie Meadows.

Congratulations to these neighbors for being voted the Best!

Body piercing/tattoo shop University	Yankee Doodle Dandy Tattoo, 2322
Coffeehouse	Mars Café, 2318 University
Coffee	Mars Café
Coffee	Starbuck’s, 1315 31 st (runner-up)
First Date Spot	Mars Café
Happy Hour	Mars Café (runner-up)
French Fries	McDonald’s, 3002 Forest
Indoor Sporting Event	Drake Basketball (runner-up)
Outdoor Sportin Event	Drake Relays (runner-up)
American Food	Drake Diner, 1111 25 th St.
Family Restaurant	Drake Diner (runner-up)
Breakfast	Drake Diner (runner-up)
Burger	Drake Diner (runner-up)
Onion Rings	Drake Diner (runner-up)
Farmers Market	Drake Neighborhood Farmers Market, 2500 University (runner-up)
Pizza	Frank’s, 2314 University
Flower Shop	Irene’s Flowers, 1151 25 th (runner-up)
BBQ	Jethro’s, 3102 Forest
Chicken Wings	Jethro’s (runner-up)
New Restaurant	Jethro’s (runner-up)
Sports Bar	Jethro’s (runner-up)
Nachos	The Library Café, 3506 University
Place to Rent a Video	Best Place Ever, 1159 24 th St.
Locally Owned Store	Best Place Ever
Health Food Store	Campbells Nutrition, 4040 University
Place to catch a flick	Varsity Theatre, 1207 25 th (runner-up)
Theatrical Value	Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42 nd Varsity Theatre (runner-up)
Hardware Store	Miller’s, 1300 MLK Parkway (runner-up)

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

shade-loving flowers

2009 Drake Neighborhood Association Perennial Plant Sale!
And Quarterly Meeting.

COME SEE WHAT YOU CAN GROW IN THE SHADE

April 24, 25 & 26



DNA Quarterly meeting to be held April 24th at 40th and School Street 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

AFTER THE MEETING ALL PLANTS WILL BE ON SALE FOR 25% OFF

When: Quarterly meeting, Aprils 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Where:** 40th and School

When: Plant sale, April 25 and 26, 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m. **Where:** Papa John's Pizza parking lot at 42nd and Crocker
All plants will be 1 gallon pots, purchase three or more plants and receive 25% off.

Come to the DNA quarterly meeting on Friday April 24th, at the corner of 40th and School Street, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Papa John's Pizza will be served at the meeting.

For more information contact Kevin Venhaus at 277-1833 or e-mail kvenhaus@mchsi.com



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Drake Neighborhood House Tour

We are excited to announce that this year's Drake Neighborhood House Tour will be part of the celebration of our neighborhood association's 30th anniversary! In honor of our neighborhood's history, we will be featuring some of the oldest homes in the neighborhood. This year's tour will be in the area of 31st to 25th streets and University to I-235 and will feature homes that are 100 years or older. If your home is in this area, is 100 years old or more, and you would like to have it on the tour, please contact me!

The house tour committee would also like to ask you for your help! We will need volunteers for the weekend of the event, **June 6th & 7th** and would welcome additions to our committee. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact me!

Betsey Qualley, House Tour Committee Chair

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Notice of membership renewals will now be mailed twice a year.

Some members will receive notification in March and others in September.

You do not need to renew until you receive notification.

Questions? Call Denise McAfee @ 274-1910

Are You Receiving This Newsletter Via Email?

Several of you have notified us that you would prefer to receive our newsletter through email, however we have received a number of bad email addresses that we are not able to send to. If you think you should be receiving this newsletter by email, please contact us at info@drakeneighborhood.org so that we can make sure you are on our email list. If you have not yet signed up to receive the newsletter via email now is a great time to do so! As we work through 2009, the DNA board will be making more changes to keep our members up to date on important neighborhood events and information and email is great way for us to make sure we keep you in the loop!

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE SALES

House Sales in the Drake Neighborhood Area for October 15, 2008 through January 31, 2009

Address	Sale Date	Sale Price	Year Built	Square Feet
1215 21st St.	12/11/08	\$58,940	1895	720
1710 21st St.	12/12/08	\$21,000	1910	742
1816 22nd St.	12/10/08	\$59,000	1915	1152
1730 22nd St.	11/03/08	\$69,900	1911	864
1605 23rd St.	11/17/08	\$91,000	2008	1055
1030 27th St.	11/12/08	\$31,000	1908	1571
1010 29th St.	11/22/08	\$122,000	1925	1406
1531 30th St.	12/15/08	\$65,000	1900	1428
1541 32nd St.	12/10/08	\$37,000	1910	950
1342 33rd St.	12/08/08	\$80,000	1915	816
1058 33rd St.	11/19/08	\$123,000	1914	1847
1517 34th St.	10/18/08	\$115,000	1915	1123
1078 35th St.	11/05/08	\$30,000	1895	882
938 35th St.	10/31/08	\$210,000	1921	2677
2701 39th St.	11/21/08	\$80,000	1950	1037
2009 40th Pl.	11/14/08	\$168,000	1936	1431
1406 41st St.	12/15/08	\$113,500	1940	899
821 41st St.	12/04/08	\$67,000	1923	768
1311 42nd St.	11/10/08	\$200,000	1917	1366
1215 42nd St.	11/14/08	\$17,350	1913	1903
1215 42nd St.	10/30/08	\$51,000	1913	1903
2830 Brattleboro Ave.	12/04/08	\$123,340	1904	1713
3729 Crocker St.	11/19/08	\$67,000	1923	917
3317 Crocker St.	12/12/08	\$128,000	1900	1100
2223 Drake Park Ave.	11/21/08	\$95,000	1929	1230
4210 Forest Ave.	11/20/08	\$140,000	1918	1017
3310 Iola Ave.	10/16/08	\$91,000	1913	1274
3314 Kingman Blvd.	11/13/08	\$134,800	1925	1356
2108 Washington Ave.	11/19/08	\$18,000	1912	1154
2215 Washington Ave.	10/28/08	\$84,900	1925	1248
1329 23rd St.	01/21/09	\$65,000	1897	1131
1639 34th St.	01/05/09	\$128,000	1953	970
936 37th St.	01/19/09	\$130,000	1925	1754
854 40th St.	01/23/09	\$112,500	1917	848
856 40th Pl.	01/12/09	\$134,000	1940	1057
1542 41st St.	01/02/09	\$149,000	1931	1540
4011 Franklin Ave	12/22/08	\$140,000	1926	1833
3100 Kingman Blvd.	12/29/08	\$80,000	1949	1417
2124 Washington Ave.	01/20/09	\$32,100	1923	848

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Contact any member of the Neighborhood Based Service Delivery (NBSD) team with questions or concerns regarding neighborhood issues.

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