

Drake Neighborhood News



Drake Neighbors,

It seems spring has finally sprung in the Drake neighborhood. I hope you are enjoying the warm weather and flowers as much as I am. It's been a busy and productive spring. The neighborhood planning process with the City of Des Moines is in full swing. Sub committees for housing, parks/trails and neighborhood identity/relationship with Drake have been meeting and setting priorities. Their work will continue until July when they wrap up their portion of the plan. There is still time to get involved, as the second round of subcommittees will begin work on the areas of crime/safety, commercial businesses and infrastructure/streetscape this summer. If you are interested, let me know at info@drakeneighborhood.org or 339.9768.

As I am writing this, the 100th running of the Drake Relays just wrapped. What a moment of history as we celebrated the proud Drake tradition. It's a great opportunity to showcase our corner of city – I hope you were able to take part in the festivities. The neighborhood association participated in the relays parade on April 19 and hosted a water station for marathon runners. We also held a quarterly association meeting and plant sale Relay's weekend. Thank you to all those who came out to support the sale.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the first weekend in June for the Drake Neighborhood Association's annual Historic Home Tour. This year's tour promises to be better than ever with 11 historic homes to explore. A huge thanks to our house tour committee for all their hard work in putting it together.

As 2009 progresses we have many projects underway including a revamp of the DNA website. We hope to bring you a site that is easier to use, more informative and updated more often. We've also created a DNA fan page on Facebook – so if you're on Facebook – please look us up. We'll post event invites and updates.

I encourage you to continue to send me your thoughts and ideas on how the board can serve you. I am thankful for the many great ideas I have already received – keep them coming!

Kendall Dillon
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DNA EVENTS

June

3rd- Drake Farmer's Market Begins
First Christian Church
Parking Lot, 25th &
University, 4:00- 7:00 PM,
Every Wednesday

6th- Greek Food Fair
Greek Orthodox Church

6th & 7th- DNA House Tour
Begin at 2700 University,
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

July

21st- Jazz in July, Shops at
Roosevelt, 5:30pm

August

4th- National Night Out
Drake Park, 6:00- 8:00 PM

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Neighborhood Association
on Facebook!**

DID YOU KNOW????

By Ed Leedom

Did you know that property owners are responsible for containing garbage and trash in a protected way until public works crews can pick it up? City ordinance requires garbage and trash to be placed in solid containers with tight fitting lids if they are outside a totally enclosed building. Setting your plastic bags outside throughout the week waiting for your specified trash pick -up day is not acceptable. Birds, dogs, raccoons, “rats” are drawn by this garbage. This is both messy and unsafe. If you are putting your garbage/trash out beside the house, by the garage, in a rack, or whatever, it has to be in your trash container, with the lid closed to keep animals out.

Landlords with buildings of three units or less are responsible to see that there are “ADEQUATE” containers for their properties. Not one per unit or two per unit but an “ADEQUATE” number. Buildings with four units or more must supply their own trash pick-up, usually by a commercial contractor with a dumpster. These must be picked-up an “ADEQUATE” number of times to be sure that it does not over-flow.

Remember, when putting your trash out on the curb, the twelve hour rule. You can put your cans out a maximum of twelve hours before pick-up and must be taken back with-in twelve hours after pick-up.

You may also take advantage of the city’s bulk waste pick-up. If you have large items, furniture, appliances, limbs, branches etc. you may purchase large item or yard waste stickers for proper disposal. Purchase these stickers at Dahls or HyVee and notify Public Works, 283-4595 for a pick-up date.

If everyone will contain and dispose of their waste correctly it will keep the neighborhood looking nice and make it a safer place to raise your family.

The next scrub day, free disposal of trash, is May 16th at Central Presbyterian Church, 37th and Grand Ave. (You may want to call and confirm this with Public Works, I have heard the site may change) This is an excellent opportunity to do some spring cleaning. If you have any questions please contact me.

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Watch your MAILBOXES . . . **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES** mailed.

Membership Renewals were mailed last week, for the first half of the year. Please see the *Special Renewal Rate for residents*. FIVE years for price of three, only \$60! Hurry and renewal now, as the offer is *good thru June 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.

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

ANNUAL HISTORIC HOME TOUR

This June the Drake Neighborhood sponsors its 23rd annual Historic Home Tour. Several neighbors have agreed to open their homes for the tour. A special thanks to those folks hosting for the first time!!!

This year you will be touring the section of the neighborhood between 31st & 25th Streets and south of University Ave. To date, the tour includes homes on Rutland Ave, 25th and 26th Street, Cottage Grove Ave and Kingman Blvd.

In celebration of our neighborhood association's 30th anniversary, all of the homes on the tour have also reached a milestone; all homes are 100 years or older. Many of the homes have historic links to Drake University and other local historical figures like Lampson P. Sherman who lived at 1052 26th Street.

We do need volunteers to make this event successful! There are still homes that will need volunteers to serve as ticket takers. Contact us early to ensure you get the shift that works best in your schedule. Then use the rest of the day to take the tour FREE as a thank you for your assistance.

Volunteers please contact Dean Blum at deanynot@msn.com or 515-279-5364. All other inquiries should go to Betsey Qualley at betseyfrench11@mac.com or 515-333-4620.

Drake Neighborhood Association 2009 Historic Home Tour

Dates: Saturday, June 6th and Sunday, June 7th

Times: 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m. each day (ticket sales end at 4:00 p.m. each day)

Tour starts: 2700 University

Advance tickets: \$10, available (starting in May) at:

- Drake Diner - 1111 25th Street
- Dahl's Foods - 1819 Beaver Ave
- Mars Café - 2318 University
- Gateway Market- 2002 Woodland Ave
- Dahl's Foods - 3425 Ingersoll

Tickets on Tour day: \$15 at 2700 University

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE SALES

House Sales in the Drake Neighborhood Area for February 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009

Address	Sale Date	Sale Price	Year Built	Square Feet
1553 27th St.	02/16/09	37,000	1904	936
935 35th St.	03/12/09	69,000	1922	1680
1248 37th St.	03/13/09	137,500	1914	1490
1139 39th St.	02/10/09	80,000	1923	1420
931 40th Pl.	03/05/09	110,000	1923	1056
829 41st St.	03/04/09	45,000	1923	998
1800 41st St.	02/19/09	60,000	1915	1352
1527 42nd St.	02/23/09	140,000	1920	2059
1438 Beaver Ave.	02/19/09	114,000	1939	2143
3306 Iola.	02/04/09	126,900	1913	985
3106 Kingman Blvd.	03/23/09	75,000	1949	1365
2741 Meek Ave.	02/20/09	38,000	1920	1953
4109 Northwest Dr.	02/26/09	115,000	1905	1785
3200 School St.	03/19/09	40,000	1908	989

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