

Drake Neighborhood News



Look Back- National Night Out

The National Night Out event organized by the Drake Neighborhood Association (DNA) on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 was a great success. The event is a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the [National Association of Town Watch](#) (NATW), celebrated nationwide. In 2008, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out in all U.S. 50 states.

In 2009, the DNA National Night Out event involved neighbors, law enforcement officers, civic groups, businesses, and local officials. Hundreds of school supplies items, 40 pizzas and 170 bottles of water were given to the public. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

We hope to see you again next year. Thank you for supporting the event. A special thank you to our volunteers and Papa John's Pizza!

[Papa John's Pizza](#), 911 42nd St., Des Moines, IA 50312 (515) 274-4949

See you next year!
DNA Board

Watch your MAILBOXES . . . MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES mailed.

Look for the PINK Membership Renewal forms that were mailed the week of 9/14/09 for the last half of the year. Also mailed to the people that did not renew from the March mailing, this is your final notice. Please be proactive and renew now, postage is always on the rise. Please see the Special Renewal Rate for residents. FIVE years for price of three, only \$60! Hurry and renew now, as the offer is good thru December 20, 2009.

Become a volunteer in your association and get to know your neighbors. It is a great neighborhood to live in!

Thank You for supporting, your local Drake Neighborhood Association.

DNA EVENTS

December

9th DNA Annual Meeting, First Christian Church

February, 2010

1st Deadline for DNA Logo Contest Submissions

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**Make sure to add the Drake
Neighborhood Association
on Facebook!**

Part I-Do You Know Your Tenant Rights?**1. Applying for an Apartment**

The federal government mandates that you have the right to apply for an apartment without being discriminated against because of your race, gender, color, religion, age, nationality, physical or mental disability or family status. Some cities and states also stipulate that renters cannot be discriminated against based on their sexual orientation or marital status. There is no law that prohibits discriminating based on a renter's level of income.

You have the right to know why your application is rejected. Your landlord is required to tell you if your application is rejected because of criticism from an employer, bank, past landlord or other reference. It is also your right to know if your rejection is based on a poor credit report.

C2. Signing a Lease

Before you sign a lease, be sure to review it carefully for any strange clauses or fine print that may take away some of your rights. If you sign the lease without reading it, you might unknowingly be "waiving" your right to any number of important items, such as requesting that the landlord pay for apartment repairs.

3. Maintaining Your Privacy

Tenant rights include the right to privacy in their own homes. Your landlord is not permitted to enter your apartment without prior permission or notification. The landlord must give you advanced notice (many states require 24-hour notice) before coming into your apartment to make repairs or give a tour to potential renters. The only exception to this rule is in the case of an emergency, such as a fire or flood. Also, some states permit a landlord to enter his or her tenant's apartment to make repairs or inspect for damages if the tenant will be gone for at least 7 days.

More information will be shared in our next newsletter, stay tuned!
For additional information:

<http://www.hud.gov/local/ia/renting/tenantrights.cfm>

<http://www.iowalandlord.org/public/goodtenant.asp>

Source: http://www.lifescrpt.com/Life/Money/Save/Do_You_Know_Your_Tenant_Rights.aspx?

On a great fall Friday night, September 11th, the DNA sponsored an outdoor concert at the Thoreau Center, 3500 Kingman Blvd. Hot Club of Des Moines was the featured musicians. With the help of the Drake University Students, Facebook, Twitter, the Des Moines Register and e-mails, about 75 or more neighbors brought their lawn chairs to the front lawn to listen to great jazz. It was exciting to see such a great turnout!

If you would like to get more information about future events, please make sure you are on the DNA's e-mail list by e-mailing drakeneighborhood@gmail.com, and become a fan of the Drake Neighborhood Association on facebook."

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

What image comes to mind when you hear "Welcome to the Drake Neighborhood"



\$750 DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD LOGO CONTEST The Drake Neighborhood Association is looking for a graphic element that can be used to promote the neighborhood.

If you are a professional designer or someone who has strong graphic design skills and can create a computer generated logo the Drake Neighborhood Association invites you to enter our contest and have a chance to win \$750. To get information about our contest go to our website at www.drakeneighborhood.org and click on the link that will take you to the contest rules. There will also be a pdf that you will be able to download with all the information. If you have further questions please call 515-339-9768.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FEBRUARY 1ST, 2010



Drake
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

For more information about the DNA go to www.drakeneighborhood.org

The Drake Neighborhood Association will hold elections at its annual meeting on December 9th. There are several Board positions open for 2010.

Board members are elected for two-year terms starting the first of the year. The DNA board meets the second Wednesday of the month.

If you are interested in being a DNA Board member or know of someone who would make a good DNA board member, please complete the attached Board Member Nomination Form and return it to info@drakeneighborhood.org.

Drake Neighborhood Association (DNA)

2010 Board Nomination Form

To apply for a DNA board position please submit the following:

- 1. Completed Nomination Form (Just fill in the "blanks" if using MS Word).
- 2. Membership dues (if you are not a current member)

The completed application form should be submitted to the selection committee at info@drakeneighborhood.org. The deadline is 11:00 p.m. on November 20th, 2009.

The selection committee will review the applications and create a slate of candidates to present at its quarterly meeting on December 9th, 2009.

Name:

Email:

Address:

Telephone:

The DNA has a number of standing committees. Please indicate any committees that you have an interest in serving on (you may mark more than one committee):

House Tour <input type="checkbox"/>	Membership <input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/>
Beautification <input type="checkbox"/>	Community Gardens <input type="checkbox"/>	Communications <input type="checkbox"/>
Special Events <input type="checkbox"/>	National Night Out <input type="checkbox"/>	Civic Affairs <input type="checkbox"/>

- 1. What are your qualifications for the position(s)?

- 2. Tell us about your involvement with DNA.

- 3. What are your goals for the position(s) you are interested in?

2009 Drake Neighborhood Farmers Market Annual Report

This was another wonderful season for our farmers market. It was full of opportunities for ministry, good times, and good food. The Market is possible because of the tireless volunteers, every week, for 18 weeks! Plus one more week for the Nov. 14 Holiday Harvest Farmers Market.

The Market received a \$4,000 grant that funded radio advertising and Market activities. The grant funds were supplemented by generous donations from the FCC congregation.

Drake University has been a friend of the Market since 1997. Drake personnel put up the Market signs at the corners of 31st and University, and 25th and Carpenter. Drake also stores the signs. This year, the School of Education was a guest at the Market three times. Each time they gave new books to children. The total given is 375, including ELL and Spanish books. Also, the DU chemistry department visited in July, with interactive chemistry demonstrations for children.

The Drake Neighborhood Association has also been a sponsor of the Market since our beginning. They show their support with generous donations and by including the Market newsletter in their newsletter.

The Drake Area Business Association is another friend of the Market. This year DABA purchased a stall for their members to use to promote their businesses. Some of the DABA people had never been to the Market before, so we made more friends.

We averaged 20 vendors per week. Most were "veterans". The new vendors learned a lot, and we hope they will return. Part of a farmers market's role in the community is to serve as an incubator for entrepreneurs.

Some numbers from the 2009 Market:

- More than 200 books were given at the Book Party
- 500 root beer floats were served
- 660 ears of corn were served
- 200 tubes of toothpaste and 200 toothbrushes were given (by DMACC dental hygienist students)
- More than \$110 was collected for the Food Pantry
- 72 US flags were given for the Fourth of July
- An average of 50 children had fun at each craft table (Karla Rice, Ankeny Christian, is the Craft Lady)
- \$230 was donated to FCC Youth Mission work at the Sweet Corn Festival
- 7 dozen cookies were decorated by children at the last market
- over 400 lbs of produce was donated to the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry from shoppers and vendors
- An average of 30 people each week received free blood pressure and glucose screenings at the Health Tent

The above numbers were made possible by the Market volunteers. Vendors and shoppers are always impressed with the way the market is set up, and all the extras the volunteers provide. This season The Volunteers participated in the:

- set-up
- take-down and cleaning
- health tent
- hosts at the FCC stall (and Chief Host, Marilyn Poulson)
- traffic guards
- Veggie Toss
- face painting
- Book Party
- Root Beer Float Party
- Food Pantry stall
- Counted shoppers
- Sweet Corn Festival
- Judged the Coloring Contest entries
- Customer surveys
- Special activities for Farmers Market Day
- Children's craft table
- Finding and copying coloring pages for children
- Keeping the Market's books and paying the bills
- Baked cookies for children to frost at the last Market, and hosted that table
- Served apple pie and cider
- Moved furniture in and out of the Fellowship Hall and Narthex for the Holiday Harvest Market
- Subbed for Ginny Gieseke while she was on vacation
- and probably tasks I'm forgetting right now.

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Gieseke
Market Master

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE SALES

House Sales in the Drake Neighborhood Area for July 1, 2009 through September 15, 2009

Address	Sale Date	Sale Price	Year Built	Square Feet
1602 22nd St.	07/27/09	18,000	1906	864
1818 23rd St	07/20/09	35,000	1918	951
1800 26th St.	07/18/09	123,500	1923	1303
1034 27th St.	08/01/09	20,000	1908	1531
1105 28th St.	08/01/09	209,480	1883	2458
1554 28th St.	07/06/09	106,000	1900	1392
1130 31st St.	07/08/09	107,900	1910	2269
2012 37th St.	07/08/09	115,900	1925	726
1230 40th St.	07/16/09	150,000	1922	1200
829 41st St	08/07/09	89,900	1923	998
1537 42nd St.	07/27/09	205,000	1920	2058
1067 42nd St.	07/14/09	120,000	1919	1080
2728 College Ave.	07/29/09	91,000	2009	1056
3729 Crocker St.	07/20/09	115,000	1923	917
4005 Forest Ave	07/23/09	178,500	1920	1705
3520 Kingman Blvd.	07/13/09	175,000	1912	2160
2725 Witmer St.	08/06/09	50,000	1921	796
1935 23rd St.	08/13/09	69,900	1905	1064
1001 26th St.	08/13/09	108,200	1900	1476
1815 27th St.	09/15/09	73,000	1921	768
1118 27th St.	08/18/09	85,000	1890	1612
1007 29th St.	08/18/09	70,000	1918	1983
1825 30th St.	08/26/09	195,000	1942	1715
2619 40th Pl.	08/27/09	127,000	1913	778
2020 40th St.	08/12/09	109,000	1926	930
1526 41st Pl.	08/31/09	139,500	1939	1356
1444 41st Pl.	08/20/09	145,000	1929	1611
919 41st St.	08/13/09	124,500	1922	935
2101 Clark St.	09/09/09	12,000	1895	2273
3924 Franklin Ave.	09/04/09	60,000	1920	600
3216 Iola Ave.	08/14/09	109,500	1916	928
1011 Kingman Cir.	09/14/09	129,900	1951	1768
3819 Kingman Blvd.	09/03/09	130,000	1912	2148
3314 School St.	09/10/09	107,000	1919	1488

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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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